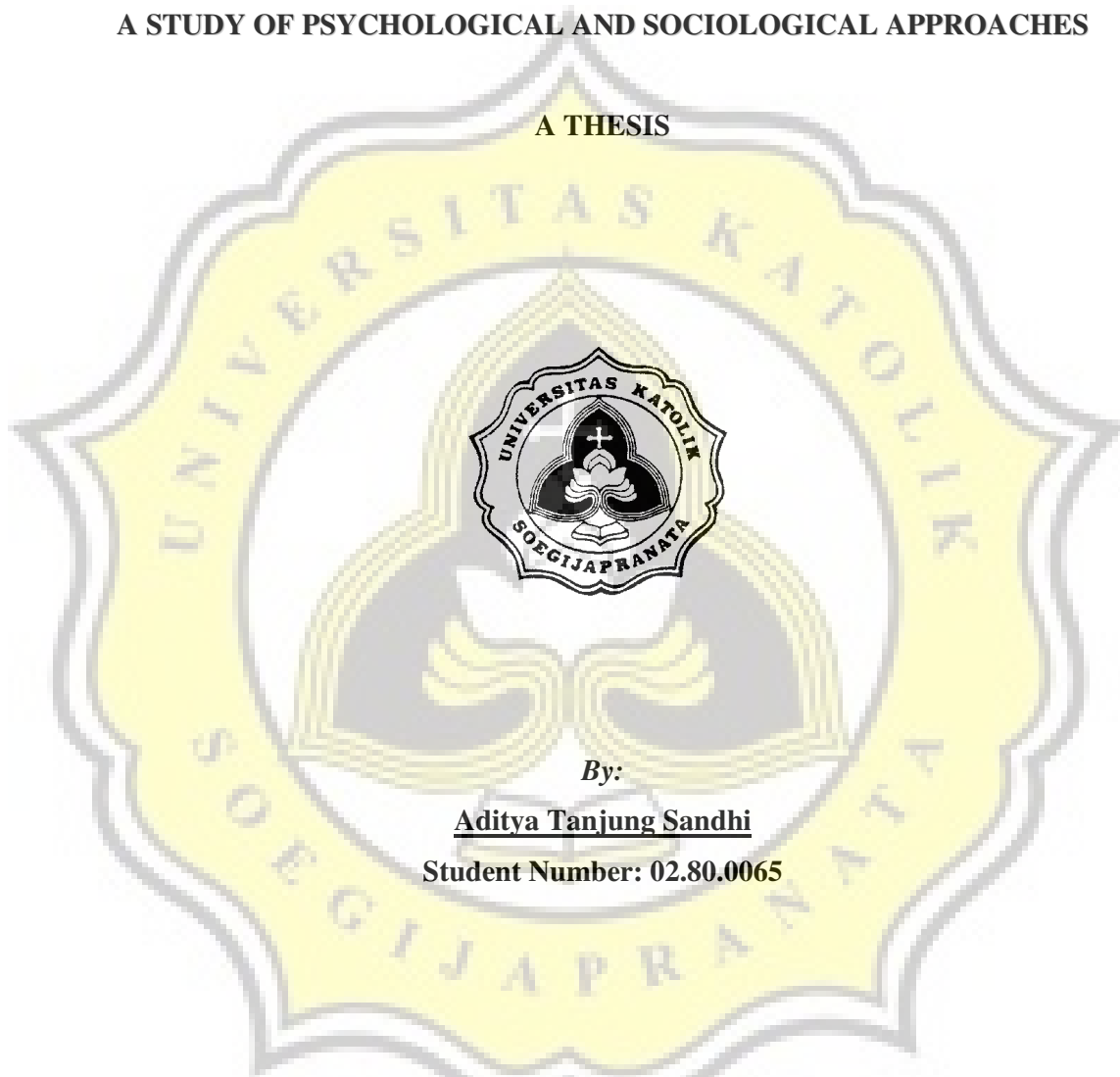


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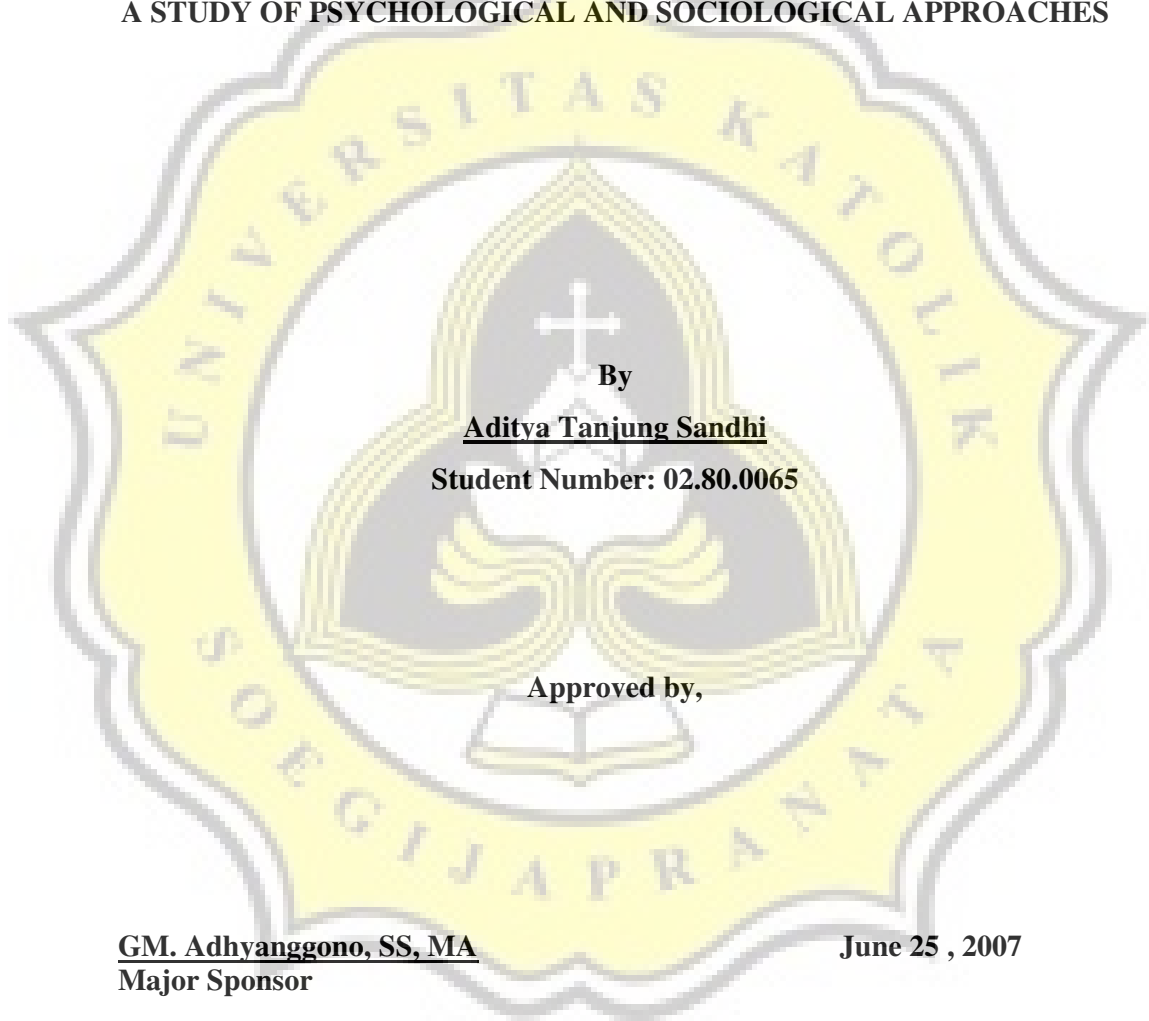
