

CHAPTER III

METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Method

This study applies descriptive analytical method. Descriptive analytical method is a part of qualitative study which concerns on natural settings, such as interest in meanings, perspectives and understandings, emphasis on process and inductive analysis and grounded theory (Woods, 1999). Descriptive analytical method focuses on describing facts and then analyzed it with an explanation to find reach a deep understanding about something (Ratna, 2006). The analysis of the data is conducted with Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick's concepts of homosexuality and Judith Butler's performativity theory to reveal the main character in Alex Sanchez's *So Hard to Say* sexual identity crisis.

3.2 Source of the Data

The source of the data for this study is a novel entitled *So Hard to Say* written by Alex Sanchez published on 2004 by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers in New York.

3.3 Data Collection Procedure

In collecting the data for the analysis, this study will be conducted by following some steps, which are:

1. Determine homosexuality as the issue.
2. Determine Alex Sanchez's *So Hard to Say* as the data source.
3. Read the novel thoroughly and highlight the important events and narrations.
4. Identify the narrations that indicate sexual identity crisis and gender performativity using Sedgwick's concepts of homosexuality and Butler's performativity theory.

3.4 Data Analysis Procedure

The steps of data analysis are:

1. Classify narrations that indicate sexual identity crisis.
2. Analyze the classified narrations with Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick's concepts of homosexuality and Judith Butler's performativity theory.
 - a. Analyze the classified narrations to determine the external aspects affecting sexual identity crisis and gender performativity of the main character.
 - b. Analyze the classified narrations to determine the internal conflict affecting sexual identity crisis and gender performativity of the main character.
 - c. Analyze the classified narrations to determine the claiming of main character's sexual identity crisis.
3. Make the interpretation of the data analysis.
4. Draw the conclusion.