

ABSTRACT

A Reader-response Criticism on the LINE Webtoon Series *The Secret of Angel* by
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This research is a reader-response criticism study on a webtoon entitled *The Secret of Angel*. The objectives of the study are to identify the prominent elements of romance; and how the elements of romance found by readers. This study focuses on elements of romance in *The Secret of Angel* reflected in plot; characters; and readers-responses toward the webtoon, which was analyzed using the theory of Elements of Romance and Reader-response Criticism. Since the researcher uses a webtoon and its audience, the study is named as reader-response in a qualitative study. The researcher conducted a reading process and interviews which led to the interpretation process. The result of the study indicated the dominant elements of romance are Formula and Fantasy elements; also the readers of the webtoon were interested since characterization and conflict occurred in real life. In addition, *The Secret of Angel* was able to trigger readers' interest since it presented an unpredictable story.

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