

**THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN VICTORIAN SOCIETY AS SEEN IN
ANNE BRONTE'S *AGNES GREY***

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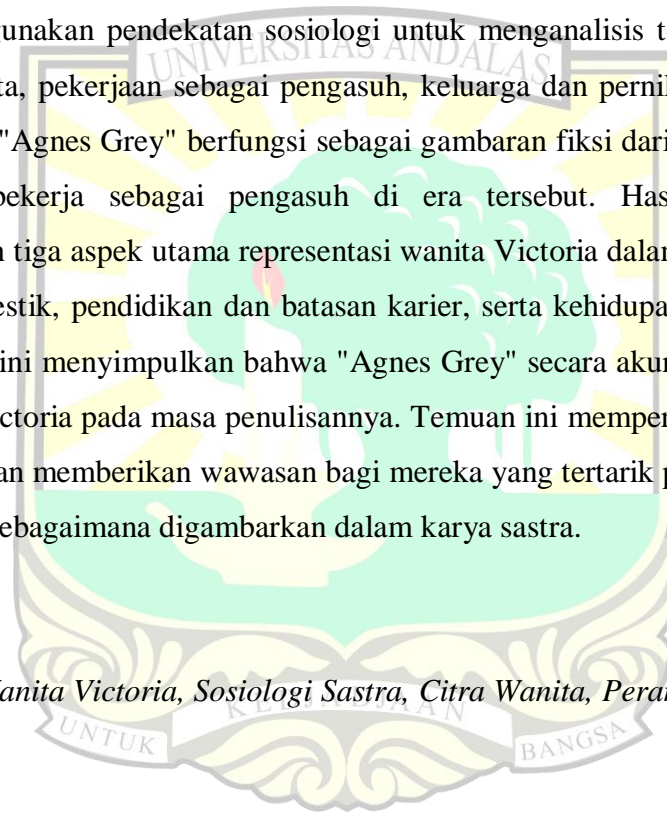
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ABSTRAK

Sastra merupakan cerminan masyarakat, mencerminkan bentuk suatu masyarakat, fungsi, dan karakteristik masyarakat itu sendiri. Novel dapat menggambarkan kondisi sosial yang sebenarnya terjadi pada waktu dan tempat tertentu. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengeksplorasi peran wanita Victoria sebagaimana digambarkan dalam novel "Agnes Grey" karya Anne Brontë. Dengan menggunakan metode kualitatif yang mengandalkan data verbal dan non-numerik, studi ini menggunakan pendekatan sosiologi untuk menganalisis tema tentang citra dan peran wanita, pekerjaan sebagai pengasuh, keluarga dan pernikahan, khususnya di era Victoria. "Agnes Grey" berfungsi sebagai gambaran fiksi dari kehidupan sosial wanita yang bekerja sebagai pengasuh di era tersebut. Hasil penelitian ini mengungkapkan tiga aspek utama representasi wanita Victoria dalam novel ini: peran dan sosial domestik, pendidikan dan batasan karier, serta kehidupan pernikahan dan keluarga. Studi ini menyimpulkan bahwa "Agnes Grey" secara akurat mencerminkan peran wanita Victoria pada masa penulisannya. Temuan ini memperkaya pemahaman tentang sastra dan memberikan wawasan bagi mereka yang tertarik pada peran wanita di era Victoria sebagaimana digambarkan dalam karya sastra.

Kata Kunci: *Wanita Victoria, Sosiologi Sastra, Citra Wanita, Peran Domestik*



ABSTRACT

Literature is a reflection of society, reflecting the formation of society, functions, and characteristics of society itself. Novels can describe social conditions that occur at a certain time and place. This research aims to explore the role of Victorian women as depicted in the novel "Agnes Grey" by Anne Brontë. Using qualitative methods that rely on verbal and non-numerical data, this study uses a sociological approach to analyze themes about image and role of women, governesses, family, and marriage, especially in the Victorian era. "Agnes Grey" serves as a fictional depiction of the social lives of women who worked as governesses in that era. The findings of this research reveal three main aspects of the representation of Victorian women in this novel: social and domestic roles, educational and career boundaries, and marriage and family life. The study concluded that "Agnes Grey" accurately reflects the role of Victorian women in the time in which it was written. These findings enrich the understanding of literature and provide insight for those interested in the role of women in the Victorian era as depicted in literary works.

Keywords: *Victorian Women, Sociology of Literature, Image of Women, Domestic Role*

