

## **ABSTRACT**

### **An Analysis of Personality Changes of Alicia's Character in *The Silent Patient* Novel by Alex Michaelides**

**Agnes Gita Deya  
18111056**

*This research discusses a novel written by Alex Michaelides entitled “The Silent Patient”. This novel tells a story about Alicia Berenson who becomes a suspect in the murder of her husband, Gabriel Berenson. After that incident, her personality changes drastically. In this novel, the writer wants to analyze the main character's personality before and after the murder, and the cause of Alicia's personality changes.*

*In this research, the writer applies the descriptive qualitative method. The data are taken from the narration inside of the novel and the dialogues from the characters. The psychological approach is used in this thesis since this thesis analyzes someone's personality. This thesis applies the theory by Murphy about character and characterization to find out the characterization of the main character, and personality changes theory by Hurlock to find what are the change produces by the main character after the incident of the murderer in the novel and the cause of it.*

*The result of the analysis shows that Alicia's character previously was a girl which has a beautiful appearance. She also known as a kind, friendly, anxiety person, and love obsession with Gabriel. However after the murder, those personalities are changed. Alicia becomes a mess person, she also become a loner, silent, and aggressive person. Her change turns into a nasty person. The causes of Alicia's personality changes are from her environment which doesn't fit with her and from the significant person in her life that is Gabriel.*

**Keywords: alicia, characterization, hurlock theory, murphy theory, personality changes.**