



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.

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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 Jennifer Senick for Readers' Favorite

Adventures of Karter: I'm a Big Brother Now! by Rhovonda L. Brown is about a young boy named Karter who has some awesome news to share with the world: he's a big brother now. The story is told through his eyes as he discovers what it's like to have a baby brother. At first, he imagines all the fun things he wants to do with him. Before long, he sees there's more to it than having someone to play with. He learns he needs to be a little patient since babies take time to grow. After talking with Grammy, he realizes that being a big brother is a huge responsibility. Then something happens that changes the way he sees his little brother. What do you think he figured out?

Adventures of Karter by Rhovonda L. Brown is an enjoyable picture book that I'm sure kids will find easy to understand. Karter's enthusiasm, curiosity, and feelings make him lovable and relatable. It would definitely make a great read-aloud. As an educator, I would read it when one of my students has a new sibling or during a unit on families. It also provides opportunities to discuss loved ones, patience, and other related emotions. As a follow-up activity, students can draw or write about the people important to them. The photographs by Kourtney L. Brown bring Karter's world to life with warmth and personality. My favorites were the ones with smiles, which of course made me do the same. Expectant parents, as well as teachers looking for resources about family changes, will want to pick up this book.