

**RACIAL INJUSTICE AGAINST BLACK AMERICANS IN JANAE
MARKS' NOVEL *FROM THE DESK OF ZOE WASHINGTON***

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ABSTRACT

This research explores the issue of racial injustice as portrayed in Janae Marks' novel *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* through the experiences of Zoe and her family. The aims of this research are (1) to reveal how the novel depicts the unfair treatment of black Americans and the types of injustices they experience; (2) to examine how the novel reflects contemporary issues of racism in Boston; and (3) to identify the rules and systems in the novel that contribute to racial injustice. A qualitative descriptive method is used in this research, which is analyzed through sociological approach. Joe R. Feagin's theory of systemic racism is applied to analyze the forms of racial injustice in the novel. The results show that several forms of racial injustice are portrayed, including institutional racism, racial stereotyping, and discrimination. The novel depicts Boston as a city with a complex, ongoing, and systemic problem of racism. Furthermore, the research highlights several regulations that contribute to racial injustice in Boston, emphasizing the importance of understanding the issue of racism.

Keywords: *sociology of literature, discrimination, racial injustice, institutional racism, racial stereotyping.*

ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini mengeksplorasi isu ketidakadilan rasial yang digambarkan dalam novel *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* karya Janae Marks melalui pengalaman Zoe dan keluarganya. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah (1) untuk mengungkapkan bagaimana novel ini menggambarkan perlakuan tidak adil terhadap warga kulit hitam Amerika dan jenis ketidakadilan yang mereka alami; (2) untuk memeriksa bagaimana novel ini mencerminkan isu-isu kontemporer rasisme di Boston; dan (3) untuk mengidentifikasi peraturan dan sistem dalam novel ini yang berkontribusi terhadap ketidakadilan rasial. Metode deskriptif kualitatif digunakan dalam penelitian ini, yang dianalisis melalui pendekatan sosiologis. Teori rasisme sistemik Joe R. Feagin digunakan untuk menganalisis bentuk-bentuk ketidakadilan rasial dalam novel tersebut. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa terdapat beberapa bentuk ketidakadilan rasial yang digambarkan, termasuk rasisme institusional, stereotip rasial, dan diskriminasi. Novel ini menggambarkan Boston sebagai kota dengan masalah rasisme yang kompleks, berkelanjutan, dan sistemik. Selain itu, penelitian ini juga menyoroti beberapa peraturan yang berkontribusi terhadap ketidakadilan rasial di Boston, yang menekankan pentingnya memahami masalah rasisme.

Kata kunci: *sosiologi sastra, diskriminasi, ketidakadilan rasial, rasisme institusional, stereotip rasial.*