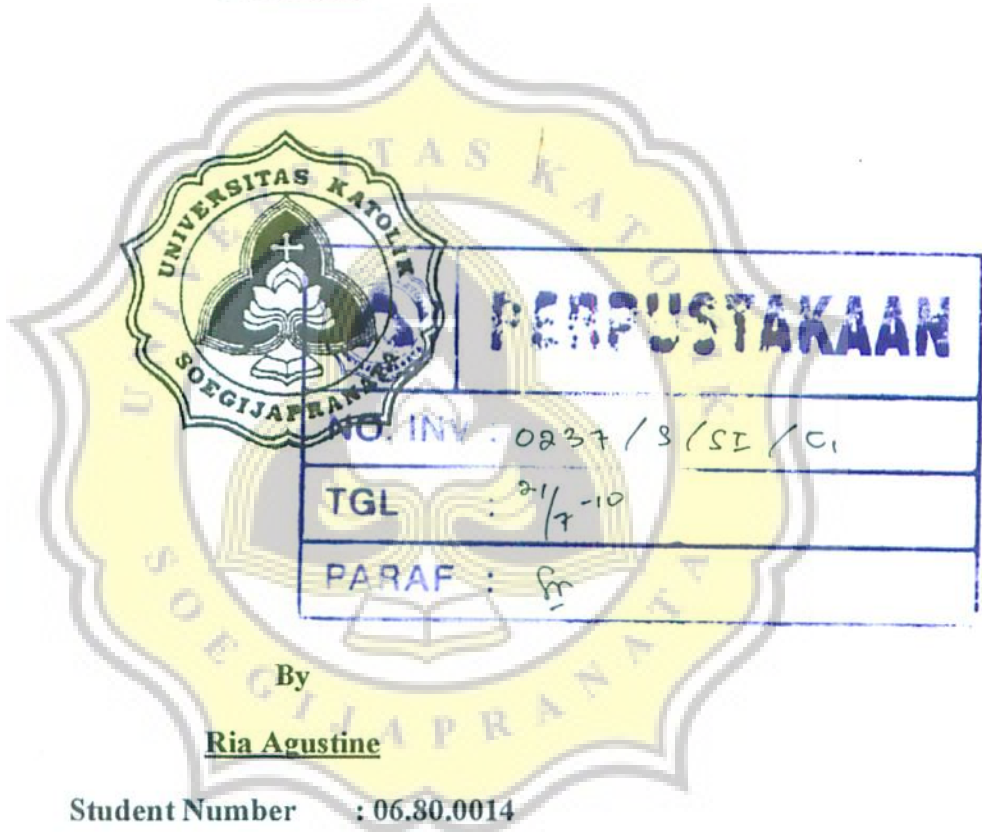


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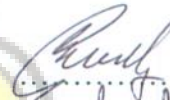
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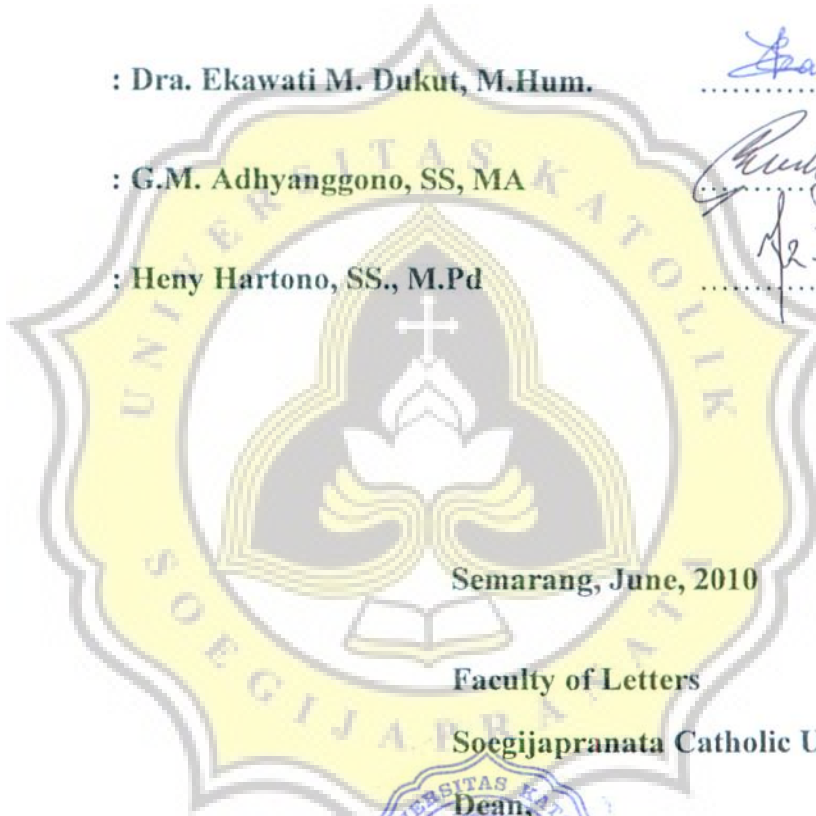
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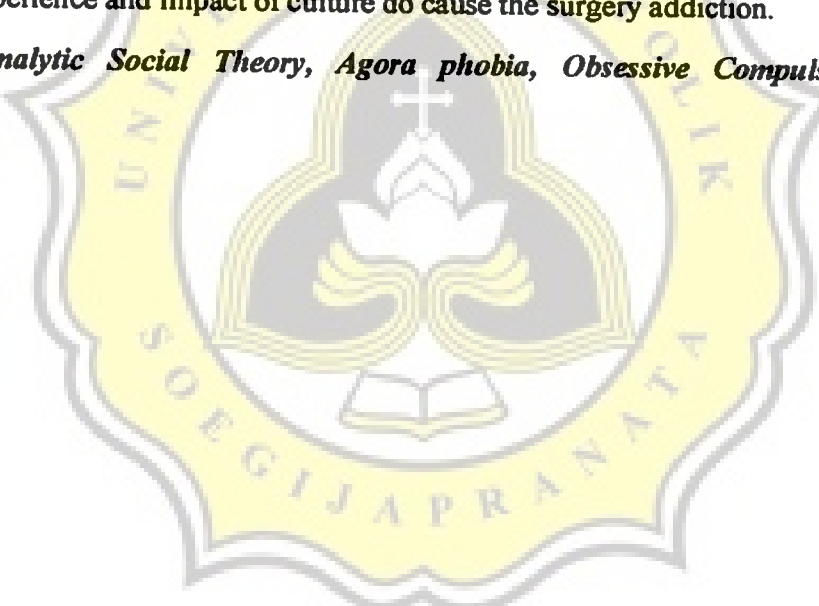
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## ABSTRACT

*Beautiful Stranger* is a novel about woman's fear and obsession toward beauty. It tells about a woman named Hope who is very obsessed to beauty with perfection. Hope is the only one child of a rich family. Unfortunately, Hope's mother always treats Hope like her very own Barbie. This situation makes Hope learn that to be a beautiful woman; she should be wear a perfect make up and best dress. However, Hope wants to be a beautiful woman without both of perfect make up and best dress. Then she tries to find her part of body which imperfect for her to fix by plastic surgery. Finally, she becomes a surgery addict; she cannot stop her own thought to fix her appearance. There are two points in this analysis according to Hope's obsession of beauty. First, is to identify how the concept of beauty influences Hope's life. Second, is to identify how the psychological development of Hope in acquiring beauty. The approach that is used to analyze