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SUMMARY

The Influences of the Family Condition towards the Main Character’s Personality Development on Angela’s Ashes by Frank McCourt; Agus Satria Laksono, 070110101060; 55 pages; English Department, Faculty of Letters, Jember University.

Angela’s Ashes is a novel written by Frank McCourt and published in 1996. It is about the struggle of the main character who reaches his dreams in limited condition. This thesis uses psychological approach to show the relation between literature and the fictitious character and to know the main character’s personality development influenced by the family condition. Furthermore, this thesis applies a psychosocial theory of personality development by Erik Erikson to obtain a deep analysis of the influences of family condition on Frank McCourt’s personality development.

In order to fully understand the writer conducts this thesis starts with the general idea about the family condition of Frank McCourt and goes to the specific idea about the relationship between his personality developments and the family condition. In this thesis also discuss the role of his father on Frank’s personality development.

The result of the research shows that the family condition influences Frank’s personality development. He tries hard to make his family out from poverty. He also changes his personality to reach his dreams. Therefore, it leads to understanding that the family condition affects Frank’s personality development.
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