

**MORAL VALUES AS REFLECTED BY
PROTAGONIST CHARACTER 'AVERY DANIELS'
MIRROR IMAGE SANDRA BROWN**

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Abstract

The objective of this research is to find out the moral values of protagonist character 'Avery Daniels in Mirror Image by Sandra Brown. This novel told about a TV Reporter Avery Daniels who was emotionally unable to participate in news reporting. Avery should live another woman named Carole Rutledge. She was wife of famous senatorial candidate of TEXAS named Tate Rutledge. Methods of the research is descriptive qualitative method. The data in this research were taken by the writer from dialogue in this novel. In technique to analyze the data the researcher analyzed the data by using descriptive analysis. Finding of the research the researcher found are seven top moral values namely, unconditional love and kindness, honesty, hard work, respect for other, co-operation compassion, and forgiveness according to Banarjee theory. Moral values that found on protagonist character 'Avery Daniels' compassion, unconditional love and Honesty. Unconditional love and kindness as the dominant moral values that found on protagonist character 'Avery Daniels' Mirror Image Sandra Brown.

Key words: Mirror Image, Avery Daniels, Moral Values, Protagonist Character, Sandra Brown

Introduction

Reading is one way to get information and convey the science and technology. There are many reasons why people like reading such as for getting specific information, for application, for pleasure, for understanding and also to write an

ideas. Moreover, of course human get many advantages from their reading activities for example through reading human get moral values from literature of a novel or movie. Literature is social institution and it cannot separate from society moreover, literature product of author who is a member of society (Pandansari, M, 2016:36). Literature includes forms of writing which deliberately and creatively experiment with language in order to suggest image and ideas which engage the readers' imagination (Goodman, 2001: 5). By reading literature many advantages the readers get and discover. By reading literature, we could explore and discover everything such as we can discover ourselves, our environment and through literature we can expressing imagination as human manifestations through language. Burton (2014) said that Literature isn't really easy to define in an absolute to him it includes work that masterfully present human condition and expand our understanding of the very essence of humanity. Literature have a power to make our experience in life be real or more than it was such as emotion in our life; fears, love, falling down, redemption, revenge and etc.

One of literary works that can describe our life phenomenon is novel. According to Diyanni (2004) in reading a novel we share and adopting an imaginative vision of another, the way of writers' perceiving the world. In a novel we can find moral values. Moral values is something that we need in this global era in order to avoid bad influences. There are two sides of moral values those are good and bad sides. Moral values describe both of them. As a sign of a social and standard in doing an action. According to George & Uyanga (2014) moral values should be always in our heart be our soul each of individual. Moral values that can be found from literature and can be seen in our real life such as justice, obedience, integrity, respect, responsibility, patience, honesty, integrity, respect, loyalty, justice, tolerance and equality. Moreover, Moral values must be taught earlier to our children,

Mirror Image is one of novel that written by Sandra Brown that published in 1990. Sandra Lynn Brown, née Cox was born on March 12, 1948, she is an excellent writer of novel. She has

been writing of romantic novels and thriller suspense novels and most of her novel is best seller.. Brown published her works by using her pen names Rachel Ryan, Laura Jordan, and Erin St. Claire (Wikipedia, 2019). *Mirror image* told us about a woman that experienced a tragedy because of crash of Dallas-bound jet. That accident makes her be a player in a drama of violent and deadly desires. In this novel provides an analysis of moral values such as unconditional love and kindness, compassion and honesty. Therefore, messages that can be taken from event or event. This moral is important to teach to our children. This is the reason why the writer only focused on moral values in *Mirror image* novel by Sandra Brown that reflected by protagonist character 'Avery Daniels'. This research have two objectives (1) to find out moral values in *Mirror Image* Sandra Brown and (2) find out the dominant moral values that appeared in *Mirror Image*.

Methodology

The researcher used descriptive qualitative method to answering the objective of this research. The researcher did library research because the object of the research is a novel. The writer collected some information and the data from the novel by herself, observe the behavior and examine of document from the novel. There are two kinds of data sources first, primary source is novel *Mirror Image by Sandra Brown* in 1990 and secondary source are taken from several types of literature books, journal that related to the object of this research.

