

Writer's Digest Competitions shared feedback with you.

Structure, Organization, Pacing: Please choose the statement that best applies to this book.

Reviewer 1

This book is exemplary in its structure, organization, and pacing. The structure of the chapters/parts aid in a compelling organization of the story or information. The pacing is even throughout and matches the tone/genre of the book.

Optional: Additional reader commentary related to Structure, Organization, Pacing:

Reviewer 1

The pacing was well maintained throughout. I enjoyed how you began your story. The scene where the salt pillars collapse was spellbinding and tense. As was the scene with the grandfather and grandson out fishing. I was terrified they were going to drown!

Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar: Please choose the statement that best applies to this book.

Reviewer 1

This book has spelling, punctuation, and grammar corresponding with the region of the world from which the author hails (ex. British English or American English) or with where the book is set (including slang, vernacular, or dialect). These choices are intentional and implemented consistently throughout with few, if any, errors.

Optional: Additional reader commentary related to Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar:

Reviewer 1

n/a

Production Quality and Cover Design: Please choose the statement that best applies to this book.

Reviewer 1

This book is exemplary in production quality and cover design. The digital file allows for easy and accurate toggling between chapters and URLs (if any) are hyperlinked. The cover appears to be professionally designed and is compellingly related to the content/genre of the book.

Optional: Additional reader commentary related to Production Quality and Cover Design:

Reviewer 1

n/a

Plot, Story, or Topic Appeal: Please choose the statement that best applies to this book.

Reviewer 1

This book is exemplary in its choice of topic or theme of the story. It is unique but still has strong appeal for most readers in its intended genre. If the book is fiction or narrative nonfiction, the book is well plotted. If the book is poetry or prescriptive nonfiction, there is a cohesive theme or delivery of information.

Optional: Additional reader commentary related to Plot, Story, or Topic Appeal:

Reviewer 1

I enjoyed the dilemma you put 'H' in. How does he investigate his own family, especially a father he didn't have much of a relationship with? I also loved the flavor of Louisiana culture, from their manner of speech to their distinct personalities. It was a compelling story that captured my interest and held it throughout.

Character Appeal and Development: Please choose the statement that best applies to this book.

Reviewer 1

This book is exemplary in character appeal (or interest) and development. All main characters (including antagonists) are unique and fully fleshed out with compelling, layered motivations and traits. Secondary characters are unique and have a meaningful purpose.

Optional: Additional reader commentary related to Character Appeal and Development (for fiction and narrative nonfiction only):

Reviewer 1

You've created an unforgettable character in 'H'. He is the reluctant hero we all root for. He's smart, resourceful, and has a moral compass that, in this case, leads him down some very unsavory roads. But he holds true to himself. The secondary characters are well fleshed out and interesting in their own right.

Voice and Writing Style: Please choose the statement that best applies to this book.

Reviewer 1

This book is exemplary in its voice and writing style. It has a unique voice, and the writing style is consistent throughout. The style and tone are also consistent with or will appeal to readers of the intended genre.

Optional: Additional reader commentary related to Voice and Writing Style:

Reviewer 1

Your writing style and voice are solid, gritty, and engaging. You pulled me in immediately. Great pacing, terrific story, and wonderful, colorful characters.

In a few explanatory sentences, please share with the entrant 1-3 things that you enjoyed or that readers will find compelling about this book and why.

Reviewer 1

The plot twists and turns will satisfy any lover of mystery. The location is interesting, as are the colorful characters that inhabit the story. A hero who has to investigate his own family, despite his misgivings, is someone you really find yourself rooting for.

In a few explanatory sentences, please share with the entrant 1-3 of the most important aspects that need to be improved for this book to be more appealing/useful to readers and why.

Reviewer 1

This is only a minor critique and doesn't take away from the overall quality of your story. At times, especially in the beginning, I found myself overwhelmed by so many characters all at once. It took me a while to differentiate between them all. Perhaps use only those necessary to give the proper flavor to the scene and are essential to the overall plot.

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