

## **Nick Dunne as a Domestic Violence Abuser as Seen in Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl***

### **ABSTRACT**

This research is aimed to analyze Nick Dunne as a domestic violence abuser in *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. The objectives of this research are (1) to see the types of violence done by Nick Dunne, (2) to analyze the factors of Nick Dunne becoming an abuser, and (3) to see the cause of the domestic violence keeps repeating in the novel *Gone Girl*. This research uses psychoanalysis. The findings of the research show that the types of abuse done by Nick Dunne are (1) sexual abuse, (2) physical abuse, and (3) verbal abuse. The factors of Nick Dunne becoming an abuser are (1) become a child victim of physical/psychological abuse, (2) anger and hostility, (3) belief in strict gender roles, (4) unemployment, and (5) emotional dependency. The cause of the abuse keeps repeating as the result of the factors explained which follows the cycle of abuse.

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