2. SUMMARY OF THE NOVEL

The novel is lifted from true story which tells the story of a cat named “Dewey”. It was only a few weeks dumped into a book return box at the Spencer Public Library, Iowa, United States by a person unknown in the winter of 1998. He had found the next day by the library director, Vicki Myron. In a state that is almost dead with cold frozen Vicky picked up the cat and immediately warm up and make the library as a home for the cat. Who could have guessed, the simple act committed against children Vicky stray cat that will cause him enormous influence both for himself, Spencer Library, even small-town Iowa in general.

The cat was given the name of Dewey, as the name of the inventor of the system of classification of books. Dewey immediately stole the hearts of the Spencer Library staff. Almost all library staff loved him. Nothing like a stray cat in general, Dewey looks sweeter, intelligent, and the main thing is his attitude and good interaction of library visitors.

Initially Dewey presence known only by library staff and some visitors, but is slowly getting famous Dewey, a week after he stayed in the library Dewey rescue story first appeared in the daily local newspaper. Publicity is finally making the entire population of Iowa to know of its existence.

Popularity Dewey and sweet attitude toward visitors of the library makes Dewey the library seems to be an ambassador and inspiration for anyone who
interacts with it. This is evidenced by the increasing number of people interested in
Dewey, the number of visits to libraries increased markedly Spencer. People stay
longer in the library than ever before, they go home with joy and excitement that
were brought into the home, to school, and into the workplace. And people started
talking about Spencer Library.

Dewey's fame was growing, now he is not only known in Iowa, her story even
penetrate to the surrounding towns, across the state, until eventually spread to other
countries. Even Japan's NHK television chose Dewey became their first project in
animal documentary filmmaking.

Dewey's life for nineteen years eventually will become a source of pride for
Iowa, a farming town that when Dewey was found almost bankrupt. Dewey does not
create jobs or anything that makes the Iowa town become economically developed,
but without realizing the presence of Dewey appears at the right moment at which
time the U.S. hit by economic crisis, the presence of Dewey has transferred slightly
more negative thoughts than inhabitant Iowa due to the economic crisis.

The story of the life of Dewey, the library cat is a by Vicki Myron (inventor
of the Dewey) and Bret Witter (editors and lovers of cats) poured in a book entitled
"Dewey". In general, this book is to tell how a stray cat who banished person will
become the most recognizable cat in the world and how Dewey became inspiration
for many people.
Dewey initially only touch the lives of Vicky, she became the adhesive relationship with his daughter Vicky who began to sprawl. Then Dewey is also the adhesive relationship between the library staff where Vicky Spencer's work. Gradually widen the positive influence Dewey again. His manner is sweet to library visitors make it become the most beloved cat.

Not only the citizens of Iowa who loves Dewey, even people from out of town a distance of tens to hundreds of kilometers from Iowa also gave Spencer a visit to the library to see Dewey.

From the whole story about Dewey in this book we are not going to see a heroic event that made Dewey. Dewey is not the hero cat, he is just an ordinary cat, but what makes it famous and become inspiration for many people is a sweet attitude toward all library visitors.

Dewey is not choosy loved ones. He loves all people without favoritism. Every day he every welcome people who come to the library, sitting on the lap of visitors who need it, thus making those people feel cared for by Dewey.

The biggest thing is how his friendship with Dewey is a girl Crystal disabilities are able to transform the girl, who was very depressed to be more optimistic and enjoy happy moments with him. Not only with Crystal, Dewey was also friends with a homeless, children who each day work was left by his mother, until young executives. His relations with many people from all walks of life that make Dewey became inspiration for all those who interact with it.
What was written by Vicky about her beloved cat is indeed remarkable, but fortunately did not get stuck Vicky to write all the advantages of Dewey, in this book will also be revealed the downside of Dewey as fussy in choosing food, it's hard to be invited to the doctors, ran away from libraries, etc. So the figure of Dewey as a cat is not displayed perfectly normal but a cat who has goodness and ugliness.

In addition to the Dewey seems the author also tells the story of his life in this book. Starting from the story of a failed marriage, his struggle to raise only daughters, to various diseases who punishment.

The parts that I think this is somewhat deviated from the main theme of this book. Nothing wrong if it is still about Dewey, but there are many things in life stories that said not associated with Dewey so that this section seemed to stand alone and not 'disconnected' with the story of Dewey. Because Dewey's life is in the library then the activity and once-a-brace of all libraries will appear in this book. Like how the Spencer library from time to time during Dewey's life, the shift of the manual to a computerized system, the efforts undertaken Spencer Library to attract visitors, etc..

This is certainly very interesting and useful also for the observers and practitioners of our library. A little more we will learn and be made aware that the function of libraries is not just a deserted warehouse to store books, but a house for gathered, public space where the library becomes central to the development and various social and cultural activities in the surrounding community.
In conclusion, despite the advantages and disadvantages of this book, the book is lifted from this true story we will be served amazing story of a cat that is so inspired millions of people, not because of heroic actions but of love, generosity, and strength of the relationship between human beings with animals. In addition, this book also invites readers to think positive in the midst of life's difficulties.