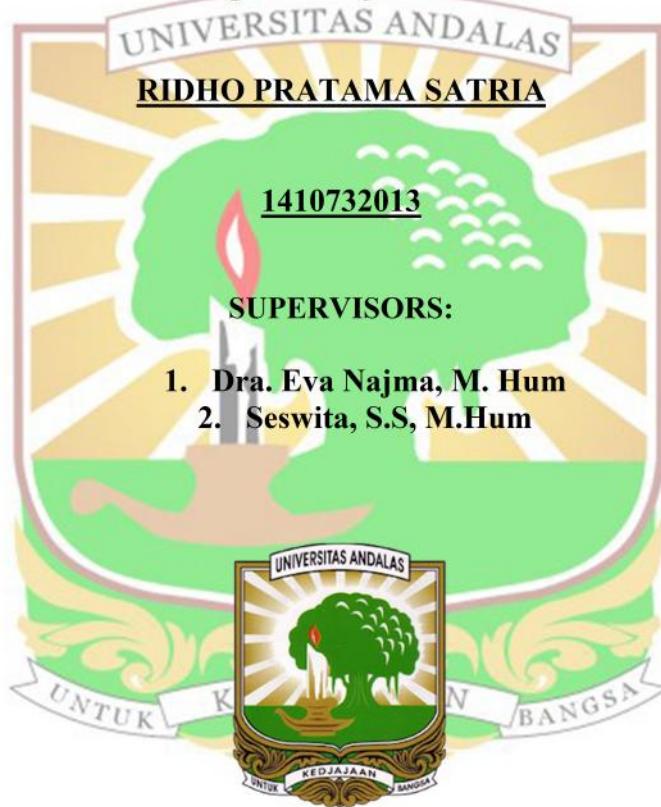


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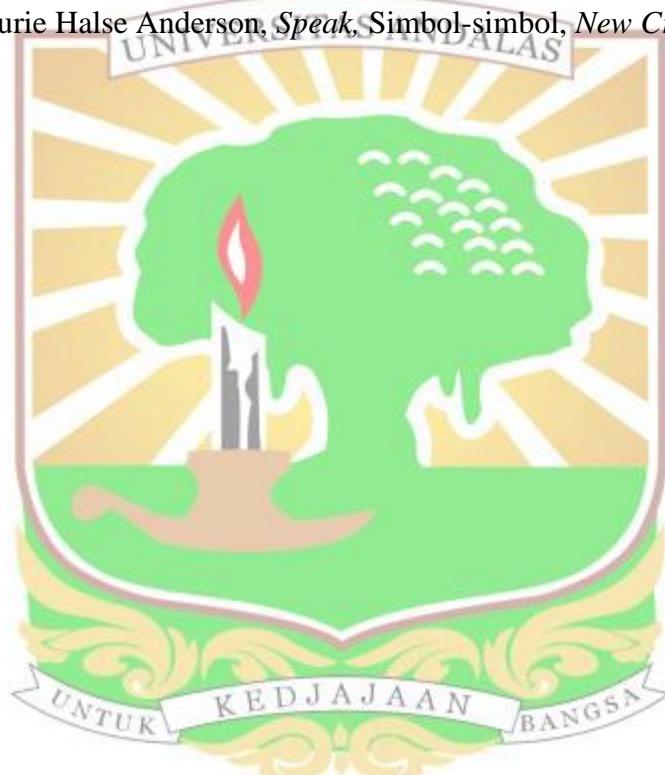


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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini membahas peran daripada simbol-simbol yang ditemukan dalam karya Laurie Halse Anderson dengan judul *Speak*. Penulis menggunakan pendekatan *New Criticism* untuk menemukan makna dari simbol-simbol yang ditemukan. Penulis menemukan tiga simbol penting di dalam karya, yaitu lukisan pohon Melinda, kaca, dan kondisi bibir dan mulut Melinda. Simbol-simbol itu ditempatkan dalam cerita oleh Anderson sendiri untuk memperkokoh tema pembebasan dari isolasi sebagai tema yang paling kuat untuk *Speak*.

Kata Kunci : Laurie Halse Anderson, *Speak*, Simbol-simbol, *New Criticism*.



ABSTRACT

This research discusses the role of symbols found in Laurie Halse Anderson's *Speak*. The writer applies New Criticism as the way to find the meaning from those symbols. The writer finds three important symbols in the story, there are Melinda's tree painting, mirror, and Melinda's lips and mouth condition. Anderson puts those symbols in the story in order to strengthen the salvation from the isolation as the solid theme for *Speak*.

Keywords: Laurie Halse Anderson, *Speak*, Symbols, New Criticism.

