



# 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:** No Time To Waste  
**Subtitle:** Eco Warriors  
**Author:** Carolyn Armstrong  
**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 Pikasho Deka for Readers' Favorite

No Time To Waste is the second book in the Eco Warriors series by Carolyn Armstrong. Sydney and her sister Sierra are eleven-year-old twins who recently returned home from a trip to the Arctic, where they helped save some polar bears. Paying heed to a message from a bird they met in Svalbard, the twins arrive in Monterey Bay in search of another keystone species. After helping an otter get rid of a plastic ring stuck around its leg, Sydney tries to decipher the message of an otter she named Sunny. Soon, she and her sister learn more about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and help a whale get free from a fishing net. In a race against time, the sisters must develop a prototype to take out the microplastics clustered in the ocean.

No Time To Waste takes young readers on an enthralling oceanic odyssey. Author Carolyn Armstrong tells a captivating tale with an increasingly relevant message about plastic pollution and marine life conservation. The book features eleven-year-old twin sisters as the main characters, alongside some quirky and immensely adorable sea creatures, including a few otters and a gigantic blue whale that animal lovers are bound to enjoy. Sydney and Sierra have distinct personalities and strengths, and they use these to cover for each other and complete their missions. Young readers will definitely relate to them, and they will find the twins' determination to work toward saving the oceans inspirational. Books like these are a must-read for kids nowadays with the growing challenge of climate change and environmental pollution. I thoroughly enjoyed the book and can't recommend it highly enough.