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Trauma is one of the serious problems concerning mental health. Trauma can be caused by unpleasant past experiences. This study focuses on discussing the trauma experienced by the main character Vanessa Wyze in Kate Elizabeth Russell's *My Dark Vanessa*. The theory used by the researcher to study the *My Dark Vanessa* novel is Freud's Psychoanalytic theory. The method used by the researcher is the qualitative method to describe the causes, forms and effects of trauma experienced by Vanessa Wyze in Kate Elizabeth Russell's *My Dark Vanessa*. The objective of the study is to find out and describe the trauma experienced by Vanessa which was caused by her age difference relationship with her teacher in the past. The forms of trauma experienced by the main character Vanessa are psychological trauma, emotional trauma and sexual trauma. The researcher shows that Vanessa's trauma has bad impacts on her in the future and also includes bad long-term effects. Some long-term effects experienced by Vanessa are not easy to trust other people especially men, besides that Vanessa is also reluctant to open her relationship with new people and she becomes a very introverted person and closes herself off from other people around her.

Keywords : *trauma, age difference relationship, sexual harassment, trust issues.*

ABSTRAK

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Trauma merupakan salah satu masalah serius yang menyangkut kesehatan mental. Trauma dapat disebabkan oleh pengalaman masa lalu yang tidak menyenangkan. Penelitian ini berfokus pada pembahasan trauma yang dialami oleh tokoh utama Vanessa Wyze dalam novel *My Dark Vanessa* karya Kate Elizabeth Russell. Teori yang digunakan peneliti untuk meneliti novel *My Dark Vanessa* adalah teori Psikoanalisis milik Freud. Metode yang digunakan peneliti adalah metode kualitatif untuk mendeskripsikan penyebab, bentuk dan akibat trauma yang dialami oleh Vanessa Wyze dalam novel *My Dark Vanessa* karya Kate Elizabeth Russell. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui dan mendeskripsikan trauma yang dialami oleh Vanessa yang disebabkan oleh perbedaan usia dengan gurunya di masa lalu. Bentuk trauma yang dialami oleh tokoh utama Vanessa adalah trauma psikologis, trauma emosional dan trauma seksual. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa trauma yang dialami Vanessa berdampak buruk pada dirinya di masa depan dan juga termasuk dampak buruk jangka panjang. Beberapa dampak jangka panjang yang dialami oleh Vanessa adalah tidak mudah percaya pada orang lain terutama laki-laki, selain itu Vanessa juga sulit untuk membuka hubungan pribadi dengan orang baru dan ia menjadi pribadi yang sangat tertutup dan menutup diri dari orang lain di sekitarnya.

Kata kunci : *trauma, hubungan beda usia, pelecehan seksual, masalah kepercayaan.*

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