



# **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:** The Land of Secret Superpowers: Vegetables

**Author:** Devin Alexander

**Genre:** Children - Preschool



**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**Review:**                        Reviewed by Marie-Hélène Fasquel for Readers' Favorite

The Land of Secret Superpowers: Vegetables by Devin Alexander is a great children's book that will be loved by kids and parents alike. Our young ones will be attracted to the gorgeous, fun, and colorful illustrations by Michelle Pederson. Parents and teachers are bound to fall in love with such incredibly good and pedagogically sound work. The book is an ode to vegetables, health, and happiness. It extols the joys of growing up, of being a happy child, enjoying sports, amusing activities, and laughter. It explores the undoubtedly important links between what we eat and what we are, plus what we become. What's not to like?

The Land of Secret Superpowers by Devin Alexander is a wonderful children's book. The author, a mother who is conscious of the importance of making kids love vegetables, depicts them as cool and fun. She focuses on their qualities, on what they enable us to do, making us healthier, faster, and happier. The majestic and energetic pictures complement the text perfectly. I particularly enjoyed the rhymes. We could sing the words. This book includes science, information, fun ideas, and entertaining text, and is appealing both to kids and grown-ups. It is a perfect Christmas gift for any child. It will allow parents to bond with their children while reading it together and when cooking veggies! A blessing of a book that all kids deserve. As a parent and teacher, this is a book I wholeheartedly recommend.