

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

After analyzing the social and inner conflicts in Camryn Garrett's *Full Disclosure*, I would like to draw a conclusion. The conflicts analyzed in this research involve the novel's protagonist, Simone. Simone is an HIV+ teenager who experiences discrimination in her life. She has been discriminated because of her health condition in both her former school, Our Lady of Lourdes, and her new school, Sacred Heart High. The novel ends with Simone being able to fully disclose her health status with the confidence gained from her loved ones who support her. The five particular conflicts in the novel show discordance between people in general, known as society and the HIV+ community.

The analysis reveals that there are some social conflicts happen between Simone, an HIV+ person, and her friends who are not aware of the HIV+ community. Additionally, the social conflicts also include the one that happens between Simone's parents, who are allies of the community, and Miles' parents, who represent people in general that are ignorant of HIV+ people. There are also Simone's inner conflicts that

occur because of the stigma from ignorant people. Therefore, all of the conflicts are clearly shown by the author.

The conflict between Simone and Jesse is caused by Jesse's ignorance of the HIV+ community. Jesse discriminates Simone because he has the stigma that HIV+ people should be sick and suffering from their condition. However, the stigma is incorrect because in reality HIV+ people can seem just as normal as others. With that stated, this conflict tries to give insight to the readers that the stigma of HIV+ people cannot live normally is proven to be false.

The other social conflict which occurs between Simone's parents and Miles' parents is also caused by the society's ignorance of the HIV+ community. Miles' parents judge Simone because they have the stigma that an HIV+ person can easily transmit the virus to others, which implies the HIV+ community should be alienated. Contrarily, the stigma is false because it is proven that HIV cannot be easily transmitted by doing daily activities, for example, hugging, hand-shaking, or doing school activities. Moreover, HIV+ people can take treatment that suppresses the amount of the virus, so that the virus cannot be transmitted easily, even sexually. In other words, Simone's health condition in the novel portrays HIV+ people's health condition in reality. Thus, through this conflict, the readers can know that the stigma of the HIV+ community can easily contaminate others is false.

The social conflicts that happen between Simone and Jesse and Simone's parents and Miles' parents can bring awareness of the HIV+ community to the readers. These two conflicts provide the untrue stigmas that have been going around society and reveal the truth about the HIV+ community. Hence, from these conflicts, people in general can know the community better.

As for the social conflict between Simone and Sarah along with all of the inner conflicts, they bring awareness to the HIV+ community, so that people with HIV learn “disclosing” is crucial. These conflicts are also caused by the society’s ignorance. The conflict between Simone and Sarah indicates how fatal it will be to disclose one’s HIV status to a person who is ignorant of the community. In the novel, Simone’s disclosure to Sarah causes the stigma being spread to everyone at her school and discrimination for Simone. Nevertheless, the inner conflicts reveal that there might be people who can be allies to the HIV+ community. In Simone’s inner conflicts, the society’s ignorance prevents Simone from disclosing herself. However, she can finally gain confidence with the allies by her side. From these conflicts, it can be concluded that people in the HIV+ community have to be more careful when it comes to disclosure even though there might be people who can accept them and be their allies. Furthermore, these conflicts can also make the readers realize that society’s ignorance creates trepidation for the HIV+ community.

In conclusion, these five conflicts are caused by the society’s ignorance of the HIV+ community. The conflicts convey insights to the general readers, or society, to be more aware and inclusive of the HIV+ community. Further, they also enlighten the HIV+ community to be aware of the disclosure matter. Moreover, Simone can be the character the community can relate to, as well as their inspiration. Simone can be an inspiration because she is a responsible HIV+ patient who survives the discrimination from society’s ignorance. Hence, it can be said that the novel *Full Disclosure* successfully conveys awareness and inspiration about the HIV+ discrimination through the conflicts inside of it.

The novel's title, *Full Disclosure*, is not just telling the readers about the plot, which shows how Simone is finally able to fully disclose herself to others. Nonetheless, it also means that Simone is also fully disclosing her experience as an HIV+ person who lives in the society to the readers. The novel discloses the truth about the HIV+ community, the discrimination, struggle, and experience they undergo. Hence, after reading the novel, readers can sympathize with the community through Simone's story and learn about HIV+ people from several facts about HIV given in the story.

In my perspective, Camryn Garrett may be considered as a young author and *Full Disclosure* may be her debut novel, but she can deliver an awareness of a social issue, specifically the HIV+ community discrimination, wrapped with an entertaining and motivating story. Through her debut novel, she can enlighten and inspire both the society and the HIV+ community. Thus, Garret can be seen as a great young author.

Additionally, in my opinion, the HIV community awareness should be spread generally, so it is known by the society. The community has been making progress to improve the medication and treatment, in order to also improve their health condition in life. Since the society's ignorance that creates stigma about HIV is the problem, the progress made and basic knowledge about HIV should be known by or taught to the society, in order to abate the HIV discrimination. By being aware about the HIV community, the society can accept or tolerate the community better, which can help the community to disclose their status without any trepidation.