ABSTRACT

Sickened is a true story written by Julie Gregory. Sickened tells about a mother who suffered from Factitious Disorder by Proxy. Factitious Disorder by Proxy is a mental disorder where the perpetrator, usually a mother uses her child to gain attention from various people. The novel contains a medical record and shows the love that made a child willing to sacrifice herself to win her mother's happiness and a lost childhood experienced by Julie. The writer explains about definition, causes, characteristics, symptoms and impacts of the Factitious Disorder to the child. The goals of the study are to explain the character of Sandy Sue Smith, what is the Factitious Disorder by Proxy, the causes, characteristics and the impacts of it, and the function of the study is to show the readers how to recognize Factitious Disorder by Proxy. Data are retrieved from books and Internet to support it. From the analysis, the writer concludes that Sandy suffered from Factitious Disorder by Proxy because of lack of attention from her family and tragic experiences during childhood so that she used her child as a victim to gain attention from various people.
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