Abstract

This thesis presents an analysis about the main character of the thriller movie The Talented Mr. Ripley, Tom Ripley, discussing about how his psychological condition and sexuality will explain the reason of the action he did in the movie. Psychoanalysis and queer theory are the theories that are used in this thesis, collected from many sources: books, websites, essay, etc. The writer does the analysis in order to provide an eligible explanation about the psychological condition of a murderer in the movie, including his sexuality condition. The writer will analyze the structure of mind, defense mechanism, identity, sexual identity of the main character, Tom Ripley. It will also discuss about the elements of the movie includes character, plot and setting. After all the analysis, the writer can conclude that the unique characteristic of Tom Ripley is put into its best benefit in order to fulfill his need of getting the pleasure from having money and influence in the society. He is willing to do anything, even the extreme way like murder. Ripley has shown his interest of becoming a higher social class from the beginning of the movie and succeeded to become one in the end. Unlike the success of his new identity, Ripley's sexuality doesn't have the success in gaining the freedom.

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