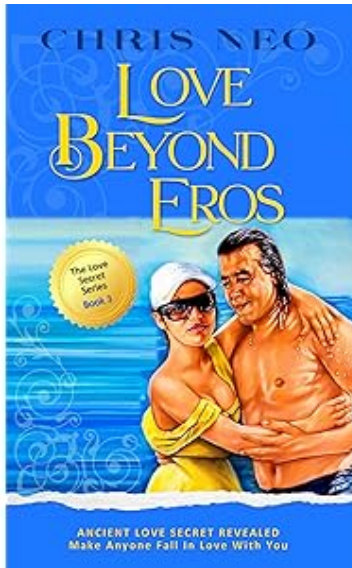




Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

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: Love Beyond Eros
Subtitle: The Love Secret Book 3
Author: Chris Neo
Genre: Christian - 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

Chris Neo's *Love Beyond Eros* is the third book in the enthralling *Love Secret* series. The story continues with Aris, an American traveler in a remote Greek village, as he falls deeply in love with Angelica, a local woman who carries his child. The beautiful thing they have going is threatened when Aris is bitten by a "Dracula" snake, which turns out to be an assassination attempt. While he is in a coma, Angelica's grandmother, Granny, fights to keep him alive. Two unlikely saviors turn up: the wealthy, powerful, and manipulative Varo, who orders an antivenom to be delivered by fighter jets, and a dying Russian general, Dimitri, who makes what appears to be his last flight to meet his lost love, Granny. Can Aris be cured, and who, indeed, tried to kill him?

Having read the first two books in the series, I was expecting a lot in this third installment. *Love Beyond Eros* didn't disappoint me, and Chris Neo reintroduces characters I met in the second book. I particularly loved the fact that Angelica and Aris came back together after their adventures in the previous book. The developmental arc is superb, and what struck me most was the transformation in characters like Varo. I was glad to see his obsession soften and a genuine friendship start with Aris. The novel has a lot of adventure to keep any reader turning the pages. The drama never slackens, and it is bolstered by the well-crafted dialogues and the author's unique ability to capture details of the emotions of the characters.