

ABSTRACT

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This research focuses on the characteristics of a habitus gay and readers' responses to an online novel entitled *Homicidal* on the Wattpad application. This study aims to (1) identify the characteristics of the habitus gay contained in the characters in the online novel *Homicidal* on the Wattpad. (2) to explain the readers' response toward the online novel *Homicidal*. This study used a qualitative descriptive method as the research design. The data source used in this study was taken from the reading platform, namely the Wattpad application. The first finding shows there are five of the seven characters have the characteristics of a gay, including Jungkook with 5 characteristics of a habitus gay, Taehyung with 2 characteristics of a habitus gay, Mr. Yang with 2 characteristics of a habitus gay, Jimin with 1 characteristic of habitus gay, and Yoongi with 1 characteristic of habitus gay. Meanwhile, the second finding shows three types of reader responses, 1 reader is The Self-Deprecators type, 43 readers are The Re-Reader type, and 18 readers are The Senser type the data analyzed.

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