

THE IMPACT OF PARENTS DIVORCED TOWARDS CHILDREN IN NICHOLAS SPARKS' THE LAST SONG

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Abstract: The purpose of this study was revealed about impacts of parents' divorced towards children revealed in Nicholas Spark's *The Last Song*. This study delimited only in revealed about the impact of parents' divorced toward child through the character of children itself in Nicholas Spark's *The Last Song*. In this research the writer used qualitative method in analyzing the novel. The writer used two kinds of sources in collecting the data in this research. That is primary source and secondary sources. Novel *The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks is the primary source and the other references which have relation with the story to support the writer to completing the data is secondary source. In analyze the data the writer used objective. It means that the study was focused on the work. Based on the previous chapter, the researcher concludes that there are three main impacts from parents divorced towards child reflected from Ronnie Miller as a daughter in her divorced family. Those are: difficulties adaption to change, emotionally sensitive and feeling of guilt. Parents divorce can be a difficult time for a family. Not only are the parents realizing new ways of relating to each other, but they are learning new ways to parent their children. When parents divorce, the effects of divorce on children can vary. Some children react to divorce in a natural and understanding way, while other children may struggle with the transition.

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INTRODUCTION

Children from divorced families may experience more externalizing problems, such as conduct disorders, delinquency, and impulsive behavior than kids from two-parent families (Komenaung et al, 2021). In addition to increased behavior problems, children may also experience more conflict with peers after a divorce. (D'onofrio, 2019). Children from divorced families don't always perform as well

academically. However, a study published in 2019 suggested kids from divorced families tended to have trouble with school if the divorce was unexpected, whereas children from families where divorce was likely didn't have the same outcome. (Brand, 2019) The writer would discuss about the impact of parents' divorce towards children in *The Last Song* novel, Steve Miller who struggle with the condition when separated with his two sweethearts while adopt a chronic disease. Father is a needed role in each family, He came from original character of parents which always educate his children by their own effort.

Several studies have suggested that Adolescents with divorced parents are more likely to engage in risky behavior, such as substance use and early sexual activity (Ibrahim et al, 2021). In the United States, adolescents with divorced parents drink alcohol earlier and report higher alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, and drug use than their peers. Adolescents whose parents divorced when they were 5 years old or younger were at particularly high risk for becoming sexually active prior to the age of 16, according to a study published in 2010. Separation from fathers has also been associated with higher numbers of sexual partners during adolescence.

The Last Song is the story of Ronnie Miller and the summer that she spends with her father at Wrightsville Beach (Lolowang, 2010). At the start of the summer, she is a rebellious 17 year old who resents her parents for their messy divorce she is particularly annoyed that she is being forced to spend the summer with her estranged father, to whom she has not spoken in three years. She is so angry that she has abandoned the one thing that she and her father used to share in common playing the piano.

She has no desire to spend the summer in North Carolina; she has no desire to get to know Will Blakelee, the good-looking beach volleyball player who literally bumps into her during her first day in the South; and she has no desire to reconnect with the father who walked away from her, her mother, and her brother. However, a run-in with the wrong crowd combined with a nest of endangered loggerhead turtle eggs results in Ronnie's unexpected maturation.

In line with that statement above, the writer will focus on the impact of parents' divorce towards their child study while analyze the content in novel by words analyzing. It would be the challenging part for this study because will

elaborate the deepest meaning of father in the last song.

RESEARCH METHOD

Research Design

In this research the writer used qualitative method in analyzing the novel. Base to (Bogdan and Biklen, 1982:27): "Qualitative research has the natural setting as the direct source of the data and the researcher is key instrument". According to the explanation above, the writer take some data from book source that have a related with the topic, and the writer make in qualitative research.

Source of Data

The writer used two kinds of sources in collecting the data in this research. That is primary source and secondary sources. Novel *The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks is the primary source and the other references which have relation with the story to support the writer to completing the data is secondary source.

Data Collection

It has been mentioned before that the data in this study were reveal about the impact of parents' divorced toward child through the character of children itself in Nicholas Spark's *The Last Song* . The data collected by the writer himself, and it has been verified by him skripsi advisors. The involvement of the lecturer aims at avoiding misidentification and misclassification of the data. For collecting the data the writer follows some steps in conducting this research:

1. Reading and understanding the novel
2. Collection and selection the sources of data related to the topic
3. Writing important things related to the topic
4. Analyzing the data
5. Making Conclusions.

