



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: Kermes Vermilio
Author: Yellow Streamers
Genre: Fiction - Fantasy - General



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 Rabia Tanveer for Readers' Favorite

Kermes Vermilio: The Decay of The Tactless by Yellow Streamers is a fantasy novel that follows the life of Cassie Finch as she struggles to find a place for herself amidst the chaos around her. Filled with mystery, magic, and suspense, the story follows a multitude of characters, each of whom has a tale to tell. In the center of it all is 17-year-old Cassie, who moved to Needmore, Florida, with her father in the hopes of finding a situation without having to interact with the rest of the world too much. However, a boy named Hayden Prior pays her attention, and the two soon form a bond. The situation changes when Detectives Savannah Handorf and Fred Bass start to investigate murders that took place in the 90s and the Prior family's possible involvement in those unfortunate events. Now it is up to Cassie and Hayden to reveal the truth, but they have no idea what danger awaits them.

Unique and entertaining, *Kermes Vermilio* had my attention from the very first chapter. The mystery behind the deaths in the Vermillion River and the involvement of the Prior family was interesting. The author crafted some unusual characters and was inspired by mythology to create this perfect little novella that will bewitch readers. I enjoy Cassie's reactions, but it is Hayden and the antagonist of the story that appealed to me the most. Both of them are original, crafted to perfection, and well-rounded. Each of the characters has a story to relate, and the author does a great job of sharing those with readers. Even though the narrative is fragmented, it is still absorbing. The pace is fast, the chapters are distinctive, and the story is fantastic. You can tell that Yellow Streamers spent a lot of time crafting the story and making everything cohesive!