

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Deception Point novel is scientific novel written by Dan Brown. It becomes his third novel after *Angel and Demond* novel. It was published by Pocket Book in 2001, and it consists of 557 pages.

Deception Point tells about Intelligence Analyst Rachel Sexton in her mid-thirties, as single, and works for the NRO (National Reconnaissance Office). Her father, Senator Sedgewick Sexton, is a popular presidential candidate surpassing the incumbent President of the United States Zachary Herney. The President sends her to the Arctic as part of a team of experts to confirm and authenticate findings made by NASA deep within the Milne Ice Shelf. NASA's new Earth Observation System (EOS), a collection of satellites constantly monitoring the globe for signs of large-scale change, has found an extremely dense spot in the Milne Ice Shelf. NASA discovers a very dense meteorite. In it are fossils of bugs very similar to but not the same as species on earth. NASA claims this as proof of extraterrestrial life. This find is something NASA needs desperately, as the agency's success rate on other fronts has put it in a bad light. Senator Sexton uses this as an example of government overspending and failure to further his campaign. Meanwhile, a Delta Force team is observing the discovery, monitoring the NASA staff for an unknown commander. When one of the four civilian scientists observes an

irregularity with the pit the meteorite was found in, the Delta Force team 'takes him out' using their miniature spy boot, leaving his body in the pit far below the water where he will not be discovered. When another civilian scientist sees the irregularity, he shares it with his friends Corky and Rachel. They report it to Norah, who confirms that there is sea water in what should be a closed area with only freshwater. The four go outside to scan the ice from a distance. The scan shows Ming's body and a frozen section of ice where the meteorite was drilled up into the shaft and sea water sealed the gap. Upon discovering this, the four are attacked by the Delta Force team. Norah is killed, shown as an accident. Rachel, Mike and Corky escape and are picked up by the Navy submarine USS Charlotte. The Delta Force team believes them to be dead, leaving them a chance to tell the President's advisor and Rachel's boss at the NRO about their discovery, Ming and Norah's deaths and about the attempt on their lives. Rachel's boss, William Pickering, has them airlifted from the sub to a chopper which escorts them away from the meteorite discovery site. A group of four civilian scientists have already been studying the find and have confirmed NASA's claims. It is only hours before the President and NASA plan to go public with the discovery.

In the novel *Deception Point*, Dan Brown performs Rachel Sexton as the major character. Brown develops the personality of woman. Rachel sexton is the female protagonist. She is intelligence analyst in her mid-thirties, is single, and works for the NRO (National Reconnaissance Office).

There is a positive and negative response from this public for this novel. From the positive response, they said that the novel is interesting. Reader's will not be disappointed by the novel. Reader's feel the emotion of the novel.

January 29, 2010: Deception point is a very interesting book that I would recommend other people read. Deception point has great character interaction, deceptions throughout the book, and Dan Brown has already written many wonderful books. If you like Dan Brown's previous books I know that you will like this book. Although it wasn't his best book, it was a good book that I enjoyed reading. I just had to know the end and couldn't put the book down until I found out what happened. The two main characters, Michael Tolland and Rachel Sexton, go on an adventure to try and discover the truth about the fake meteorite. As they leave the icy tundra, they go on a mission to not only discover who is behind the deception but also to save their lives. When they finally solve the mystery Rachel and Michel get a great shock as the person behind the curtains is revealed. You can never guess what will happen and this book is amazing as it continues to throw twists at you that will never cease to amaze you. I would recommend that anyone that likes a mystery, action, or romantic relationship should read this book. <http://www.Amazon.com>

While the negative response by Darian Peters said that

Deception Point is one of Dan Brown's less well-known novels without the mass exposure of the Da Vinci Code. But as with the more famous novel he has written a fast paced thriller that will provide enjoyment to many but appall. <http://www.helium.com/knowledge/216828-book-reviews-deception-point-by-dan-brown>.

Not only the good comments, but also they are critics of this novel. They think that this novel had a great deal of repetition of certain phrase and word. They think it could have been shorter and just as effective to make the readers not to be boring when reading this novel. There was someone said that this novel has weak characters, because uses very short chapters. Some of

them are half page long and while for the most of the book it is rather annoying (Adult, 2004). The other comments also come from lifeloom.com, it shows that most of the people who did not like the novel argued that it is amateurishly written, but most complain about the logical and mathematical errors.

Based on the rating of this novel in www.Amazon.com, this novel is popular enough. It is proven by the selling of this novel and being the American's 1 best selling, although this is the first Dan Brown literary work. This novel has been translated into more than 25 languages, including Indonesian languages and many people like Dan Brown's *Deception Point* novel.

The *Deception Point*, By Dan Brown is an interesting novel. The writer discover three reason why choosing this novel.

The first reason is that the *Deception Point* is shocking scientific discovery novel and the novel to make the readers not boring when reading this novel and the readers feel emotion in this novel. The second reason is that the novel is simple. The writer finds that this novel is simple because this novel using traditional plot which is the story has relation each other in which makes cause effect relation from the begining until in the end of story, so it is make easy to the writer in understanding the story.

