



Analysis of Educational Value in Novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* Iwan Setyawan's work for elementary school children

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ABSTRACT

Background: Novel is a literary work in the form of prose that discusses a work of imagination about the problems of a person's life or various other characters. One of the novel literary works that is interesting to analyze and study its educational value is the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* Iwan Setyawan's work which tells an interesting and inspiring story that can be a meaningful life lesson, where the value of education is so important that it is applied in everyday life.

Purpose: The purpose of this research is to be used as teaching material for teachers in increasing reading interest, literary appreciation, and analyzing literary works and knowing the value of education in them.

Design and methods: The research method used is content analysis (*Content Analysis*) with a qualitative descriptive approach, by describing the data in the form of words. The data collection technique uses a documentation study of the study of novel texts *9 summers 10 autumns* by Iwan Setiawan.

Results: Research results from the novel *9 summers 10 autumns* have educational values such as the value of truth, the value of goodness, the value of beauty, and the value of changing attitudes or procedures that can be taken for elementary school children and become teaching materials for teachers.

Keywords: Elementary School, Literature, Novels, Educational Values

Introduction

Elementary School (SD) is an educational institution related to early childhood, therefore the process of preparing teaching materials for each subject must integrate educational values, one of which is the subject of learning Indonesian. Indonesian has an important role in the realm of education. Learning literature in elementary schools is required to provide literary experience and know the composition and content of a literary work. From the activities of knowing and knowing literary works, an attitude of appreciation for beautiful and meaningful literary works grows.

Literature is a literary work of art created by humans that cannot be separated from language as the main medium for making literary works. Literary works are part of an

imaginative world that produces creations by authors from their social environment (Al-Ma'ruf, 2017). Literary works are part of human works of art that show nuances of beauty. One of the literary works in which there is a lot of educational value is the novel, because novels always convey an incident experienced by a character in describing people's lives.

Novel literary works have educational value. According to etymology, the word "novel" is taken from the Italian language, namely "Novella" which means a story, and the person who writes a novel is called a "Novelist". A novel is a work of fiction obtained from intrinsic elements. Novels are around people's lives not only as a means of entertainment, but for the media to convey messages that contain positive values from the writer to the reader. From the results of reading the novel, the reader will get educational value to add positive character in himself (Syaidah, 2019). A novel can acquire something complex, until the reader can acquire life's messages in educational value.

Value is always related to education. As stated in Article 3 of the Law on the National Education System Number 20 of 2003 which explains that the purpose of education is to develop students so that they become human beings who believe and fear the Creator, have noble character, are knowledgeable, healthy, capable, creative, have an independent spirit, and become democratic people and have a spirit of responsibility (Noor, 2018). Based on the statement of this Law, the novel is a literary work that can have a positive influence and noble values for every reader of literary works. The value of education is the teaching of the values of truth, goodness and beauty and the process of changing attitudes and behavior to mature one's self through teaching and education efforts (Zakiyah & Rusdiana, 2022). The educational value of literary works can be conveyed by teachers in elementary schools to motivated students so that they find advice in them, sometimes also make constructive criticism so that readers get the wisdom contained in the novel.

One of the novel literary works that is interesting to analyze and study its educational values is the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* Iwan Setyawan's work which tells an interesting and inspiring story that can be a meaningful life lesson, where the value of education is so important that it is applied in everyday life. Therefore, the purpose of the researcher is to analyze the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* that is, it can be used as teaching material for teachers in increasing interest in reading, appreciation of literature, and conducting analysis of literary works. As well as knowing the value of education analyzed in the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* in theory constructive.e. mThe view of science is not limited to revealing facts, rules and concepts that must be memorized by default, but it is humans who must construct the knowledge themselves.

