

Writer's Digest

16th Annual International Self-Published Book Awards
Commentary Sheet

Author: R.G. Johnston
Title: Vinland: The Beginning
Category: Genre Fiction
Judge: 30

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: 4

Judge's commentary:

What did you like best about this book? *Vinland, the Beginning* is an exciting, multi-layered story of adventure, history, religion, greed, and the search for treasure. Though fictional, the story is filled with historical information giving it a truthful flavor.

All the characters are well-drawn and believable enriching the wonderful story as created by R.G. Johnson. The dialogue sounds natural for the time period and setting and it keeps the plot moving and gives the reader insight into the characters.

The author has a unique voice and done a wonderful job of balancing and weaving the action, narration and dialogue into a story that captures the reader from the beginning.

How can the author improve this book?

I have no suggestions. This is a beautifully written story.