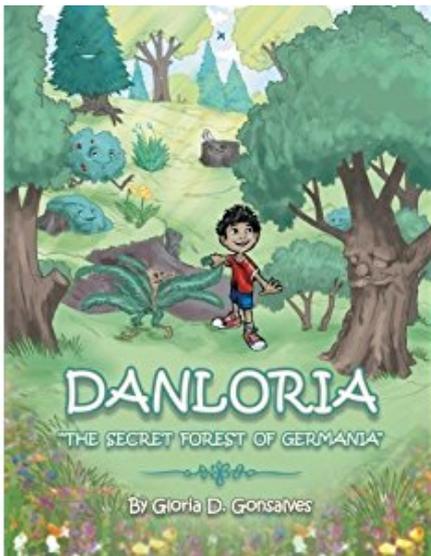




Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

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: Danloria
Subtitle: The Secret Forest of Germania
Author: Gloria D. Gonsalves
Genre: Children - Picture/Pop up



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

5 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 independent 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 Jack Magnus for Readers' Favorite

Danloria: The Secret Forest of Germania is a children's nature storybook written by Gloria D. Gonsalves. Stan lived in Germania with his mom and dad. He and his father would go for walks every Saturday in the forest surrounding their house. Stan loved these walks and was disappointed one Saturday when his father was not feeling well and couldn't take him out. As Stan was looking wistfully out of his window, he was noticed by Fern. Fern waved to him, and Stan followed the plant into the woods. Fern asked Stan why he was unhappy, and Stan explained about his father. Fern had a better idea for Stan than sitting at home. He could come to Fern's party in the Secret Forest. Stan would get to meet all Fern's friends, and he could eat blackberries, a favorite treat on his walks with his dad. While he was at the party, Stan met all manner of plants, from the soft and plushy Moss to the sprightly and colorful Mushroom Sisters. It was the beginning of a wonderful friendship for Stan and his new friends in the forest.

Gloria D. Gonsalves' nature storybook for children, Danloria: The Secret Forest of Germania, is a marvelous introduction to botany for children and their parents. Gonsalves discusses the various types of plants and trees that can be found in a forest, as well as the medicinal uses for their leaves, roots, bark and other parts. While I'm relatively familiar with herbal remedies, I was pleased to learn a few things about the humble, if delicious, strawberry that I hadn't known before. Stan's adventures in the Secret Forest are great fun to read about, and the song that teaches him

how to avoid itchy plants is priceless. The illustrations that accompany the text are excellent and help with the instructional nature of the story. Danloria: The Secret Forest of Germania is a fabulous way to introduce children to the wonders of the natural world, and it's most highly recommended.