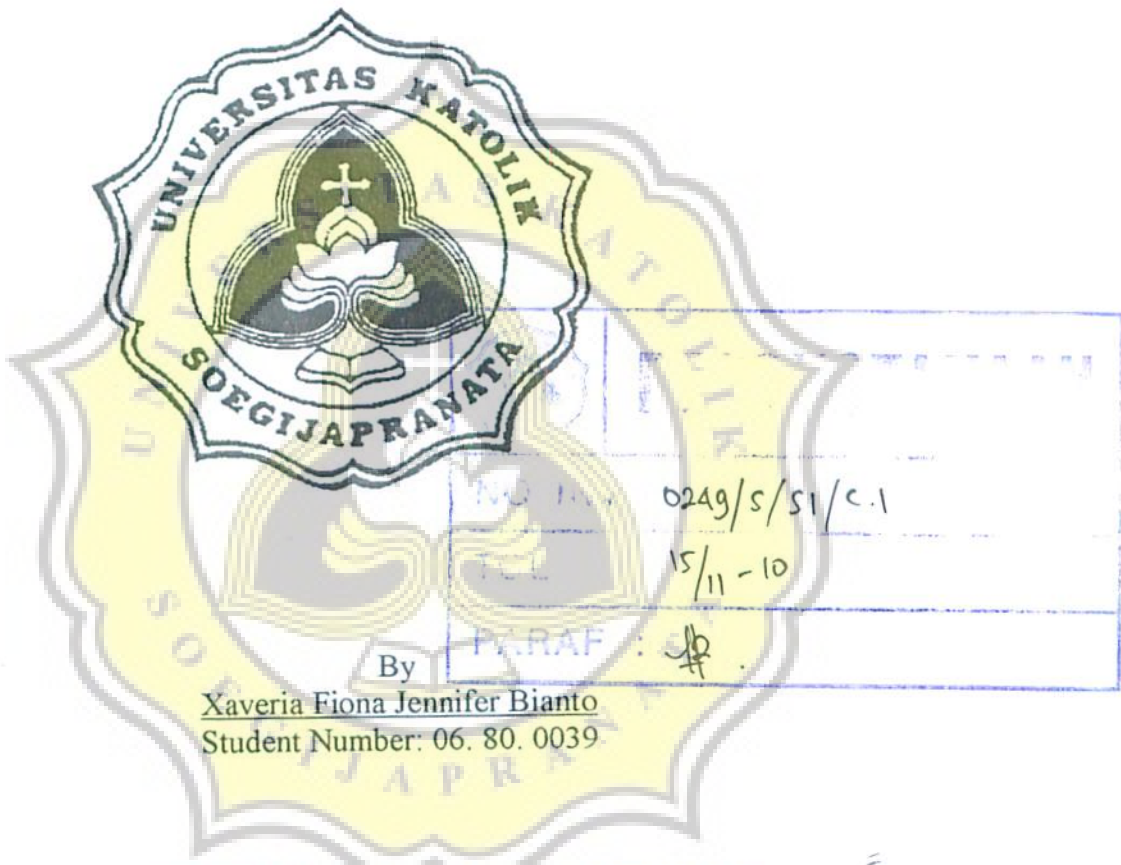


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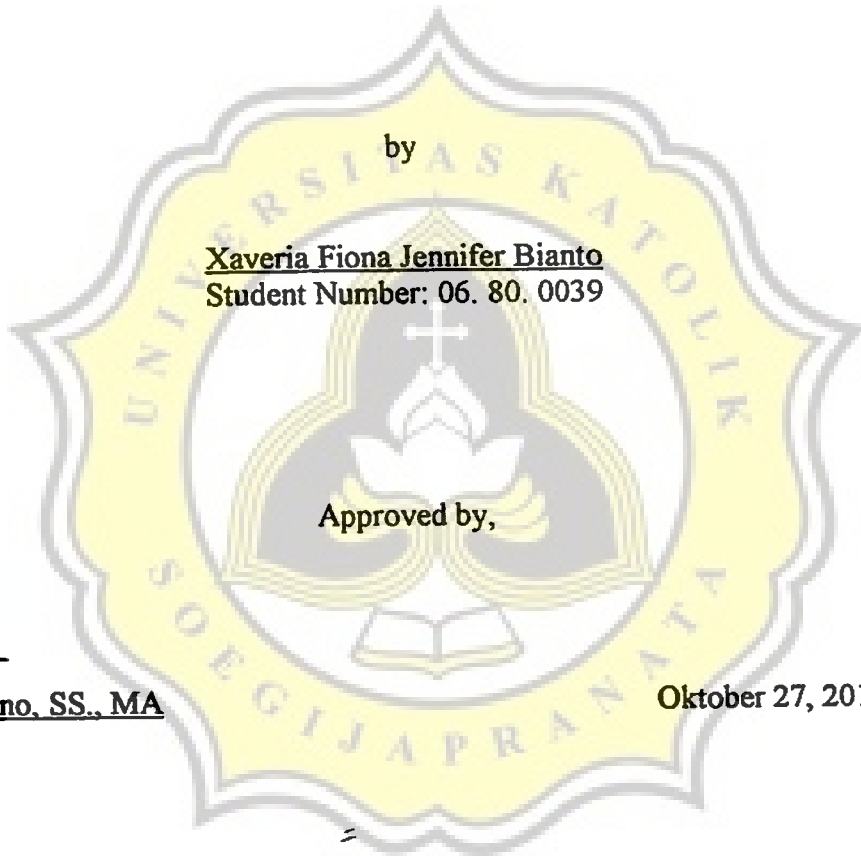
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