



Readers' Favorite®

Book Reviews and Award Contest

Book Review Mini-Critique

Below you will find ratings (scale of 1-5) with descriptions for the major parts of your book followed by your Readers' Favorite review. Although these are general ratings we hope they will give you an insight into how others may view the different components of your book.

These are the opinions of your reviewer, and although your reviewer is not an expert literary critic or professional editor, they are at the very least, an avid reader of books just like yours.

Title: Rodney Rainbow
Subtitle: The Ordinary Little Blob
Author: David Paul Smith
Genre: Children - 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 independent 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 Kristen Van Kampen (Teen Reviewer) for Readers' Favorite

Rodney Rainbow by David Paul Smith is a story about a blob like any other —except for one thing: Rodney had no hair. Rodney was bald. Everywhere Rodney looked, there was hair. His friends had hair, his parents had hair, his sister had hair, but he did not. Rodney admired everyone's hair and so Rodney decided that he wanted hair, no matter the color. Every time he eats something, hair grows to match the food, but the hair doesn't stay for long. Rodney struggles to keep his hair but the hair keeps falling off his head. Will he ever get the hair he wants? Read the book to find out.

Rodney Rainbow by David Paul Smith is a delightful book that I really enjoyed reading. I thought Rodney Rainbow was very funny and easy to read. I would recommend this book to young readers under six as it is an easy read, is very simple, and has very few words per page. The illustrations were very charming, and the simplicity of the illustrations matched the theme of the book, which is colorful and cute. It was easy to tell who the illustrations were of and I wasn't wondering, "Now who is that?" I liked the original drawings — some on napkins — and text showing how David Paul Smith came up with the idea, which was interesting and unique. You should definitely read Rodney Rainbow.