



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: Twins In The City
Subtitle: Let's Learn About Police Officers
Author: Adrian Goodwin and Christopher Goodwin
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 Pikasho Deka for Readers' Favorite

Twins In The City is an educational children's picture book that focuses on the responsibilities of police officers and their importance and relationship with their local community. Written by Adrian Goodwin and Christopher Goodwin, the story follows two twin sisters, Madison and Mia, as they roam the city with their parents. After seeing a police officer on a horse, Madison wonders how police officers keep everyone safe in the city. Mia answers that apart from helping people during emergencies, the police help in crowd control and direct traffic. Their parents point out that just like our communities, the police represent different cultures worldwide. Some of them speak Spanish, some of them wear turbans while others wear hijabs, and yet others handle K-9 dogs.

In recent years, there has been a disconnect between law enforcement agencies and the general public. Books like Twins In The City go a long way in helping children understand not only the responsibilities and the work done by the police but also help bridge the gap between them and the community they serve. Adrian and Christopher Goodwin tell a much-needed story for our times. With some colorful illustrations by artist Bria M. DuBose, the characters feel vibrant and shine through the pages. Kids will find it easy to relate to Mia and Madison, as their queries resemble what children are usually curious about when they think of police officers. All in all, a relevant picture book that I highly recommend.