

Moral Value of Novel “Almond” Written By Shon Won Pyung

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Abstract *Almond is a phenomenal novel written by Sohn Won Pyung. Almond himself tells about a child who has alexthymia disorder in his brain. This novel tells the life of a person named Yoonjae who cannot feel various kinds of emotions . Almond 's novel itself does not only focus on his struggle against Alexthymia disorder but also tells the twists and turns of his life. The Almond novel is a psychological novel with the theme of mental health so that in it there are many moral messages that can be taken. Moral itself is a human behavior, where the parameters depend on the values and rules held by society in each environment. Morals are the difference between good and bad. The author will examine the novel Almond by using a qualitative approach with a descriptive method. The author uses primary and secondary data, where the primary data is taken from the analysis of reading the novel repeatedly, while the secondary data is taken through the internet. The author reads the novel Almond and then pays attention to the behavior and character of the characters, then the data is analyzed so that it can be presented in this paper.*

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Abstrak Almond adalah novel fenomenal yang ditulis oleh Sohn Won Pyung. Almond sendiri bercerita tentang seorang anak yang mengalami gangguan alexthymia di otaknya. Novel ini menceritakan kehidupan seseorang bernama Yoonjae yang tidak bisa merasakan berbagai macam emosi. Novel Almond sendiri tidak hanya berfokus pada perjuangannya melawan gangguan Alexthymia tetapi juga menceritakan lika-liku hidupnya. Novel Almond merupakan novel psikologi dengan tema kesehatan jiwa sehingga di dalamnya terdapat banyak pesan moral yang dapat diambil. Moral sendiri merupakan perilaku manusia, dimana parameternya tergantung pada nilai-nilai dan aturan-aturan yang dianut oleh masyarakat di lingkungan masing-masing. Moral adalah pembeda antara baik dan buruk. Penulis akan mengkaji novel Almond dengan menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif dengan metode deskriptif. Penulis menggunakan data primer dan sekunder, dimana data primer diambil dari analisis membaca novel secara berulang-ulang, sedangkan data sekunder diambil melalui internet. Penulis membaca novel Almond kemudian memperhatikan tingkah laku dan watak tokoh-tokohnya, kemudian data tersebut dianalisis sehingga dapat disajikan dalam tulisan ini.

Kata kunci: Almond, Moral, Novel, Sastra

INTRODUCTION

Almond is a novel written by Shon Won Pyung. This novel tells about a child with alexithymia or the inability to express emotions. This Almond novel tells the life of a child who cannot feel emotions, a child who has no fear and is calm compared to his peers. This Almond novel is a novel that can give hope to some people who believe that the heart can control the contents of the head. This novel can be a writing that can thrill the hearts of its readers because it contains various feelings that can explode all emotions. In this Almond novel, it tells the story of a poor child who cannot feel the pain that other people suffer. All humans will always go through a phase called life and that phase of life will end when the human body can no longer function or is called death. As long as the process of human life continues, then humans should continue to struggle in every process in life in which there must be obstacles that must be passed. We as humans do not know God's plan and what life will be like in the future, so as humans we can only surrender and must have the readiness to go through all the obstacles that come in the process of life. All the problems that come in this life is a process that is not easy, starting from a young age to adulthood will undergo each different life process. However, this is the life that every individual human being must live, however his life must be ready to accept all the problems that exist. A novel writer from South Korea named Sohn Won Pyung has created a work of his own imagination. A novel that tells about the problems that must be lived by a small child. In this story, the writer Shon Won Pyung tells the story of a child who has encountered obstacles in his life since he was a child and the parents of the child as much as possible try to protect their child and always try to cover the obstacles of the problem. Writer Shon Won Pyung is very good at building characters in a very clear and detailed depiction of the emotions of the child and his parents.

The author also presents other characters as a complement in building the atmosphere contained in this novel (Alexander, 2017). The novel, which was written by the author Shon Won Pyung, tells the story of a child whose brain has a disorder that causes him to be unable to feel various emotions such as he cannot feel pain even when he is hit and also this child cannot express his expression towards every event. that happened. At a young age, the child is often considered to have a disorder that causes him to be dubbed as having an oddity by those around him (Silberman, 2017). Although it is often considered to have strangeness by many people, the child named Yoonjae still can't give any expression. When the child was born, he couldn't laugh at all even though it had been a few days, the mother, who was confused about what had happened to her child, took Yoonjae to the hospital so she could find out what was wrong with her child. It was only when his mother had checked him out to the doctor that he found out that his son had "specialties" that other children his age did not have. When she found out about this, Yoonjae's mother felt sad and devastated, but she had to stay strong so that her son too could be strong to face life.

