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Penelitian ini mengeksplor obsesi psikologis dan kehancuran mental yang dialami oleh tokoh utama dalam film Pearl (2022), sebuah film horor psikologis karya Ti West. Dengan menggunakan teori psikoanalisis Jacques Lacan konsep Three order: The Imaginary, The Symbolic, dan The Real, penelitian ini menganalisis penyebab di balik hasrat obsesif Pearl untuk menjadi seorang bintang dan dampak terhadap kondisi mentalnya. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif dengan menelaah unsur naratif seperti dialog dan interaksi antar tokoh, serta aspek visual yang dianalisis melalui model semiotika triadik dari Charles Sanders Peirce. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa obsesi Pearl berasal dari fantasi internal, tekanan sosial, dan keinginan yang tidak terpenuhi, yang secara bertahap menyebabkan distorsi realitas. Selain itu, Impian yang terpendam, trauma yang tidak terselesaikan, serta kurangnya dukungan emosional turut membentuk gangguan psikologis yang mendalam, hingga mendorongnya melakukan tindakan kekerasan. Penelitian ini memberikan pemahaman tentang bagaimana obsesi dan konflik psikologis yang tidak terselesaikan dapat berkembang menjadi perilaku destruktif. Selain itu, penelitian ini juga memberi kontribusi dalam diskusi yang lebih luas mengenai kesehatan mental, tekanan sosial, serta representasi identitas perempuan dalam sinema horor psikologis.

**Kata Kunci:** Obsesi, Three order, Jacques Lacan, Psikoanalisis, Pearl (2022)

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This study explores the main character's obsession and mental state in Pearl (2022), a psychological horror film by Ti West. Utilising Jacques Lacan's psychoanalytic theory of the Three Orders: The Imaginary, The Symbolic, and The Real, this study analyses the causes underlying Pearl's obsessive desire to become a star and its effects on her mental state. This study employs a qualitative descriptive method by examining narrative elements such as dialogue and character interactions, along with visual aspects analysed through Charles Sanders Peirce's triadic semiotic model. The finding reveals that Pearl's obsession emerges from internal fantasies, social pressure, and unfulfilled desires, which gradually lead to a distortion of reality. Additionally, repressed desires, unresolved trauma, and a lack of emotional support contribute to deep psychological disorders, driving her to commit acts of violence. This study provides a deeper understanding of how unresolved obsessions and psychological conflicts can develop into destructive behaviour. Furthermore, it contributes to broader discussions on mental health, social pressure, and the representation of female identity in psychological horror cinema.

