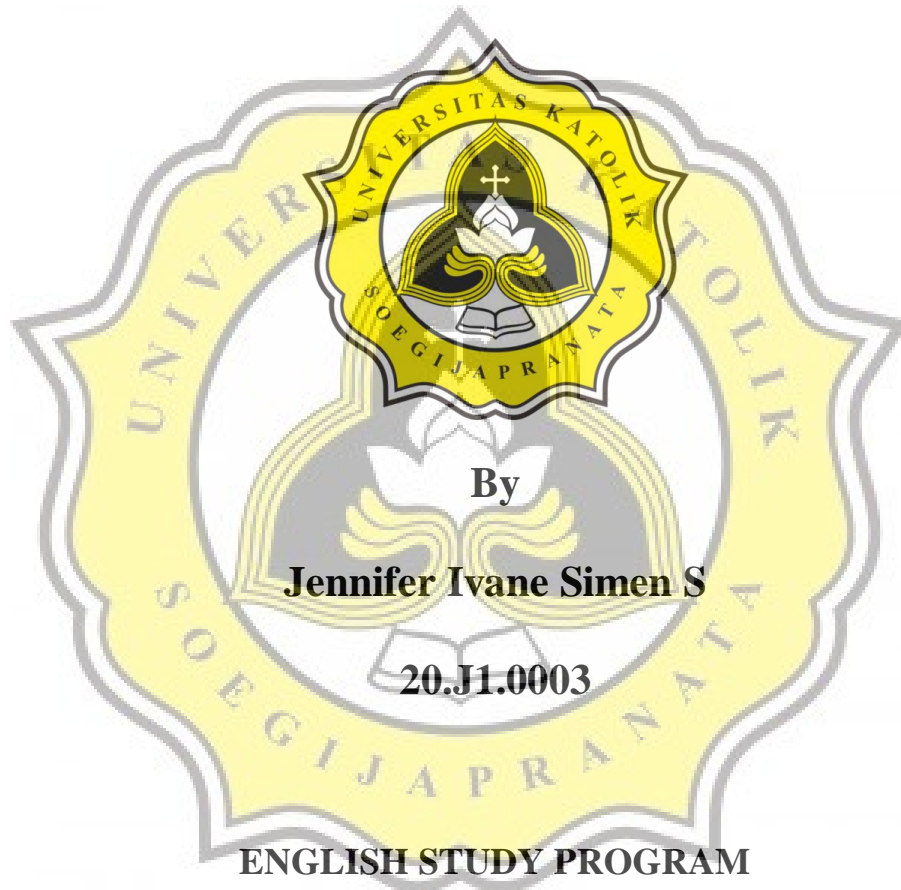


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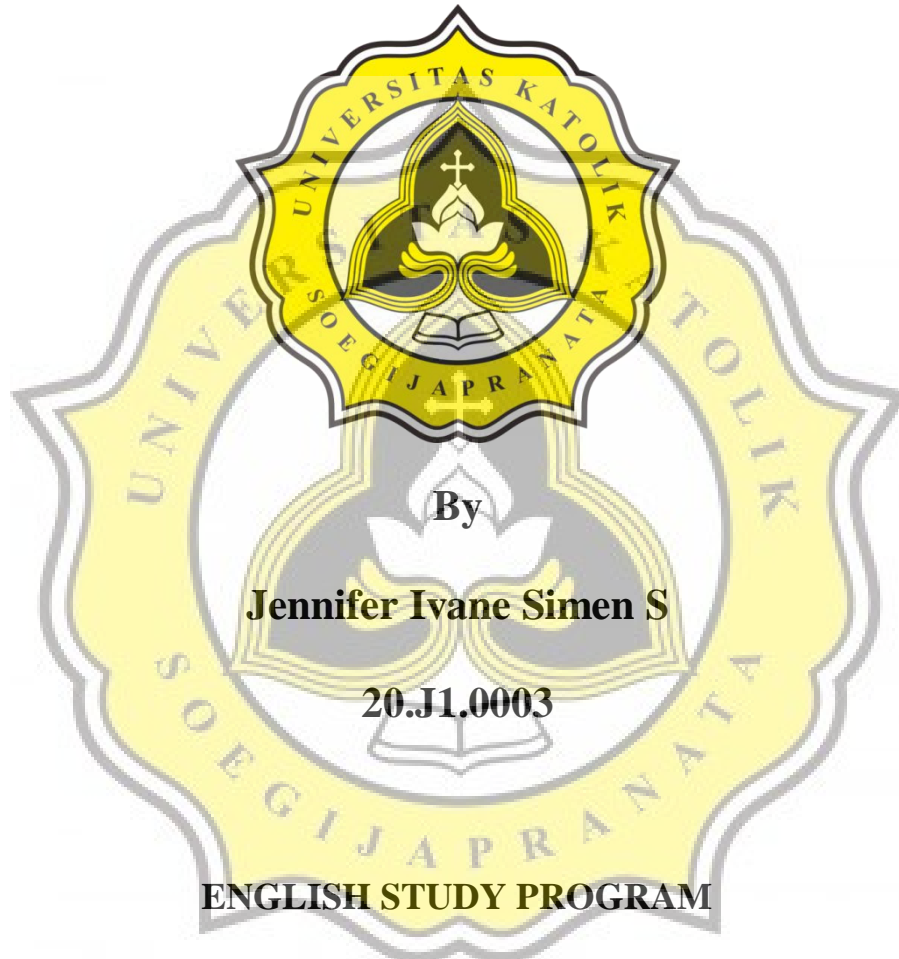
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ABSTRACT

Sexual violence is still a serious problem for many people, especially women. This thesis discusses the struggles and challenges made and faced by Marin in the novel *Rules for Being a Girl* as a sexual violence victim by her teacher, Mr. Beckett, in fighting sexual violence in her school. The researcher uses the theory of gender-based violence, related to gender inequality and sexual violence, to analyze and interpret the various events that Marin faced in her efforts to speak up and fight against Mr. Bex. The results of this research show that Marin made three efforts to speak up about the sexual violence cases that occurred. These efforts include reporting to school officials, writing essays in the school newspaper, and creating a feminist book club. This analysis also shows that the existence of power differences between victims and perpetrators, the absence of concrete evidence of violence, and the lack of support from others are challenges that Marin must face in her efforts to fight sexual violence. Marin's resistance aims to motivate and provide support for victims of sexual violence, especially women, to have the courage to testify about the cases they have experienced so that the perpetrators can receive sanctions and the victims receive justice. Marin's struggles against sexual violence at her school are similar to the feminists' struggles against gender-based violence against women. It shows that fighting sexual violence does not have to wait for a bigger movement, but it starts with individual efforts.

