

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In this chapter, the writer presents the conclusions that the writer got in writing this research. Apart from that, this chapter also contains suggestions for researchers who are researching the topic of multiculturalism in children's picture books.

#### 5.1. Conclusion

From the four children's picture books that won the Caldecott medal that the researchers selected, such as *Watercress* by Andrea Wang, *The Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander, *Radiant Child: The Story of Jean Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe, and *Smoky Night* by Eve Bunting, it can be seen that picture books also have their way through stories and illustrations that captivate young readers to convey issues related to social issues that are often found in today's society. There are two findings that the writer found after analyzing these works, namely three forms of social injustice that are often found in America as well as solutions to overcome these problems in everyday life.

First, the writer finds three forms of social injustice such as personal discrimination, police brutality, and hate crimes experienced by minority communities in America in the four selected works. These three injustices are reflected in children's picture books in various ways. For example, *Watercress* provides a direct picture through illustrations of the personal discrimination received by the main character which then has an impact on her social life and daily behavior. Meanwhile, *The Undeclared*, *Radiant Child*, and *Smoky Night* made the right choice not to show readers, especially children, this incident which

could be said to be brutal. These three works describe the problem of police brutality using illustrations of victims, protests after incidents of injustice, and sentences that indirectly indicate the existence of this problem. It is the same as the problem of hate crimes which are only told indirectly and depicted with illustrations of the victims of these crimes in *The Undefeated*, and *Radiant Child*.

Second, these four picture books also show how to reduce social injustice, where accepting differences and speaking up against them is very important here. As in *Smoky Night* and *Watercress*, accepting the differences that exist around us by starting to recognize the differences themselves is necessary so that we understand that differences are something beautiful and not something that threatens an individual's life so that they have to commit injustice. It is the same as accepting the differences that exist within oneself, where each person can consider their actions toward others. Apart from that, *The Undefeated* and *Radiant Child* show readers to voice their opinions by participating in social movements and speaking up against this problem through their respective works.

It can be seen how social injustice remains a never-ending discussion. Forms of injustice that befell minority citizens seem to be something that can no longer be avoided at any time by every minority community. It shows that there are still many people who view diversity as a negative thing and need to be eradicated in various ways. Therefore, everyone certainly needs to have the awareness to create and maintain social justice in society. Realization in creating and maintaining is indeed difficult and faced with various obstacles, but this is the main key so that all people without exception can live in long-term harmony.

## 5.2. Suggestion

This sub-chapter contains the author's suggestions for future researchers who will examine the same topic. As is well known, this research focuses on issues related to multiculturalism, namely social injustice and how to reduce injustice in social life in children's literature especially children's picture book that won the Caldecott medal. It is indubitable that the topic of injustice is a topic that is widely discussed in other children's literature. The topic is discussed in more detail than in children's picture books, for example in children's literature books that won the Newberry Medal like middle grade books. Therefore, the authors suggest future researchers examine deeper issues of social injustice such as racism that occurs in minority communities in America.

