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### **ABSTRACT**

This research thesis discusses the main character's homosexuality development in *The Dangerous Art of Blending In* novel written by Angelo Surmelis in 2018. This research analyzes the causes, process, effects, and characteristics of homosexual. This research uses Vivienne Cass's homosexual identity formation to answer the process of sexuality's development from heterosexual to homosexual. This research deals with the intrinsic and extrinsic aspects of the novel by using a qualitative descriptive method for general analysis. The novel becomes the primary data of this research. As for the research method, the library research method is used to collect the data and the contextual method to analyze the intrinsic and extrinsic aspects of the novel. The result of this research shows that the main character experiences the development of his sexuality after passing the six stages of identity formation and becomes homosexual.

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