

2. BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR



ANDREA HIRATA SEMAN SAID HARUN

Andrea Hirata was born in Pulau Belitong, Bangka Belitung On Oktober 24, 1967. Andrea Hirata comes famous writer along with the success of his first novel, *Laskar Pelangi*. He be famous when his first novel that be a best seller novel was appointed by cinematographer duo, Riri Riza and Mira Lesmana.

Andrea was graduated from University of Indonesia, got a scholarship for Master of science study at the Universite de Paris, Sorbonne, France and Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom. Andrea Hirata thesis in the field of telecommunications economics and he received awards from both university and he passed cum laude. The thesis had been translated to Indonesian Language and was the first book theory of telecommunication economic written by an Indonesian. The book had been circulated as a scientific reference. Now, Andrea stays in Bandung and still working at the headquarter of PT. Telekomunikasi.

Although his major studies is economy, he was really fond of science- physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy and literature, of course. Andrea further identifies himself as a scholar and a backpacker. Another is pursuing is dream to live in Kye Gompa, the highest village in Himalaya.

Laskar Pelangi including novel in the ranks was the best seller novel for years 2006-2007. Besides Laskar Pelangi, also wrote Sang Pemimpi and Edensor, and Maryamah Karpov, too. The four novel are called in the tetralogy. Andrea also produces other works, namely Padang Bulan and Cinta di dalam Gelas, which was published in 2010.

The author who comes from Pulau Belitung, Bangka Belitung is still single until now. Single status was carried by Andrea could trigger bad news. Because in November 2008, suddenly a woman, Roxana, give a stratling statement that she was the ex-wife Andrea. Andrea confessed that he had married with Roxana on 5 July 1998, but was canceled in 2000. The reason why Andrea cancels his wedding because Roxana married when she was still a wife of someone else.

Being success with the tetralogy, Andrea penetrated the world of film. His first novel had been filmed to the movie by the same title, Laskar Pelangi in 2008. By cooperating with Riri Riza as a director and Mira Lesmana as a producer, the movie become the most phenomenal movie in 2008. Near the end of 2009, Andrea with Miles Films and Mizan Production re-released the sequel, Sang Pemimpi.