



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 Manik Chaturmutha for Readers' Favorite

Kermes Vermilio by Yellow Streamers is a fantasy crime thriller predominantly set in the US. The Strain, Mother Nature's organized order, protects the Earth's soul. It dictates that its people cannot have families. When Cassius the leader breaks this rule and has a daughter, Aida, through unauthorized spells, Mother Nature begins wreaking havoc worldwide. Aida grows up to become Medusa, a murderous witch exiled underground to curb her activities. Medusa's sinister tendencies manage to possess humans born generations later, making them heinous criminals. Simultaneously, Mother Nature punishes humans by creating pandemics and wars. Crime and destruction are rising, engulfing the Earth in chaos. Will Medusa be defeated, and can Earth's habitants save themselves?

The book has a pulse-quickenning pace that maintains the intrigue through surprising revelations. Medusa has a unique origin story, and her actions are vividly described. The serial murders in the plot are explored in detail but enough is concealed for the outcomes to surprise readers. The witchcraft and magic are credible due to the authentic interactions between the characters, which are given poignant backstories. They are connected in astonishing ways and their flaws and disabilities are realistically etched. The story also provides commentary on disturbed parental relations, mental health issues, and the inclusion of the LGBT community, making it emotionally resonant. The story is multidimensional because each event has some significance concerning the climax. Kermes Vermilio by Yellow Streamers is an enjoyable read. Those who enjoy fantasy and thrillers mixed with a bit of magical realism should give this book a try.