



**THE INFLUENCES OF THE FAMILY CONDITION  
TOWARDS THE MAIN CHARACTER'S PERSONALITY  
DEVELOPMENT ON *ANGELA'S ASHES*  
BY FRANK MCCOURT**

**THESIS**

By

**Agus Satria Laksono  
NIM 070110101060**

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT  
FACULTY OF LETTERS  
JEMBER UNIVERSITY  
2012**



**THE INFLUENCES OF THE FAMILY CONDITION  
TOWARDS THE MAIN CHARACTER'S PERSONALITY  
DEVELOPMENT ON *ANGELA'S ASHES*  
BY FRANK MCCOURT**

**THESIS**

A thesis presented to the English Department, Faculty of Letter, Jember University  
as one of the requirements to obtain the award of Sarjana Sastra Degree  
in English Studies

By

**Agus Satria Laksono**

**NIM 070110101060**

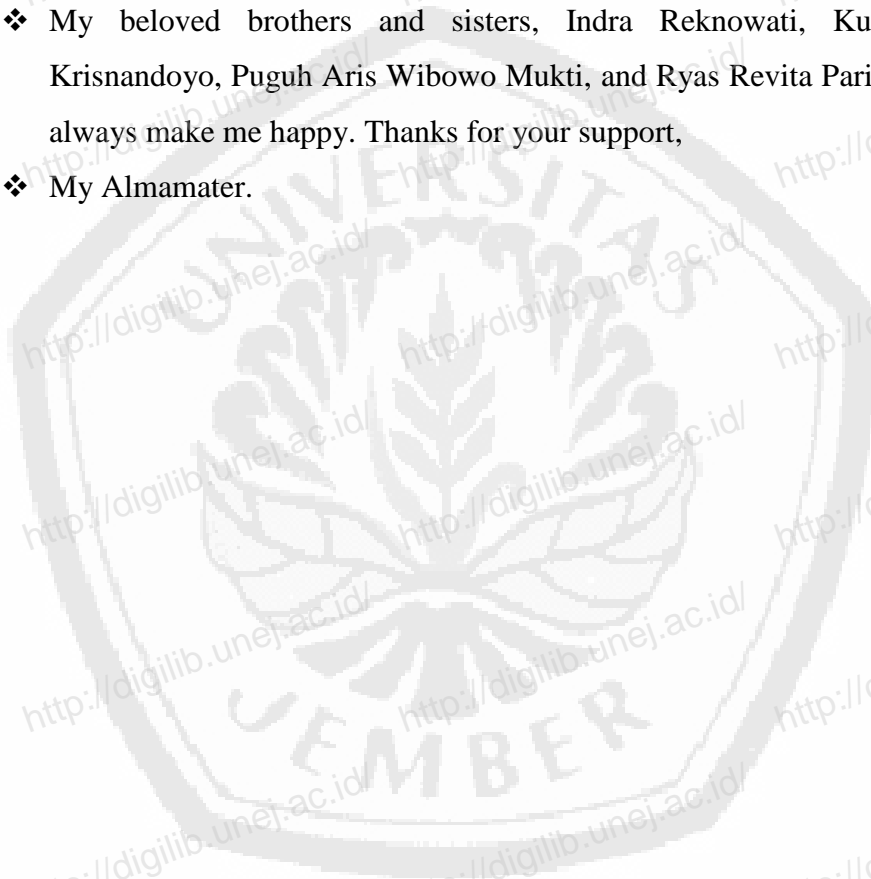
**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT  
FACULTY OF LETTERS  
JEMBER UNIVERSITY**

