



Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

Book Review Mini-Critique

Below you will find ratings (scale of 1-5) with descriptions for the major parts of your book followed by your Readers' Favorite review. Although these are general ratings we hope they will give you an insight into how others may view the different components of your book.

These are the opinions of your reviewer, and although your reviewer is not an expert literary critic or professional editor, they are at the very least, an avid reader of books just like yours.

Title: More!
Author: Tammie Rothermel
Genre: Fiction - Intrigue



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 Lesley Jones for Readers' Favorite

In *More!* by Tammie Rothermel, sixteen-year-old Nikki Moore led a peaceful existence with her parents in the woods of Oley Valley. However, one day in March 1964, she met a mysterious stranger fishing on the banks of a lake, someone that would turn her world upside-down. Nikki is unaware that the dark and enigmatic stranger is none other than Grant Henderson, the lead guitarist from the acclaimed rock band, the Merseymen. They are instantly attracted to each other, and although their six-year age difference is a concern to her parents, Nikki is soon drawn into the exciting world of rock bands, adoring fans, and media intrusion. Nikki and Grant manage to keep their relationship a secret, even after their marriage. But as Nikki tries to acclimate to her new life, it is not long before her own talent as a performer is recognized. Her career explodes, and she is faced with the perils of stardom. Nikki looks forward to a promising future when her world is suddenly torn apart and she has to face an ultimate betrayal. Just as Nikki is picking up the pieces of her life, she is offered a dangerous proposition and an encounter with a secret admirer.

More! by Tammie Rothermel encapsulates the deepest and darkest aspects of human relationships wonderfully. The plot continuously reveals layers of information and exciting plot twists. The characters have been created with a great deal of consideration to ensure their personalities are diverse and interesting. Nikki is an amazing character; her parents instilled such high morals and values in her as a child and these were apparent throughout her interactions with others. She possessed incredible emotional strength and intelligence and also kept her grace and dignity when faced with hurt and betrayal. I also thought Mary was a beautiful soul; she had fantastic perception and integrity. The band's manager and Grant were realistic personalities, and their actions were both believable and compelling. The dialogue was superb and relayed the emotions and mindset of the characters perfectly too. The plot reveals a darker side of fame and the negative aspects such as overbearing fans, media intrusion, and how financial gain overrides personal happiness. The ending was spectacular and filled with excitement and tension as Nikki becomes entangled in a dangerous situation. Her character develops gradually and realistically throughout the story, and the next chapter in her life is definitely going to be interesting.