

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

This research thesis discusses intimacy, passion, and commitment as portrayed in Rachel Lippincott's and Friends *Five Feet Apart*. Based on the analysis, this research concludes that the Five Feet Apart story can fulfill these components. This is shown in the character analysis of Stella and Will, the main characters in the novel, who represent the fulfillment of the primary form of love, namely intimacy. The growth of love is depicted through passion, and maintaining that love is through commitment. These three components are wrapped in a consummate love. It can be concluded that Stella and Will can fulfill the aspect of love even though they have physical limitations. As long as humans are willing to strive for their love, then believe that there will be nothing that can prevent it other than the feeling itself.

The intrinsic elements analyzed in Rachel Lippincott's *Five Feet Apart* are character and conflict. Stella and Will are the main characters in the novel because Stella and Will are involved in both intrinsic and extrinsic elements. In character, it is explained that Stella is a person who has a high spirit, a high sense of empathy, discipline, relaxation, and caring for others. Will is described as a pessimistic, careless person, and rebellious person. The internal conflict experienced by Stella is her feelings of guilt towards her parents, as a result, she has to undergo treatment. Meanwhile, Will's internal conflict is his distrust of the treatment that he thinks is futile. The external conflict they face is the distance that must separate them forever. It limits Stella and

Will from getting close to each other. Furthermore, the external conflict also happen between Stella and Will with their parents.

Extrinsic elements analyzed in this research thesis explore intimacy, passion, commitment and kind of love. The intimacy reflected in Rachel Lippincott's *Five Feet Apart* is that Stella and Will have connectedness, closeness, and bondedness that can fulfill the intimacy component. In passion, it is found that physical limitations do not make them give up their love relationship. They can fulfill the passion component through self-esteem and physical and sexual needs. The commitment built between Stella and Will can be seen in their efforts to maintain their feelings forever and to build a future together. There are kinds of love in this research thesis, such as nonlove, liking, romantic love, companionate love, and consummate love. This means that Stella and Will love relationship corresponds to the triangular love theory by Sternberg which consists of intimacy, passion, commitment and kind of love components.