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Negosiasi Identitas Birasial sebagai Pengaruh dari Double Consciousness dalam The Girl Who Fell from the Sky Karya Durrow

Abstract

Throughout history, racism has severely affected the life of African-American. One of the psychological effects that they have to experience is double consciousness as depicted in Durrow’s The Girl Who Fell from the Sky. This novel portrays double consciousness experienced by the main character, Rachel Morse, a daughter of a white mother and an African-American father. Having born from mixed-race parents, Rachel has to face identity problem when living in her new society. This study aimed at examining Rachel’s experience of having double consciousness using W.E.B. Du Bois’ theory of double consciousness. This study revealed that double consciousness has compelled Rachel to negotiate her biracial identity in American society who still believes in ‘one-drop’ rule in order to fit in the society. As Rachel must still have to face racism in America for being biracial, it showed that the existing practice of racism and stereotyping need to be eradicated to make a better living for African-American and biracial people in the United States.

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