

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

Everybody needs something to entertain them, there are a lot of ways to get it. For example, from television, Internet, art or reading. Reading is considered as an activity, which can give pleasure and knowledge, so it is very useful. There are many kinds of book we can choose. One of the most wanted reading books is about literature. It has so many valuable things that can make our brain and feeling, think and feel as if we take part in the story.

According to Jones (1968:01), "Literature is simply another way in which we can experience the world around us through our imaginations, our thought, and our feeling." On the other hand, Hudson (1965:10) state as follows:

Literature is the vital record of what men have seen life, what they have experience of it, what they thought and felt about those aspect of it which have the most immediate and ending for all of us, it is thus fundamentally an expression of life trough the medium of language.

The quotation above implies that literature is experience of life; it is the reflection of the people's imagination through their thought and feeling. People can express their experience and imagination into the various forms of literary works by using language as a basic of literature through written works

People read literary works to get enjoyment, to enrich their knowledge, and to increase their knowledge. Literature can be divided into three groups, namely drama, prose, and poetry. By reading literary works, people keep in their mind any experience about life such as sadness, happiness, love, hatred, misfortune and troubles. Further. Jones (1968) in *An Outline to Literature* state, "Literature consists of poetry, novel and drama or play and it depends on both the reader and the writer's knowledge and experience."

Novel is one of literary works. It is different from poetry and drama. It is about the author's interpretation about emotions, feeling and ideas through his imagination, but not impossible that novel often consists of some values such as moral value which reflects the real life, happening in society around us.

According to Kennedy (1979:231) in *Literature: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry and Drama*, "Novel is a book length story in prose, whose author tries to create the sense that, while we read, we experience actual life". It means that novel is the creativity of the author to express his inspiration, feeling and his emotion through the real life. Furthermore, Flower (1950:182) in the *Concise Oxford Dictionary* says that, "Novel is fictitious prose narrative of sufficient length to fill one or more volumes portraying characters and actions representative of real life continuous plot." Thus, novel is a fictional prose narrative of considerable length. In other words we can say that novel is like a short story, but it is longer. If a short story focuses on one incident in time; a novel has far more range. It may deal with a lifetime or a number of incidents.

Wellek and Warren (1955:2005) in *Theory of Literature States* as follow:
“Novel is a picture of real life, manners and of in which it is written. “Typically a novel has a plot that is unfolding by the action, speech and thoughts of character. By reading the novel, it is a right way to offer the personal experience about happening in life.

Based on the statements above, the writer has a research entitled *The Power and The Glory* for some reasons. Firstly, the author of novel, namely Graham Greene. He is one of the famous English writer who has written so many famous literary works of the 20th century. He is a pacific English novelist, playwright, short story writer, travel writer and critic whose works explore the ambivalent moral and political issues in the context of political settings. He is a member of the Order of Merit and a Companion of Honor. Although Greene was a candidate for the Nobel Prize for Literature several times, he never received the award. (www.amazon.co.uk/greene.htm). Secondly, the novel *The Power and The Glory* is an interesting novel telling about a Roman Catholic priest in the State of Tabasco in Mexico during the 1930s, a time when the Mexican government symbolizes as ”the power” and the church as “the glory”. It is consider as the best novel he has ever wrote. (www.pinkmonkey.com/thepowerandtheglory.htm). Thirdly, psychological conflicts, social conflicts and physical conflicts are the most dominant things found in the novel, that is why, they are interesting to be discussed.

1.2 The Statement of the Problems

After reading the novel, the writer finds some problems, which refer to conflicts. In addition, those problems will be further analyzed to complete this thesis. The problems are discussed are to answer the following questions:

1. What are the main character's psychological conflicts?
2. What are the main character's social conflicts?
3. What are the main character's physical conflicts?

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

In line with the statement of the problem above, this study has the purpose to investigate the conflicts, whether it is psychological, social, and physical conflicts in *The Power and The Glory*. Consequently, the aims of the study are as follow:

1. To analyze the main character's psychological conflicts.
2. To describe the main character's social conflicts.
3. To clarify the main character's physical conflicts.

1.4 Limitation of the Problems

In analyzing this novel, the writer limits the analysis in the conflicts, especially psychological, social conflicts, and physical conflict. The writer describes the conflicts happening in the main character, that is, a priest called a Whiskey Priest.

1.5 The Significance of the Study

Generally, it is hoped that the result of this study may give something valuable for the writer herself and the readers, especially the students of Widya Mandala University.

Theoretically, the result of this research can stimulate other researchers to do further research in the same topic. Specifically, it is beneficial for the readers who do not understand well about conflict especially psychological, social and physical conflict.