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ABSTRACT

This review is entitled “The Character And the Conflicts of Holly of Beverly Lewis’

Holly's Heart-Sealed with a Kiss". This novel is a third series of Beverly Lewis' series. It is about the life of a thirteen-year-old girl, Holly Meredith, as a first daughter of a divorced parents who has much interest in writing. By this novel, we will see how Holly life is, what fabulous things she has and what terrible things happens to her and how the conflicts rises among the characters.

The purpose of this review is to describe the character of Holly and evaluate the conflicts which are interesting to be discussed, so that we can conclude what the strength and the weakness of the book are and recomend the book for readership.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1. BACKGROUND OF WRITING

The reason behind the writer's choice of *Holly's Heart-Sealed with a Kiss* as her project, as a book review are:

- The writer decided to write a project instead of a thesis;
- The writer is also interested in writing a book review about literature, especially

about popular literature;

2. PURPOSE OF THE WRITING

In writing the project, the writer has some purposes. They are:

- to describe the character of Holly in the book;
- to describe the conflicts between Holly and herself and among the characters;
- to evaluate how characters and conflicts rise and fall;
- to recommend the book for readership.

CHAPTER II

SUMMARY OF THE BOOK

Holly Meredith, a thirteen years old-girl of divorced parents. Holly lives with her mom and a younger sister in Dressel Hills, Colorado. Holly and her best friend, Andie, are having a race to see who can collect the most pen pals before school starts. The competition is fun at first until Holly has a male pen pal, Lucas Leigh, the nephew of her favorite author, Marty Leigh. She pretends to be older than her age to make Lucas and his aunty impressed. In the other side, Holly likes Danny, her friend who becomes her volleyball coach.

Holly's mom, Susan, has a date with an amusing man, Mr. Tate. He uses his cancer son, Zachary to take her mom attention. Mr. Tate too much interferences and often decides something without asking her opinions first. Mr. Tate wants to marry her mom and asks them to move to a new house with a bee farm in it. Holly hates him and tries hard to make her mom and Mr. Tate apart. She makes a plan called "Plan to save the Meredith Family".

Holly often sends and criticizes each other with Lucas about their writings, she sends him a story about her experience with Andie who ever fell in love with the same guy entitled "*Love Times Two*". Lucas asks her permission to send it to his aunty. His aunty likes her story and Lucas asks her to send her photo on the next letter.

Danny asks Holly to have practice again. Holly feels so excited and prepares herself to be special at the practice. She meets Danny's mom at the store when she is buying an outfit for the practice. After the practice, Danny takes her to his house. Danny's mom, Mrs. Myers is happy to welcome her and shows her how to make her hair to look different as she promised before. On the way home, Holly sees a photo corner and she takes her picture there to send it to Lucas.

Holly becomes curious when she finds three anonymous letters addressed to her mom. They are from Japan, Hong Kong, and Hawaii in different times. The letters say that the man who writes those letters misses her mom and he teases Mr. Tate. Her mom has no idea about that. Because of the letters, Mr. Tate gets angry with Susan. Holly feels so happy with that.

When Holly tries to observe the letters and solve the mystery with Danny, Danny finds out that the first and second writer of the letters are different. From the description, Holly knows that the mysterious man who wrote the letters are Uncle Jack and Stan, his son. They have just back from business trip from Japan, Hong Kong and Hawaii. Uncle Jack is her aunt's husband, Aunt Marla who just died. Her mom is shocked when she knows it, Uncle Jack asks them to have a Family Date.

In the other side, Holly feels a mess about herself because Danny tells his feeling that he likes her and Lucas asks her to meet him and his aunt. Holly has a dilemma and she finally reveals her lies. Instead of feeling disappointed, Lucas and Marty Leigh are impressed with her talent and she will publish her writing titled *Sealed with a Kiss*.