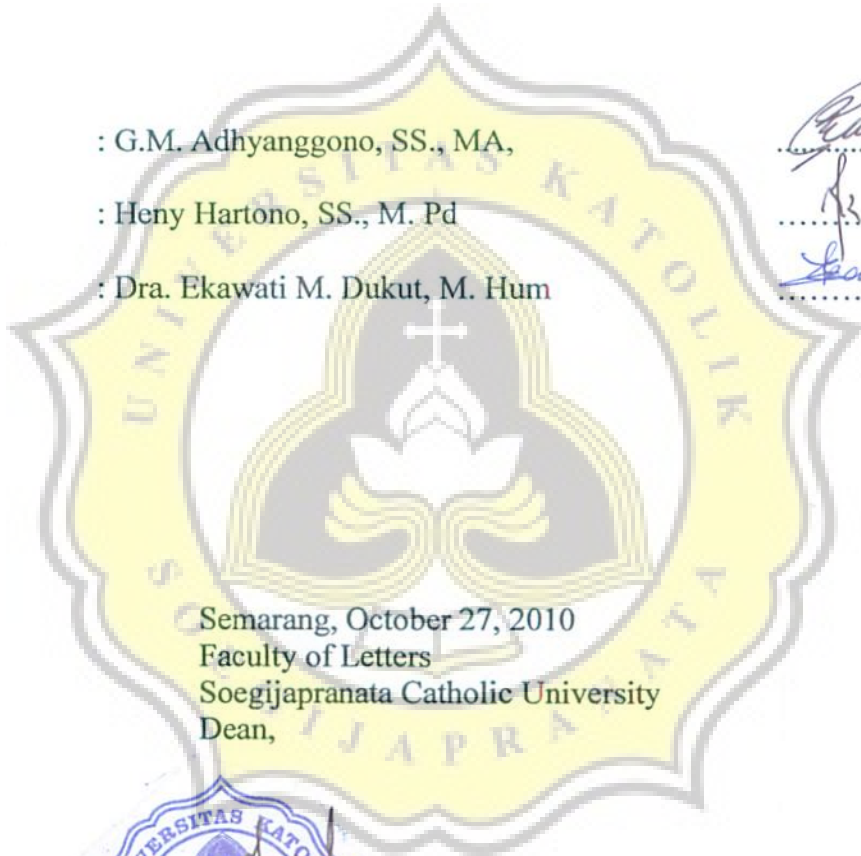
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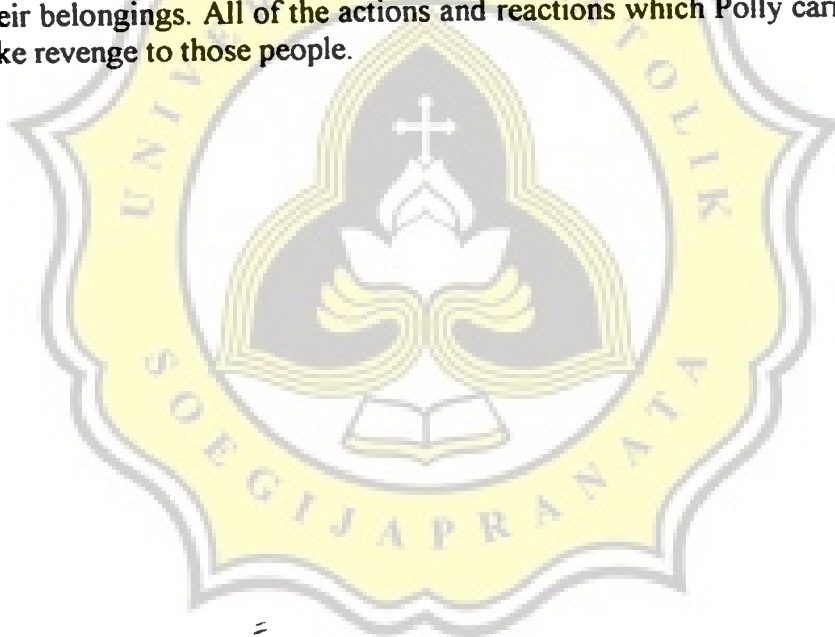
ABSTRACT

