

## ABOUT THE BOOK

When Linkar Yikyaw was attending medical college in mid 1980s, he was fascinated by the life of a famous rural doctor named Dr Thein Hlaing. He was known in the country as Naga-Thein Hlaing for his surgery works in a remote hilly region in western border of the country named Naga. He was regarded as the father of Ambulatory Surgery in the country.

His adventures, sacrifice and surgical skills saved hundreds of lives in Embargo-hit socialist Burma. Though Linkar Yikyaw had not personally met Dr Thein Hlaing at that time, he was inspired by him to write his first novel in 1985 creating a character similar to Naga-Thein Hlaing called Chin Hill-Latt Nyein. This novel.

The background period of the story is in early to mid 1980s when the country was under so-called Socialist dictatorship and when the man power, material and medical supply of the hospitals all over the country were severely limited. The novel was published only 22 years later but still made huge success locally.

It was awarded National Literary Award, made into movie which again won the Best Picture of the year award and the Best Script of the year award, prescribed as a reference text for Myanmar literature in the University.

This is the first novel to be translated to English in Linkar Yikyaw's novels too.