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## ABSTRACT

This study is entitled “The Meaning of Charlie Davis's Existence in Kathleen Glasgow’s *Girl in Pieces*”. The objectives of this study are to explain the existence and to determine the factors that contribute to the existence of Charlie Davis. In this research, the writer uses Jean-Paul Sartre's theory to find the meaning of existence that consists of the novel. This study uses a descriptive qualitative method by using a philosophical approach. The results show that seeking connection and love, overcoming trauma and self-discovery, and hope for the future is a struggle in search of existence and several factors support the existence of the main character, namely supportive relationships, a therapeutic environment, personal resilience and creativity, moments of kindness and compassion. From the results of this research, the findings show that Charlie's experience underscores the importance of making conscious choices and taking responsibility for his actions to shape his identity and find a purpose in life. Charlie's journey is marked by a transition from merely surviving to becoming active in seeking a fulfilling and meaningful life. So positive activities and a good environment can provide therapeutic benefits for Charlie and can serve as a way for Charlie to gain control over his life and build resilience.

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