

Master's Report Title	An Analytical Study of Khmer General Literature: "RAN-NAT"
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is to provide an analytical study of the Khmer novel entitled "RAN-NAT" which was written in Khmer by Aum Chum and was rewarded in the competition of writing a novel from the First Indra Devi in Cambodia.

This research work consists of five chapters, viz.: Introductory chapter deals with the background and the importance of the problems, the aims and the objectives, scope, benefits, preliminary assumption of research method procedure and information resources for this research. The second chapter deals with an analytical study of the component factors of this novel such as structure, themes, scenes, performers and forms to compose this novel. The third chapter is to study influential matters of Thai societies and culture appearing in this novel. The fourth chapter is about reflections on Khmer societies and culture occurring in the novel and the last chapter includes conclusions and suggestions.

The research outcome can be summarized that the khmer novel entitled "RAN-NAT" mentions the story of an orphan girl who has intended to fulfil her duties according to the words of her late mother although many problems come to her at that time. The story of this novel, obviously, indicates various reflections of the societies, cultures, customs and the values of the frontiersmen between Thailand and Cambodia.