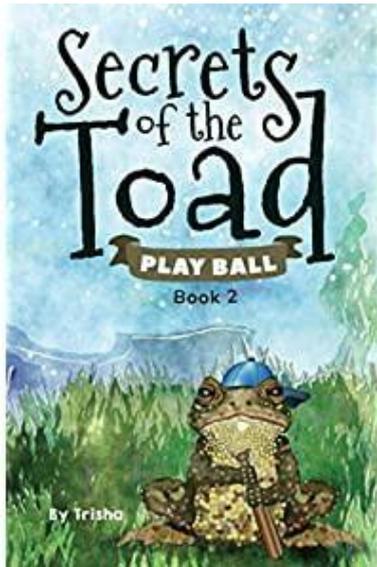




Book Review Mini-Critique



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: Secrets of the Toad
Subtitle: Play Ball
Author: Trisha (Patty Page)
Genre: Children - Social Issues



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 Tiffany Ferrell for Readers' Favorite

In this second book of Secrets Of The Toad by Trisha, Play Ball, we are introduced to Emma's brother Jake. Jake loves baseball and is on his school's team. He's very excited and wants nothing more than to be the main pitcher for the team. Jake knows that he is more than capable to lead the team to victory but there's only one problem; the new coach doesn't seem to care how well he pitches and his game stats from the previous year. Jake also notices that his coach seems keener on having his son take the main pitcher position, even though he isn't that great. Jake is ready to give up baseball when his younger sister Emma reminds him of Tobias the toad who helped her out with making new friends at the beginning of the school year. Feeling like he has nothing to lose, Jake seeks advice from the mysterious talking amphibian that lives in the woods.

I thought *Secrets Of The Toad* was fun yet meaningful read. A lot of children can relate to Jake and his problem with baseball. The world is not perfect and there are times when life or a situation just seems unfair. Tobias gives Jake wise advice that helps him, gives him the will to carry on and stick with his team. This is the second book in the series, but you don't get lost trying to figure out what happened in the previous book. The storyline and plot can stand alone in this case. I also enjoyed the penciled illustrations which were done beautifully. Trisha has done a wonderful job with *Secrets Of The Toad: Play Ball* and I'm looking forward to reading the first book in the series.