

# LOVE AND BELONGING NEEDS OF MAIN CHARACTER IN NOVEL “ME BEFORE YOU” BY JOJO MOYES

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## ABSTRACT

*The research emphasizes on the analysis of Hierarchy of needs tiers and love and belonging needs that found in “Me Before You” novel by Jojo Moyes. The story in this novel begin from Louisa as a family breadwinner who had to work to fulfill economy needs, looking after William who was seriously ill and disability. The object of the research is love and belonging needs in “Me Before You” novel by Jojo Moyes viewed from Abraham Maslow Hierarchy needs theory. The researcher employs qualitative descriptive method. In doing this qualitative research, the reseacher used a love and belonging needs theory purpose by Abraham Maslow. The researcher would be explained three of love and belonging needs that found in this novel. Those are from family, friends and intimacy love. All of these love and belonging needs have their own meaning to symbolize a situation or feeling of character in this novel. After that, the researcher found the obstacle and struggle of main character to fulfill love and belonging needs to the story in that novel. From the analysis, it can be concluded the love and belonging needs to be found in “Me Before You” novel by Jojo Moyes*

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## INTRODUCTION

Love and belonging need is the one of third progression by Abraham Maslow most common approaches utilized in scholarly feedback. Adore and having a place needs is third levels from progression needs. Cherish and having a place needs is social and includes sentiments of belongingness. The required for interpersonal connections spurs behavior. Illustrations incorporate fellowship, closeness, believe, and acknowledgment, getting and giving fondness and adore.

## 2.2 Hierarchy of need by Abraham Maslow

As a humanist, Maslow accepts that individuals have a natural crave to actualize themselves, that's , to gotten to be what they can be.

### 2.2.1 Physiological Needs

These incorporate the requirements we have for oxygen, water, protein, salt, sugar, calcium, and other minerals and vitamins. They also incorporate the have to be keep up a pH adjust (getting as well acidic or base will slaughter you) and temperature (98.6 or near to it).

Moreover, there's wants to be dynamic, to rest, to rest, to urge freed of squanders (CO2, sweat, pee, and feces), to dodge torment, and to have sex.

### 2.2.2. The Safety and Security Needs

You may ended up progressively inquisitive about finding secure circumstances, solidness and security.

### 2.2.3. The Love and Belonging Needs

(McLeod, 2018) expressed You start to feel the require for companions, a sweetheart, children, tender connections in common, indeed a sense of community. Looked at adversely, you gotten to be expanding vulnerable to depression and social tensions or will feel loneliness. According to (Lestari, Waluyo, & Wardani, 2019) could be a vital after the require for security is adequately satisfied. This require is show since, in quintessence, people in living their life require a great relationship with their family and environment. These person needs for adore and having a place are show as an driving force for individuals to have enthusiastic ties to other individuals, both same-sex and the opposite sex, within the family environment and within the encompassing community groups. The ought to cherish and being cherished are the following level. People have the proper to adore and be cherished by other people. This makes people feel persuaded to fulfill their needs at the higher level. In any case, in case these

needs are not met, people will feel forlorn, alone, and purge. After the require for adore and having a place are satisfied, the person feels that he needs an grant.

### 2.2.4. The Esteem Needs

Maslow famous two forms of regard needs, a lower one and the next one. The lower one is the require for the regard of others, the require for status, notoriety, cynosure ,eminence ,acknowledgment, consideration, notoriety, appreciation, nobility and indeed dominance.

### 2.2.5. Self Actualization

The last level is called it development inspiration (In differentiate to shortfall inspiration), being needs (or B-needs, in differentiate to D-needs),and self actualization. These are needs that do not involve balance or homeostasis.

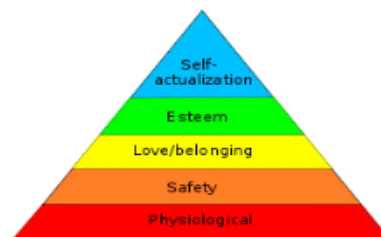


Figure.1 Hierarchy

## RESEARCH OF METHOD

In this research, researcher uses qualitative research. which is connected to analyze the love and belonging needs of primary character within the novel "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes. It is the major issue that will be

analyzed and observed within the inquire about. In this research, the protest of this research is the love and belonging of primary character within the novel "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes. At that point, the information are all the expressions and activities of Louisa as fundamental characters in novel "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes. In handle of collecting information, the investigate utilized library research method. (Creswell, 1395) stated that amid the method of inquire about, the analyst may collect the information from composed sources in its certain setting. In this inquire about, the analyst collected the information based on that librarian research method. Begin, the novel was studied for a few times. Moment, the analyst checked the lines that show "love and belonging need of main character. The final, the analyst analyzed all the collected information with the hypothesis by Abraham Maslow. The analyst employments perused and take notes procedure for analyzing the information. Descriptive method is used to analyze the qualitative data through the following procedures below:

