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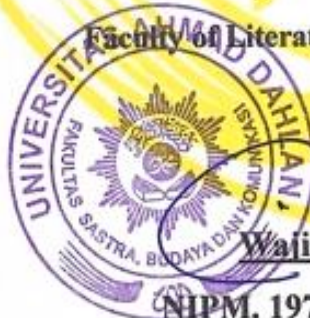


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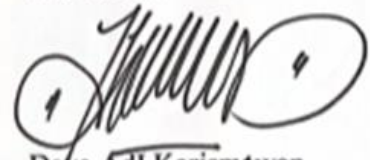
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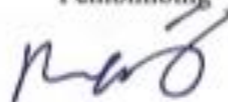
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-Hans F. Hanson

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-Jim Rohn

*“The beginning is perhaps more difficult than anything else, but keep heart, it will turn out all right.”*

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## ABSTRACT

This research is titled “Social Reality Representation in Karen McManus’s *One Of Us Is Lying*” The study aims to understand the forms of social reality present in the novel *One Of Us Is Lying* by Karen McManus using George Lukacs' social realism theory. Therefore, the research focuses on three main questions: (1) Forms of defense and resistance employed by the characters in the novel "*One of Us Is Lying*," (2) Forms of oppression in the novel "*One of Us Is Lying*" by Karen McManus, and (3) Strategies, cheating, and traps found in the novel "*One of Us Is Lying*" by Karen McManus. The objective of this research is to determine the efforts of the four main characters, namely Bronwyn, Addy, Nate, and Cooper, to prove that they are indeed innocent of the murder accusation against the character Simon.

This research employs a qualitative method. The novel *One Of Us Is Lying* by Karen McManus serves as the primary data source. The data is then analyzed using a sociological approach with George Lukacs' social realism theory to address the research questions.

The results of this study show the forms of defense carried out by the characters Bronwyn, Addy, and Nate and the resistance carried out by the characters such as self-defense, cooperation, facing personal secrets, seeking the truth then forms of oppression experienced by characters such as cyberbullying, blackmail, social violence blackmail and the strategies, cheating, and traps committed by Simon who makes gossip applications, Nate's cheating on drugs, cheating committed by Brownwyn on exams and false evidence.

***Keywords: Social Realism, Defense and Resistance, Strategies***



## INTISARI

Penelitian ini berjudul Representasi Realitas Sosial dalam novel *One Of Us Is Lying* Karya Karen McManus. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui bagaimana bentuk realitas sosial yang terdapat dalam novel *One Of Us Is Lying* karya Karen McManus menggunakan teori sosial realisme George Lukacs. Oleh karena itu penelitian ini berfokus pada tiga pertanyaan utama ; (1) Bentuk pertahanan dan perlawanan yang dilakukan oleh tokoh dalam novel “*One of Us is Lying*”, (2) Bentuk penindasan dalam novel *One of Us is Lying* karya Karen McManus?, (3) Strategi, kecurangan, dan jebakan yang terdapat dalam novel *One of Us is Lying* karya Karen McManus. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui apa saja upaya empat karakter utama yaitu Bronwyn, Adyy, Nate, Cooper untuk membuktikan bahwa mereka memang tidak bersalah atas tuduhan pembunuhan karakter Simon.

Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif. Novel *One Of Us Is Lying* karya Karen Mcmanus adalah sumber data primer untuk penilitian ini. Data data tersebut kemudian dianalisis menggunakan pendekatan sosiologi dengan teori sosial realisme dari George Lukacs untuk menjawab pertanyaan penelitian ini.

Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan bentuk pembelaan yang dilakukan oleh karakter Bronwyn, Addy dan Nate dan perlawanan yang dilakukan oleh karakter seperti pertahanan diri, kerja sama, menghadapi rahasia pribadi, mencari kebenaran kemudian bentuk penindasan yang dialami oleh karakter seperti cyberbullying, pemerasan, pemerasan kekerasan sosial dan bentuk bentuk kejahatan, kecurangan dan jebakan yang dilakukan oleh Simon yang membuat aplikasi gosip, kecurangan Nate dalam narkoba, kecurangan yang dilakukan oleh Brownwyn saat ujian dan bukti palsu.

***Kata Kunci : Realisme Sosial, Pembelaan dan Perlawanan, Strategi***