



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: Let's Celebrate!
Subtitle: A Child's Journey Through Grief, Book 3
Author: Ta'Shay Mason
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:

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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.

Marketability:

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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.

Overall Opinion:

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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.

Review:

Reviewed by Carol Thompson for Readers' Favorite

Let's Celebrate! A Child's Journey Through Grief, Book 3 by Ta'Shay Mason follows the emotional path of a young girl, Jazmine, as she faces life after losing her father. The book explores grief, love, and healing, providing a gentle story for children and families going through similar experiences. The story starts with Jazmine preparing for a ballet recital, a moment that emphasizes her strong bond with her late father, who affectionately called her "Jazzerina." Through her interactions with her mother and Aunt Rhonda, the book shows the importance of family support during challenging times. The necklace given to Jazmine, engraved with a message from her father, becomes a symbol of his lasting love and presence in her life.

Ta'Shay Mason skillfully balances moments of sadness with glimpses of hope and happiness. Jazmine's birthday, which initially brings pain, becomes a meaningful day as her family helps to honor her father's memory while creating new joyful moments. The inclusion of a memory book and a visit to a special place shared with her father highlights the healing power of cherishing memories. A Child's Journey Through Grief acknowledges the complexity of emotions that come with loss while offering reassurance that it is okay to feel a mix of sadness and happiness. The story also emphasizes the importance of communication, encouraging children to share their feelings with trusted adults and friends. The book concludes on a hopeful note, with Jazmine finding comfort in her dreams and the support of her loved ones. It reinforces the idea that while the pain of loss may never fully disappear, it is possible to find joy and create new memories while keeping alive the memory of a loved one.