

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

The Edge of Seventeen tells a story of a high school junior, Nadine Franklin, and her struggle of being an adolescent in an unsupportive environment. Her struggles revolve around her relationship between Krista, Darian, and Mona. Nadine depicts how hard it is to be an adolescent in an unsupportive environment which later leads to her inferiority complex. Based on the analysis of intrinsic and extrinsic elements, the writer finds that Nadine is unable to compensate for her normal feelings of inferiority which leads her to inferiority complex. She experiences a sense of worthlessness, inability to socialize, and anxieties toward herself. Nadine's inferiority complex emerges because of several factors in her biological and social life, such as the lack of attention from her mom, her disadvantageous position in the family because she is a second-born and youngest child, emotional trauma after her dad's death, and her lack of social interest. Her inferiority complex progressively gets worse because it affects on her psychological condition negatively. It is resulting in her lack of self-development. She becomes overreacted, depressed, and unable to stand up for herself.

Nadine Franklin is not provided with safe and supportive environment to develop herself, especially after her dad's death. In a stage where she experiences rapid physical and emotional changes, she does not receive support from her

environment. The situation in this film proves that many people are still unaware of adolescents'

psychological condition. Inferiority complex is not just a mere low self-esteem problem. As can be seen in the analysis, the unawareness of Nadine's closest people is leading her to self-destruction. Nadine might seem fine at the end of the film, but she is being guilt-tripped into thinking that everything is her fault. *The Edge of Seventeen* might be just a film, but it is also a depiction of reality. There are many adolescents out there who are suffering from inferiority complex and seeking help. Surrounding them with positivity is the simplest way to prevent adolescents or anyone from developing inferiority complex.