CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

This chapter is about Introduction of the study. It consists of Background of the study, Problem Statement, The Objectives of the Study, and Significant of the Study.

A. Background of the Study

At the moment, we can easily watch the movie that adapted from the book. A book that created into the movie is usually bestseller, has a great story, events and setting. When the book is, create to the movie, many people curious about the inclusion that the books have. Does the imagination, scene, character that appeared in the book also same as in movie or not. As the title you can see, this proposed research will discuss the preference of book to the movie version. A movie version becomes a discussion when it fails to create the same feelings as the person who has read the books. Viewed from Debate org's website which made a polling "are movies better than a book?" gained 43% for yes and 57% no. It means that most people choose book than a movie. The reason people prefer to book than the movie will explained more clearly in this research.

Khaled Hosseini was born in Kabul in 1965. Due to a coup by the communist group of PPDA and SAUR Revolution in 1978, Hosseini and his family could not return to Afghanistan. Within a year after the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan, Hosseini and his family granted political asylum from the American government and permanently settled in San Jose California. Hosseini is a doctor who also renowned novelist because of his monumental work, The Kite Runner, and The Thousand Splendid Suns. Both of the novels have translated into various languages and sold over 38 million copies worldwide. Graduated from medical education in California-San Diego, Khaled Hosseini opened a specialist organ practice in 1996 and began writing his first novel, that is The Kite Runner in 2004. The efficiency and the accurateness of Hosseini made this novel succeeded in mesmerizing many readers until this novel published in more than 70

countries. For his success, Hosseini was appointed as UNHCR representative as Goodwill Envoy.

Marc Forster is come from German and well known as a filmmaker and screenwriter. Forster has been successfully directing the films like *Monster's Ball* (2001), *Finding Neverland* (2006), *Stay* (2005), *Stranger than Fiction* (2006), *The Kite Runner* (2007), *Quantum of Solace* (2008), and *World War Z* (2013). In the film of *Monster's Ball* (2001), Foster directed Halle Berry an Academy Award-winning performance. Moreover, the film of *Finding Neverland* (2004) nominated for five Golden Globe Awards and seven Academy Awards, belonging to Johnny Deep as a Best Picture and Best Actor.

The Kite Runner is a story two young boys were lived in a shared household in Kabul. One is Amir, a son of a wealthy businessman and another boy is Hassan, a son of businessman's servant. They were so close and talented to play a game of kite running. The story continues into Amir's betrayal who let Hassan be a victim of a rape from Asef and the gang. After that, Amir and his Baba moved into America cause of Taliban regime in Afghanistan. In many years later, Amir got a call in California from Baba's old family friend to explain that Hassan died cause the Taliban and Hassan' son became sex slaves by Taliban forces. At the end of the story is Amir rescue Hassan'son, Sohrab, as a redemption to Hassan. Then, Amir adopted Sohrab and lives in the United States.

There is some reason why researcher chooses *The Kite Runner* movie as an object of this research. First, this movie is about a betrayed friendship who make some moviegoers get a life lesson. Moviegoers will know how we should behave to the person who is willing to sacrifice for us. When people sacrifice to us, then we should know how to reply it.

Second, the movie showed an Afghanistan culture. The culture of Afghanistan such as a game of kite running, the building, and the clothes makes this film amazing. The most prominent culture that featured in this film is the tradition of chasing the kite. This tournament is very prestigious and followed enthusiastically by the whole society. The most recently cut kite will be a symbol of pride for those who have caught it.

Third, *The Kite Runner* is the movie adaptation of the book, which many people like this story. There are many agree and disagree, like and dislike, pro and contra from this movie that people tell their responses in many websites especially in IMDb. The researcher will take all of the responses that prefer the book than the movie. Moreover, the researcher will take the main issues that the most talking in reviews, and about the reviewers' background. To analyze this research, the researcher will use reader response theory.

The data that researcher will take is from IMDb. IMDb is The Internet Movie Database, which is the largest movie database on the website. The site launched in 1990 and now owned by Amazon.com. IMDb provides a lot of information about top movies, movies reviews, celebrity reviews, a summary of the story, and the reviews of the respondent. Respondent can give their comment to evaluate, to praise, and sometimes to critic the movies by their IMDb account. The researcher will take the data in IMDb from the movie of *The Kite Runner* (2007) directed by Marc Foster.

From this research, the researcher hopes can help as a reference to another researcher who has the same issue or theory. The story from *The Kite Runner* movie can be an interesting issue to discuss because the moviegoers will learn from the movie that is a law of Islam, or how Muslims behave according to their respective interpretations. Eventually, based on the reasons and the study background, the researcher presented to do a research entitled Preference Book To Movie Version of Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner* (2007): Reader Response Theory.

B. Problem Statement

1. What are the main issues of the reviews on *The Kite Runner* movie?
2. How is the reviewer's background found in IMDb?
3. What is the reviewer's reason of preferring the book to the movie?

C. Objectives of the Study

1. To explain what the main issue of the reviews on *The Kite Runner* movie.
2. To explain the reviewer's background found in IMDb.
3. To explain the reviewer's reason of preferring the book to the movie.

D. Significant of the Study

The researcher expected that this research could give benefits as follow:

1. Theoretical Benefits

The result of this study is hopefully can be a reference to the other researcher. This research can give information about reader response analysis or about the reason of preference book to movie that reviewers talked.

2. Practical Benefits

The researcher hopes that this study can give the knowledge for the teacher and the students that use reader response theory about *The Kite Runner* movie.