ABSTRACT

Biographical approach as one of the literary approaches is very important to use to compare the similarity of the author's real life with his/her work. Studying the author's real life can provide valuable insight into a work of literature. In this thesis, the writer used this approach to see the similarity between Edith Wharton's real life and her novel, *Ethan Frome* and to find her dreams and expectations that she tried to realize in her novel. The writer hopes that this writing becomes a good source for those who want to learn about Edith Wharton's life as a great American author that influenced the American Literature in nineteenth century.
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