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ABSTRACT

This thesis addresses the importance of happiness in life that can be seen from the topic the writer chooses which is “ Pursuing Happiness as Reflected on Elizabeth Gilbert’s *Eat, Pray, Love*. *Eat, Pray, Love* is a novel that responds to women’s needs of knowing more deeply what happiness is and how to achieve it. In this thesis, the writer examines the life of a successful writer, a tragic yet fulfilling experience she has to undergo in search of true happiness without taking on account of society’s perspective. The first chapter of the thesis explains about the background of this study that two problem statements are formulated. The writer picks up the main conflict that is happiness and analyses every aspect that relates to the main character’s unhappiness from how the main character defines happiness to the cause and effect of her unhappiness using some literary methods.. The writer would like to point out the primary conflict of the author in a deep analysis of every statement that is stated in this novel by giving some philosophers point of view about happiness to support the statements. Information about types and standardization of happiness are also explained here. Eventually, a conclusion from the whole research is given at the end of the thesis.

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