



# Dutch Clouds

**Willem de Rooij, Valkenburg, Centraal Museum, Utrecht**

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These paintings show clouds you cannot find in Suriname.

This exhibition is about what you don't see.

In Suriname there are hardly any clouds. The clouds in Valkenburg's paintings are very Dutch. He paints Suriname as if it were a Dutch landscape.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [\[/b-n-l/dutch-clouds/pdf#A1\]](#)I am thanking.....

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