

ABSTRACT

ZUDHY, 2011, A STUDY OF CHILD ABUSE UNDERGONE BY CLARE IN *UGLY* BY CONSTANCE BRISCOE, ADVISORS: (I) Dra. FIRDA DJUITA, (II) Drs. EFFENDI, M.Pd.

This study discusses about child abuse in *Ugly* by Constance Briscoe. In this study, the writer proposes three research questions as follows: (1) what kinds of child abuse are undergone by Clare in *Ugly* by Constance Briscoe?, (2) how does Clare in *Ugly* undergo child abuse?, and (3) how are the impacts of child abuse toward Clare in *Ugly*? To solve his three research questions, the writer applies some theories namely: literary appreciation, conflict, character, and child abuse. Exactly, the writer applies the theory of child abuse classification of WHO (1999) and of Higgins (1998) he also applies the theory of the impact of child abuse by Shekar Sheshadri in *Managing Child Abuse, A Handbook for Medical Officers*.

The writer uses a qualitative approach due to the fact that the data collected are in the form of words. He applies both descriptive method and content analysis as well to obtain and to produce descriptive information. The writer's procedures of data collection are: (1) reading the source of data carefully, (2) quoting the evidences from the source of data, and (3) identifying the evidences related to the child abuse. Moreover in analyzing his data, the writer applies three procedures of data analysis namely: (1) classifying the kinds of child abuses found in *Ugly*, (2) describing how the main character undergone the child abuse, and (3) describing the impacts of child abuse.

Having analyzed the data, the writer finds that Clare undergoes all the abuses except sexual abuse. These abuses are physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and negligent treatment, exploitation and witnessing of family violence. Physical abuse is shown by hitting, punching, kicking, cutting part of the body by a knife, and igniting a cigarette on Clare. Furthermore, neglect and negligent treatment is signed by not providing sufficient food and adequate clothes. On the other hand, emotional abuse is hinted by threatening, discriminating, ridiculing, denigrating and belittling Clare. Exploitation occurs when Clare's mother orders Clare to do all the housework and ask her to pay the rent. Then, openly Clare's parents exhibit their fight and quarrel in front of her, Clare. All the abuses Clare experiences donate several bad impacts such as: role task performance, physiological effects, physical symptoms, emotional reactions, behavioural manifestations, self-perception and interpersonal problems.

On the basis of the findings, the writer concludes that Clare undergoes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and negligent treatment, exploitation and witnessing of family violence. Clare's mother hits, punches, kicks her. She never provides food and proper clothes for Clare. Her mother calls her whore and ugly. Besides, Clare has to pay the rent for the house as well. The impacts of child abuse on Clare are role task performance, physiological effects, physical symptoms, emotional reactions, behavioural manifestations, self-perception and interpersonal problems.