Data Analysis

In analyze the data the writer used objective. It means that the study was focused on the work, the novel by Nicholas Spark's *The Last Song* without

considering the external factors. Abram states: "Objective orientation, which on principle regard the work of art in isolation from all external point of references, analyzes it as self-sufficient entity constituted by its parts in their internal relations, gets out or judge it solely by criteria intrinsic to its made of being". (1979:26)

The writer chosen objective approach, because the analysis was focused on the work itself and the objective approach will direct the writer in making the research which concern to the novel itself. The writer analyzes everything exist in the novel. In this case, the writer will analyzing the father's love revealed in Nicholas Sparks.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Findings

Difficulty adapting to change

Divorced can be a troublesome time for a family. In addition to the fact that the guardians acknowledging new are approaches to connecting with one another, yet they are learning better approaches to parent their kids. At the point when guardians separate, the impacts of separation on youngsters can differ. A few youngsters respond to separate from in a characteristic and seeing manner, while different kids might battle with the change. Moreover, through separate, kids can be impacted by figuring out how to adjust to change more regularly and all the more oftentimes. New relational intricacies, new house or everyday environment, schools, companions, and that's only the tip of the iceberg, may all make a difference. Descending to her dad's put isn't on her daily agenda. She trusts that she could enjoy the mid year in Manhattan with her companions. For this situation, she needs to battle with her own heart since she truly doesn't have any desire to enjoy the whole summer with her dad. However, she realizes that her mom will compel her to do this.

"she'd felt like a detainee being moved to a country prison. She was unable to accept her mother was really going to make her proceed with this. Ronnie was so wrapped in wretchedness..." (page: 7).

"She shook her head. She truly didn't have any desire to be here. God realizes she maintained that nothing should do with any of this". (page: 14)

The sentence 'she'd felt like a detainee being moved to a provincial prison' shows the sensation of being caught of defenselessness. Ronnie has a frustrated and troubled outlook on this present circumstance. She is irritated that her mom drives her to do this. She would rather not be in her dad's place since she loathes him for leaving his family with practically no clarification. Enjoying the whole summer with her dad is such a torment for her.

Emotionally sensitive

Children are resilient and with help the separation change can be capable as a change as opposed to an emergency. Since the youngsters in a separation change (various personalities, various ages), the impacts of separation on kids fluctuate, as well. Family comprehends this and approaches a separation by understanding what the impacts are on offspring, everything being equal. One of the effects is separation can carry a few kinds of feelings to the front for a family, and the youngsters included are the same. Sensations of misfortune, outrage, disarray, uneasiness, and numerous others, all might come from this progress. Separation can leave kids feeling overpowered and sincerely touchy. Youngsters need a source for their feelings somebody to converse with, somebody who will tune in, and so forth kids might feel impacts of separation through how they process their feelings.

Ronnie against Will The contention among Ronnie and Will occurs after Ronnie knows reality with regards to the fire in the congregation. The congregation that torched a while prior.

"I realize it was off-base," he said unobtrusively. "Furthermore, I've felt remorseful about it. I can't let you know how frequently I've needed to go to the police." ... "Go! You're leaving at any rate, and we're at absolutely no point ever going to see each other in the future.

Summers generally reach a conclusion. We can talk and imagine all we need, however we can't change that, so how about we simply end it at this very moment. I can't deal with this at the present time, and I can't be with somebody I don't confide in." ... (page:390)

Ronnie feels frustrated to Will for concealing what Scott has done. She is truly irate on the grounds that Will is concealing reality from her. Ronnie against her mom (Kim) The outside struggle among Ronnie and her mom happens when Ronnie would rather not return to New York. She demands to remain with her dad, she needs to deal with her dad and she needs to invest more energy with her dad. She truly thinks often about her dad subsequent to knowing reality with regards to his condition. Then again, her mom believes that Ronnie should return to New York with him. Her mom (Kim) endeavors to deter her by advising her that it isn't her obligation to take care her dad. Ronnie lets her mom know that Steve is her dad no matter what the way that he had an unsanctioned romance however Kim's blameworthy face sells out her mysterious.

Now that Ronnie knows reality with regards to her folks' separation. When she sees her mom's look, she understands that her mom was the person who engaged in extramarital relations.

"It wasn't Dad who had the illicit relationship, was it?" she said gradually. "It was you." The acknowledgment hit Ronnie with a practically actual power. Her mother had the illicit relationship, not her father. "That is the reason he left, right? Since he found out. However, you let me accept up and down that it was all his shortcoming, that he left out of the blue. You imagined it was him, when it was you from the start. How is it that you could do that?" Ronnie could scarcely relax. (page: 400)

She realizes that it was not her dad who had the illicit relationship, it was her mom. Ronnie's shock rapidly goes to outrage. She can hardly imagine how her mom had allowed her to accept it was her dad who had left for not a great explanation by any means. She is disturbed that her mom has been deceiving her in regards to the undertaking, an untruth that was essential for the explanation she wouldn't converse with her dad for a considerable length of time. Now that she requests to remain with her dad and invest more energy with her dad.

