

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

In this chapter, the author concludes and provides suggestions for further research on Matt Haig's novel *The Midnight Library*. In the first sub-chapter, the author will conclude the results of the research on *The Midnight Library* using a moral-philosophical approach and Thoreau's thoughts from *Walden*. After that, the author will provide suggestions for further research on *The Midnight Library*.

5.1. Conclusion

In *The Midnight Library*, the author finds Thoreau's thoughts from his work *Walden* and how these thoughts influence the development of the main character in finding balance in his life. Thoreau's thoughts in *Walden* are finding a purpose in life, criticism of materialism, simplicity and minimalism, social expectations, rejecting conformity, independence, and establishing relationships with nature. For Thoreau, all of these thoughts are important things that will later have a big impact on human life. The purpose of life is something that humans need to know so that life becomes more meaningful. Actually, there is nothing wrong with living in abundance and success, but material is not everything. However, if it is not used properly, it will actually be a burden for the owner. That is why Thoreau recommends a simple and minimalist life; neither lacking nor excess of wealth. As social beings, humans will always face a society that lives in rules and customs. People, especially the older generation, will always judge and have expectations of a person's life. On the other hand, humans also have the right to determine their own path in life, even if it means having to go against the rules and norms

that apply. There are times when humans will be faced with various choices, and must be ready to accept every consequence. As creatures who live on earth, it is only right for humans to protect and care for nature and the living things in it. Nature can also be a place for humans to find peace and identity, and to improve spiritual development.

Thoreau's thoughts had a great impact on Nora Seed. In explaining this, the author describes it in three phases, namely the root life phase or pre-Midnight Library, the Midnight Library phase, and the post-Midnight Library phase. The first phase is the phase when Nora is still alive and has not committed suicide. In this phase, it can be seen that Nora lives her life in uncertainty. She is gifted with many talents, but doubt and hesitation prevent her from taking various opportunities to develop her talents. Nora then experiences various consecutive events in one day so that her depression recurs and she decides to commit suicide in the middle of the night. While in college, Nora studied philosophy during college and made Henry David Thoreau her role model, but often questioned the relevance of Thoreau's thoughts to the modern life she was living.

The second phase is the phase when Nora is in a place between life and death called the Midnight Library after attempting suicide. She meets Mrs. Elm, the librarian at the high school where she used to study. Nora gets the chance to explore various versions of her life until she finds the right life, through the books there. Initially, Nora could not accept every consequence of the choices she made and felt she could not live those lives wholeheartedly. However, slowly but surely there was a change in Nora. She became wiser in making choices and was adaptable. She realized that wealth and success are necessary, but they are not everything. Nora also showed more real actions that support the preservation of nature and appreciate and love various creatures of God. Through her

life as Ash's wife, Nora discovered that love and sincerity were the root of the problem of her root life. This made Nora decide to stay alive and return to her root life.

The third phase is the phase when Nora returns to her root life. In this phase, Nora begins to reorganize her life and reconcile with those closest to her. The adventures Nora experiences in the Midnight Library provide meaningful lessons in finding wisdom and balance in life.

5.2. Suggestion

This study discusses the thoughts of philosophers and their influence on the main character using a moral-philosophical approach. As a result, the author finally found how in the end the main character can make his life meaningful by applying philosophical thoughts, especially in this case the thoughts of Walden by Henry David Thoreau. However, the author feels that this study can still be developed from various aspects, of course while still using Thoreau's thoughts. According to the author, it would be very interesting if there was a study using Thoreau's thoughts from other works that also discuss balance and harmony in life.