Not only considered to have idiosyncrasies but Yoonjae is also considered a brave person because he has no fear and never feels afraid in the face of various kinds of obstacles. For the child, having no fear was an abnormality that should not exist in him because he felt that having the disorder would make him look like a fool. Because basically the fear that every individual human has is something that is formed from emotions that come from the human heart. In this Almond novel, the author wants to convey various messages. People with Alexthymia, their amygdala can not respond to a stimulus that occurs. The cause of this could be due to the small size of the amygdala in the sufferer's brain as well as the communication system in the brain that does not run smoothly. This causes Alexthymia sufferers to be unable to feel emotions like humans in general. In every human being there is an organ called the amygdala which is firmly embedded between the back of the ear to the head. Humans have two amygdalas in their heads. The amygdala will respond to emotions that will occur when a stimulus occurs in the brain because humans can feel various emotions such as happy, annoyed, sick, and protect themselves from danger. When she found out that Yoonjae was suffering from Alexthymia, his mother was sad because of her child's condition, every mother would be devastated to know that there was something different with her child. Since then, Yoonjae's mother has always taught him various things in the hope that Yoonjae can become normal like children in general.

The mother always emphasizes to Yoonjae not to attract the attention of people around him so that his son Yoonjae can avoid various kinds of dangers or targets of bullying. Yoonjae's mother always tries hard to teach her son so that he can understand emotions and how to react to things that will happen, how to sympathize with others, and what to do when Yoonjae is in danger and how to read faces and interpret an expression. In addition to teaching Yoonjae various ways to interpret emotions, when he eats, his mother also always regularly gives Yoonjae Almonds in the hope that the Almonds in her child's head can grow and function properly. Yoonjae is aware of his situation and he tries hard to be able to understand and understand other people's attitudes. Yoonjae often gets strange stares from people around him and also many people avoid him, even at one time Yoonjae became a victim of bullying because his circumstances were different from his peers. One day, Yoonjae experienced an extraordinary event in his life and he began to meet and get to know people who could change his life. Once upon a time, in the novel, it is told that once upon a time, when there was a teapot filled with hot water on the table, then Yoonjae held the teapot so that Yoonjae's hand was injured and left burns that are difficult to remove. For some children, that incident can leave a trauma that will be difficult to get rid of, but not for the child named Yoonjae. Fear doesn't belong to Yoonjae and he can't be traumatized by any event that he went through in his life.

The incident involving fear such as the teapot tragedy happened again but with a very different case, namely one time, because the child named Yoonjae could not feel fear, he had the courage in himself to approach the big dog on the edge of the park whose condition was chained, the dog is black with sharp teeth, the dog once bit a neighbor's child until he got a wound and bleeds quite a lot. But Yoonjae did not approach the dog because his mother had prevented him. Yoonjae's mother who was worried about her child who was still outside the house without her supervision then wrote a note on a colored paper. Then the note was pasted by Yoonjae's mother on a board large enough so that her son could avoid dangerous things. In the note made by Yoonjae's mother, there are sentences like when a car is moving, Yoonjae must run and avoid being hit. And if someone laughs

then give a smile. Don't forget the mother also writes a note at the bottom like giving the expression on the same face to the other person (Villarosa, 2018). Regardless of Yoonjae's attitude, even though he has a brain disorder, his mother still loves him and will always love him. He will always defend and protect his son at any cost, especially when he hears that his son Yoonjae is being bullied at the school where he is. One day Yoonjae told him that he got questions from his friends but after Yoonjae answered his friend's questions they laughed at Yoonjae. Yoonjae's mother, who heard her son's story, was angry because Yoonjae was being treated badly from his schoolmate, so Yoonjae's mother gave a message to her son that he should not attract their attention. Yoonjae's answer that made his friends laugh at him was because the answers to their questions did not match Yoonjae's thoughts because the "almond" brain contained in Yoonjae's head was still small and could not change even though the size of his head was getting bigger. Because that's what makes Yoonjae difficult to interact with other people.

