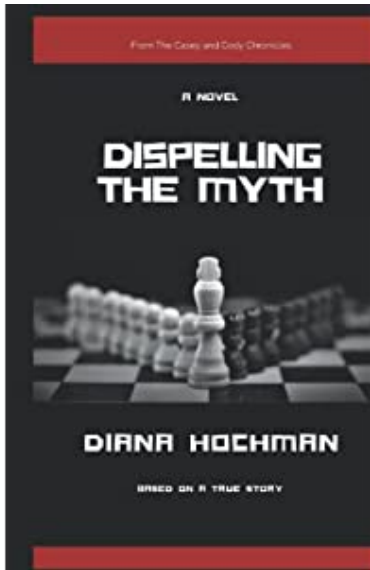




Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

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: Dispelling the Myth
Author: Diana Hochman
Genre: Fiction - Literary



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:** 5 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.
- Formatting:** 4 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.
- Marketability:** 5 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.
- Overall Opinion:** 5 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.

Review:

Reviewed by Alma Boucher for Readers' Favorite

In *Dispelling the Myth* by Diana Hochman, Miri Nachum went to Vegas with friends to party during the Memorial Day Weekend. She loved using drugs and partying to cope with the big empty hole in her heart. During the party, she started remembering her religious upbringing in a Christian home. She realized she could not run away from her pain and that she needed to change her life. When she was twenty-two, she had decided she would convert to Judaism, and now was the time to do it. Her dream was to go to Israel as she wanted to experience life there and make it her home. She hoped to find love, but her marriage would only be recognized if she converted to Orthodox Judaism. She was so close to what she wanted to achieve, but would she be able to keep up with all the challenges?

The plot in *Dispelling the Myth* by Diana Hochman is interesting and exciting. I was intrigued from the beginning. I could not put the book down. There were so many twists and turns that I never knew what to expect. The story is fast-paced with enough action to keep it interesting. Miri's journey kept me on the edge of my seat. I kept turning the pages to find out what was going to happen next. I did not want to miss anything. The characters were well developed and credible, and they could easily be people I know. They were introduced in such a way that it never felt as if there were too many of them to remember. Thorough research was done, and the story was well written. I also enjoyed all the information about Judaism.