The Thief, which was written by Ruth Rendell, was published in 2006 in United Kingdom. It tells a story about a girl named Polly. She was just an ordinary girl until she stole and destroyed her aunt's book when he was a child. She did these things as her reaction because of her aunt's bad treatment to her. Stealing and destroying things which belonged to the persons who hurt her or made her sad were her own way on taking revenge to them.

This analysis aims to show the readers how a girl like Polly could act and react in such way to take revenge as the result of her disappointment and hatred to people who treated her bad.

To analyze Polly's condition and to do this analysis, the writer uses Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytic Theory. The theory consists of three major systems of a human's mind: *id*, *ego*, and *superego*. The writer also uses psychological approach in this analysis since it deals with the psychological condition of Polly.

Some results can be found in this thesis. First, Polly's disappointment and hatred to the people who treated her bad had brought great influence to her psychological condition. Second, Polly did the actions and reactions to those people by stealing and destroying their belongings. All of the actions and reactions which Polly carried out were her way to take revenge to those people.



ABSTRAK

The Thief, yang ditulis oleh Ruth Rendell, dipublikasikan pada tahun 2006 Inggris. Novel ini menceritakan kisah tentang seorang gadis yang bernama Polly. Dia adalah seorang gadis biasa sampai dia mencuri dan merusak buku milik bibinya ketika dia masih kanak-kanak. Dia melakukan hal-hal tersebut sebagai reaksinya terhadap perlakuan buruk yang dilakukan bibinya terhadapnya. Mencuri dan menghancurkan benda-benda milik orang-orang yang telah menyakitinya atau membuatnya sedih merupakan caranya sendiri untuk membalas dendam terhadap mereka.

Analisis ini bertujuan untuk menunjukkan kepada pembaca bagaimana seorang gadis seperti Polly dapat beraksi dan bereaksi sedemikian rupa untuk membalas dendam sebagai akibat dari kekecewaan dan kebenciannya terhadap orang-orang yang memperlakukannya dengan buruk.

Untuk menganalisa kondisi Polly dan untuk melakukan analisis ini, penulis menggunakan teori Psychoanalytic milik Sigmund Freud. Teori ini terdiri dari tiga system utama dari pikiran manusia: *id*, *ego*, dan *superego*. Penulis juga menggunakan pendekatan psikologis di dalam analisis karena analisis ini berhubungan dengan kondisi psikologi Polly.

Beberapa hasil dapat ditemukan dalam thesis ini. Pertama, kekecewaan dan kebencian Polly kepada orang-orang yang memperlakukannya dengan buruk telah membawa pengaruh yang besar terhadap kondisi psikologisnya. Kedua, Polly melakukan aksi dan reaksi kepada orang-orang tersebut dengan cara mencuri dan merusak barang-barang milik mereka. Seluruh aksi dan reaksi yang Polly lakukan merupakan caranya untuk membalas dendam terhadap orang-orang tersebut.

