

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter draws conclusions and makes suggestions based on the analysis of love expression by the main characters in the novel *Reminders of Him*, as explained before.

A. Conclusions

This research looked into the love expressions used by the main characters in the novel *Reminders of Him*. After 293 pages and 42 chapters were analyzed, there were 251 sentences indicating love expression in the novel. The research's analysis reveals that, first, there are five Chapman's types of love expressions used by the main character in the novel. There were 26 sentences examined as words of affirmation, 8 sentences identified as quality time, two sentences identified as receiving gifts, 22 sentences identified as acts of service, and 193 sentences revealing physical touch. Physical touch is the most prevalent type of love expression used by the main character.

Secondly, this research revealed the characterization of the main characters by using the theory of Edgar V. Roberts. Character actions, what characters say, other characters' comments about the main character, and the narrator's description all contributed to the analysis of the main character's characterization. Based on this theory, this research reveals that the characterization of Kenna is affectionate, depressed, forgiving, hard-working, hopeful, imaginative, introvert,

independent, kind, low self-esteem, overthinking, self-blaming, selfless, self-loathing, strong, and she suffered a panic attack. Meanwhile, the characterization of Ledger is kind, affectionate, altruistic, brave, compassionate, hard-working, helpful, kind, negative-thinking, persistent, and nice.

Thirdly, this research confirmed that love expression can resolve the conflict in the novel. One of the types of love expression used by Ledger to help Kenna resolve the conflict is acts of service. The form of act of service is Ledger giving a letter diary, which contains the chronological account of the incident from the perspective of Kenna to the Landrys.

B. Suggestions

Concerning the research's conclusion, the researcher recommends a few ideas for further research, as follows:

1. It is suggested that literature students at UNIMED, in particular, be encouraged to conduct studies using novels as a source of data.
2. Colleen Hoover's novels can be examined from different internal perspectives. Especially the novel *Reminders of Him* can be examined by a future researcher using a variety of perspectives, viewpoints, and theoretical approaches.
3. The next researcher who is interested in the theory of characterization, love expression, and conflict may investigate it through another novel or other literary work.