



# 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:** Return to Lan Darr  
**Author:** Anderson Atlas  
**Genre:** Young Adult - Fantasy



**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 independent 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.

**4**

**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 Tracy A. Fischer for Readers' Favorite

In an intelligent and intriguing new installment in the Heroes of Distant Planets series, Return to Lan Darr by Anderson Atlas is a book that readers will have a hard time putting down after they start reading. Follow the story of 15-year-old Allan Westerfield, a paraplegic who is traveling across the galaxy, as he desperately tries to return to Lan Darr. His uncle and best friend are trying to catch him as well as, unfortunately, the deadly Jibbawk. When they end up on different planets, and have to depend on themselves for their own salvation and survival, the story really gets started. Will Allan escape alive? You'll need to read the book to find out!

I very much enjoyed Return to Lan Darr. Author Anderson Atlas has done an excellent job in creating characters that his readers will be able to connect with, relate to and truly care about. If that isn't a hallmark of a great author, I'm not sure what is. I was easily able to pick up on this story line even though I had not read the first book in this series, but I will definitely go back and do that now; that's how great this book is. Any reader, but especially young adults, who enjoy a great work of fantasy, should definitely read Return to Lan Darr. I highly recommend this book, and I very much look forward to reading more from Anderson Atlas as soon as I possibly can!