

ABSTRACT

This thesis analyzes one of literary works by Mary Elizabeth Braddon, a novel titled *Lady Audley's Secret*. The analysis focused on the main character of the story, Lady Audley. The story was written in the year when the first feminism wave appeared. Whether it was written in the year when the feminist movements had just started, this thesis is written to prove that the story of Lady Audley could give some contribution to the other feminism wave. In this thesis, the writer studies the identity, attitude, and behavior changes of the main character during her life struggles to survive and free from patriarchal constraints in the Victorian era. Finally, this thesis analysis is proposed to reveal how a woman struggles from time to time could strengthen and free them from any patriarchal constraints.

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