



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: Mary's Life Journey & Her Amazing Yes!
Author: Denise Mercado
Genre: Christian - Non-Fiction



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 Nino Lobiladze for Readers' Favorite

The Catholic Rosary is a form of prayer and devotion to the Blessed Mother of God. Also, it is a constant challenge for many Catholics. The requirement of the Blessed Virgin herself is not only to say the prayers but also to meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary. Many of us, like myself, are unsure how to meditate on and contemplate these mysteries properly. *Mary's Life Journey & Her Amazing Yes!* by Denise Mercado is a guide to the Rosary and its mysteries, supported by solid historical research. The author explores the facts regarding the earthly life of Our Lady and her relationship with the Holy Trinity through the teaching of the Catholic Church, the perspective of Protestant theologians, and the Rosary in its many forms, which include the Dominican, Franciscan, and Brigittine.

Denise Mercado is a brilliant researcher. She did a tremendous job of exploring the subject of *Mary's Life Journey & Her Amazing Yes!* Denise highlights the researched issues from every possible angle. She even offers Islamic views on the Blessed Mother. Thus, the book is well-balanced. While exploring the controversial Infancy Gospels, Denise stays respectful of the traditional views and opinions regarding the early years of Our Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother. I appreciated the insights into the history of the Rosary. Denise offered them in a clear and easy-to-understand way. It allowed me to grasp the meaning of the Liturgy of the Hours, among other intriguing aspects of the history of the Rosary. Denise shares with us her personal tragedies and the loss of loved ones. These reflections show us the role of the Blessed Mother in her life. Denise thoroughly explains the mysteries of the Rosary and the wonderful nature of the woman who gave birth to Jesus Christ. *Mary's Life Journey & Her Amazing Yes!* is a profound read for those who want to understand the Rosary and its mysteries and learn more about the life of the Blessed Virgin.