A number of studies related to the discussion above have been carried out before on several novels which have the aim of describing and explaining educational values related to cultural values, religious education, moral education and social education (Andriyanto et al., 2020; Aziz, 2021; Elneri et al. al., 2018; Harefa, 2020; Nelsen et al., 2021; Rimba & Manurung, 2015; Sanjaya, 2022; Sumarlin, 2017). In addition, other studies reveal structural studies and intrinsic elements of the novel *Hey*, and novels *One Event in South Banten* (Jannah, 2022; Septiana & Isnaniah, 2020). The method often used in related research is descriptive qualitative with analytical techniques, namely data collection.

Based on the introduction found, the researcher is interested in researching the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* with the aim of expressing the value of education on the subject matter to be analyzed regarding the value of truth, beauty, goodness and changes in attitude or behavior. The difference between this research and previous research is from the novels analyzed and the educational value taken. In this study there is still much that can be taken, but the author only needs to analyze according to the research title. So that the discussion

does not come out of the research title, namely "Analysis of Educational Values in Novels 9 Summers 10 Autumns Iwan Setyawan's work for elementary school children.

Methods

The research method used in analyzing the novel 9 Summers 10 Autumns namely the Content Analysis method (*Content Analysis*). The reason for using this method is because it is a technique that is suitable for use in finding educational value. This analysis applies a text objectively to obtain a content, without being influenced by the researcher. Research is not biased and the tendency of the researcher. The results of analyzing this content are in accordance with the contents of the novel text, not the subjectivity of the researcher. The application of the content analysis method is by observing a communication process, namely identifying what is suitable for its purpose (Ahmad, 2018). Content analysis analyzes human and other human behavior indirectly because of the beliefs, attitudes, values, and views of a person or group that are expressed in acts of communication.

This study uses content analysis with qualitative data analysis, the data instrument is the researcher himself. When using qualitative research, humans are the main research instrument if there is no other choice (Rukin, 2019). The position of the researcher in this qualitative research is as *human instrument*, whose role is to position the research focus, select informants for data sources, collect data, assess data quality, analyze data, identify data and draw research conclusions. Qualitative descriptive research is research to describe and analyze objects, events, social activities naturally by making descriptive data in the form of written words (Moleong, 2022).

The data collection technique uses a documentation study of the study of novel texts 9 Summers 10 Autumns which is the main data source or primary source (directly) in this study. This documentary study technique is carried out in several steps, namely:

1. Read thoroughly to get data in the novel 9 Summers 10 Autumns. Every reader has their own opinion about the general description of a novel, so it is necessary to repeat reading to get a clearer picture.
2. Identify, record and mark parts of the novel text that are in accordance with the object of research in the novel 9 Summers 10 Autumns.
3. Classify the educational value found in the novel 9 Summers 10 Autumns.

Findings & Discussion

The literary work that will be analyzed in this study is a novel with the title 9 Summers 10 Autumns the work of Iwan Setyawan published by PT Gramedia Pustaka Utama in 2011. This novel is taken from the writer's true story about life's struggle, rigidity, sincerity in simplicity in his poverty where Iwan Setyawan struggles to achieve his dreams through education accompanied by stories of hard work, family warmth, and wandering with the courage to break through the limits of fear. Education is the key behind Iwan's success and is a real proof of the effect of education and it is education that then presents a way out of suffering. Therefore, providing access to quality education for every Indonesian child. It doesn't matter if the child is poor or rich, the child of the city or the village. Their education will lead Indonesia towards its ideals.

In this analysis, the researcher will focus on the educational value in the novel 9 Summers 10 Autumns by using constructive theory. Constructive learning theory is applied to develop students' talents, because it directs to reconstruct, as well as developing knowledge information from teachers for students to reconstruct independently and creatively. Constructive theory is carried out based on patterns of thinking about the world based on individual experiences and schemes (Jaenudin, 2018). This means that learning is based on

knowledge and experience that is actively developed, as well as students' views of the world with a real background so that students can understand different realities and experiences. The role of the teacher for elementary school students needs to guide them to explore their world, seek knowledge, think critically and cooperate with each other in knowing and understanding lessons (Yulaelawati, 2018). Therefore, constructive theory is used to obtain educational values through reading literary works based on students' mindsets to develop information and apply it in the real world.

