



Readers' FavoriteSM

Book Reviews and Award Contest

Award Contest Mini-Critique



Congratulations on being chosen as a Readers' Favorite Award Winner!

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

Title: Real Dogs Don't Whisper
Subtitle: Life Lessons From A Larger Than Life Dog (and his owner)
Author: Kelly Preston & Mr MaGoo
Genre: Non Fiction - Animals

Appearance: *Cover, Construction, Chapter Headings, Illustrations, Table of Contents*

5 The appearance of a book makes a dramatic difference in the experience of the reader. Appearance includes everything from an enticing cover and intriguing table of contents, to interesting chapter headings and eye-catching illustrations. This book excelled in all of these areas.

Plot: *Concept, Characters, Originality*

5 The characters of a book should be well defined, and while they do not have to be likable, the reader does have to be able to form a connection with them. The theme should be consistent and the plot should be original or told from a unique perspective. All of these elements are exceptionally well done in this book.

Development: *Description, Dialogue, Creativity, Organization, Length, Fluidity, Coherence*

5 Besides the plot, the development of a book is the most critical. The dialogue should be realistic, the descriptions should be vivid, and the material should be concise and flow smoothly. The development of this book is very well done.

Formatting: *Editing, Proofreading, Layout*

5 Editing and proofreading is where most authors fail. An author should have more than one person proofread their book. The best plot will fail if the reader has to stumble through misspelled words, misused words, bad punctuation, and poor grammar. This book is well edited.

Marketability: *Theme, Subject Matter, Size of Target Audience*

5 Marketability refers to how well your book can be marketed and sold. The larger the target audience a book has, the greater the value it will have to publishers and retailers. Although this element is not indicative of the quality of a book, it is important to the success of a book. This book has a wide appeal and can be marketed to many types of readers.

Overall Opinion: *Overall Starred Rating*

5 This rating takes into account all previous elements and the reader's overall opinion of the book. This is an excellent, very well written book.

Review:

Real Dogs Don't Whisper by Kelly Preston is a heart-warming, amazing, love-filled, and heart breaking tale that every dog lover should read. But be warned: you WILL shed tears along with the laughter. Kelly begins with a brief biography of her childhood, moving quickly to the day she walked past a pet store and saw a cute little Lhasa Apso puppy in the window, its tail just wagging away. All night she thought about that puppy, and told herself if the dog was still there in the morning, she would buy it. It was, and she did. Thus began the story of a wonderfully compassionate young woman and the life and love she shared with several special dogs. She named that first puppy Gizmo. Gizmo was followed by Mr. Magoo, Carla Mae, Betty Boop and Buffy, not necessarily in that order, and not all at the same time. Each of these dogs had special needs. They each suffered from some combination of cancer; neuroses; anxiety; blindness; birth defects; physical, emotional and mental abuse, even including the unbelievably perverse and cruel sexual abuse; defensive aggression; and other special needs. In spite of this; or perhaps because of this, Kelly gave her all to provide food, shelter, medication, care, and most of all: love to each special dog. In return, she received unconditional love multiplied many times over.

Real Dogs Don't Whisper is co-written by Mr. Magoo, who cleverly and with humor provides the dogs' perception of life with Kelly. This story is not one you can put down for long. The horror stories Kelly tells will break your heart, and make you wonder how any human being could ever be so incredibly cruel. The love stories Kelly tells will warm your heart, and make you wonder why every human being cannot have the same love and respect for animals. This story is funny yet sad, heart-warming yet heart-breaking, filled with love yet filled with cruelty. If you aren't crying as you read the Epilogue, you should see a doctor; they have medications now to help with whatever your problem may be. I have to confess this book brought tears to my eyes several times, as I reflected on the various dogs that have blessed my life and the awful times I've had to have one put down. In spite of my tears, I am so glad I read this story. It was uplifting, overall. Dogs truly do love unconditionally, and it has been my great pleasure to have known the love of dogs throughout most of my life.