CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

Literature can be considered as a written imagination of what human thinking, it reflects the result as the value of an art work. Generally, literature can be divided into fiction and nonfiction. Novel, short story, drama, and tales included to the fiction works. On the contrary, the nonfiction works are essay, history, autobiography and diary. In this thesis a novel is used as the material of the discussion, which the novel itself belongs to the literary work. Richard (198: 1) state that:

“Literature primarily refers to the written or printed word. Literature is essentially an imaginative act; that is an act of the writer's imagination in selecting, ordering, and interpreting life experience. The writers build the story by using their own life experience. Experience about nature and social life may emerge the ideas of the story. “

Novel is one of literary genre. Novel is a fictional prose narrative of considerable length, typically having a plot that is unfolded by the actions, speech, and thoughts of the characters. Novel has complicated intrigue, that present the changing of human character in a period of time, complex social situation, and other action happened. Peek (1983:1) state that:

“Explain that novel are often about the relationship between individuals and the society in which they life. A story of the novel often tells about the characters explained in his or her social life, and it relates with where the story takes place.”

Conflict is an actual or perceived opposition of needs, value and interest. A conflict can be internal (within oneself) and external (with another one). Conflict as a concept can explain many aspects of social life such as social disagreement, conflicts of interests and fight
between individuals, groups or organization. When an interpersonal conflict does occur, its effect can be involved more than two individuals and can affect many associate individuals and relationship in some case.

Leading character is the centered individual very dominant. As an individual, the leading focused personality. Leading character emerged as long side the extraordinary character, a character that might be called prototypical. The prototypical character is not a stereotypical but a fully rounded, three dimensionanl characters.

This novel which is discussed in thesis written by Jodi Picoult entitled My Sister Keeper tells about little girl, she is age thirteen years old, her named is Anna Fitzgerald she is a youngest Fitzgerald child. She has undergone countless surgeries, transfusions to older sister to fight the leukemia that has to disturb her since childhood. This story to explain from diagnosis of preimplantation genetic, Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate a life and a role that she has never questioned until now. Like most teenagers, Anna is beginning to question who is she in fact. But unlike most teenagers, she has always been defined in terms of her sister and so Anna makes a decision that for most would be impossible a decision that will tear her family and have fatal consequences for the sister which is she loves. My Sister Keeper examines what it means to be good parents, a good sister, and a good person.

Jodi Picoult have a tales of sad,humor, and love. As thirteen year old Anna Fitzgerald struggles to define herself as a person part of from her sister Kate, Picoult exposes the universal truths of human relationships. Life is full of choices and consequences. Love demands risks and sacrifice; self-examination and sharing. As the characters unfold, in their own words, the importance of communication emerges as a unifying theme. Picoult addresses the ethics of the situation. Ending of story is very fantastic, really interesting the reader into
the text. This is a cosmic tale about relationships, endurance, and the strong of love to change lives forever.

The writer choose this novel because after reading “My Sister Keeper” novel, conflict about emotions and actions of characters put into a family in which one of three children is battling a life threatening illness. The mother, Sara is torn between taking care of her cancer stricken daughter and parenting her other two healthy children. Time and energy are divided and their children healthy ignored. The youngest child Anna has been a donor for her sister since the day she was born and the fight did not stop until he becomes mature.

For Anna, she is the sister of Kate. She has to help Kate, to stay alive. But when Anna realizes that she suffers too many thing’s for Kate. When her mother ask her to supply one of her kidney for Kate. She thinks that she must do something to change her life and her family. Even though there must be a conflict between them.

1.2 Problem of the Study

Referring to the explanation of the background of the analysis above, there is some problems will be analyzed in this thesis. Therefore the writer finds and decides some problems that needed to be answer:

1. What are the types of leading conflict in the novel of My Sister Keeper written by Jodi Picoult?

2. What are the dominant conflicts in the novel of My Sister Keeper written by Jodi Picoult?
1.3 Objective of the Study

There are two objectives of the analysis can be found in this thesis.

1. Describe the types of conflict in the novel of *My Sister Keeper* written by Jodi Picoult.
2. Describe the dominant conflict in the novel of *My Sister Keeper* written by Jodi Picoult.

1.4 Scope of the Study

Conflict is struggle between two or more force that creates a tension that must be resolved. There are two kinds of conflict internal and external conflict. Therefore the writer only focused on the internal and external conflict the leading characters found in this novel.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The analysis of this thesis is expected to be able to give significance for the readers.

1. This thesis will give information to the readers about literature and understand about this novel.
2. This thesis hope will enrich the knowledge of the readers about leading characters conflicts and types of conflict in this novel.