

CHAPTER II IDENTITY OF THE WORK

This chapter contains the characteristics and the synopsis of the translation “Imaginary City” novel.

2.1 Characteristics of the Imaginary City

There are some information about characteristics of the book Imaginary City written by Rain Chudori, as follows:

- Title : Imaginary City
- Author : Rain Chudori
- Publisher : KPG (Kepustakaan Populer Gramedia)
- Years of publishing : 2017
- Genre : Fiction
- Sum of pages : 58 pages
- ISBN : 978-602-424-690-7

2.2 Synopsis of Imaginary city

It was an eternally unfinished city, and yet it was indestructable. There is no certainty here, not for seasons and not for deep sentiments. That is why she has returned. A restless young woman revisits the city where she was born, and encounters a man that she has known for years. The pair becomes involved in a brutally beautiful affair that inevitably binds them within the concrete of the city

This is a story about a space that remains between him and her, a city that exists between the real and the imaginary, a love that lives between now and forever.

We'll see how a writer returns to his hometown and finds love there. This time love comes in a form of a relationship with an old friend. Roman then grew out of memories that emerged from the corners of the city of Jakarta. But after all, the biggest focus of this book is not the story of love between two humans. The main theme that Rain wants to bring up is how someone remembers his past. The figure that has personal values reminiscent of her father, like someone who rediscovers the things she once loved.

2.3 Biography of the Author

Rain Chudori-Soerjoatmodjo (born November 10, 1994) is an Indonesian writer, curator, screenwriter, multidisciplinary artist, and actress. She is the daughter of the writer Leila Chudori and curator Yudhi Soerjoatmodjo, and granddaughter of the journalist Muhammad Chudori. She has been published since she was 14 years old. She is the founder and curator of Comma Books, a division in publisher KPG (Kompas Gramedia).

Her literary work has been exhibited in Frankfurt Book Fair, London Book Fair, and other cities. Her critically acclaimed short story collection *Monsoon Tiger And Other Stories* (Comma publisher book KPG, 2013) which debuted in Frankfurt Book Fair 2015. Chudori's second book, a novel titled *Imaginary City* (Comma Books-Penerbit KPG, 2017).

Her book was translated into Indonesian, titled *Biru dan Kisah-Kisah Lainnya* (Comma Books-Penerbit KPG, 2018). She was included in *UWRF's Emerging Writers Anthology* (2018). She received the National Book Committee's Translation Selection for Frankfurt Book Fair in 2015 and LitRi Grant for London Book Fair for translation in 2018. She has written for The Jakarta Post, The Jakarta Globe, Tempo, Salihara, VICE, Whiteboard Journal, and other publications.

Her feature film *Rocket Rain* was nominated in Jogja-Netpac Film Festival and won the Geber Award. The film was nominated for Best Non-Cinema Feature Film and won Best Director in Apresiasi Film Indonesia. She was nominated for Best New Actress by Piala Maya Indonesia.