Findings and Discussions

After the researcher understanding and analyzing the novel, the researcher found moral values in *Mirror Image* novel written by Sandra Brown. In this novel many characters and they are categorized into three groups namely protagonist character, antagonist character and supporting character. In this research the researcher focus on protagonist character, moral values 'Avery Daniels'. The story begin when the crash of a Dallas-bound jet wasn't just a tragedy to TV reporter Avery Daniels. It was an act of Tate that handed her a golden opportunity to further her career. Carole Rutledge is glamorous and selfish woman. The worst injured happened to her make Avery should passed plastic surgery as Carole's face. The famous Senatorial candidate Tate Rutledge for a husband and a powerful Texas dynasty for in-laws.

1. Unconditional love and kindness

The researcher found that Avery Daniels has unconditional love and kindness. It can be seen when she received threat on Tate's life. Avery want to save Tate's life, she played a role as Carole

Rutledge because she loves Tate. It can be seen from following description:

She loved him.

As much as she wanted to male recompense for her professional failures, she realized now that she had also assumed the role of his wife because she had fallen in love with him before she could even speak his name. She had loved him when she had had to look at him through a veil of bandages and rely only on the sound of his voice to inspire her to fight for her life.

She was playing his wife because she wanted to be his wife. She wanted to protect him. She wanted to heal the hurts inflicted on him by a selfish, spiteful woman. She wanted to sleep with him. (p.185)

It also can be seen from description below:

“I Know. I want to be different Carole for Tate and Mandy but if I’m too different, her coconspirator will figure she’s betrayed him. Or, “she added soberly,” that Carole isn’t really Carole. I live in fear of giving myself away.” (p.209)

Avery wanted to give Tate her tenderness and love even she known that it was shame to be intimately involved with Tate under false pretenses. She known that loved Carole’s husband and wanted to be intimate with him was wrong.

Avery dejectedly lowered herself to the edge of the wide, king-size bed. Your room, he had said. Not our room.

Well, she thought dismally, she didn’t have to entertain any more qualms about the first time claimed conjugal right, did she? That worry could be laid aside. She wouldn’t be intimately involved with Tate because he no longer shared that kind of relationship with his wife.

Given Tate’s attitude over the last several weeks, it come as no surprise, but it was a vast disappointment. Coupled with her disappointment, however, was shame? It hadn’t been her intention sleep with him under pretenses; she didn’t even know if she wanted that. It would be wrong-very wrong. Yet...(p.124)

2. Compassion

The researcher found that Avery Daniels is compassionate woman. It can be seen when Avery saw Mandy didn’t get enough love from her mother. She want give all of her love to Mandy as a mother. She cried for Mandy. As seen from the following description:

Avery couldn’t bear to witness Mandy’s anguish. Responding to a spontaneous maternal urge, she reached up and cradled Mandy’s head with her scared hand. Applying only as much pressure as her strength and pain would afford, she guided Mandy’s head down to her breasts. Mandy came willingly, curling her small body against Avery’s side. Avery smoothed her hand over Mandy’s head and crooned to her wordlessly. (p.67)

It also can be seen from following description:

Mandy kissed Carole’s mouth noisily. Then scampered back to her grandmother. Ordinarily, Carole complained when Mandy ruined her make up or mussed her clothing. All she did now was lightly dab at her lips with a Kleenex. (p.161)

It also can be seen when Mandy said that “I didn’t spill my milk mommy”. Avery heart melted and she told to Mandy that spilling milk doesn’t matter.

3. Honesty

Avery Daniels has honesty in her mind. It can be seen when Avery wanted to convey the truth to Tate about who she was in real, she wasn't Carole as everyone pretended but she couldn't because her face almost damaged and couldn't be recognized. Everyone thought that she was Carole because Mandy had been sitting in the seat between them.

It can be seen from description below:

Avery struggled to speak, but her mouth had breathing tube taped inside it. She had overheard a nurse say that smoke inhalation had rendered her vocal cords temporarily inoperable. She couldn't move her jaw anyway. She batted her eye to convey her distress. (p.35)

It also can be seen from description below:

'I'm not Carole.

She struggled to keep her eye open, but it closed and became too heavy to reopen.

....waiting for you, Carole," he said gently.

I'm Avery. I'm not Carole... (p.45)

Conclusions

The researcher concluded that there are 3 moral values as reflected by protagonist character Avery Daniels namely unconditional love and kindness, compassion and honesty. Unconditional love is the most dominant moral values that revealed in protagonist character 'Avery Daniels in Mirror Image Sandra Brown.

Through reading novel can help us to add our experienced without we experienced it by ourselves. And of course through reading novel we can get life lesson. Novel is one of literature that provide positive message for the reader and the readers can imitate it in their daily life. Based on my point of view, it's important to teach about moral values from childhood, by learning and having moral values people can behave properly.

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