ALCOHOLISM ON ROERVA IN PELZERS A CHILD CALLED IT

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ABSTRACT:

Literature is traditionally described as the body of writing that exists because of inherent imaginative and artistic qualities. A novel is one of literary works. The novel that is used in this thesis was Pelzers work. Pelzers writing style is simple at best, he relies on language that was developed from a child's viewpoint. What makes the book so compelling is the tale itself, as Pelzer describes incident after incident of cruel torture at his mothers hands and the ineffective and lame efforts of his father to protect him. This book is a perfect example of how the human spirit can provide strength in the toughest of situations. Daves spirit helped him to survive from his mother's sick games, David used willpower. Through all of her torturous games, Davids inner strength began to emerge. The aims of this study are to find out the causes and impacts of alcoholism on Roerva, Daves mother, as the second main character in A Child Called It. The writer chooses a qualitative descriptive research method. The data in this research are also qualitative data. The writer uses this research method because the source of the data is novel and novel consist of words so to analyze it the writer has to describe what is in the novel. To know more detailed and accurate about alcoholism, the psychological approach has been chosen to analyze these novels. Based on the analysis the writer concludes that the causes of alcoholism on Roerva, Daves mother can be divided into; psychological factor, including: a need to relief for anxiety, ongoing depression, unresolved problem and low selfesteem, and social factor, including: social acceptance of alcohol, availability of alcohol, and stressful lifestyle. Whereas, the impacts of alcoholism on Roerva cover; first, physical impact; in the form of memory disorder, second, emotional/psychological factor, including; marital and relationship, difficulties, depression, and child abuse, third, social impact, including; violent crime and lost work productivity.