



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: Pinky Plum's New Family
Author: Tara Turner
Genre: Children - Social Issues



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 Amy Louise Hill for Readers' Favorite

Pinky Plum's New Family by Tara Turner is a heart-warming story for young children. Mr. Sweeny is the owner of a toy shop called "Toys n Such," and every spring and summer, he excitedly waits for new toys to arrive. Everyone in town knows Mr. Sweeny and is just as excited as him for the new toys. Mrs. Tinker, a regular customer, was always one of the first to hear about the new arrivals. This time was no different, especially because Mr. Sweeny had a very special toy just for her family: a pink yarn doll named Pinky. Pinky had previously been bullied for not having any cool uses; she was simply just a yarn doll, and this made her feel sad. Mrs. Tinker takes Pinky home with her, knowing exactly who to give her to. Who will be Pinky's new owner? And will they feel the same way Pinky does about herself? Or will she finally find someone to care for her the way she desperately desires?

In Pinky Plum's New Family, Tara Turner delights readers with a beautiful story about a toy wishing for a forever home. The storyline tugged at my heartstrings from the moment I met the character Pinky. She, like many children, feels different and a bit of a misfit because of it. I found this to be a crucial detail because children will relate to it and connect with Pinky. It can be hard for children to fit into all aspects of life, so books like these fill me with confidence as I know they will find their way and learn to love and accept themselves for who they are. The writing is simple, which will allow children to follow along with ease and absorb the lesson. The illustrations by Camilla Moore are adorable and depict the characters perfectly.