

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis through the main character of Shopie Kinsella's *Confessions of a Shopaholic*, it can be concluded that Becky Bloomwood suffers from Oniomania because of two causes which have been described before in the chapter three. First, her compulsive buying habit reflects on her mother who is a type of collector. Second, her depression in her work place which she never enjoys with fashion environment influenced. She also feels that her oniomania has some consequences. Firstly, she gets a pleasure in shopping because she gets both satisfaction sense and fresh mind. However, after long time, she gets a trouble financially and psychologically. A debt always haunts her so that she becomes depression, lost control, and fall-apart relationship with her lovely family and friends.

The analysis of this study also determines some types of oniomaniac what Becky Bloomwood is. First, she is a compulsive oniomaniac who is always uncontrollable to shop everywhere she meets a shop, and also a flashy item lover who attracts to the one and only item that other people will adore her item, such as her gorgeous *Elle Decoration* frame. Second she is a bargain seeker because in every act of her shopping she is influenced by the sales. Moreover, the reflection of her mother as a collector makes her as a collector too. She often buys some items that she actually already has.

Becky Bloomwood is finally aware of her bad habit so that she starts to follow the book of financial advice book of David E. Borton. to cut back, and make more money that her best friend suggest to do a side job, such as being a high-flying freelance journalist, Saturday shop worker, and Fine Frames home maker. She almost hopeless with her life after failing in what she has already done, but a miracle can change her. From her guilty feeling to her neighbor, she can do something bravely and also finally change her life which was in trouble before. She can handle all her financial problems, and her oniomania is recovered by her effort in learning from the experience she has. She becomes appreciate money and care with people around her who loves her.

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## **SYNOPSIS**

Confessions of a Shopaholic is the tale of Rebecca Bloomwood who is a twenty-five-year-old financial journalist living in London where she is surrounded by fashionable people and situation. Living in that situation, she also becomes a woman who needs to look fashionable. She always attracts to every item in the shops that catches on her eyes. In the first time she catches one item, that item must be gotten by her. Her passion in shopping cannot decrease so that trouble by trouble comes to her. Many visa bills are sent to her, but none of them she responds because her job cannot resolve it. She feels so distress, and all she can do is to buy something to refresh her mind. That makes her feel better. However, lately Becky has been chased by Endwich Bank letters with large sum that she cannot bear to read, and they are getting ever harder to ignore until she meets with the bank manager face to face. That really makes her afraid and also desperate. Then, she tries cutting back; she even tries making more money just like what her best friend suggests, but none of her efforts succeeds. Her only solace is to buy herself a little something.

Finally, she starts to care about finance thing because of her guilty to her neighbour and her front-page article which is boomed brings her into a lucky life. She can be known by the people after she shows on the television. All her debts are solved and her life drastically changes. Her habit of shopping, life, and people around her transform herself being a thoughtful woman in every ways.

## SHOPIE KINSELLA'S BIOGRAPHY

Madeleine Sophie Townley who is famously known as Shopie Kinsella was born in London on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1969. Her parents names are David R. Townley and Patricia B. Kinsella. She is the eldest sister of fellow writers Gemma Townley and Abigail Townley. She married Henry Wickham in 1992. Wickham is currently the headmaster of a boys' school in Hertfordshire, England, where the couple lives with their four sons and a daughter, Freddy (born in 1996), Hugo (born in 1998), Oscar (born in 2005), Rex William (born on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010) and Sybella (born on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011).

Before becoming the famous Sophie Kinsella, Kinsella graduated from New College, Oxford then worked as a financial journalist. She published her first novel in 1995, although she did not publish as Sophie Kinsella until 2000.

While working as a financial journalist, at the age of 24, Kinsella wrote her first novel. *The Tennis Party* was immediately hailed as a success by critics and the public alike and became a top ten best-seller. She went on to publish six more novels as Madeleine Wickham: *A Desirable Residence*, *Swimming Pool Sunday*, *The Gatecrasher*, *The Wedding Girl*, *Cocktails for Three* and *Sleeping Arrangements*.

Wickham's first novel under the pseudonym Sophie Kinsella (taken from her middle name and her mother's maiden name) was submitted to her existing publishers

anonymously and was enthusiastically received. She revealed her real identity for the first time when *Can You Keep a Secret?* was published in December 2005.

Sophie Kinsella is best known for writing the Shopaholic novels series of chick lit novels, which focus on the misadventures of Becky Bloomwood, a financial journalist who cannot manage her own finances. The series focuses on her obsession with shopping and its resulting complications for her life. The first two Shopaholic books titled *Confessions of a Shopaholic* and *Shopaholic Takes Manhattan* which publish in 2001 and 2002 were adapted into a film and released in February 2009, with Isla Fisher playing an American Becky and Hugh Dancy as Luke Brandon. The most recent addition to the Shopaholic series, *"Shopaholic to the Stars"* was released on 21 October 2014.

Kinsella's most recent stand-alone novels are *"Twenties Girl"* (2009), *"I've Got Your Number"* (2012) and *"Wedding Night"* (2013). In 2015 Kinsella has branched in Young Adult writing. Her first YA book *"Finding Audrey"* will be published in June. A musical adaptation of Kinsella's novel *'Sleeping Arrangements'* by Chris Burgess was premiered on 17 April 2013 in London at The Landor Theatre.