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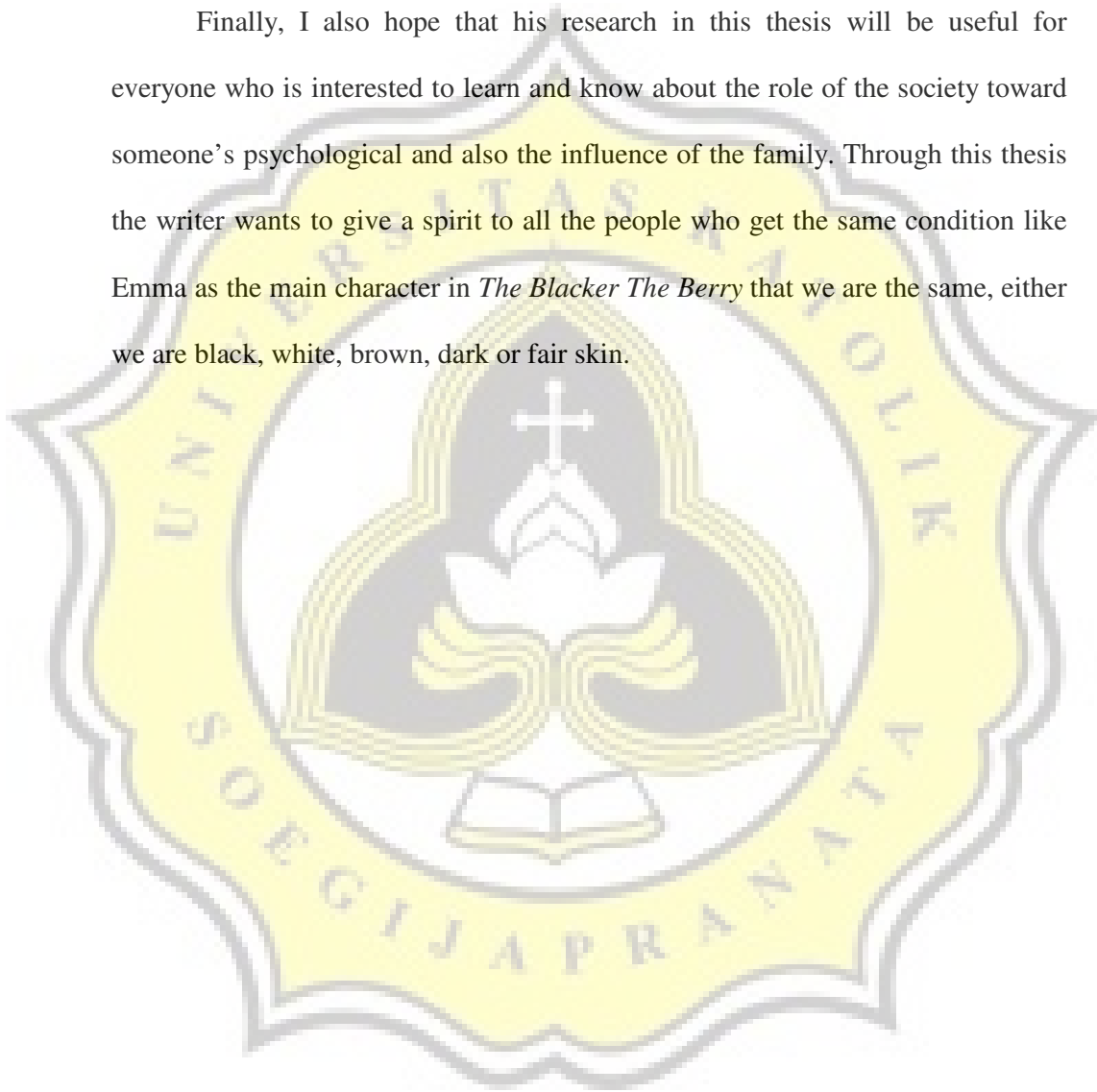
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## ABSTRACT