In this discussion, researchers will analyze aspects of educational value in the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* by Iwan Setiawan which has the meaning of education in his novels, with the aim of educating a group of people or individuals so that they instill positive values in the sense of being educated. Because of this, this is very suitable as teaching material for teachers in instilling educational values in students through literary literacy. Educational value in the form of:

Truth Value

The value of truth is a value that originates in a good and right direction. The educational value of this truth will always have a sense of defense for things that lead to truth (Fitriati, 2015). This truth value is undeniable and everyone acknowledges it. As in the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns*.

“Thanks to decades of savings, he managed to buy a used car for around two million in 1980. It was quite a success at that time and we are proud of it”

(9 Summers 10 Autumns: 26).

From the quote above there is an educational value, namely the value of truth, because the quote above leads to good and right things where the value of truth in the quote above cannot be denied and everyone admits that saving is a good deed and in the process he saves dozens twenty years old can buy a car is a truth to do. The quote above explains that by saving he managed to buy the desired item. This educational value must also be instilled in elementary schools because saving activities can be beneficial for learning to live frugally, being able to manage money, and teaching discipline.

“As always, yoga class is healing. Jivamukti Yoga is like a rehab place for me, my spiritual home, self-purification” (9 Summers 10 Autumns: 30).

From the quote above there is also a truth value because it leads to good and right things, namely exercising is an activity self *healing* simple one. The quote above says that “*yoga class is healing*” which means a yoga class heals. Of course this leads to good and right things because when you exercise, your body is healthier and your mind is more relaxed. The truth value regarding this sport must be taught in elementary schools because it has benefits, namely improving children's physical and spiritual fitness, maintaining health, and there are many other benefits in exercising.

Kindness Value

The value of goodness is a value that exists in the value of character education, because kindness is related to a person's good (noble) attitude, so those with good character will definitely understand goodness, like goodness and instill that goodness (Rubini, 2019). This value of kindness has a positive impact as measured by moral norms from both the home environment, school or the wider community. As in the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns*.

“Eni Suryati, who is also in this group, entertained us and gave up their living room, as well as their bedroom, for our overnight stay.

(9 Summers 10 Autumns: 140)

From the quote above, there is an educational value, namely the value of goodness. The quote describes the kindness of someone who helps others and the manners of welcoming guests and treating guests properly. The quote above explains that entertaining means welcoming and treating guests as they treat you. Not only that, the quote above also helps by providing a bed for them to stay temporarily. This educational value must also be instilled and taught to elementary school students regarding the manners of welcoming guests, because character values like this must be instilled in the world of education.

"I'm a home child, I spend a lot of my little time at home with my mother, waiting for her or sometimes helping her cook."

(9 Summers 10 Autumns: 63)

From the quote above there is also a value of kindness because it describes the dedication of a child who helps his parents in doing work at home. Children must be instilled a character who likes to help both parents, siblings, friends and others. The introduction and cultivation of this character can be done at home by parents, at school by teachers in learning, and in the community.

Beauty Value

The value of beauty in this discussion is the value that comes from human feelings regarding human situations and conditions that describe feelings of pleasure or happiness, and other feelings of beauty (Fitriati, 2015). As in the novel 9 Summers 10 Autumns.

"My siblings and I grew up in a house built with love and simplicity. The physical building of a house that is small and what it is, creates a big space in our hearts to receive life, no matter how small the happiness we receive. We grew up in five heartbeats, in one heart"

(9 Summers 10 Autumns: 14).

