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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the thesis is to analyze Luang Vichit Vadakan's romantic novels in terms of their literary techniques, styles and value, which greatly contribute to the popularity of these novels.

This study is divided into 5 chapters. Chapter 1 is an introduction. Chapter 2 discusses Luang Vichit Vadakan's biography, literary works and social background during the World War II. Chapter 3, an analysis of Luang Vichit Vadakan's romantic novels, focuses on the techniques and styles. Chapter 4 studies the literary value of his works. The conclusion together with some suggestions are in chapter 5.

The results from the study on Luang Vichit Vadakan's romantic novels show that his literary works present a clear concept of love, revenge, destiny and unjust society. The stories are evolved around various types of conflict, with the use of subplots and minor themes embraced in the main plot and the central theme. The content of most works is presented chronologically. Interesting chapter titles and foreshadowing attract the readers's attention and rouse their expectations. The author usually begins the novel by plunging the readers into the main conflicts and ends it with a problem or puzzle, requiring his audience's intense and active response. The story is told through the first-and third-

person points of view. The characters portrayed realistically with complication and development of perception are distinguished through the author's creation of static characters'. Presented vividly, the setting is paralleled with the characters's feeling as well as the mood and the atmosphere of the story. Settings of foreign countries accurately mirror the society, value, culture, and the family unit of each racial group. The dialogues are appropriately related to the character's status and emotion. Luang Vichit Vadakan is not only skillful in simple, precise diction but also particular with the sound and rhythm of the words. Besides, imagery is used effectively. Thus Luang Vichit Vadakan's romantic novels are both delightful and instructive bringing the readers different kinds of knowledge and world views beneficial to society. As a result, these novels have been widely read.