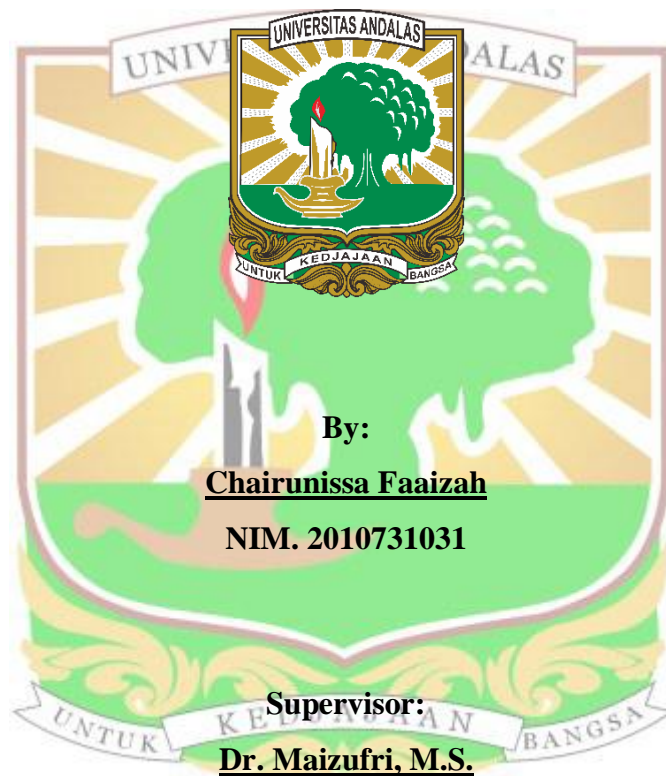


**POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) OF THE MAIN  
CHARACTER DURING THE WORLD WAR II SEEN IN *THE WAR THAT  
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## ABSTRACT

This thesis discusses childhood trauma and self-defence mechanism methods described by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley in the novel *The War That Saved My Life*. The writer uses Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytical theory and self-defence mechanism in this research. The analysis presented in this thesis is intended to look at the influence of trauma on 10 year old children and self-defence mechanisms, whether intentional or not. The results of this analysis show that the trauma that occurred in childhood can affect the daily life of the main character, where she finds it difficult to get along with new people, is afraid to go to places that could remind the main character of her trauma, and is more closed, and does not dare to express her opinions or feelings for fear of the consequences. Apart from that, the main character is able to survive the trauma that haunts her by using self-defence methods.

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