**ABSTRACT**

This research tells about comparative literature to find cultural differences in two novels. The writer uses Rikako’s *Girls in the Dark* and Primasari’s *French Pink* which are the authors have a different culture backgrounds. The writer chooses Primasari’s and Rikako’s book because the setting of the novel is very interesting. Rikako is Japanese but she tells about European style and west culture in her novel. Primasari is Indonesian who writes a novel and tells about Japanese culture. She also mentions some districts and countries in Japan, but setting of place of the novels is Japan. The novel has a very interesting plot, character and setting to be analyzed. But, two kinds of them are the most important part which reflected cultural differences. Those are character and plot. Because both of them would indicate the presence of cultural differences. The writer uses qualitative method in analyzing the intrinsic elements. The results of the research are to find out what cultural differences between two novels are and what causes the differences between two novels. The goal of this study showed that cultural differences can be found by reading and analyzing the intrinsic elements of the novels. In Rikako’s the story makes unexpected by the readers, the ending also has a deep meaning for the readers and for Primasari’s the ending of the novel really has a good message for the readers. The authors also describe the character, setting and plot clearly. That was makes the writer easier to understand about the story of the novels.

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