



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: Gaia's Prophecy
Subtitle: Book 1, The Fabulous Adventures of Kiso Maravillas
Author: Isabel de Navasques
Genre: Young Adult - Fantasy - General



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 Divine Zape for Readers' Favorite

Gaia's Prophecy is book one in The Fabulous Adventures of Kiso Maravillas by Isabel de Navasques, a satisfying fantasy mixed with strong elements of adventure. We meet Kiso, a prodigal child of a strangely familiar planet called Terra, a planet faced with dramatic changes that are transforming the land into water. What will it take for inhabitants of this planet to survive and what is Kiso's role in restoring balance to her world? When the planet transforms into water, how can the inhabitants survive, how can the people face their fear of drowning or adapting to a new environment? It is against this backdrop that heroes are born, that inhabitants become creative and that families find new ways to stick together. But one inevitable event looms ahead, the fulfillment of the prophecy of Gaia!

The author begins the tale with a powerful setting: "In a far and distant Galaxy, within a solar system of nine planets, there is one planet as blue as the sky. It is abundant with life..." Then the reader is introduced to some of the key characters in the narrative, including Ezta, Cyan, and then Kiso. Kiso's description is almost magical. She is a descendant from a mix of human and dolphin blood, one who can breathe in water and one blessed with a rare intelligence and creativity. She has impeccable swimming skills and can also harness her electrical impulses to create energy. When her planet is threatened with dangerous changes, can she save her people?

I loved the prose, highly descriptive and filled with compelling imagery. The references to Gaia give the story a mythical tone that will appeal to fans of Greek mythology. Gaia's Prophecy features a powerful premise and a conflict that drives the plot. While the narrative is interesting, it was the skillful handling of character and the exciting concepts explored in the story that kept me turning from page to page.