

THE VALUES OF HUMANITY IN THE AUTHOBIOGRAPHY NOVELS

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ABSTRACT

This article aims at revealing and elaborating the values of humanity embedded in the autobiography novels by Indonesian writers. The study is rooted in the fact that autobiography novels are currently burgeoning in Indonesia. Four novels selected for this study are *Kenang-kenangan Hidup* (Hamka), *Habibie-Ainun* (B.J. Habibie), *Kehilangan Mestika* (Hamidah), and *Manusia Bebas* (Soewarsih Djojopuspito). From the autobiography novels, readers, young generation in particular, can learn the values of life that the authors make as their vision to live life and its creativity processes, which cannot be separated from historical, social and political contexts. Through their autobiography novels, the authors express not only their conscience, emotion, and ideas, but also the ideology that they hold to live life and to realize their vision in the future.

Kata Kunci: *autobiography, humanity, creativity processes*