the novel is the psychoanalytic social theory of Karen Horney. The psychoanalytic social theory of Karen Horney is the scientific study of the way how childhood experience and culture influence someone psychological development. The result of this analysis indicates that Hope's childhood experience and impact of culture do cause the surgery addiction.

**Keywords:** *Psychoanalytic Social Theory, Agoraphobia, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Obsession*





## ABSTRAK

*Beautiful Stranger* adalah novel yang menceritakan tentang ketakutan dan obsesi wanita terhadap kecantikan. Novel ini bercerita tentang seorang wanita yang bernama Hope dan dia sangat terobsesi dengan kecantikan yang sempurna. Hope merupakan anak tunggal dari keluarga kaya. Sayangnya, ibu Hope selalu memperlakukannya seperti boneka barbie. Dari situlah Hope belajar bahwa untuk menjadi seorang perempuan yang cantik, dia harus memakai make up yang sempurna dan pakaian yang bagus. Akan tetapi, Hope ingin menjadi wanita yang cantik walaupun tanpa make up yang sempurna dan pakaian yang bagus. Kemudian dia mencoba mencari bagian tubuhnya yang dia anggap tidak sempurna untuk di perbaiki dengan operasi plastik. Pada akhirnya, Hope menjadi pecandu operasi plastik, dia tidak bisa menghentikan pikirannya untuk memperbaiki bagian tubuhnya.

