

## ABSTRACT

Anggie Agatha. 2023. "*An Imaginary Friend and Its Impacts on Character Development as Seen in Goosebumps My Best Friend is Invisible*"

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This research aimed to analyze the character development and benefits of having an imaginary friend using the novel *Goosebumps: My Best Friend is Invisible* by R.L Stine as the main data. This research addresses two problems; 1) How can imaginary friends affect the character development of the main character? and 2) What are the advantages of having an imaginary friend in the novel *Goosebumps: My Best Friend is Invisible* by R.L Stine? By using a qualitative method, this study provides a detailed description of the character development and the advantages of having an imaginary friend in the novel *Goosebumps: My Best Friend is Invisible* by R.L Stine. This study used the theories of Sigmund Freud and Marjorie Taylor to classify and analyze the data. According to Sigmund Freud, personality has three elements, namely, Id, Ego and Superego, while according to Marjorie Taylor imaginary friends have several functions, including emotion regulation, social skill development, and cognitive growth. As a result, it was found that imaginary friends go from being apathetic to be sympathetic, from being impolite to be polite, from being skeptic to be optimistic, from being manipulative to be introspective, and from being grumpy to be patient and the benefits include improving self-awareness, strengthening social skills, being a good listener, and increasing imagination and creativity.

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*Penelitian ini bertujuan menganalisis perubahan-perubahan karakter dan manfaat dari memiliki teman khayalan menggunakan novel Goosebumps: My Best Friend is Invisible by R.L Stine sebagai data utamanya. Dalam penelitian ini membahas dua masalah; 1) Bagaimana teman khayalan dapat mempengaruhi perubahan karakter dari pemeran utama? dan 2) Apa saja dampak positif yang didapatkan dari memiliki teman khayalan dalam novel Goosebumps: My Best Friend is Invisible oleh R.L Stine? Dengan menggunakan metode kualitatif, penelitian ini memberikan gambaran yang rinci mengenai perubahan karakter dan dampak positif dari memiliki teman khayalan dalam novel Goosebumps: My Best Friend is Invisible oleh R.L Stine. Dalam penelitian ini menggunakan teori Sigmund Freud dan Marjorie Taylor untuk mengklasifikasikan dan menganalisis data. Menurut Sigmund Freud, kepribadian memiliki tiga elemen yaitu, Id, Ego dan Superego, sedangkan menurut Marjorie Taylor sahabat imajiner memiliki beberapa fungsi, termasuk pengaturan emosi, pengembangan keterampilan sosial, dan pertumbuhan kognitif. Hasilnya, ditemukan bahwa teman khayalan mempengaruhi dari apatis menjadi simpatik, dari tidak sopan menjadi sopan, dari skeptis menjadi optimis, dari manipulatif menjadi mawas diri, dan dari pemarah menjadi penyabar, dan manfaatnya antara lain memberikan kesadaran diri, memperkuat kemampuan sosial, menjadi pendengar baik, serta meningkatkan imajinasi dan kreativitas.*

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Kata Kunci: *Goosebumps, manfaat, perubahan karakter, teman imajinasi*