



The cinematographic dream of "Dreaming Murakami"

Dreaming Murakami is a documentary, a movie, a cinematographic experience. It's a dream.

The director **Nitesh Anjaan** has realized in a one hour movie one of those dreams that Murakami writes on paper.

It's same as a Murakami book, just not one that you read - **you rather watch it**. It encompasses each of the elements that are known as typical of his work:

- a lonely protagonist, owner of a cat, taking business trips;
- a dreamy and mysterious character, not belonging to the real world;
- more than one reality, merging together;
- an open ending.

This may look like an ordinary documentary about a translator, her job and her life - one may even wonder where is Murakami. But he's present in the movie, because he's in **Mette Holm**'s life. He is sort of a presence in the life of readers, as his character Sheep Man.





The <u>documentary film</u> Dreaming Murakami unites and represents Murakami's novels lover and their special bond with the author. It is not just a movie about a danish translator, *rather about me, you and anyone seeing himself in Murakami's characters.*

Murakami's novels do not just tell about one character, they are about anyone.

It's hard not to find yourself in the main characters - they are so *realistic*, so full of fears, insecurities and suffering and they are alone. Anyway the protagonist *does not feel lonely* - he's used to it - and uses it as a way to help himself. People who appeared in Dreaming Murakami made understand that they see themselves in this description.

Introspection, loneliness and an own imaginary world are the elements that effectively unite Murakami's protagonists and his readers.

I personally loved this film a lot, I felt myself told and described in every moment and in every frame of the movie - as if it was telling about my passion for tea, cats, books, Japan and of course for this amazing author. I would like to personally thank Mette Holm for this **incredible experience** where she took with.



Dreaming Murakami is a documentary film made with such care and precision that leaves us breathless.

References to books, images and places were a lot, all of them fitted perfectly without any forcings.

It seems like it is made exactly upon Murakami's book and his readers because once ended it makes you feel as just came out from a different reality: you are *ipnotized*, *confused* and *dazed*, and shortly after so *enthusiast*!

It is doubtless an *intese* movie, especially for the dialogues and quotes of Super-Frog.

In the end, details contributed to made it an **outstanding** documentary.

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