*The Blacker The Berry* is story about a mulatto woman, Emma Lou, who always gets unsympathetic treatments from both the society around her and even her family. She comes from mixture families. Her father has black/dark skin while her mother white/fair skin. All of her big family members hope that they are going to have a sister/daughter/grandchild that has fair skin. But Emma has dark/black skin like her father. As a result, her mother's relatives and family do not accept and consider her as a curse. From childhood to adulthood, she is never accepted by her family and the society. She always gets unfair treatments. The society always scorns her almost in all periods of her life. All of those treatments disturb her psychological developments. Therefore she becomes unstable, unconfident and frustrated.

To analyze this case and also the social condition in this novel, the writer uses psychological and sociological approaches. Allport's psychology theory is going to explain the role of the society toward Emma, whereas Meyer's sociological theory to explain what make the society treat Emma badly.

This thesis has found that the all unsympathetic/ unfair treatments which happen toward Emma are caused by her dark skin. Black people, like Emma, are supposed to get fair treatment or treated equally like the others who have fair skin. She also wants to get recognition from her family and the society. She always has motivation to prove that she is able to be "normal" people although she is black. Every person always has motivation to do something in order to be equal to the others even though they have different skin color.

## ABSTRAK

*The Blacker The Berry* bercerita tentang seorang wanita mulato, Emma Lou, yang selalu mendapatkan perlakuan yang tidak simpatik dari masyarakat di sekitarnya bahkan keluarganya sendiri. Dia berasal dari keluarga campuran. Ayahnya mempunyai kulit gelap/hitam sedangkan ibunya mempunyai kulit terang/putih. Semua anggota keluarga besarnya berharap mereka mempunyai saudara/ anak/ cucu berkulit terang. Tetapi Emma mempunyai kulit gelap/hitam seperti ayahnya. Oleh karena itu, kerabat dari ibunya dan keluarganya tidak menerima dan menganggapnya sebagai sebuah kutukan. Sejak dia masih kecil sampai dewasa, dia tidak pernah diterima oleh keluarganya dan masyarakat. Dia selalu mendapatkan perlakuan yang tidak simpatik/ tidak pantas. Masyarakat selalu memandang rendah dia dalam hampir seluruh hidupnya. Semua perlakuan itu mengganggu perkembangan kejiwaannya. Karena itu, dia menjadi goyah, tidak percaya diri dan frustrasi.

Untuk menganalisa masalah tersebut dan juga kondisi sosial di novel ini, penulis menggunakan pendekatan psikologi and sosiologi. Teori psikologi dari Allport akan menjelaskan peran masyarakat terhadap Emma, sedangkan teori sosiologi dari Meyer digunakan untuk menjelaskan apa yang membuat masyarakat memperlakukan Emma seperti itu.

Skripsi ini telah menemukan bahwa semua perlakuan yang tidak simpatik yang terjadi terhadap Emma disebabkan karena kulit hitamnya. Orang berkulit hitam seperti Emma seharusnya mendapatkan perlakuan yang pantas atau diperlakukan sama seperti orang lain yang mempunyai kulit lebih terang. Dia juga ingin mendapatkan pengakuan dari keluarga dan masyarakat. Emma selalu mempunyai motivasi untuk membuktikan bahwa dia bisa seperti orang “normal” walaupun dia berkulit hitam. Setiap orang selalu mempunyai motivasi untuk melakukan sesuatu agar kita bisa sama seperti orang lain walaupun kita memiliki warna kulit berbeda.