The life that Yoonjae lived, he not only lived with his mother but he also lived with his grandmother who loved Yoonjae very much, his grandmother gave Yoonjae a nickname since childhood, "handsome monster". Once upon a time in front of Yoonjae there was a little girl who tripped over a rock and fell, then the girl cried in pain then the little girl's mother came and the girl's mother scolded Yoonjae for not helping her child. Then came Yoonjae's grandmother and she said that it wasn't Yoonjae's fault and she shouldn't be scolded. Yoonjae's family in their daily lives always get strange assumptions from people around them, but they are always strong and tough in facing the harsh reality they have to go through. Once upon a time, Yoonjae had to swallow the harsh reality because of an incident that took his grandmother's life to death and also caused his mother to lie in a coma in the hospital. The incident required Yoonjae to be strong and continue his life alone, he often feels lonely because he doesn't have anyone around him anymore to talk to. When Yoonjae feels lonely, one time he meets someone who is a delinquent and behaves the opposite of himself, that someone named Gon, he is Yoonjae's classmate. Meeting Gon makes Yoonjae feel better because Gon is similar to his family and Yoonjae feels someone is watching him other than his dead grandmother and his mother who is lying in a coma in the hospital. Although the initial meeting of Yoonjae and Gon was passed by Gon's rough treatment, even Yoonjae was beaten and kicked until he was battered but still Yoonjae couldn't feel any pain. This makes Gon curious about Yoonjae's behavior and wants to find out the reason himself, that's where their friendship started and made them closer. After his meeting with Gon and they were close enough, Yoonjae slowly found out that his friend was often abused by his own father then that made Yoonjae slowly understand why Gon often behaved like that. The friendship between Yoonjae and Gon is also filled with various twists and turns of life which makes the storyline in Almond's novel more colorful.

In the story of Almond's novel, it not only tells about Alexthymia disorder, but the author of this novel also wants to convey lessons about the value of life that must be lived by every individual human being even though the events that occur do not match what is expected. After reading this Almond novel, we can take lessons if there are friends or family or anyone who has this disorder so that it should not be shunned and considered a disgrace. Because people with Alexthymia disorder also do not want to have the disease. Through the story of Yoonjae and Gon, the author of the novel Almond, Sohn Won Pyung,

wants to convey the message that everyone has different traits and attitudes because the life that everyone lives is not the same and even has the opposite. Like Yoonjae who can only know and see his father through a photo but can't directly see his father's face. Unlike his friend Gon, he can see his father every day but he often gets treatment that he shouldn't do, namely violence against children by his own father. In this novel, of course, there are shortcomings, but still these shortcomings do not eliminate the impression and atmosphere of the story from the delivery of the moral message in it.

The main character in this Almond novel, Yoonjae, gives us the knowledge that there are some human beings in this world that God created without being able to feel emotions such as fear, pain, hurt, joy, sadness, empathy, compassion, and happiness because of an organ. The amygdala in his brain is small and different from the size of the amygdala of other normal humans and makes him unable to feel any feelings except physical pain. Alexthymia sufferers like Yoonjae, they have difficulty expressing their facial expressions and also find it difficult to smile. Yoonjae is different from other normal humans because he has that privilege. The Almond novel, which was written by writer Shon Won Pyung, is a non-fiction novel with a psychology theme, which includes the theme of mental health issues. The storyline in this Almond novel raises the problems of life that are relevant to the present. Although the focus of this story is only on one character who suffers from Alexthymia disorder, namely the inability to express his emotions. In normal humans, everyone has two "Almonds" in the brain called the Amygdala, called almonds because of their fruit-like shape. The amygdala works when it gets stimulated from the outside, when the red light gets stimulated so that normal humans can feel various kinds of emotions such as hatred, fear, sadness, irritation based on the feelings experienced. However, for the main character in this novel, there is an abnormality that occurs in his amygdala which causes him to be unable to feel anything. He couldn't clearly feel how scared, happy, sad because to him sympathy and emotion were only a vague image. Some people may think that the main character in this novel is someone who is brave, but without realizing it, emotions are the biggest fear that comes from his instincts. Not being able to feel anything is not a sense of courage but just like a stupid human who doesn't know anything and stays silent even in a state of danger.

