ABSTRACT

The goal of the study was to explore happiness according to Chris Gardner, an African-American, as the main character in the novel *The Pursuing of Happiness*. Moreover, it also exposed the people who motivated him to pursue happiness. The method used was library research, in which literatures were taken from books and internet to collect and select the data to compose theories. The analysis was done by New Historicism. It is concluded that according to Gardner, happiness is making his children happy by being able to be a committed father for his children. Furthermore, as an African-American, his happiness is having an equal opportunity to live and pursuit happiness. In order to pursue happiness, Chris was supported and motivated by several people, especially his family. (J)

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