

The Utopian Spirit and Social Gap between Proletariats and Bourgeoisie in Dahl's *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*: A Marxist Study

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ABSTRAK

Skripsi ini memaparkan hasil analisis dari novel anak karya Roald Dahl yang berjudul *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Fokus dari penelitian ini adalah bagaimana tokoh utama, Charlie Bucket, membawa sebuah semangat utopis terhadap dunia. Meskipun hidup dalam kondisi yang serba sulit Charlie tetap semangat menjalani hari-harinya. Penelitian ini dibuat dengan menggunakan pendekatan Marxisme, khususnya teori Fredric Jameson tentang *Political Unconscious* dengan penekanan pada *utopian criticism*. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa tokoh utama dalam cerita, Charlie Bucket, menunjukkan nilai-nilai kehidupan yang berbeda dibandingkan dengan tokoh anak lainnya. Hal ini tergambar dalam hubungannya dalam keluarganya sendiri dan caranya dalam memandang dunia. Penelitian ini juga mencoba menjelaskan perbedaan mendasar pada nilai-nilai kehidupan antara kelas pekerja (proletar) dan kapitalis (borjuis). Selain itu, penindasan kaum borjuis terhadap kaum proletar dan rasisme yang terjadi dalam dunia kerja juga dipaparkan dalam penelitian ini.

Kata kunci: kritik utopia, marxisme, penindasan, rasisme, borjuis, proletar



ABSTRACT

This thesis explains the result of analysis from a children's novel written by Roald Dahl entitled *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The focus of this research is how the main character, Charlie Bucket, brings a utopian spirit to the world. Despite he has a tough life, Charlie is always happy to live his life. This research uses a Marxism approach especially Fredric Jameson's theory called *Political Unconscious* with an emphasizing on *utopian criticism*. The result of this research indicates that the main character in the story, Charlie Bucket, shows different life values compared to other children characters. It is can be seen in his relationship with his own family and how he sees the world. This research also tries to explain the basic difference of life values between the working class (proletar) and the capitalist (bourgeois). Besides, the oppression of the bourgeois towards the proletar which occurs in the working world also explained in this research

Keywords: *utopian criticism, Marxism, oppression, racism, bourgeois, proletar*