Feelings of guilt

Children frequently can't help thinking about why a separation is occurring in their loved ones. They will search because of reasons, contemplating whether their

folks never again love one another, or on the other hand assuming they misunderstand followed through with something. These sensations of culpability are an extremely normal impact of separation on youngsters, yet additionally one which can prompt numerous different issues. Culpability increments pressure, can prompt discouragement, stress, and other medical conditions. Giving setting and guiding to a kid to comprehend their part in a separation can assist with decreasing these sensations of culpability. At the point when her folks chose to get separate, she felt that her folks just consideration about themselves. After the separation of her folks she at no point ever senses the adoration in the future, she can't feel it once more. The separation of her folks truly influences her and it changes her character.

"she'd never been enamored, and now and then she questioned whether she at any point would be. After her folks separated, she'd been somewhat negative about the entire thing... s" (page: 135)

After the separation of her folks, she doesn't have confidence in affection, she doesn't really accept that that something kindness occur. It is displayed from the sentence 'she'd been somewhat skeptical about the entire thing'. Her parental separation truly makes her extremely upset, it appears to be that nobody has at any point cherished her particularly her folks. Thusly, Ronnie attempts to satisfy her requirements for adoration and belongingness by warming up to some unacceptable groups. She frequently invests her energy with her companions at the club, yet she couldn't care less about it, she simply needs to have a place with another person. Enjoying the late spring with her dad cause her to understand that her dad is a decent man. She figures out how to cherish and to be adored. She realizes that her dad cherishes her and her sibling to such an extent.

"I will continuously adore you, and I will constantly cherish Jonah." (page: 414)

The citation above is taken from the letter that Steve (Ronnie's dad) composed for Ronnie after the separation. Ronnie understands that her dad will love constantly her and her sibling. From the clarification above, it very well may be reasoned that adoration and belongingness needs of the principal character are satisfied. In spite of the fact that toward the starting her relationship with her folks, particularly her dad isn't great, she understands that her folks love constantly her.

In the start of the story, it is demonstrated the way that Ronnie can complete herself before her parental separation, she can realize herself with her dad's presence. She has a unimaginable ability in playing piano and she can complete the potential that she has by having a brilliant exhibition in Carnegie Hall. In any case, when her dad leaves her, she quits playing the piano and vows to not play it once more; it resembles she lost herself. She isn't certain about how she will manage her capacity in playing piano. She doesn't have any idea how she wants to manage her life. She doesn't have any idea how to realize herself. All things considered, she goes to be a defiant young lady.

"Gone was the all-American young lady he recalled, and in her place was a young lady with a purple streak in her long earthy colored hair, dark fingernail clean, and dull apparel." (page: 20)

From the discourse above, it very well may be seen that Ronnie truly lost herself. She turns into a defiant young lady as her escapement from the truth of her parental separation. At some point, Ronnie needs to enjoy the late spring with her dad. She has never envisioned that the late spring she spends in her dad's place will be the interaction toward the genuine self completion for her. She has experienced such countless confounded circumstances throughout the late spring that she spent in her dad's place. These circumstances assist her with being more adult, particularly when she knows her dad's infection and the motivation behind why her folks got separate. She has filled in her idea and her spirit. As the thanksgiving passes, Ronnie finds the incomplete melody that her dad was chipping away at in the mid year. She chips away at it and attempts to complete the melody for her dad. She lets him know that she finished his melody and she needs to play it for him. She plays the piano for the first following three years. She plays for her dad as long as she could and she makes a solid attempt to make it delightful for him since she knows the amount it implied for him.

"Hanging over, she kissed him on the cheek. "I completed your melody," she said. "Our last melody. What's more, I need to play it for you." (page: 444)

After the demise of her dad, Ronnie returns to New York and lives with her mom and her sibling. Ronnie has settled on a choice that she will try out at Julliard.

"I believe I will try out at Juilliard," she said gradually. "We'll check whether they'll in any case have me." (page: 452)

Ronnie will try out at Julliard. This is one more method for completing herself. She has opened her tried out with the tune that she has formed with her dad. Since the tryout, she has been playing three or four hours per day. The chief has organized to let her utilization the school's training room. She starts to dabble for certain juvenile pieces. From the clarification above, it very well may be inferred that the principal character (Ronnie) can satisfy self-realization needs by completing an incomplete tune that her dad was chipping away at and trying out at Julliard School. Albeit the cycle to satisfy the self-realization needs isn't that simple, in the end Ronnie can satisfy these necessities.

CONCLUSION

As human, we must aware that the health emotional is sensitively build since children life, so stay away from "a divorced" because it will influence our child mental health. For students in English Education Department, this study could give advantages for you to be deep knowledge to understand in having the importance of family in life, family is not only about a place, but it is an umbrella which will always protect us from many tears, struggle and obstacles. For everyone who read this research, I hope you can get the good value as the future parents in the next era, we must being a good role model for all the children especially our child in order to increase a good parenting, fmiy education values and mutual understanding for our sweetheart.

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