

Writer's Digest

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Commentary Sheet

Author: Ernest de l'Autin

Title: *Reach to the Wounded Healer*

Category: Mainstream/Literary Fiction

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning "poor" and 5 meaning "excellent," please evaluate the following:

Plot: 5

Grammar: 5

Character development: 5

Cover design: 5

Judge's commentary:

1. What did you like best about this book?

REACH TO THE WOUNDED HEALER has compelling characters that ring true to their position, age, and personality. The conversations between characters are quick-paced and important. The writer's voice rings through without being intrusive. The balance and flow of the book is very good and the plot is unusual and interesting. REACH TO THE WOUNDED HEALER is a intriguing story that readers won't want to miss!

2. How can the author improve this book?

Author l'Autin did so many things superbly in this well-crafted book, that I hesitate to suggest changes. My only concern as I read the book was that the colloquialisms at times slowed down the read. In the future, the author might want to choose just a few words to give a flavor of the accents rather than risk overwhelming the reader.

3. How can the author better market this book?

The book is beautifully packaged, with excellent cover graphics, back cover blurb and quotes. It's positioned very well in the market. In terms of marketing the book, if the author doesn't already have a web presence, he might wish to establish an author website and participate in online reader chats.