

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background of Study**

Everyone in the world has love. Sometimes, love can make everyone feel sad or happy. We give a symbol of heart as love symbol. We also celebrate love day as valentine on February, 14. We believe that “cupid” is an angel of love. He can make man love woman or woman love man with his bow.

Love is a According to Catron, Love is the most powerful emotion a human being can experience (Catron, 2014). According to Paul King, love is emotional states with neurobiological and biochemical correlates in the brain (King, 2011). Endorphins are brain hormones that activate the same receptor as opium and morphine and are connected with positive feelings such as euphoria. Oxytocin is another hormones in the brain which some have called it the love hormone because of its association with attachment and feeling of trust, safety and protectiveness. Oxytocin is released by a mother to her child during nursing and oxytocin may also existed when somebody feels empathy towards others. Love is important thing in human life, because without love, we can not know each other. When someone feels sad, love makes them to feel better than before. If someone is in coma, love makes him or her alive.

Gayle Forman's *IF I STAY* tells about Mia and her family living in Oregon. Mia has full of love from her family, best friend, and boyfriend. She is also a best cellist, but everything has change because an accident that happen with Mia and family. When, Mia is in comma. Her family, Kim and Adam always beside her and feel sad. Kim prays for Mia, Grand parents and Adam ask Mia to live again. When, Adam plays music which is Mia's favorite song. Suddenly, Mia can breaths and she lives.

The writer finds the power of love in Mia's character which can make Mia alive from her coma. While Mia gets that power, even in her unconscious state, from the big love of her closest people. From this idea of love, the writer purposes to analyze the love in the story, then she believes Forman has portrayed that phenomenon of love amazingly.

## **1.2 Statement of the problem**

From the novel of Gayle Forman's *If I Stay*, the writer finds a statement of the problem namely what type of love exists in the story. Then she elaborates it into three problems:

1. What type of love exists between Mia and her family?
2. What type of love happens between Adam and Mia?
3. What type of love happens between Kim and Mia?

### **1.3 The Objective of the study**

Based on the statement of the problem as mentioned above, the objective of the study is to analyze love in the story of Gayle Forman's *If I Stay*. Completely the writer intends to analyze the type of love existed between Mia and her family, the type of love happened between Adam and Mia and the type of love happened between Kim and Mia.

### **1.4 Significance of the study**

This study will help readers or general students to understand about analyzing novel. The writer also wishes that this study would be useful, especially for students of English Department, faculty of letters from the University of 17 Agustus 1945 Surabaya. The writer also hopes that this study will help students who want to analyze love.

### **1.5 Scope and limitation**

Eventhough Gayle Forman is an award-winning, New York Times-bestselling author of *Just One Day*, *Just One Year*, *Where She Went* and *If I Stay*; the writer only focuses the analysis on the novel of *If I Stay*. She will concentrate to study about love in the story. Furtherly, since the witer has curiosity toward the character of Mia with her love and closest people's loves (her family, Adam and Kim), she also discusses their characters especially Mia to develop the explanation.

## 1.6 Research Method

This study uses qualitative research in which the procedure of research produces descriptive data. Qualitative research is descriptive. The data collections are in the form of word or picture rather than number. Qualitative research involves looking in-depth at non-numerical data ([www.Study.com/academy/lesson/what-is-qualitatives-research-definition-sources-examples.html](http://www.Study.com/academy/lesson/what-is-qualitatives-research-definition-sources-examples.html)). In this study, the writer uses Gayle Forman's novel "*If I Stay*" to support.

This study also applies extrinsic and intrinsic approach that is used to analyze the novel. The Intrinsic element cannot be let loose with extrinsic element of the work and on the contrary. According to Abrams (1979) intrinsic approach is the approach that focuses on the elements within the novel such as character, plot, setting, point of view, and theme. Extrinsic approach is the approach that focus outside the literary element. According to Wellek and Warren in their book entitled *Theory of Literature* (1993:78), "The extrinsic approach is a kind of approach in which the discussion is focused the study on an aspect outside the literary works such as, psychology, history, sociology, and other." Psychology aspect is used in this study, theory of love will be used to show the love in this story. It will give the explanation about love of all character in this novel.

## **1.7 Organization of study**

This thesis is divided into four chapters. Chapter one is the introduction of the thesis which contains background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, research method, and organization of the study. Chapter two is review of related theory. It contains the theories of character and love. Chapter three is analysis. It contains love between Mia and her family, love between Adam and Mia and love between Kim and Mia. Chapter four is conclusion