



# 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:** Adventures of Karter  
**Subtitle:** I'm A Big Brother Now!  
**Author:** Rhovonda L. Brown  
**Genre:** Children - Picture Book



**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**Review:**

Reviewed by Carol Thompson for Readers' Favorite

*Adventures of Karter: I'm a Big Brother Now!* by Rhovonda L. Brown follows young Karter as he experiences one of the biggest moments in his life: becoming a big brother. The story begins with the arrival of his baby brother, Lucky Jr., and captures Karter's excitement as he imagines all the things they will do together. Guided by conversations with his grandmother and supported by his family, Karter learns what it means to be an older sibling. He wonders about the games they will play, asks questions about his new responsibilities, and delights in every small milestone. Karter discovers that babies need time to grow and that caring for a younger sibling involves patience and understanding. The story also includes a playful guessing game centered on the baby's name, adding an interactive element that invites young readers to participate.

Rhovonda L. Brown writes with warmth and straightforwardness. The pacing moves smoothly through a series of short scenes that mirror the thoughts and feelings of a child adjusting to a family change. Repetition is used effectively, particularly through Karter's recurring statements about being a big brother, helping reinforce both the theme and the rhythm of the story. The narrative is paired with colorful family photographs that give the book a personal quality and help readers connect with the characters. The playful guessing sequence introduces anticipation and encourages participation, making the read interactive. Young children will enjoy Karter's enthusiasm, while parents and caregivers will appreciate the book's focus on kindness, responsibility, and sibling relationships. Fans of family-centered picture books will find much to enjoy in *Adventures of Karter*.