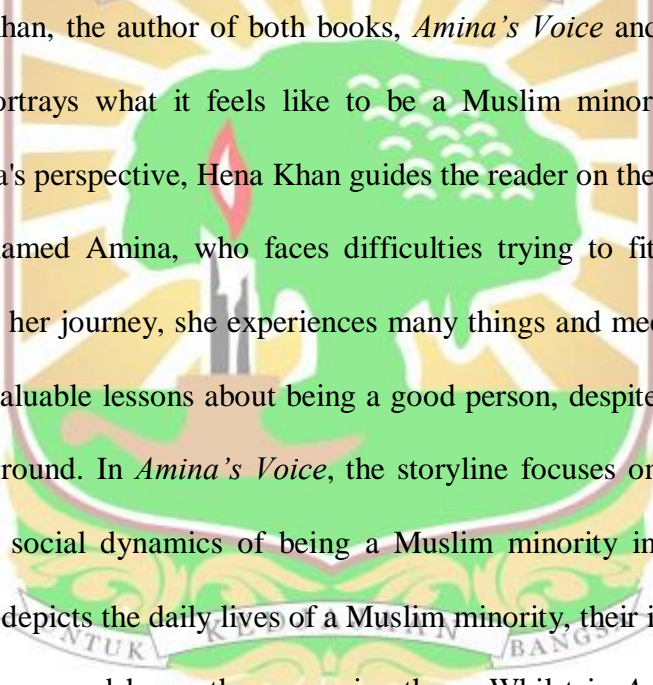


CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter is divided into two sub-chapters. The first sub-chapter would be the conclusion of the research. The second sub-chapter would be the suggestions for further researchers who are intrigued to discover any possible study of the two middle grade books, *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song*.

5.1. Conclusion



Hena Khan, the author of both books, *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song*, successfully portrays what it feels like to be a Muslim minority in America. Through Amina's perspective, Hena Khan guides the reader on the long journey of a young girl named Amina, who faces difficulties trying to fit into American culture. During her journey, she experiences many things and meets many people who give her valuable lessons about being a good person, despite coming from a different background. In *Amina's Voice*, the storyline focuses on illustrating the conditions and social dynamics of being a Muslim minority in America. This book primarily depicts the daily lives of a Muslim minority, their interactions with those around them, and how others perceive them. Whilst in *Amina's Song*, the storyline focuses on how Amina and the Muslim minority in Milwaukee begin to counter the problem that they face and try to erase the negative sentiment against them by promoting their culture and their origin, with the aim of increasing awareness and understanding among people around them.

After analyzing both books, *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song*, the writer discovered that being a Muslim minority in America presents various challenges,

including discrimination, racism, and other painful experiences for Muslims. However, there also exists a sense of tolerance and mutual support between Muslims and Americans despite these challenges. Both in *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song*, the main character faces several challenges. For instance, Amina has an uncommon name in America, making it difficult for people around her to pronounce it. She also used to be a victim of bullying by her classmates. Additionally, Amina faces a dilemma when it comes to participating in Halloween and the back-to-school dance festival since it is not part of her culture. Moreover, the mosque in her city gets vandalized by unknown people, adding to her struggles. Nevertheless she is able to handle the problems by receiving a lot of support from those around her and taking heed of her parents' advice.

The writer also found that the best solution to overcome the negative experiences and social issues faced by Amina and Muslim communities in Milwaukee or even in America as a whole is to implement and spread the Idea and concept of Multiculturalism to a broader community. Multiculturalism is the concept that teaches diverse people how to respect others through their distinctiveness. Multiculturalism hardly stands against any form of racism, discrimination, or verbal abuse. Hena Khan shows the value of Multiculturalism in *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song* when Americans help the minority group rebuild the mosque after it was vandalized. In return, the Muslim Community also provides assistance to refugees who are just in America by providing accommodation and other things to support their lives while in America. This mutual support and respect is critical in a society that has various cultures and races. In order to maintain peace and harmony and also reduce racism and

discrimination in the future, these goals are also in line with the idea and concept of Multiculturalism.

The last intriguing thing that the writer discovers in *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song* is that the Hena Khan consistently promotes and mentions minority cultures, such as their dress, food, and people in the minority that influence global society. This aims to make the world and American society more aware of and acknowledge minority groups. After people become more familiar with and friendly with them in the future, they wish discrimination and racism against them could be totally eradicated. Discrimination and racism commonly happen due to a lack of knowledge or information about a particular thing. So that makes Muslims and Amina used to get discrimination and racism because people do not fully know about them. The aim of these two books, *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song*, and this research conducted is to raise awareness about the significance of multiculturalism, which recognizes diversity as an integral part of society. The concept of multiculturalism emphasizes the value of diversity and opposes any form of discrimination or racism. Living peacefully among diverse individuals is impossible without embracing this notion. Through *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song*, the author Hena Khan introduces her readers to minority cultures in America, with the intention of promoting understanding and preventing future misunderstandings and racism.

5.2. Suggestion

The writer in this research only pays attention to the generalistic aspects of Muslim's life in America, which are seen from a multicultural perspective. Furthermore, there is also another thing that needs to be revealed in these two middle-class books, *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song*, such as feminist aspect, because the story of this book is driven most by Muslim female characters, and the author of this book is also a female presumably there is coloration between the author and the characters in the story.

