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by Paulo Coelho**



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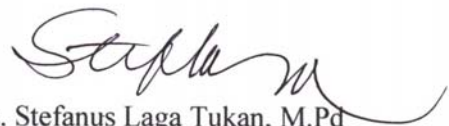
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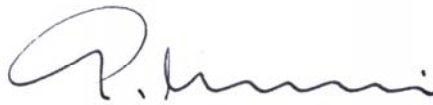
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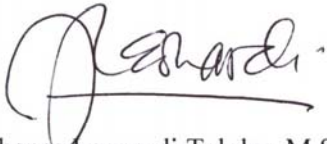
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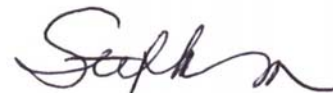
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## Abstract

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The writer chose Paulo Coelho’s novel “*By the River Piedra, I Sat Down and Wept*” because there were internal conflict that happened to Pilar. These conflicts make the story very interesting.

The study under report tried to answer the following research questions: (1) What form of Internal conflict does Pilar experience? (2) Why does Pilar experience such internal conflict? (3) How does Pilar solve her internal conflict?

To answer the research questions, the writer read the novel three times to get a good understand of the story, then wrote and collected words, phrase sentences, and dialogs and analyzed them.

First analysis, Pilar’s internal conflict happens when she meets her childhood friend. She is a young woman who finds herself in love with a childhood friend of hers. Her insecure feeling, anyway, stands in the way and causes her to keep denying her feeling of love for him. Torn between her needs to be loved and her fear of love, Pilar has another reason to worry about. The man she is in love with is a man from the Catholic seminary. The man is someone who is not supposed to fall in love with woman, let alone to marry. So, here we can see the internal conflict that Pilar has to go through. Second analysis, Pilar experiences such internal conflict because she is afraid of losing happiness, she needs security in life, and the man she is in love with is from Catholic seminary and he is not supposed to get married. Third analysis, Pilar solves her internal conflict by staying and opening her heart and also fighting for her love.

This study is still far from being perfect. There are actually many other aspects of the internal conflict which can be discussed more deeply.