

An Analysis Of Daisy's Affair In The Great Gatsby Novel

By F.Scott Fitzgerald

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Abstract

This research is analyzed Daisy's affair in The Great Gatsby novel. It is common that affairs become a problem from the past till nowadays. It is also usually a problem that occurs in married life. Based on the background of the study above, this research focused on answering how is Daisy's affair seen in The Great Gatsby novel and what are the factors that caused Daisy's affair. This study is qualitative research. Therefore, the researcher described Daisy's affair seen in The Great Gatsby novel and also the factors that caused Daisy's affair. The data analysis procedures were based on research findings and discussion, the researcher concluded that Daisy's affair happened involved at least one of the following three elements. They are confidentiality, emotional involvement, and sexual attraction. Besides that Daisy's affair is influenced by several factors there are internal factors that usually appear between spouses and external factors that usually appear from outside their marriage life. In this research, the researcher would like to contribute some suggestions to the next researcher, particularly those who have had the same problem some affairs being a problem from the past until nowadays, especially in marriage life. It is suggested that this study can be a reference for the next researcher.

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INTRODUCTION

The Great Gatsby novel was adapted as a film almost four times. In 2013 Baz Luhrmann, an Australian play director adapted this last story into a film and it is starring Leonardo Di Caprio as Gatsby. It currently becomes the second top-selling book in the USA Donahue (2013) looks at Gatsby in the numbers: number 2 is currently ranking on USA TODAY's Best - selling books list, 403 is the total number of the week on the list, 25 million copies sold for worldwide, 500,000 number of copies sold annually, 42 number of translations into different languages, and many more. Based on USA TODAY's post-Donahue (2013) states that there are five reasons why The Great Gatsby has a rank as The Great American Novel. First, It is the most American of stories, "It's the Great American dream" Nilsson (2013). Nilsson is a historian for the bimonthly Saturday Evening Post who is available for interviews. Between 1920 and 1937, the magazine published 68 of Fitzgerald's short stories, and it has just issued a collection called F. Scott Fitzgerald Gatsby's Girls featuring the

first eight stories in book form. Second, the romance story, "the 1920s is the most amazing era in American culture" Nilsson (2013). It was flappers, cars, sex, movies, gangster, celebrities, the wildest parties, and bad behavior among the rich and the famous, all seen in The Great Gatsby stories. Third, the satire of the elite, there are offering the opposite of how selfishness and indifference to wealthy people. Fourth, it caused the affair an impact the crazy love. Fifth, is eternal sentences, "There's not one weak sentence," said Nilsson (2013).

The researcher has chosen The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald as an author because he is a famous short story writer and novelist in American literary history. He got a big success with his third book, The Great Gatsby. It has become required reading for every American high school student and has had an effect on generation after generation of readers. In this research, the researcher analyzed Daisy's affair. Daisy is a woman's main character who married Tom Buchanan. In The Great Gatsby novel, Daisy built her old love with Gatsby after they had met and started communicating. The

researcher was interested in analyzing Daisy's affair because it still became a problem that often appears in marriages from the past to the present time.

Analyzing Daisy's affair in The Great Gatsby novel was chosen because there is no research on Daisy's affair before. Therefore, in this research, the researcher wants to describe Daisy's affair that is seen in The Great Gatsby novel and mention the factors that caused Daisy's affair. The researcher used the Affair theory with the types of a romantic love affairs as an approach to analyzing this novel.

This study is a qualitative research which is presented in description form. It relies on the power of words or explanatory reasoning. This paper's problem is to describe how Daisy's affair is seen in The Great Gatsby novel and also the factors that caused Daisy's affair. First, the researcher collect the data was read the novel entitled The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald fourth times. Second, the researcher understood the content and the storyline of the novel. It can be translated into some difficult words and sentences in the researcher's language.

Third, the researcher identified words and sentences in the novel, especially the quotation that showed the words which related to Daisy's affair, and fourth wrote the report into a thesis. In the data analysis procedure steps the researcher organized data from this analysis, it had the purpose to review the data more easily and quickly and then classify data from all instruments based on variable research. It grouped all problems and factors that caused the affair in Daisy's marriage. While selecting the data which relevant to answer the problems. After finding the quotation to support an affair, it was selected one by one and analyzed with the affair theory. The last step was to interpret the data, it had the purpose to understand a sample of characteristic data in this research and was conducted by referring the quotation to affair theory with types of a romantic love affair.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

There were several studies analyzed related to Daisy in The Great Gatsby novel. Zakiyah (2014) has analyzed the novel entitled Reading Daisy as The Oppressed Character Reflected in

Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Ariyanti (2014) also analyzed *The Development of Daisy's Thought Seen From Feminism in Great Gatsby Novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald*. Arcadia (2015) has analyzed the novel entitled *Politeness Strategies In Daisy Utterances In The Great Gatsby Novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald*.

Unlike in previous studies, this research attempts to analyze Daisy's affair. The work was chosen because there has not been a study that explores Daisy's affair. The researcher used the Affair theory with the types of a romantic love affairs as an approach to analyzing this novel.

The researcher did the study and got the complete data from reading the novel and understanding the content of the novel. The researcher analyzed it with identified the novel accurately and systematically to gain the objective of the study. Based on the definition of Affair according to Esther (2017) that the researcher used for analyzed this novel, it is showed that an affair usually involves at least one of the following three elements they are confidentiality, emotional involvement, and sexual attraction, while the affair types for this

analysis based on emotional involvement degree that the researcher used is a romantic love affair. This affair is suitable for used romantic love affair because the relationship involves deep emotions and is important for their life. They think about letting their marriage and marrying their loves. Daisy didn't think about her husband's feelings after meeting Gatsby. She forgot about her role as a wife to her husband and mother to her child.

The affair can be caused by many factors they are internal factors and external factors. The internal factor usually appears between spouses and the external factor appears outside of the spouse's lives. The researcher try to separate and identified internal factors and external factors from Tholl also Harley's statement as follows:

Internal Factors there are: feeling dissatisfaction in marriage life, an emotional vacuum in the life of the couple, anger with the partner, can no longer love a partner, often live separate locations, and the urge to make a partner jealous.

External Factors the third person is coming, personal problems in the past, the need to look for variations in sexual life, difficulty resisting temptation, and addiction to alcohol or drugs.

Besides the researcher discussing Daisy's affair seen in *The Great Gatsby* novel based on the affair theory that the researcher used, she also discusses six internal factors that influence Daisy's affair. There is one internal factor unrelated to Daisy's affair, there is often live separate location. *The Great, Gatsby* novel tells how Daisy always follows her husband wherever they move to different areas or cities.

The researcher also discussed five external factors that influence Daisy's affair. There are two external factors unrelated to Daisy in *The Great Gatsby* novel, the need to look for variations in sexual life. Daisy did not show about these factors but her husband Tom showed this. The second one is an addiction to alcohol or drugs. Daisy did not addict to alcohol or drugs but her husband did. She drinks rarely just like people's habits there, not to be addicted.

CONCLUSION

The researcher concluded that Daisy's affair happened involved at least one of the following three elements they are confidentiality, emotional involvement, and sexual attraction. Besides those elements, affairs are influenced by several factors there are internal factors that usually appear between spouses and external factors that usually appear from outside their marriage life.

The researcher would like to contribute some suggestions to the next researcher, particularly those who have had the same problem some affairs being a problem from the past until nowadays, especially in marriage life. It is suggested that this study can be a reference for the next researcher.

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