

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

The Education of Little Tree by Forrest Carter shows the harmonious relationship between human and nature. Humans in this case are represented by the Cherokee tribe. By the relationship, I conclude that both humans and nature are interdependent for existence because nature is a source of life for every living creature. Humans should have a good perspective and behavior in protecting their environment to live harmoniously with nature. The result of this research shows that Forrest Carter by his novel *The Education of Little Tree* depicts the harmonious relationship between humans represented by the Cherokee tribe with nature. In Carter's novel, humans show their effort and struggle in protecting nature because they deeply realize by their understanding that nature and humans have a connection and dependence on nature. Besides the understanding, Cherokee people also preserve all kinds living creature and applied their philosophical values that make nature safe and treat well for the existence. I also believe that the human-nature relationship depicted in *The Education of Little Tree* is an idea that Carter intended to convey to his readers. Carter was raised in the rural South, so he understands the importance of land to Southerners. In a sense, Carter has given the reader his philosophy on the three types of relationships that everyone will encounter in their lives, there are spiritual, human, and natural.

5.2 Suggestion

Forrest Carter's *The Education of Little Tree* is really interesting and full of philosophy of life. Since I as a researcher focuses on the harmonious life between the Cherokee and nature with its ecological values and philosophies, the future researchers who want to take this novel for their study can still dig out the other human-nature issues, especially about human culture that affect in preserving nature. Nowadays, with a lot of environmental awareness, humans need to imitate other cultures in a way to save and protect nature. Human culture and philosophy really help to change people's minds who are ignoring their nature. Beside the mimetic and philosophical approach, the other approaches can be used also to analyze the novel of Forrest Carter's *The Education of Little Tree*. For instance, historical or postcolonial approaches.