From the quotation above, there is an educational value, namely the value of beauty. This quote describes the beauty of one's happy feelings about a family full of love and simplicity. This simplicity creates a large space in their hearts to accept their simple life destiny and will always be grateful for their circumstances. So that gratitude gives birth to happiness. The value of beauty education which concerns a family full of love and gratitude can also be instilled in elementary school children regarding how they must love each other as family members and always be grateful for whatever they have, because with us we are always grateful that happiness will come.

"And, during the reporting season, we were surprised, I entered the top three, I was confused, I was so proud. I love my textbooks more and more."

(9 Summers 10 Autumns: 64)

From the quotation above, there is a value for beauty from human feelings, namely a sense of pride or pleasure for the achievements obtained. The quote above illustrates the achievement of a character entering rank three because he is diligent in studying because of his perseverance he succeeds so that he feels proud and happy for his success and loves textbooks even more. The value of this education can be learned regarding his perseverance in learning so that his efforts will produce a beautiful ending and make himself and his parents proud.

The Process of Changing Attitudes or Behavior

The process of changing the values of attitudes or behavior is a point of educational value. Learning, training and experience can change attitudes and behavior in changing a person's way of thinking or the process of change in influencing a person's actions and behavior with stages of activities such as reading, listening, imitating, and observing (Herawati, 2018).

This is also a stage in self-maturity through teaching and training. As in the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns*.

“He is inspired and always wants to move forward. Hard work, continuous learning, and honesty are three simple keys that he always holds. This figure became my father's first inspiration.” (9 Summers 10 Autumns: 25)

From the quotation above, there is an educational value, namely the value of the process of changing attitudes or behavior. The quote describes a change in the attitude or behavior of someone who is inspired. It can be seen that the concept of changing attitudes or behavior from previously not working hard in doing anything, not learning and not being honest, by being inspired by someone or imitating and observing, there is a change in attitude or behavior which is always working hard, continuing to learn, and honest. In this discussion the value of education that we can take is inspiration to provide benefits for someone which is a driving force when living life and changing character for the better. This inspiration can be a positive value and we can also be an inspiration and even inspire others. This educational value can be instilled by students in elementary schools. By instilling moral values and providing good examples, students will observe and imitate these actions so that later these good deeds will become a positive habit.

“There were several performances that he produced while I attended this theater and I learned a lot about the work ethic in the theater: hard work, discipline, and patience” (9 Summers 10 Autumns: 75)

From the quotation above, it includes the value of a change in attitude or behavior due to a change in attitude from before. The quote illustrates that participating in positive activities and a good environment can influence changes in attitudes for the better. As in the quote above, because of attending the theater, he learned a lot about the work ethic in the theater, namely hard work, discipline and patience. Elementary school children can teach this educational value and be told that participating in positive activities and being in a good environment can affect character changes for the better.

Conclusion

From the results of the discussion of the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* Iwan Setyawan's work is a novel that is suitable to be read by everyone, both from children, adults and teacher reference materials in learning, because the stories in the novel are about life's struggles, perseverance, sincerity in simplicity to poverty in achieving their dreams through education accompanied by saga of hard work, family warmth, and wandering with the courage to break through the boundaries of fear. So it is highly motivated for anyone who reads the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* By Iwan Setyawan.

Based on the analysis of the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* Iwan Setyawan's work contains educational value in the story which includes the value of truth, the value of goodness, the value of beauty, and the value of changing a person's attitude or behavior. In the novel *9 Summers 10 Autumns* judged true illustrates to the reader to always be good at saving and managing money and exercise so that the body is maintained stamina. The value of kindness describes the manners of welcoming guests and helping each other. The value of beauty is related to human feelings both related to situations and human conditions that describe feelings of pleasure or happiness, and other feelings of beauty. The value of changing attitudes or behavior illustrates instilling moral values and setting a good example. Values can be used as an example, motivation, inspiration and teaching materials for educators in teaching Indonesian language material in analyzing a literary work, namely a novel. One of the novels that has educational value is *9 Summers 10 Autumns* By Iwan Setyawan.

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