

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Literature is a social institution or social creation (Wellek and Warren, 89). It means that a literary work is usually influenced by the society. Some events or experiences that happen in the society can be put in a literary work. It is an expression that has value and message that is wanted to communicate to the readers. Through literature the readers can learn about good things from other experiences, it can also adopted to improve their life.

Literature is divided into some kinds, one of them is novel. Many people in the world are interested in reading a novel because it has value and sometimes the story is the author's experience. Novel is long written story, it can suggest an expression liberally, present a story more detail (Nurgiyantoro, 11). The story in the novel will make the reader more vividly and more completely aware of the world around them. Novel have some elements, such as; plot, theme, character, and setting (12). So, in this study the writer chooses novel as a material identification.

The writer is interested in one of the literary work by Chris Mooney, *The Missing*. The writer chooses Chris Mooney's work *The Missing* because of some reasons. First, Chris Mooney is a brilliant writer and popular, he

over which we have limited conscious control (Gillespie, 2010: 47). It means that motivation refers to a control process of human mind and behavior that organizing in a thought. So, it can make various reactions and actions in a person to get the goals.

Motivation not only can be found in real world, but also in literary work. Such *The Missing*, the writer found motivation of character. Characters as a part of intrinsic elements of literary works have important role, such as; to make a literary work looks like real to the reader. The character in literature can be indicated through how the character's action, mind, and behavior, in the conditions of the literary works. The characters can be divided into major characters and minor characters, depending on how important they are for the plot. Major characters usually have a lot to say and appear frequently throughout the play, while minor characters have less presence or appear only marginally (Dinurriyah, 114). Among the characters that appear in this novel, the writer is interested on the main character. The main character occupies the strategies position as a messenger of morality, and value that wants to say to the reader (Nurgiyantoro, 167). The main character in this novel is Darby Alexandra McCormick. In this novel Darby is included into major character because she is frequently appears and have a lot parts in this novel.

Based on the Darby's story above, the writer is challenged to analyze this novel through understanding Darby's characterization in this novel, and the motivations. Darby's life story in this novel can be example to motivate

