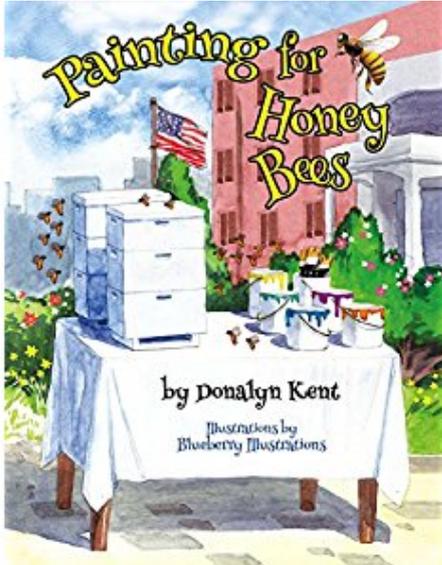


Book Review Mini-Critique



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: Painting for Honey Bees
Subtitle: A Beekeeper Educates with Art
Author: Donalyn Kent
Genre: Children - Animals



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.
- 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.
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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.
- 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 Jessyca Garcia for Readers' Favorite

Painting for Honey Bees: A Beekeeper Educates with Art by Donalyn Kent is a wonderfully educational story about honey bees. In the story, the kids at school are excited because today is the day that the Honey Bee Man comes to visit. The Honey Bee Man is Unkle Ray and it is his job to teach the students about honey bees. Unkle Ray is a beloved visitor to the school. The kids know that his presentation is never boring so they are all excited. Unkle Ray begins by telling a few facts about honey bees. I personally never knew the difference between a nest and a beehive, but am happy that I know now.

I chose to read Painting for Honey Bees with my 5-year-old daughter because she is curious about bees. I am very glad to have read this book because Kent taught both of us a great deal about honey bees. Kent educates the reader about honey bees through a fun little story. I was impressed by how this book is FILLED with facts and information about honey bees. Kent has highlighted all the bee terminology in the story in blue. At the end of the book, the reader will find a glossary explaining what those words mean. Kent also included a page of honey bee facts, such as honey bees can fly 12 to 15 miles per hour. Kent even tells the reader how to identify the different kinds of honey bees. The story was a little advanced for my child to read on her own, so I recommend this book to ages 10 and up. This is definitely a book schools should have, as well as anywhere that sells flowers or honey.