The third reason is challenging. This novel is challenging because the writer finds there are several aspects and there are still many interesting characters in this novel that challenge be explored.

Conflict of interest between individual and state in Dan Brown's *Deception Point* novel is one aspect which is interest. If we read this novel, we can see that this novel tells about it. Conflict of interest is inherent to the majority of relationship among individual and of these with companies and institution and, certainly research involving human being is no exception.

These are reflected in sociology studies, in one or more specialties, such as social organization, ethnic relation, social stratification, education, etc. Dealing with literature, sociology then reflects the way of literature interact with society and there is also relationship between literature and sociology.

Shortly talking *Deception Point* is very interesting, to know the conflict of interest between individual and state. The theme of the novel tells about the conflict of interest between individual and state in this novel, the writer applies sociological approach. In this study the writer encourage herself to give a title "***CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL AND STATE IN DAN BROWN'S DECEPTION POINT (2001): A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH***"

B. Literature Review

The writer chooses *Deception Point* novel is very interesting to be analyzed. As long as the writer knows, there is no researcher has been analyzed *Deception Point* novel, especially in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and Sebelas Maret University, but after browsing in the internet the

writer found there is a researcher that conducted the study of *Deception Point* novel.

In Diana Hikmawati's blogspot, the writer found that she discusses *Deception Point* novel with sociological approach, too. The research paper of Diana Hikmawati have entitled "*White Collar Crime as Seen in Dan brown's Deception Point: a Sociological Approach*". (Diana Hikmawati, 2008). It is a research done in order to find out the white collar crime of the characters, besides it also discusses about the reasons why white collar crime happens in *Deception Point* novel.

Although the research used a similar approach, there is the difference between of them. In this research, the writer intends to study the sociological aspect of the novel being researched. It will be done by discovering conflict of interest between individual and state that is reflected in *Deception Point* novel especially concerning with American society in the late of 20th and early 21st century from sociological approach. So, both of the research have different form, it is about the subject of the research that used to analysis the research.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the title and background of the study, the writer proposed the problem as follows: "How is the conflict of interest between individual and state reflected in Dan Brown's *Deception Point*?"

D. Objective of the Study

Based on the problem statement above, the writer can propose some objectives of the study below:

1. To analyze the structural elements of the novel.
2. To analyze the novel based on sociological approach.

E. Limitation of the Study

To make the research appropriate with the objectives of the study, the writer will make the limitation to the research. The writer will only focus on the conflict of interest between individual and state in Dan Brown's *Deception Point* novel by using sociological approach.

F. Benefit of the Study

The reason why someone makes a research is to get the benefit from it. By so doing, the writer expects some benefits produced from this research, Those are:

1. Theoretical Benefit

By doing this research, the writer wants to give contribution in providing references for criticizing a literary work and producing criticism as objective as possible.

2. Practical Benefit

This research has benefit to give deeper understanding about the content of the play especially from the sociological approach in Dan Brown's *Deception Point* novel.

G. Research Method

This chapter is divided into five subparts, namely; type of the study, object of the study, data and data source, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

1. Type of the Study

In this study, the writer uses a qualitative research. It is library research while data source are using literary data. It purposes to analyze the novel using sociological approach.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is Dan Brown's entitled *Deception Point* that is the written in 2001, published by Pocket Book in 2001, New York, contains 557 pages and 133 chapters.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source

In this study, the type of data is the form of the texts and image which used in *Deception Point* novel.

The writer uses two sources of data, according to burns (2000: 485) there are two types of data source, namely: primary data source and second data source. Primary data source are documents written by a witness to the events, whereas secondary data sources are secondhand version and therefore less accurate:

a. Primary Data Source

The primary data source of the study is the novel entitled *Deception Point* written by Dan Brown.

b. Secondary Data Source

The sources of the secondary data are taken from other sources which are related to the primary data that support the analysis. Some books of literary criticism and another data related to this research.

4. Technique of Data Collection

The method of data collection in this study uses the library research by selecting both primary and secondary data. The writer will involve some required steps.

- a. Reading *Deception Point* novel.
- b. Taking write from primary and secondary data source.
- c. Browsing the internet to get some information that related to the topic.
- d. Classifying the data into the categories which relevant to the analysis.
- e. Drawing conclusion and formulating suggestion.

5. Technique of Data Analysis

In analyzing the data, the writer use descriptive analysis. It means that the researcher interprets the text and content to get the needed data. This data are used to analyze the conflict of interest between individual and state in Dan Brown's novel using sociological approach.

H. Research Paper Organization

This research paper is divided into six chapters. Chapter I introduction; it deals with the background of the study, literary review, problem of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study, research method, paper organization. Chapter II presents underlying theory, which contains notion of sociology of literature, principle of sociology of literature, structural elements of the novel, and theoretical application. Chapter III delivers the social historical background of America society in the late of twenty first century with all aspects that influence and happened. Chapter IV discusses the structural analysis; it deals with the structural elements of the novel and discussion. Chapter V is sociological analysis. Chapter VI presents the conclusion and suggestion. It consists of conclusion of the research and then it propose some suggestion.