

NOVELS BY PAK CHI WON
A WRITER OF KOREA'S REFORMATORY
FACTION

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Pak Chi Won (1737-1805) is a writer belonging to Reformatory faction at the end of Yi Dynasty. He was an author who wrote many novels about reforming society .

In political thoughts, Pak Chi Won was materialistic, following such policies as abolishing the lines between the poor and the rich, everyone is equal, dividing land to peasants and so on.

In literary field, Pak Chi Won struggled against formalism and worshipping Chinese's classic literature blindly. He wrote about the important and practical problems in the country, especially about the pure laborers.

Pak Chi Won was a great short story-writer. The contents of his short stories are to reflect and respond to social issues. He criticized to aristocracy, high mandarin, Confucian scholars; he praised working people and the people devoting to the country; he sympathized with talented people but not being used. Pak Chi Won's novels reflected

fully characteristics of his society. He exposed the negative phenomena in Yi dynasty as well as the dream of an ideal society in the future.

Pak Chi Won's novels as well as his poetry reflected fully the thoughts by Yi Dynasty's Reformatory faction.