After reading this novel we can learn how to recognize the type of mental health that is very rare in human suffering. The author of the novel Almond expects a sense of empathy and pain in every person who has privileges and is different from humans in general. Also when there is bullying, which until now is still happening a lot , we all need to pay more attention. As we know that bullying can have a negative impact on anyone who has experienced it. The story of a child named Yoonjae who is told in the novel Almond illustrates how a child who has a disturbed mental health feels so that this novel can be said to be a writing that can increase our awareness and strength towards sympathy and pain. Yoonjae was born in a messy environment because since childhood he was abandoned by his father and Yoonjae's mother who was forced by circumstances to return to his mother, Yoonjae's grandmother, who had been very against their marriage relationship. But in the end yoonjae's grandmother wanted to accept her son back and was able to accept yoonjae and love him very much. Even Yoonjae's grandmother always protects Yoonjae from bad environmental attitudes towards Yoonjae. In his life, Yoonjae has experienced many heartbreaking events, including a stabbing incident that caused his grandmother's life to be taken in front of his own eyes and also caused his mother to be in

a coma in the hospital. Yoonjae who had to live alone in the end was able to find someone who understood and cared about his real condition. That is Yoonjae's classmate who was always curious about Yoonjae at first and beat him out of curiosity about Yoonjae's attitude, who didn't feel pain even though he was battered from being beaten, when Yoonjae was beaten so badly he was battered but he still didn't complain at all.

In this Almond novel there is a moral message that can be used as a life lesson in everyday life. Moral if interpreted literally is custom, the word moral itself is taken from the Latin *mores*. If you look at the meaning of Indonesian, then moral is decency. Moral is something that is in accordance with the customs and ideas that are agreed upon and adhered to by society. Morals are the difference between good and bad things, meaning that with the existence of morals in society, people can distinguish between truth and evil (Fromm, 2020). Moral is also synonymous with an action or action that has a positive value and is in accordance with the values that exist in society. Moral has become an absolute thing that must be owned by every human being, humans who do not have morals will not be able to adjust and interact well in society. Explicitly, morals are tools used by humans in socializing, socialization will not be well established without morals. However, morals have different indicators and parameters in each environment. Therefore, actions, actions, ways of speaking must be adjusted to the moral parameters that are believed by the society in which we live. Interaction that is well established will certainly lead to a good view for the community, so that interaction and socialization can be well established. A person who speaks well, acts well, and is considered in accordance with the values held by society, is considered a person who has morals. Meanwhile, people whose speech is bad, their actions are detrimental and disrespectful will be considered as someone who has no morals. Moral itself is a product of culture and religion, where culture and religion are the first to trigger morals, so that people hold fast to existing morals. In addition, morality is also defined as character. Budi character is human behavior, character is absorbed from the Sanskrit language which means awareness, while character comes from Indonesian which means behavior.

Social criticism and moral values are found in this literary work. Literature is a form of artistic creation that uses humans as objects and language as the medium (Berger, 2018). Literary works express the opinions, ideas, inspiration, knowledge, and feelings of their creators regarding the nature of life which are conveyed using communicative, lative, and emotional means. Literary works are created to be enjoyed, understood, and utilized by the citizens. Literature is a complex human reality, there are joys, sorrows and various other life events. all of that is the result of human creations that are shown to humans, contains about human life, conveys a picture of life using all aspects of life. that literary works are the result of the creativity of the author who uses humans and all kinds of aspects of life as objects of study. A good literary work contains meaning and conveys a positive impression for the reader. states that a literary work can be researched through various approaches related to all matters concerning human life or society. In this way, literary works are not just an imaginary work that can be enjoyed, but can also be studied from various aspects of life such as linguistics, sociology, psychology, morals, religion, and human behavior at a time.

Literary works in general contain the struggle of human life. The feud could be in the form of everything that happens within the author and is also inspired by other people. Literary works that are found in many similarities using real life are novels. Novel means a fictitious work that describes life in an exclusive community such as norms, rules, and culture. The novel provides illustrations of aspects of life that are packaged in an easy-to-understand language style. and poured into the form of pen strokes. In the novel, you can find the values of humanism that can be used as a sense of learning for the readers. one of the authors who uses a distinctive style of language. The author of this novel is very prolific and is known for his distinctive style of telling a story using language that is easy to understand as a result that is acceptable to the public. This novel has its own charm that is different from other novels. This novel raises a story that has similarities to the social reality that occurs in today's era and is rarely mentioned in Indonesian literature. Almond's novel raises social reality that contains many controversies that work together with social criticism. Using the events that occurred in this novel, there are a variety of moral values that are very useful.

