



# 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:** Nurse Florence®, How Do We Feel Hot and Cold Things?  
**Author:** Michael Dow, RN, MS  
**Genre:** Children - Grade 4th-6th



**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 Amy Raines for Readers' Favorite

Nurse Florence®, *How Do We Feel Hot and Cold Things?* by Michael Dow, RN, MS, begins while Condi is outside playing with her friends, when she realizes that she doesn't feel too good. She is dizzy, thirsty, and has a headache. Ms. Smith sends Condi to see Nurse Florence to find out why she's feeling poorly. Condi explains how she feels to Nurse Florence, hoping that she will help her feel better. Nurse Florence checks her blood pressure and asks Condi questions about what she had been doing before she began to feel ill. Will Nurse Florence be able to help Condi and why does the little girl feel so bad? How can she keep from feeling ill like this again?

Nurse Florence®, *How Do We Feel Hot and Cold Things?* by Michael Dow, RN, MS describes what happened when Condi felt sick after playing in the sun with her friends without stopping to rest or have a drink. This educational story about Condi and her visit to Nurse Florence's office will help children feel more comfortable visiting a nurse and asking questions about why they are sick. The illustrations by Kenady Kitchen are beautiful and will help young people understand more about what goes on inside the nurse's office as they read the story. I loved how the author uses the correct terms and then defines them so that young readers can enjoy an interesting tale while learning about medical problems that can arise while playing in the sun. I recommend this book to anyone with children that enjoy learning while they read.