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An Invisible life of Transgenders : A Study of Mahesh Dattani's *Seven Steps Around The Fire*

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Being conscious of the positive role that a creative writer especially a playwright can play in social reformation, Mahesh Dattani chose tabooed themes such as homosexuals, lesbians and trans genders – not merely for shocking the public but with a specific purpose of arousing awareness about these invisible problem, their shattered life, innermost desires etc... The playwright admits that his plays are protests against the imposition of restraints and constraints, of social myths and conventions that often disclose a pervert conduct toward others.

This paper attempts to bring out uncertainty, problems of resentment, feeling of betrayal of trust and fidelity, disgust and ostracized life of hijra's found in the play *Seven Steps Around the Fire* written by Mahesh Dattani. It describes the alienation and the unexpressed thoughts of them. This paper constitutes the awareness of their life and the acceptance that has to be obtained in our society. Uma, a postgraduate student of sociology, does her research on the lives of hijras with the hesitant help of Munswamy the constable. Anarkali and

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