



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: The Adventures of Maggie the Mail Carrier

Author: Susan M Sanchez

Genre: Children - Adventure



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 Philip Van Heusen for Readers' Favorite

Where can you find a job full of adventure, change, surprises, and interaction with animals, children, and adults? The United States Postal Service is where. Susan M. Sanchez is a postal carrier and turns some of her daily adventures into a cute children's picture book in *The Adventures of Maggie the Mail Carrier*. One of the great perks of being a mail carrier is the gifts many customers leave in the mailbox for their carrier: cookies, candy, and even homemade banana bread. Children will enjoy how Susan takes common experiences and creates great stories. Maybe your child's class can tour your local post office. Maggie always takes time to be kind to all her customers while making her daily rounds. My cousin was a rural mail carrier, and he told similar stories.

Susan M. Sanchez loves her job as a mail carrier and that love shines through in her wonderful book—*The Adventures of Maggie the Mail Carrier*. Written in an entertaining style that even the youngest reader can enjoy, this book shares the many hidden joys of the job. From having lunch with a horse named Hank to discovering a garage fire and alerting the fire department, each story shows compassion, care, and love for those she faithfully serves. This book will help children see that there is adventure all around them, and they can have fun and enjoyment in any career they choose. Discuss with your child what you would like to leave in your mailbox for your mail carrier. A Christmas gift is always appreciated, but think of other days you can make your carrier feel special. I highly recommend this book to all young readers as they learn about being a good neighbor.