**Keywords:** Obsession, The Three Order, Jacques Lacan, Psychoanalysis, Pearl (2022)

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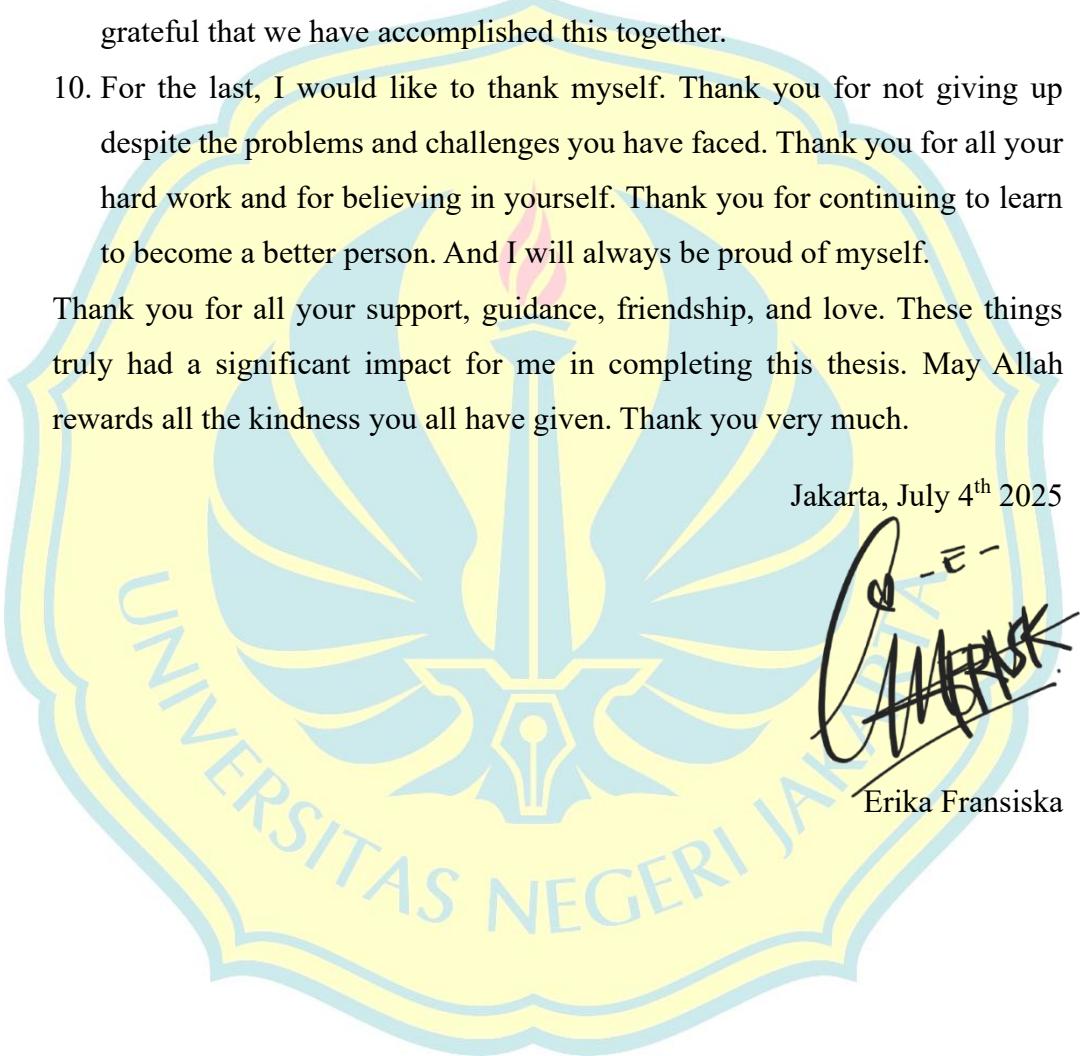
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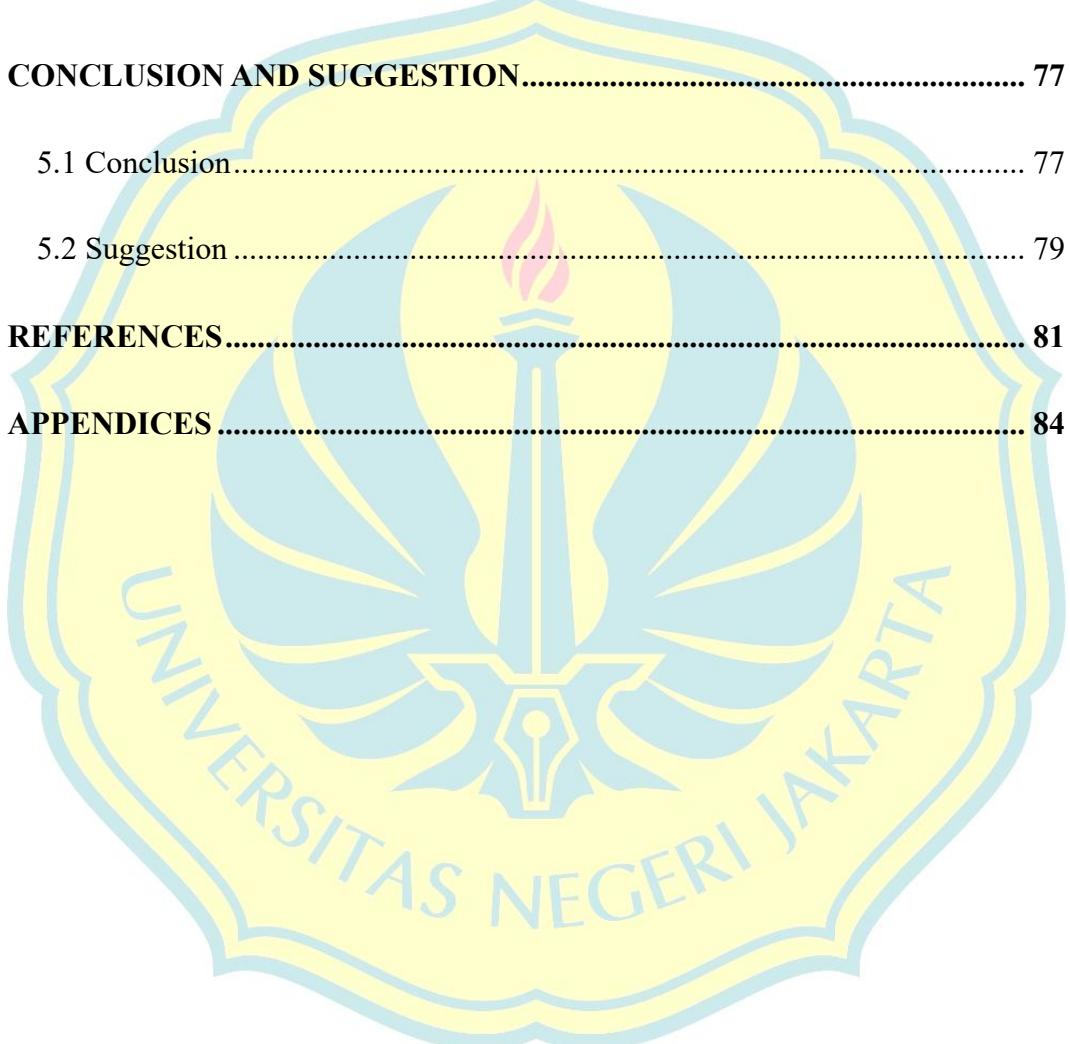
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