



Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

Book Review Mini-Critique

Below you will find ratings (scale of 1-5) with descriptions for the major parts of your book followed by your Readers' Favorite review. Although these are general ratings we hope they will give you an insight into how others may view the different components of your book.

These are the opinions of your reviewer, and although your reviewer is not an expert literary critic or professional editor, they are at the very least, an avid reader of books just like yours.

Title: Serenity View Poems & Images from the Blue Ridge Mountains
Author: Dr. Marlene MD
Genre: Poetry - Inspirational



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 Daniel D Staats for Readers' Favorite

If you are tired, it is time to come sit for a spell in your Happy Chair and read Serenity View Poems & Images from the Blue Ridge Mountains by Dr. Marlene. This book is absolutely relaxing. Dr. Marlene and her husband took a trip to the North Georgia mountains, and she memorialized the trip in poems. Her calming words induced me into a stage of relaxation. I have been to the Blue Ridge area many times as I used to live on the other side of the mountain. She has captured the feel of actually being there. I could close my eyes and see the sights and sounds of nature. I could smell the fresh scents of pine and nature. This book is a treasure. Apart from the wonderfully inspiring words, Dr. Marlene has included photos of her trip, showing the diversity of the area.

Dr. Marlene has authored a gem in Serenity View Poems & Images from the Blue Ridge Mountains. If you have ever been to the North Georgia mountains, you will understand the title of the book. If not, you will be able to experience through words the serene atmosphere of the Blue Ridge area. Ellijay, Blue Ridge, the Toccoa River, Ducktown, and many other sights and places shown in pictures as well as words. Dr. Marlene writes traditionally rhyming poems. The rhymes flow naturally. She has penned a tribute that will burn its way into your heart with a love for North Georgia. Reading this book will take you away from the hustle and bustle of your busy life and whisk you off to a serene retreat. In today's pandemic stress, Dr. Marlene draws each reader to a place of serenity.