1. Reading the novel "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes for several times.
2. Marking the lines from main character that indicate love and belonging needs.
3. Find more about struggle of main character to fulfill her love and belonging needs.
4. Identifying the obstacle faced of the main characters and applying the Hierarchy of needs literature by Abraham Maslow.
5. The last procedure is drawing the conclusion based on the data that have been analyzed. After doing analysis, the next step in this research is presenting the result analysis. In qualitative research, the form of narrative text is the most common form used to present the result of the analysis. (Creswell, 1395) expressed that the frame of showing result in subjective strategy will be account content than as a logical report. The result is displayed by utilizing words and sentences and to form the per users effortlessly get it. Hence, the shape of clear account content is utilized as the strategy of displaying the result analysis.

## **RESEARCH ANALYSIS AND FINDING**

The data that have been found within the novel and analyzes them based on the hypothesis by Abraham Maslow.

### **4.1.1. Love and belonging needs from family.**

Abraham Maslow gazed being cherished and acknowledged within the family and environment is the way to feel cheerful and fulfilled. The same as experienced of the main character

within the novel "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes.

#### Data 1

„Let's not get ahead of ourselves. She can head down to the Job Centre tomorrow and see what's on offer. She's got enough to get by for now. "They spoke as if I weren't there. „And she's smart. You're smart, aren't you, love? Perhaps she could do a typing course. Go into office work.“

(Moyes, 2013)

From the conversation above it solve that Louisa's mother was encouraging Louisa who had just lost her job and encouraged Louisa to find a new job which, in fact Louisa as breadwinner of the family had to provide for her family day by day. She got support from her parents to face her problem. Her love and belonging needs has fulfills by whole family. Parents, Her children, her grandfather and her niece love her so much.

#### **4.1.2. Love and belonging needs from friendship.**

Abraham Maslow expressed people need cherish and belonging from companionship they feel the ought to recognize and have a place to a social organization of family, community in a work environment, companionship, social gather among others within the society. Adore and having a place offer assistance individuals to have the certainty in their possess capacities of contributing reasonably to choice- making handle that advances community advancement in different communities within the society.

Love and belonging distinguish in this novel :

#### Data 2

You okay?" Nathan said, appearing at my shoulder.. „No," I said. „Hungover?" „No." There was a short silence. „This mean what I think it does?" He was suddenly sombre. I couldn't speak. He was stronger than I was, though. He was, after all, a professional.

Chapter 24 (Moyes, 2013)

The conversation above is Nathan asking Louisa because he cares about Louisa. Louisa and Nathan have been best friends since caring for Will, they share medical information and share many things about caring for Will and Will's life. Nathan also loved Louisa as a best friend since Louisa had a relationship with Will.

#### **4.1.3. Love and belonging needs from intimacy relationship.**

According to Abraham Maslow in (Koltko-Rivera, 2006) journal stated higher human I talk here of cherish, the require of love, for fellowship, for respect, for self-respect, for singularity, for self- fulfillment, and so on, It too happened to Louisa and Will. not as medical caretakers and individuals with disabilities but with their visit chemistry arousing between Will and Louisa who like each other within the end.

#### Data 3

I know, it's—" „I tell you I love you and I want to build a future with you, and you ask me to come and watch you kill yourself?" „I'm sorry. I don't mean it to sound blunt.

Chapter 23 (Moyes, 2013)

#### Data 4

"I know we can do this. I know it's not how you would have chosen it, but I know I can make you happy. And all I can is that you make me.. you make me into someone I couldn't even image. You make me happy. Even when you're awful. I would rather be with you. Even the you that you seem to think is diminished. Than with anyone else in the world".

(Moyes, 2013)

From quotation above, Louisa Expressing his love for Will, Louisa is very confident that the love they have can solve the problem together. Louisa expressed her happiness when with Will. William made Louisa special, precious and meaningful which she cannot find from anyone. Louisa believes that William be able to fight together to get better and live longer. Louisa believe problem can solved by power of love.

