THE WOMEN’S STRUGGLES FOR THEIR AMBITIONS AS REFLECTED IN SIDNEY SHELDON’S *NOTHING LASTS FOREVER*

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ABSTRAK

Skripsi ini menelaah tentang kekuatan wanita dalam memenuhi ambisi-ambisi mereka yang diangkat dari sebuah novel yang berjudul *Nothing Lasts Forever* karya penulis novel Amerika yang terkenal Sidney Sheldon.

Novel ini mengisahkan tentang kehidupan wanita-wanita dalam memperjuangkan cita-cita atau ambisi mereka, dimana ketiga wanita dalam novel ini memenuhi ambisinya dengan cara yang berbeda-beda. Ada yang menempuh jalan yang baik tetapi ada pula yang menempuh jalan tidak baik.

Karena ambisi itu pula para wanita ini mengalami banyak persoalan didalam menjalani kehidupannya. Adapun persoalan-persoalan itu seperti dalam memenuhi ambisinya dia rela untuk menjual diri dengan kata lain sex adalah menjadi senjatanya untuk memenuhi ambisinya, penghianatan dan pemerkosaan juga salah satu dari persoalan yang akan dibahas dalam novel ini.
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