These works of art often tell a story, in third person as well as first person, with a plot and through the use of various literary devices related to their time. Literary works are known in two forms, namely fiction and non-fiction. In literary works, it also comes from the emotions felt by the author and conveys how the author deals with the problems he faces, such as suffering, affection, love, hatred, lust, pictures of life by the author or those dealing with humanity. In literary works there will be understandings related to using Moral, Psychology, Social and Culture. Literary study means studying literary works in depth using literary theory and perfect literary analysis techniques. Novel is a literary work in the form of prose. In the novel, there are characters who have very diverse characteristics that can upload the curiosity of the reader in understanding the storyline. The story in the novel begins with the emergence of a problem experienced by the character and ends by solving the problem. Character traits are also called characters or dispositions on characters in a story consisting of several characters, namely antagonists, protagonists and tritagonists (Suarningsih et al, 2021). Character trait means a characteristic of a character in a story that contains the nature, emotion, behavior of the soul that is brought by the play in a story similar to a novel. the characteristics of the main character in the novel entitled "Almond" which is a translated novel by Sohn Won-Pyung. because this novel tells the journey of a child who does not have the ability to explain emotions or suffers from alexithymia. This novel also discusses the psychology of a child and how his life travels to get to know feelings and thoughts.

Almond novel is a writing that can give hope to some people who believe that the heart can control the contents of the head. And it can teach us that every human being is born in a clean, pure condition like a blank white paper. But indeed there are some humans who were born and grew up with imperfect conditions and experienced difficulties. Many children are proud of themselves from an early age for committing acts of theft, teenage boys who are proud that he has played with women until there is a reason they are detained in juvenile detention centers. We sometimes think that teenagers are naughty because of their relationships and naughty nature, but without us knowing that teenagers like that are not always going to be naughty children. They just need to be heard, embraced, accepted all the emotions that he feels and also can be trusted as yoonaje did to gon.

" Usually people don't care about other people's misfortune with excuses going too far. But they also did nothing about the misfortune that happened in front of them with the reason of such great fear. Most people do nothing when they feel it and easily forget the sympathy."

The story in this almond novel revolves around the life story of Yoonjae, a child who has an abnormality in the amygdala in his brain that makes him unable to feel any emotions. The storyline in Almond's novel moves forward and there is not much flashback to the past except for stories about his mother and childhood. The story in this almond novel is tragic and simple but because it is told from Yoonjae's point of view, someone who can't feel emotions, the story becomes emotional and a bit scary when he can dive into his position as Yoonjae who will question why he can't feel emotions. A simple story that doesn't bore you.

RESEARCH METHOD

The research method used is using a qualitative descriptive approach. Is a descriptive research method in which this study uses analysis. The author researched using secondary data, where the author took existing data also read every sentence in the Almond novel and then carried out analysis and observations. In qualitative research, which becomes the reference for the theoretical basis so that the data presented can be valid. The author researched and took literature from several relevant previous studies as well as reading books. As a reference for analysis in this study, a literature review was used. Because this research is qualitative, it is not numerical in it. The instrument needed and used by the author in making this paper is the Almond novel and each page. In researching, the author also uses the internet as a source in finding references and literature. This research also requires humans, namely the author himself. As well as a smooth and stable internet network is also very much needed so that this research can be carried out.

FINDINGS

Yoonjae is a child who suffers from alexithymia, a mental illness that was first recognized in 1970, which causes the sufferer to be unable to express emotions. One of the causes of this disease is the size of the amygdala, which is a part of the brain that processes fear, which is smaller than humans in general (Greco & Liberzon, 2016). The amygdala is called the almond because its most prominent core is shaped like an almond. Yoonjae was raised by his mother and grandmother. Alexithymia made Yoonjae unable to feel any emotion except physical pain. He had difficulty changing his expression and even had a hard time smiling. Yoonjae's grandmother nicknamed him a "Handsome Monster" unlike Yoonjae's friends who called him "Robot" but despite it all, Yoonjae's mother and grandmother always taught him about values and norms in life, including when saying thank you, sorry, and please . Even though Yoonjae can't give expressions like a normal human, he still has feelings and he can empathize and judge. When in the sentence:
"My ribs were crushed when Grandma hugged me"

