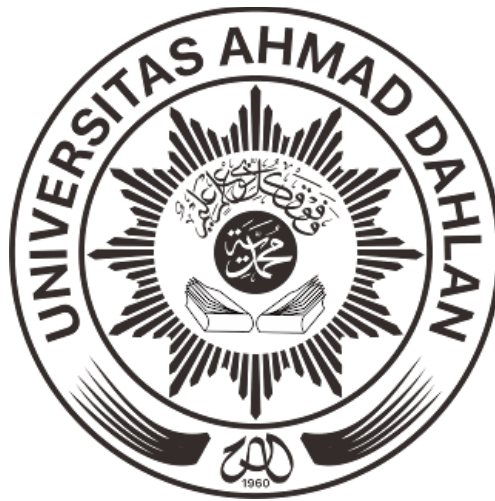


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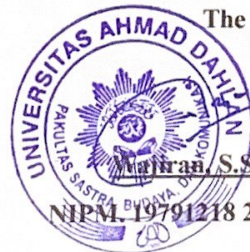
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ABSTRACT

Childhood is supposed to be a time filled with happiness and interesting experiences. However, in reality, many people experience trauma during childhood due to unpleasant experiences and require support from certain individuals. This study aims to present the impacts of Charlie's childhood trauma on his social interactions and the support that he needs to deal with his trauma as depicted through the movie “*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*” (2012).

The method is qualitative by using the main data in the form of scenes, dialogues, and body language obtained from the movie. The data collection method is by understanding the movie and sorted the data which contains the objective of the studies. This research used two main theories namely PTSD theory by Freud (1917) and Social Support by Sheldon Cohen (1970) to analyze the main data and strengthened by using additional data from scientific journals.

Through the process of this research, it can be concluded that victims of PTSD due to childhood trauma may experience several psychological symptoms such as social isolation, difficulty forming connections, anxiety, and flashbacks. Support from family, friends, and possibly teachers can be very helpful in dealing with the trauma experienced.

Keywords: PTSD, Social Support, Childhood Trauma, American Studies.

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INTISARI

Masa kecil seharusnya menjadi waktu yang penuh dengan kebahagiaan dan pengalaman menarik. Namun, dalam kenyataannya, banyak orang mengalami trauma pada masa kecil akibat pengalaman yang tidak menyenangkan dan memerlukan dukungan dari individu tertentu. Studi ini bertujuan untuk menyajikan dampak trauma masa kecil Charlie terhadap interaksi sosialnya dan dukungan yang dibutuhkannya untuk mengatasi trauma tersebut sebagaimana digambarkan dalam film "*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*" (2012).

Metode yang digunakan adalah kualitatif dengan menggunakan data utama berupa adegan, dialog, dan bahasa tubuh yang diperoleh dari film. Metode pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan memahami film dan menyortir data yang berisi tujuan dari studi ini. Penelitian ini menggunakan dua teori utama yaitu teori PTSD oleh Freud (1917) dan Dukungan Sosial oleh Sheldon Cohen (1970) untuk menganalisis data utama dan diperkuat dengan menggunakan data tambahan dari jurnal ilmiah.

Melalui proses penelitian ini, dapat disimpulkan bahwa korban PTSD akibat trauma masa kecil mungkin mengalami beberapa gejala psikologis seperti isolasi sosial, kesulitan membentuk hubungan, kecemasan, dan kilas balik. Dukungan dari keluarga, teman, dan mungkin juga guru dapat sangat membantu dalam mengatasi trauma yang dialami.

Kata Kunci: PTSD, Dukungan Sosial, Trauma Masa Kecil, Kajian Amerika.