

FEMALE CHARACTERS IN JAVANESE MANUSCRIPTS

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ABSTRACT

The research entitled Female Characters in Javanese Manuscripts aims to: (1) Describe the female character contained in Javanese manuscripts, (2) Describe the relevance of female characters in Javanese manuscripts to present-day female characters. This research uses literature research method with data source in the form of Javanese classical manuscripts written in the 17th and 18th centuries. Sample is chosen by purposive sampling by selecting manuscripts containing female characters in Javanese manuscripts. The analysis was done by using qualitative analysis technique. Based on the results of research, in Serat Dermalaksita and Candrarini data obtained 38 characters Javanese women. Of the 38 characters found, based on the results tabulation found that the main character of Javanese women are most often mentioned in the two works of old Javanese literature on top are obedient, polite, meticulous, humble, friendly, vigilant, dislike quarrelsome, trustworthy, patient, likes to ask, roomy and honest.

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