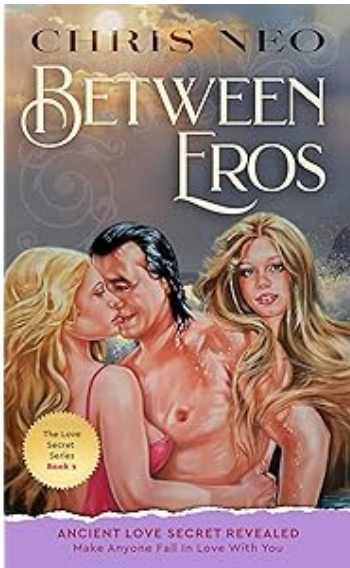




Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

Book Review Mini-Critique



Below you will find ratings (scale of 1-5) with general descriptions for the major parts of your book followed by your Readers' Favorite review. Although this is just a Mini-Critique, we hope it will give you an insight into how readers may view the different components of your book.

These are the opinions of your reviewer, and although they are not a literary professional, they are an avid reader of books just like yours.

Title: Between Eros
Subtitle: The Love Secret Book 2
Author: Chris Neo
Genre: Romance - Contemporary



Appearance: The appearance of a book can make a significant impact on the experience of a reader, whose enjoyment is often enhanced by an enticing cover, an intriguing table of contents, interesting chapter headings, and when possible, eye-catching illustrations.

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Plot: The characters of a book should be well defined with strengths and flaws, and while they do not have to be likable, the reader does have to be able to form a connection with them. The tone should be consistent, the theme should be clear, and the plot should be original or told from a unique perspective. For informative books -- those without plot and characters--this rating refers primarily to your concept and how well you presented it.

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Development: Development refers to how effectively you told your story or discussed your topic. The dialogue should be realistic, the descriptions should be vivid, and the material should be concise and coherent. Organization is also a key factor, especially for informative books -- those without plot and characters. The order in which you tell your story or explain your topic and how smoothly it flows can have a huge impact on the reader's understanding and enjoyment of the material.

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Formatting: Formatting is the single most overlooked area by authors. The way in which you describe scenes, display dialogue, and shift point of view can make or break your story. In addition, excessive grammatical errors and typos can give your book an amateurish feel and even put off readers completely.

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Marketability: Marketability refers to how effectively you wrote your book for your target audience. Authors may include content that is above or below the understanding of their target reader, or include concepts, opinions or language that can accidentally confuse or alienate some readers. Although by its nature this rating is very subjective, a very low rating here and poor reviews may indicate an issue with your book in this area.

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Overall Opinion: The overall starred rating takes into account all these elements and describes the overall reading experience of your reviewer. This is the official Readers' Favorite review rating for your book.

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Review:

Reviewed by Romuald Dzemo for Readers' Favorite

Between Eros is the second book in The Love Secret series by Chris Neo. In this story, Aris leaves his toxic marriage in search of an ancient secret said to have the power to make anyone fall in love. He is with two friends, Uri and John, who are escaping from their own domestic struggles. The journey is fraught with danger, including near starvation, a sabotaged Atlantic crossing, vicious storms, and a miraculous dolphin rescue before they arrive at a remote Greek village. In this village, Aris meets Angelica, a local woman whose spirit and intelligence challenge Aris' cynicism. The two engage in a clandestine, passionate affair that unfolds under an old oak tree. What happens when Angelica becomes pregnant and when a jealous widow attacks? What happens when Aris' modern values conflict with strict village traditions?

When I read the first book in this series, I knew I wasn't going to miss Between Eros. I was expecting to meet a new hero in the story, but wasn't disappointed. It was Aris again. Chris Neo delivers a tale that entertains and that kept me laughing most of the time. The characters are complex, and I enjoyed how Aris seems to be torn between his quest for transcendent love and responding to family duty. At times, I wondered if he just wanted to be out there chasing something elusive while escaping his reality back at home or if he was serious. Then there is Angelica, who is smart yet genuinely flawed. This author writes beautifully about love beyond eros and creates a story that is filled with adventure, the kind of humor I like, and characters that are genuinely flawed. When you are done reading this book, you will be asking yourself if love is something to conquer or a choice to make.