I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is a body of written and valued as works of arts. Literature may be classified according to a variety of systems, including language, national origin, historical period, genre and subject matter. Roberts and Jacobs (1995:2) says, “Literature is classified into four genres: prose, fiction, poetry, drama, and nonfiction prose.” From the four genres, the writer decided to discuss the prose fiction, exactly on novel. Fiction is distinguished from the works it imitates, such as historical accounts, reports, biographies, autobiographies, letters, and personal memoirs and meditations.

Language cannot be separated with literature. We could say the language is the paper and the literature is the color pencil; it makes a communication beautifully. Taylor (1981:1) says that literature is just like other arts, is essentially an imaginative act of writer’s imagination of selecting, ordering, and interpreting life experience.

The writer chooses this novel because the story was very interesting which told about the love story with mystery and supernatural.

The supernatural (Medieval Latin: supernaturalis: supra “above” + naturalis “nature”, first used: 1520-30 AD) is that which is not subject to the laws of physics, or more figuratively, that which is said to exist above and beyond nature. In philosophy, popular culture and fiction, the supernatural is associated with the paranormal, religions and occultism. It has neoplatonic and medieval
scholastic origins. And unable to be explained by science or the laws of nature: of, relating to, or seeming to come from magic, a god, etc.

Mystery fiction is a genre of fiction usually involving a mysterious death or a crime to be solved. In a closed circle of suspects, each suspect must have a credible motive and a reasonable opportunity for committing the crime. The central character must be a detective who eventually solves the mystery by logical deduction from facts fairly presented to the reader. Sometimes mystery books are nonfictional. "Mystery fiction" can be detective stories in which the emphasis is on the puzzle or suspense element and its logical solution such as a whodunit. Mystery fiction can be contrasted with hardboiled detective stories, which focus on action and gritty realism. Mystery fiction may involve a supernatural or thriller mystery where the solution does not have to be logical, and even no crime involved.

1.2 Problems of the study

The problem of the study are

1) What makes the Ig suspect?

2) Why his girlfriend, Merrin be killed?

3) What is the reason for Lee killing Merrin?

1.3 Scope of The Study

The writer is sure that there are many important and mysterious aspects of the novel that can be discussed. In writing this paper the writer only focuses on one elements of intrinsic that is the theme.
1.4 Purpose of The Study

By writing this paper, the writer expects the readers will get some knowledges and experience about how the main character’s appearance become like a devil and how strong the religion aspect in this novel. Then, this paper also can increase our knowledge especially for English Diploma Student who interest in Literature study.

1.5 Reason for Choosing The Topic

The writer decided to choose this topic because after reading this novel, the writer interests in curse because the main character was depressed when he learned his girlfriend was killed after refusing to marry him and trying to find the perpetrators of the murder of her lover.

1.6 Method of The Study

In writing this paper, the writer collected some research methods. The writer uses library method and internet method. Besides that, the writer also watches the movie that adapted from the novel for many times in order to be able to identify the characterization in the novel itself. The writer also searches the information about the novel and author of the novel as her references.