#### **4.2.4. The struggles of the main character to fulfill his love and belonging needs in the novel "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes.**

The researcher analyzed them with Abraham Maslow theory which is related to the topic love and belonging itself. The following is the further discussion of the love and belonging portrayed in the novel:

#### Data 5

I know it sounds mad. But I have to change his mind. So...so I can't come to the Viking." „Why didn't you tell me this before?" „I had to promise his family I wouldn't tell anyone. It would be awful for them if it got out. Awful. Look, even he doesn't know I know. It's all been...

tricky. I'm sorry." I reached out a hand to him. „

(Moyes, 2013)

From this conversation the researcher saw that Louisa was desperately trying to change Will's mind and chose to ignore the plan with his ex-boyfriend. Patrick felt jealous of Louisa prioritizing while Patrick was ignored. Patrick feel disappointed to Louisa because Louisa not tell Patrick about agreement with Will's family about change Will's mind so that not choose suicide and have spirit of life.

#### **4.2.5 The obstacles of the main character in the novel "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes.**

According to Abraham Maslow in (Zalenski & Raspa, 2006) journal aanalysis expressed uncover the enduring of love denied individuals battling to form their way in life. The same as experienced of the main character in the novel " Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes :

#### Data 16

„Don't say another word." I was choking. „You are so selfish, Will. So stupid. Even if there was the remotest possibility of me coming with you to Switzer-land... even if you thought I might, after all I've done for you, be someone who could do that, is that all you can say to me? I tore my heart out in front of you. And all you can say is, "No, you're not enough for me. And now I want you to come watch the worst thing you can possibly imagine." The thing I have dreaded ever since I first found out about it. Do you have any idea what you are asking of me?"

(Moyes, 2013)

Researcher see this as the peak of Louisa's disappointment at seeing the man she loves prefers to end her life. She was very disappointed in Will for taking the job of caring for Will with sincerity and loving Will too deeply. Louise as an ordinary person who loves to much expectations with Will. Louisa was unable to die by the person she loved. Louise was unable to accept Will's decision to commit suicide. Louisa was devastated and disappointed but all decisions were only in Will's hands to live longer. but Will did not want his life useless. Will can not do anything he wants. Will not want to trouble Louise. Will's love for Louisa can make Will happy at the end of his life.

### **Findings**

The findings that have been found from the analyzed data will be presented by the researcher in this part From the analysis of the researchers found the need for love is very important for encouraging and strength to continue living. As Louisa support Will to life and face problem together. Louisa's parents provide full support for her children and Nathan Louisa's friends and William are always there for them. The researchers also found that forms of love and affection were sacrifices, as Louisa had given to Will and vice versa. Third, love and belonging needs are very important to fulfill if not fulfilled humans will feel empty and lonely as experienced by William. The fourth Love and belonging in

Louisa has been fulfilled because of that Louisa and the end of this novel Louisa pursues self-actualization that is pursuing her dreams and career. The fifth love and belonging need will be fulfilled if the people we love, reply to our love like Patrick loves Louisa but Louisa and William love each other.

### **CONCLUSION**

The analyst found the answers to the inquired about questions within the to begin with chapter after analyzing the novel with Abraham Maslow's theory. After analyzing and discussing the data researcher conclude love and belonging needs from family Louisa Clark fulfill he.

Louisa Clark is the eldest daughter, she got much love from her family, she is breadwinner because her love and belonging has fulfill she became cheerful person. Love and belonging from friendship in "Me before you" novel by Jojo Moyes also fulfilled of the main character Louisa Clark. First time in novel "Me Before You" Louisa's scope only around family and work place. Since Louisa worked at Will house as nurse or take care of Will's need, she met doctor Nathan. Nathan is one of William's friends. Nathan teaches Louisa to treat Will even Nathan tells William's past to Louisa. Nathan also knows the effort Louis made for Will and Nathan supports him. When will choose to end his life. Louisa has been fulfilled love and belonging needs from friendship.

After analyzing and discussing the data researcher conclude love and belonging needs from intimacy love Louisa Clark has fulfill by William Traynor. Louisa felt in love with William since Louisa took care of William. William also replied to Louise's love. Where William admires Louisa's character, expresses his love for Louisa, invites Louisa to a beautiful place and gives a gift to Louisa. Before Louisa give up with William's life. Louisa tried hard to fight for William for the spirit of life. Various ways Louisa did to fulfilling love and belonging needs from intimacy love with William. But the end of the story Louisa let William because Louisa was unable to change William's mind and saw William suffer because of his illness. The end of William's life also told Louisa to live better, William gave a legacy to Louisa can continue his desires and life.

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