Ada dua poin dalam menganalisa obsesi Hope terhadap kecantikan. Pertama, untuk menganalisa bagaimana konsep kecantikan mempengaruhi kehidupan Hope. Kedua, untuk menganalisa bagaimana perkembangan kepribadian Hope dalam keinginannya memperoleh kecantikan. Pendekatan yang digunakan untuk menganalisa novel adalah *psychoanalytic social theory of Karen Horney*. *Psychoanalytic social theory of Karen Horney* adalah pembelajaran ilmiah tentang bagaimana pengalaman masa kecil dan pengaruh kebudayaan mempengaruhi perkembangan kepribadian seseorang. Hasil dari analisa ini adalah pengalaman masa kecil dan pengaruh kebudayaan dapat mempengaruhi perkembangan kepribadian seseorang.

***Kata kunci: Psychoanalytic Social Theory, Agoraphobia, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Obsession***

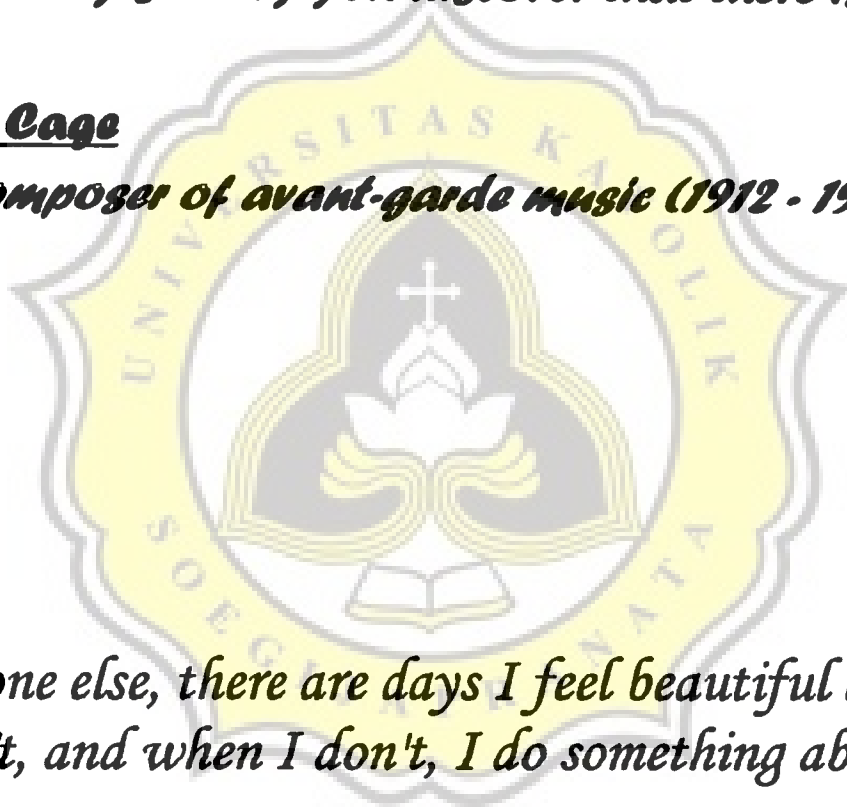
**Tied Together With A Smile lyrics**  
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Seems the only one who doesn't see your beauty  
Is the face in the mirror looking back at you  
You walk around here thinking you're not pretty  
But that's not true, 'cause I know you  
Hold on baby, you're losing it  
The water's high, you're jumping into it  
And letting go and no one knows  
That you cry but you don't tell anyone  
That you might not be the golden one  
And you're tied together with a smile  
But you're coming undone  
I guess it's true that love was all you wanted  
'Cause you're giving it away like it's extra change  
Hoping it will end up in his pocket  
But he leaves you out like a penny in the rain  
Oh, 'cause it's not his price to pay  
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Goodbye, baby  
With a smile, baby, baby

***The first question I ask myself when something doesn't seem to be beautiful is why do I think it's not beautiful. And very shortly you discover that there is no reason.***

**John Cage**

***US composer of avant-garde music (1912 - 1992)***



***Like anyone else, there are days I feel beautiful and days I don't, and when I don't, I do something about it.***

**Cheryl Tiegs, O Magazine, May 2004**

***US actress & model (1947 - )***