CHAPTER III

RESEARCH OBJECT AND METHOD

3.1. Research Object

The object of this research was a novel written by Constance Briscoe, which was represent the complex character of the main character ‘Clare’ and the child abuse. The writer analyzed the research through the texts on the novel which were reflected the character that Clare has and the abuses that she got from the environment around her, especially her mother.

3.2. Source of Data

The writer used novel ‘Ugly’ written by Constance Briscoe as data source in this research and took kind of fragments that reflected to psychology impact suffered by main character from related events in this novel.

3.2.1. Synopsis

This novel is based on true story of loveless childhood. It storied about Constance Briscoe, known as Clare who became a victim of child abuse done by her lovely

mother. She become an unwanted child because her mother disappointed about the reality that her daughter is not as same as she expect because of her daughter ugly appearance. Because of feeling unwanted, Clare becomes nervous and she suffers bed-wetting. This condition make the maltreatment suffers by Clare becoming worst even though her mother tries to cure her nicely at first. Insulting with bad words is the starting point that why Clare feeling unwanted. These cruel words are just the beginning. Her mother systematically abused her daughter, both physically and emotionally, throughout her childhood. Regularly beaten and starved, Clare was so desperate and even suffers anxiety. She take herself off to Social Services and tries to get take into care. But somehow Clare find that the courage to survive her terrible start in life. She even dream to be a barrister and tries to erase her bad memories about her life with her mother during her childhood with letting her mother alone when she achieves her dream.

3.3 Research Method

This paper uses qualitative and descriptive analytic method as its research design because there are a lot of fragment in the novel, which can be analyzed to be acted as candidate for genuine proof of research question that has reasonable explanation supported by related theory.

Qualitative research is designed to be consistent with the assumptions of a qualitative paradigm. This study is defined as an inquiry process of understanding a social or human problem, based on building a complex, holistic picture, formed with words, reporting detailed views of informants, and conducted in a natural setting. (Creswell, 1994: 1).

In this research, analytic descriptive had an important role to analyze any kind of fragment from novel "Ugly" to explain the effect of child abuse supported by related theory.

3.3.1 Data Collection

In this research the writer collected the data that was found related closely with the materials. Practically, the writer collected the data that found in the novel related to the main character and then analyzed it into the characterization and psychoanalytic criticism theory

The procedures of data collection can be described as follows:

1) Reading the whole script of the novel *'UGLY'*.

   After deciding the data source, the writer read the whole script of the novel 'Ugly' and tried to find any matched fragment about main character in this novel.

2) Choosing the data that have a relationship to main character.

   The writer chose any particular fragment that showed the main character issue as the data analysis.

3. Analyze the subject of main character using characterization and psychoanalytic criticism theory from the data analyses.
4. Take the conclusion with adding the explanation.

3.3.2. Data Analysis

In order to analyze the data on the novel 'Ugly' more comprehensive, the writer uses descriptive method to analyze and relate the data with precise theory.