CHAPTER FOUR

CONCLUSION

After analyzing the conflicts of the protagonist in <u>Day of the Bees</u>, the present writer comes to the conclusion that Louise Collard, the protagonist, has inner conflicts.

In presenting the conflicts in his novel, Thomas Sanchez uses historical background, such as the setting of time during World War II and the time when Jewish people around Germany and the countries Germany had invaded were slaughtered and eliminated. It is obviously seen that Thomas Sanchez intends the reader to understand the protagonist as well as her conflicts based on historical background. The raging war has caused Louise to suffer from both social conflicts and inner conflicts..

Day of the Bees is a story about a woman's sacrifice that is made for love of a person and country. The protagonist knows that she is separated from her loved one, Francisco Zermano, and she feels sad about it. Knowing that she does not have a chance to live together again with him, she refuses to meet him for the rest of her life. After Louise being sent away by Zermano, She goes to a small village and lives there. She plans to go on her life there alone without Zermano though she is still in love with him.

The present writer finds out that conflicts are the most prominent literary aspect. In this novel, the protagonist fights against her suffering and loneliness during the war that result in her inner conflict. Her conflicts become more complicated after

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she is separated from Zermano. Her desire to live together with him contradictory to her decision to live alone. This makes her inner conflicts more complicated. Although she tries hard to keep her feeling, she feels sad and lonely to live alone, especially after she knows that she is pregnant and she has to face many problems by herself.

From the discussion in the previous chapter, the present writer notices the impact of the war on Louise, which results in her inner conflicts. Unable to live with Zermano, Louise decides to keep her feeling by writing letters to him although ironically the letters are never sent to him. However, her decision to live alone without Zermano makes her suffer.

After discussing Louise's inner conflicts the present writer observes that her conflicts are intensified due to the war, which has preserved her from seeing Zermano. Eventually Louise makes up her mind to stop writing letters to Zermano. Instead she decides to start a new life with the Bee Keeper. The war has affected the protagonist's inner conflicts and leads her to suffer a lot of pain and trouble during the war. As it is known from the fact about wars, they always cause a lot of suffering and pain to civilians. This truth about war is clearly portrayed in the story.

The present writer is also of the opinion that Thomas Sanchez presents the impacts of war and the protagonist's inner conflicts skillfully. The novel is so full of conflicts that the present writer feels touched by the story. The present writer thinks that the novel is very interesting to read and analyze because the conflicts which are caused by the war are ironic but interesting to be discussed. The present writer also finds out that the connection of the story with the historical background of World War II and anti-Jewish movement by Adolf Hitler is also interesting to discuss and analyze.

The present writer concludes that the most prominent conflict in the story is inner conflict. She believes the reason for writing this novel is that the author indirectly wants the readers to see the consequences of the war and the anti-Jewish movement that happened in 1939. The present writer has the opinion that the historical background plays an important role in making the readers able to understand and enjoy reading the novel as a whole.