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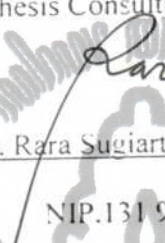
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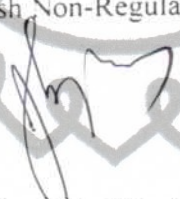
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## ABSTRACT

**Tri Wahyuni Chasanatun. 2009. *Tess' Elements of Love in Thomas Hardy's Tess of the D'Urbervilles (Psychological Approach)*. Thesis. English Department of Non-Regular program. Faculty of Letters and Fine Arts. Sebelas Maret University.**

This thesis is a study of Thomas Hardy's novel entitled *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* published by David Campbell Publishers Ltd (1991). This thesis tells about the elements and kind of love that Tess have toward Angel and Alec. This research is a library research because the researcher uses written materials as the source of data. This research is also a descriptive research because the researcher tries to give a clear explanation about the subject matter of the research.

The main data were collected from words, phrases, and sentences in the novel, while the supporting data were taken from critical reviews, essays, and articles from internet related to research. The main data source of this research is the novel of *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy (1991). The supporting data sources of this research are the articles, books on related problems, and electronic media such as Internet.

The objectives of this study are to identify the elements of love that Tess has for Alec and Angel and to explain how the Triangular Theory of Love is reflected in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*.

In order to achieve the objectives, the researcher employs the psychological approach and the triangular theory of love by Robert J Sternberg. The analysis of this research is expected to give contribution in understanding about love, the form of love and the element of love related to the novel.

Analysis leads the researcher to a conclusion;

Tess and Angel have a consummate love since they have the three elements of love, namely: intimacy, passion, and commitment. This kind of love is the complete form of love. They have the same feeling since the first meeting. However, they meet again in Talbothays. They still love each other. Angel asks Tess to be his wife. The amount of Tess's intimacy, passion, and commitment/decision is the same as that of Angel. They can build a perfect geometry of love triangle.

Meanwhile, there are no elements of love from Tess toward Alec. It is called as Non-Love. Non-Love refers to the absence of all three components of love. Therefore, this kind of love cannot be described using the triangle.

Infatuated love is love which Alec has toward Tess. The element of love that Alec has toward Tess is only passion. Alec cannot be a good friend for Tess. He has bad attitude toward Tess. He only wants to seduce and rape her. Infatuated love only has passion as the elements of love. Infatuated love is also called "love at first sight".

The reflection of the triangular theory of love proves that Tess and Angel can make the triangle of love with the same proportion. They have balances on their triangle with the complete elements of love. They have the same feeling since the first time they meet. It can be concluded that Tess and Angel have consummate love.

