



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: Immunity for Murder
Subtitle: The Veronica Taft Story
Author: David M. Beers
Genre: Non-Fiction - True Crime



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 Jennifer Ibiam for Readers' Favorite

Veronica Taft was a twenty-three-year-old woman who lived in New York with her four children. She worked nights and paid her boyfriend, Charles, to babysit the children. On December 30th, 2010, Veronica got back from work a little after 7:00 am. Veronica wasn't feeling well, so she rested. Perhaps she needed the rest because by a few minutes to 11:00 am, Veronica's life came to a grinding halt. Her only son, Lyric, was found in bed, dead. Lyric was only two and a half years old when he died. The unfortunate event led to long months of grieving and eventual incarceration for up to twenty-five years until she hit a turning point. Top investigator David M. Beers walks us through the entire story in *Immunity for Murder*. Will Veronica get justice?

Immunity for Murder by David M. Beers is The Veronica Taft Story that detailed her travails and the gross injustices of the justice system. My jaw dropped a million times before I got to the end of this story. I marveled at how the gatekeepers of justice didn't care about the truth. Do people have a conscience? I am no lawyer or investigator, but the case was straightforward. The transfer of blood on the diaper, stained towel, garbage bag, fingernail scrapings, and Veronica's dominant hand would nail the investigation. But nothing like that because she was already guilty before being proven innocent. I was outraged at the lack of empathy towards Veronica. However, I'm grateful for steadfast lawyers like Dave Butler and fair judges at the appellate court. I also applaud PI David for his meticulousness and the painstaking hours he spent unpacking the case. He didn't treat Veronica like a client but as a human being with the right to live. Thank you, David!