**2012**

## **DEDICATION**

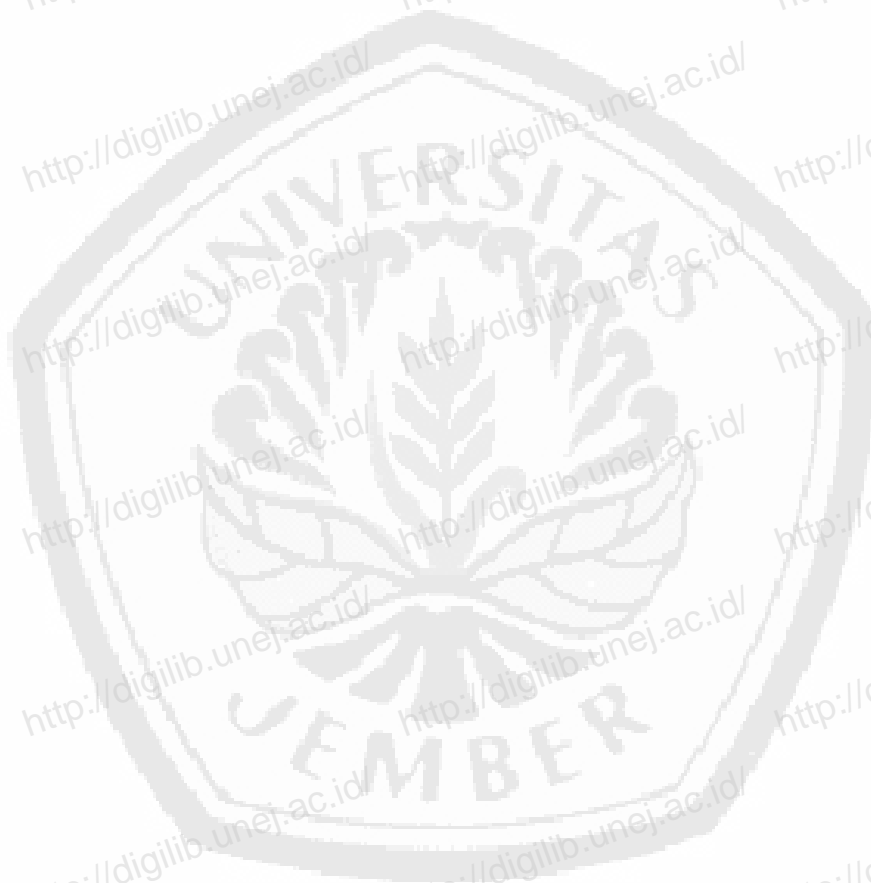
In the deepest sincerity of my heart, my thesis is dedicated to:

- ❖ My beloved father, Drs. M. Erfak who has inspired me to keep struggling and supported me all the way; mentally and financially,
- ❖ My dearest mother, Rusmini who has given me full support, affection and endless prayers,
- ❖ My beloved brothers and sisters, Indra Reknowati, Kuku Abdi Krisnandoyo, Puguh Aris Wibowo Mukti, and Ryas Revita Paripurna who always make me happy. Thanks for your support,
- ❖ My Almamater.



## MOTTO

Don't ever let somebody tell you can't do something. ...You got a dream, you gotta protect it... If you want something, go get it. Period. \*)



---

\*) Gardner, Chris., Troupe, Quincy. 2006. The Pursuit of Happiness. New York. HarperCollins Publisher Inc.

## DECLARATION

I hereby state that the thesis entitled *The Influences of Family Condition towards the Main Character's Personality Development on Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt* is an original piece of writing. I certify that the analysis and the result in this thesis have not already been submitted for any other degree or any publication in this situation.

I certify to the best of my knowledge, that all resources cited and any help received in the preparation of this thesis have been acknowledged. I am responsible for the validity of the content without any pressure from other parties and I would be ready to get academic punishment if someday the statement is proved untrue.

Jember, July 2012

The Writer

Agus Satria Laksono

NIM 070110101060

## APPROVAL SHEET

Approved and received by the Examination Committee of English

Department, the Faculty of Letters, Jember University on:

Day : Monday.

Date : 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

Place : Faculty of Letters, Jember University.

Chairman,

Secretary,

Prof. Dr. H. Sutarto, M.A.  
NIP. 194909211975031001

Hari Supriono, S.S., MEIL  
NIP. 19790315200604101

The Members:

1. Dra. Hj. Meilia Adiana, M.Pd. (.....)  
NIP. 19510521981032002
2. Dra. Supiastutik, M. Pd. (.....)  
NIP. 196602151992032001
3. Hat Pujiati, S.S., M.A. (.....)  
NIP. 198009082005012001

Approved by

The Dean,

( Drs. Syamsul Anam. M.A )  
NIP. 195909181988021001

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

My deepest gratitude is due to Allah SWT, the Lord of the Universe and the Almighty for the mercy and blessing He gives in every pulse of my heart. So I can finish my study and also my thesis entitled “The Influences of Family Condition towards the Main Character’s Personality Development on *Angela’s Ashes* by Frank McCourt”. Without His guidance during the process of writing the thesis, it would have been impossible for me to finish..

