

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

The difference of period development makes people choose to live with their own life style. The development of this era that increasingly demands nowadays people to follow its growth. That development also demands the people to get along more broadly. The association between same-sex which causes the symptoms of sexual orientation-sex is also increasing. Cited from Steven Angelides (2001) book, *A History of Bisexuality*, the case of bisexuality and homosexuality things has existed since the late-nineteenth-century.

This case being so interesting and inspiring for authors to create a story built under this topic. *Call Me by Your Name* (2007) is a novel written by André Aciman. Aciman is an essayist, lecturer and writer who were born in Alexandria, Egypt in January 2, 1951. He was a nomad person who moves from one country to another country, from Egypt to Constantinople, then to Italy and France and end up in America. The reason why his family was moved from Constantinople to Italy then to France was because his father's factory was seized and their assets were frozen.

Call Me by Your Name (2007) is Aciman first novel, and then followed by *Eight White Nights* (2010), *Harvard Square* (2013), *Enigma Variations* (2017), *Find Me* (2019). He also wrote some short-fiction and non-fiction book. Even there are a lot of books created carries the same theme, but this novel being one of the most interesting novels and attract one of the film-director to adopts this novel into movie.

This novel has brought its' reader to a new point of view toward different sex-orientation in general. *Call Me by Your Name* run by two major characters, Elio and Oliver. Elio is a 17-years-old-boy live in town called B in Italy. He likes

music, books, philosophy and literature just like Oliver. Oliver is 24-years-old post-doctoral student who lives in Elio's house for six weeks as a part of annual fellowship with the purpose of helping him to revise his manuscript. In the middle of their living together Elio feels attracted to Oliver. They love each other and involved in a relationship. When Oliver head back to United State, he asks Elio to call himself by Oliver's name and conversely to remind their story and year later Oliver marries a woman. After twenty-years, they meet each other after Elio's father's death. Elio tell Oliver that he still loves him and he still remembers everything. Elio concludes the novel by wishing to tell Oliver that when he boards his taxi the following morning, if he truly is like him, he should hold his gaze and call him by his name just as he did on their first night together.

The way Aciman brought this novel into a great novel with a rare theme used by other authors inspiring the researcher to analyze this novel more deeply. Thus, this novel became a very interesting novel to read not only because its' theme, but also the storyline served and the place as well as the time selection. How bisexuality seen at that time, exactly in Italy 1980's, will be a good comparison to the bisexuality grows among modern people and how their assessment towards it. Therefore, the researcher conduct a research on this novel analyzed uses sociological approach entitled BISEXUALITY REFLECTED ON ANDRÉ ACIMANS' *CALL ME BY YOUR NAME* NOVEL (2007): A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH.

1.2. Problem Statement

According to the background served by the researcher above, there are some problem statements of this research formulated as follows:

1. What are the indicators of bisexuality in the novel *Call Me by Your Name*?
2. How the bisexuality described in the novel *Call Me by Your Name*?
3. Why did the author specifically address bisexuality in the novel *Call Me by Your Name*?

1.3. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the research are concluded by the problem statements are:

1. To describe the indicators of bisexuality in the novel *Call Me by Your Name*.
2. To describe how bisexuality depicted in the *Call Me by Your Name*.
3. To reveal the reason why the author address bisexuality in the *Call Me by Your Name*.

1.4. Benefits of the Study

The researcher expected a lot that the research which investigate the issue “Bisexuality” toward the bisexual characters in this *Call Me by Your Name* novel have many benefits. The benefits of this study will be differentiated into two:

1. Theoretically, this study can be a good reference to be a literary study in of bisexuality in *Call Me by Your Name* novel.
2. Practically, this paper gives the important information for all the researchers who are interesting in conducting a study in this novel, especially for students of English Department in order to increase their knowledge in analyzing *Call Me by Your Name* novel using Sociological Approach.

1.5. Research Paper Organization

The writer wants to arrange the research, in order the reader can catch the research easily, and the study is divided into three chapters: **Chapter 1** includes Introduction and tells the background of the study. It consists of: (1) Background of the study, (2) Problem Statement, (3) Objectives of the study, (4) Benefits of the study, (5) Research Paper Organization. **Chapter 2** related to theoretical review, consists of: (1) Underlying theory, (2) Previous study. **Chapter 3** is the research method consists of: (1) Type of the study, (2) Object of the study, (3) Type of data and the data source, (4) Technique of the data collection, (5) Technique of data analysis. **Chapter 4** is finding and discussion, consists of: (1)

Finding, (2) Discussion. **Chapter 5** is conclusion and suggestion, consists of (1) conclusion, (2) Suggestion.