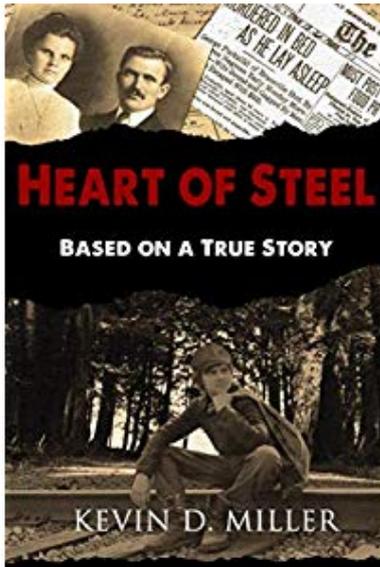




Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

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: Heart of Steel
Subtitle: Based on a True Story
Author: Kevin D Miller
Genre: Fiction - Historical - Event/Era



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 Rabia Tanveer for Readers' Favorite

Heart of Steel: Based on a True Story by Kevin D Miller is the story of a young man who fought tooth and nail to get the life he deserved and paved the way for a better future for family generations to come. Stanley was just a 12-year-old boy when his mother sent him to find the Sheriff and bring him to their house. Some men want something from his family and young Stanley has no idea what they want from them. Desperate and devastated, this one incident changed the life of Stanley and his siblings. All they wanted was a good life where they could be together, but when they found themselves in an orphanage, they wanted to escape as quickly as possible. Through the years, Stanley learns that there is more to life than just fighting to survive. Through the years Stanley finds love, a reason to fight for something completely different, and learns what it means to be really happy.

This was such a heartwarming novel for me. Stanley's struggles, his emotions and his commitment to his family were simply wonderful. I had such a welcoming feeling while reading of his growth through his struggles and trying to make the best of the hand life had dealt him. I was in awe of how strong he was; he added so much depth to the story. I enjoyed how the author brought everything to life and, considering the fact that this is a debut novel, it is very commendable. The word choice, the amazing imagery, and the descriptive narrative were perfect for the story. I enjoyed it all immensely.