I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to the following people:

1. Drs. Syamsul Anam, M.A., the Dean of Faculty of Letters, Jember University.
2. Drs. Albert Tallapessy, M.A. Ph. D., the Head of the English Department.
3. Dra. Meilia Adiana, M. Pd. and Dra. Supiastutik, M. Pd. as my first and second advisors, for the thoroughness and promptness in reviewing my thesis in progress.
4. All lecturers who have taught me various knowlegde during my study in this faculty.
5. All the librarians of Faculty of Letters and Central Library for helping me to find the references for writing my thesis.
6. Everybody whom I cannot mention one by one for the limitation of the space to write their name. Thank you for your valuable contribution.

May Allah bestow His blessing upon them for their support and contribution in completing my study and also my thesis. Finally, I do hope that the thesis may give beneficial and valuable contribution for those who are interested in conducting further studies.

Jember, July 2012

Agus Satria Laksono

## SUMMARY

**The Influences of the Family Condition towards the Main Character's Personality Development on *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt;** Agus Satria Laksono, 070110101060; 55 pages; English Department, Faculty of Letters, Jember University.

*Angela's Ashes* is a novel written by Frank McCourt and published in 1996. It is about the struggle of the main character who reaches his dreams in limited condition. This thesis uses psychological approach to show the relation between literature and the fictitious character and to know the main character's personality development influenced by the family condition. Furthermore, this thesis applies a psychosocial theory of personality development by Erik Erikson to obtain a deep analysis of the influences of family condition on Frank McCourt's personality development.

In order to fully understand the writer conducts this thesis starts with the general idea about the family condition of Frank McCourt and goes to the specific idea about the relationship between his personality developments and the family condition. In this thesis also discuss the role of his father on Frank's personality development.

The result of the research shows that the family condition influences Frank's personality development. He tries hard to make his family out from poverty. He also changes his personality to reach his dreams. Therefore, it leads to understanding that the family condition affects Frank's personality development.



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Pages
<b>TITLE .....</b>	<b>i</b>
<b>DEDICATION .....</b>	<b>ii</b>
<b>MOTTO .....</b>	<b>iii</b>
<b>DECLARATION .....</b>	<b>iv</b>
<b>APPROVAL SHEET .....</b>	<b>v</b>
<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT .....</b>	<b>vi</b>
<b>SUMMARY .....</b>	<b>vii</b>
<b>TABLE OF CONTENTS .....</b>	<b>viii</b>
<b>CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1.1 Rationale .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1.2 The Problems to Discuss .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>1.3 The Goals of the Study .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>1.4 The Scope of the Study .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>1.5 The Method of Research .....</b>	<b>4</b>
1.5.1 Type of Research .....	4
1.5.2 Type of Data .....	5
1.5.3 Data Collection .....	5
1.5.4 Method of Analysis .....	6
<b>CHAPTER 2. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2.1 The Previous Research .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2.2 The Approach to Use .....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>2.3 The Theory of Erik Erikson's Personality Development .....</b>	<b>9</b>
2.2.1 Industry versus Inferiority .....	10
2.2.2 Identity versus Role Confusion .....	11

<b>CHAPTER 3. THE INFLUENCES OF THE FAMILY CONDITION TOWARDS THE MAIN CHARACTER'S PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT ON ANGELA'S ASHES BY FRANK MCCOURT .....</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>3.1 The Condition of The McCourts .....</b>	<b>14</b>
3.1.1 Frank McCourt's Industry toward the McCourts' Condition .....	22
3.1.2 Frank McCourt's Inferiority toward the McCourts' Condition .....	26
<b>3.2 The Influences of Malachy Mccourt's Leaving toward Frank Mccourt's Identity versus Role Confusion .....</b>	<b>31</b>
3.2.1 Identity versus Role Confusion of Frank before Malachy McCourt Leaves the McCourts .....	34
3.2.2 Identity versus Role Confusion of Frank after Malachy McCourt Leaves the McCourts .....	36
<b>3.3 Frank McCourt's Personality Development Influenced by Family Condition.....</b>	<b>47</b>
3.3.1 Frank Mccourt's Industry versus Inferior Development Influenced by His Family Condition .....	48
3.3.2 Frank McCourt's Identity versus Role Confusion Development Influenced by His Family Condition .....	50
<b>CHAPTER 4. CONCLUSION .....</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY .....</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>APPENDIX A: AUTHOR'S BIOGRAPHY .....</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>APPENDIX B: ANGELA'S ASHES SUMMARY .....</b>	<b>59</b>