

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is a beautiful written work that records something in the form of language that is condensed, deepened, twisted, shortened and twisted, made odd or other aesthetic composition methods through language tools (Eagleton, 2010, p. 4). Through language arts, authors can express their imagination, observations, and reflections in the form of literary works. The literary works produced will be influenced by social, economic, cultural, and political factors at the time the literary works were created. Through novels, the readers will learn something that can be imagined mentally. In a literary work, especially a novel, it is one of the arts of language which usually contains a person's life story, fiction, and biography as entertainment for those who read it. The novel usually raised the story of life, love, violence, discrimination, crime and others.

One of the popular novels in 2018 is *the Lethal White* novel written by Robert Galbraith. Robert Galbraith is a very famous writer, she was born in Yate, England on July 31, 1965. Her father, Peter, was an aircraft technician while her mother, Anne, was a science technician. Galbraith has a younger sister named Dianne who is only 2 years younger than her and is very close to her sister. Galbraith's teenage years were not happy. Her mother was sickly and her father did not care about the condition of his family. Galbraith's unhappiness was expressed by writing. During

her teenage years, he wrote several unpublished novels. At the age of 25, he moved to Portugal to teach English.

Robert Galbraith, an author who is better known as J. K. Rowling. A single mother living in Edinburgh, Scotland, Galbraith became an international literary spotlight in 1999 when the first three Harry Potter teen novels took the top three spots on the New York Times best-seller list after earning the same win in the United Kingdom. Galbraith's wealth grew when the 4th series, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire was published in July 2000. This series became the best-selling book in history. The woman who graduated from the University of Exeter, England has become one of the richest book writers in the world after Harry Potter has sold more than 450 million copies and was adapted into a feature film.

Her writings are always ranked first for novel lovers. The novels she writes always have many continuations that are always awaited by readers and always occupy the number 1 international bestseller. Robert Galbraith is the pseudonym of J.K Rowling. Galbraith uses a pseudonym with the intent and purpose so that readers are not overshadowed by the previous very famous novel, namely the fantasy Harry Potter novel. In addition, Robert Galbraith also wrote novels with a new genre, namely about detectives with the title of the first novel being *The Cuckoo's Calling* 2013. At first, when publishing the Cormoran Strike series '*The Cuckoo's Calling*' for the first time in 2013, this novel was less attractive to readers. However, after one journalist felt that this novel by Robert Galbraith was not written by a new

author, rumors spread in the world of the British writer. While the novel *Lethal White* 2018 is a detective novel continuation of *The Cuckoo's Calling*.

Lethal White novel by Robert Galbraith reveals bribery, corruption, extortion, sexuality, smuggling, and criminal acts of murder. This novel discusses a detective who can solve cases cooperatively, which makes the reader wonder and feel included in solving problems. In this opportunity, the researcher focuses on the murder case that Mr. Chiswell has experienced because of past injuries. This case occurred in London in 2012 precisely during the big events, namely the Olympics and Paralympics.

In addition, this research is different from other studies because the reader will get information about the crimes that occurred in London 20 years ago and in 2012 through the perspective of a writer. After considering these aspects, the researcher decided to analyse the world view on criminals in London as seen in Robert Galbraith's *Lethal White* (2018) used sociological approach.

1.2 Research Question

Therefore, the problems discussed in this research are as follows:

How is criminal in London delineated in Robert Galbraith's *Lethal White* (2018) novel?

1.3 Research Objective

Based on the problems to be discussed, the research objectives are formulated as following to delineate criminals in London seen in Robert Galbraith's *Lethal White* (2018) novel.

1.4 Significance of the Study

This research is expected to provide several benefits for the following parties:

1. To enrich literary research, especially criminal sociology research in literature by using Allan Swingewood's theory to analyse criminals in London.
2. To enrich the reader's insight and creativity in conducting literary research.

1.5 Scope of the Study

To limit the discussion part of this research, the researcher has set the scope of research focusing on Robert Galbraith's *Lethal White* (2018) novel. This study applied the sociological approach. The theory used was Alan Swingewood to analyze criminals in London.