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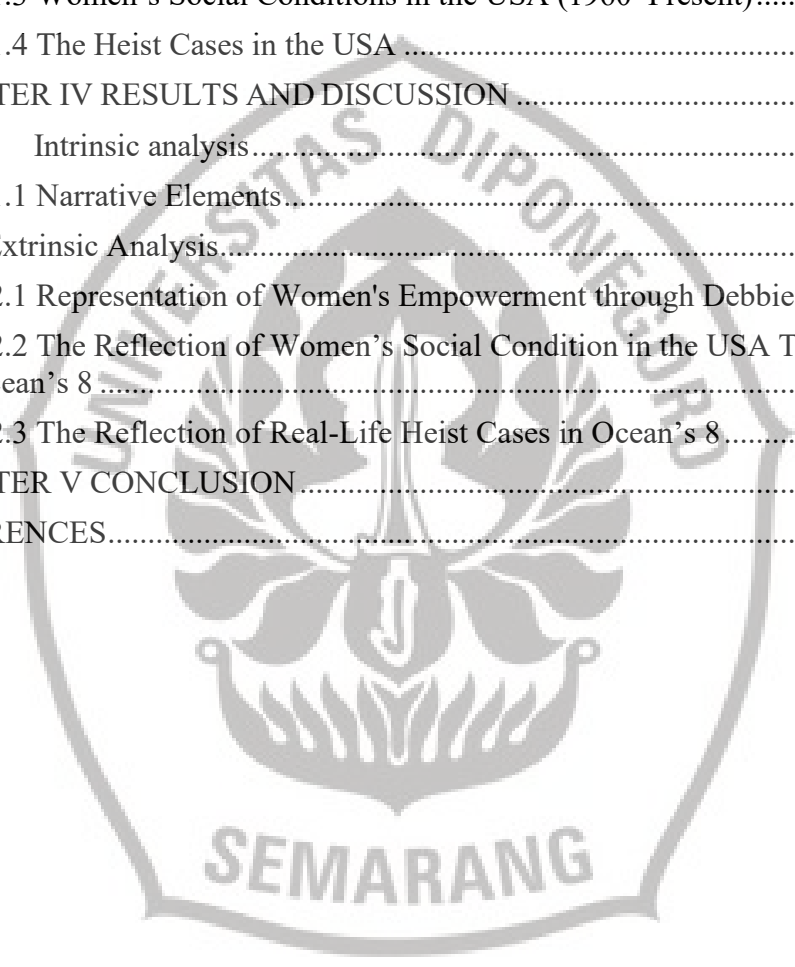


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ABSTRACT

Women's empowerment has emerged to challenge the patriarchal system and redefine women's roles in society. Nowadays, various films use women's empowerment as their theme. *Oceans's 8* is one of the films that uses the theme of women's empowerment. In this study, the writer attempts to examine how intrinsic aspects shape the character of Debbie Ocean and how the representation of women's empowerment is shown through that character, using M.H Abrams, Bordwell, Thompson, and Smith for the intrinsic and feminist theory by Simone de Beauvoir for the extrinsic. The writer used a qualitative descriptive method and library research to analyze the data. This study results in Debbie Ocean portrayed as a manipulative, intelligent, fearless yet stubborn individual, and representing women's empowerment as a subject who defines herself through transcendence.

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