ABSTRACT

This research entitled "Neurotics Needs in Christina Stead's The Man Who Loved Children as represented by Sam's character" was conducted by psychoanalytic approach which applies to find the type , the cause, and the influences of Sam's neuroses. The theory used in this research is the theory of neurotics needs developed by Karen Horney. The research is aimed to describe and to analyze the influence of neuroses of Samuel Pollit character which leads to the neurosis needs as a fulfilment. The method used in this research is descriptive method. The data collected is the result of reading the novel, then finding the problems of neurosis and classifying them. Based on the analysis, it infers that the cause of Sam's neurosis not only comes from himself but also comes from his most cherished wife-Henny. Henny's attitude makes Sam fulfill his needs from another sources by; compliance, aggression, and withdrawal.

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