It can be seen in the sentence that Yoonjae has feelings when it happens to his physical. The hug that his grandmother gave him and the love that was always given by his mother made Yoonjae more or less able to recognize feelings regardless of the alexythymia he suffered. When Yoonjae's mother decided to open a used bookstore, it was from there that Yoonjae began to recognize feelings and expressions. Mom and Grandma who really love Yoonjae and continue to teach various kinds of emotions that humans can feel in general and how to respond when he talks to other people. On his birthday on Christmas Eve, a stabbing incident occurred in front of his eyes and this attack caused his mother to fall into a coma and her grandmother to die. Since that incident, Yoonjae was forced to live alone and still have to continue school without his mother. At school, he meets a boy named Gon, Gon has a unique personality but is very unsettling because he is rebellious, hurtful, brutal, and disobedient to rules. Even Gon's father regretted that Gon was born into the world. The friendship that exists between Yoonjae and Gon is unique because Yoonjae is quiet and looks weak while Gon is aggressive and pretends to be strong.

In addition to friendship, the story in this novel talks about a unique love story. The appearance of a girl named Dora, she is a school girl with Yoonjae who occasionally stops by Yoonjae's mother's bookstore, the girl makes Yoonjae recognize another emotion called love. The depiction in the story is Yoonjae who has difficulty expressing feelings, making readers understand that Yoonjae's character actually has a romantic side. The girl named Dora is described as having a brave and outgoing personality. Dora has a similar side to Gon but a positive version.

"Gon taught me about sin, pain, and suffering, while Dora taught me about dreams, the wind and the scent of flowers"

When Yoonjae began to slowly open his life to new people, Gon suddenly experienced a problem between life and death, even Yoonjae then stepped out of his comfort zone. Yoonjae became a hero to Gon that he never thought of before. Yoonjae can't feel various emotions like other humans but that doesn't mean he can't judge something, even Yoonjae has a rational life principle. Behind his blank stare, Yoonjae is someone who has good analytical skills but he can't convey it to other people. The writer Shon Won Pyung, who wrote the Almond novel, shows a sense of empathy for the main character so that the readers participate in understanding and accepting all the shortcomings of the character.

After reading the novel Almond, the reader will get a moral lesson about life that can be applied in real life. Life messages that can be taken include:

1. Believe in life there will always be miracles

There will always be a way in every problem that comes because God will definitely provide a solution to every obstacle he gives. We as humans must always believe that in life anything can happen, we don't know what will happen next. As humans, we just have to always be enthusiastic in going through every obstacle that comes and not easily give up because it does not rule out the possibility that a miracle will come.

2. Don't just look at someone from one side

Many people who always see other people only from one side can even easily judge people without knowing whether they are good or bad because they only see one side. Humans are indeed extraordinary social creatures, have various different traits and characters that

are often wrong in their behavior. Therefore, we as social beings should not only look at other people from one side only because we can be wrong in judging.

3. Can't feel pretentious in other people's business

If we don't know the real facts, it's better to be silent and not to meddle in other people's business. Even though that person is the closest person to us, don't feel very knowledgeable about that person because it could be wrong and even cause more complicated problems.

4. Pay attention to every word spoken to someone

Better, before talking to other people we should think about the impact that will arise. Whether those words can make other people offended or not, whether those words can make other people feel uncomfortable and so on.

5. Sincerity and time can change a person

Many people say that we can't change someone's attitude but I think someone's attitude can change over time also because of sincerity. If we can be a little patient, then we can help someone to change for the better in a way that is not pushy.

CONCLUSION

A novel writer must always slip a good implied message to be used as a life lesson. Likewise with this Almond novel in which there are many messages and also moral values in life. The author of the novel Almond wants to convey the message that in every environment there will be bad things to be found, therefore we must always be ready to live and face that environment. In addition, the author of the Almond novel conveys in his writings that every human individual must feel lonely, especially when left by someone who loves him/herself. Writer Shon Won Pyung wants to convey that almost every human being can be affected by the environment in which he lives. Sometimes, there are even some human persons who have a high sense of caring even though they have been judged badly.

In Almond's novel with the theme of psychology, the language used is simple so that every sentence in the story in it can be easily captured and understood by the messages and implied meanings, especially messages about someone who has alexthymia disorder. The author seems to be trying to spread the word about this disorder so that humans can respect each other and not view this disorder as a disease that should be avoided. The author also provides an explanation that people with alexthymia disorder should be given more attention so that something unwanted happens. A person who has Alexthymia has no fear and does not feel pain in his body but this Alexthymia sufferer can feel loneliness and sadness even though it cannot be expressed in facial expressions.

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