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**ABSTRACT**

Parents should provide protection and basic need for their children. A child who does not get the basic needs and gets torture from the parents will be in unstable psychological conditions. This *skripsi* focuses on children's psychological condition after being tortured by his mother. The purpose of this research is to analyze Dave's psychological condition as a child abuse victim in Dave Pelzer's *A Child Called It*. Psychological approach is used in analyzing this novel because every torture done by Dave's mother gives negative effects to Dave's psychological condition.

The result of this research shows that Dave suffers from some abuses such as physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect. Those abuses affects his psychological conditions in the forms of lacking trust on others, having difficulties in making friends, feeling worthless and damaged and facing difficulties in managing emotion.

The writer concludes that family especially mother has a big influence on a child's psychological condition. So, a mother has to pay attention to their children's health and psychological condition.

**Key words:** child abuse, types of child abuse, effects of child abuse, child abuse

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