

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Characteristics of Transgender Personality Reflected in Harris' Novel *The Silence of The Lambs***

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This research is aimed to find the characteristics of transgender and the cause of the main character namely Buffalo Bill, a man character who has an obsession to be a woman, therefore he could be someone new and to start new life. The writer studied *The Silence of The Lambs* by Thomas Harris as a unit analysis and used psychological approach and Queer theory by Butler (1990). The writer used qualitative-descriptive analysis as the method of the research, which tried to explain about transgender characteristics and the cause in Buffalo Bill's character. Based on the result of the data analysis, the writer reveals characteristics of transgender in Buffalo Bill's characters, they are: strong and persistent cross-gender identification, preference for cross-dressing or simulating female attire, cross-sex role, assertion that transgender vital body parts are disgusting, Feeling uncomfortable and dissatisfied with their sex anatomy and have a desire to change gen types. Moreover, the writer also found the cause factor that make Buffalo Bill to be transgender, it was from his family and his past time that influence him to change his identity.

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