



# 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:** Lunch Tales  
**Subtitle:** Suellen  
**Author:** Lucille Guarino  
**Genre:** Fiction - Womens



**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:** 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 Makeda Cummings for Readers' Favorite

Lunch Tales: Suellen by Lucille Guarino tells the captivating story of a successful 28-year-old female attorney working in a reputable law firm. Suellen gains tremendous support from her work friends through their lunch conversations. She is a firm believer in living large. Having inherited generational wealth from her family, she enjoys the finer things in life, which include shopping trips and romantic escapades. Suellen ends her relationship with her current fling, Steve, but catches the attention of Adam, a former classmate. Trouble brews nearby in the form of an obsessive stalker. In the interim, Suellen, who has a self-destructive nature, seems hell-bent on impairing her relationship with Adam. She receives an unexpected medical diagnosis that sends her into a downward spiral. Can she muster the courage to confront her fears and herself?

Lucille Guarino has crafted a poignant and well-written literary treasure dedicated to powerful female friendships and the supportive family ties that get them through the worst moments in their lives. This novel is filled with unforgettable characters like Suellen and Teagan, her best friend and closest confidante. I love the robust character evolution portrayed throughout the book. Every character is fully realized and authentic. Suellen, in particular, is a strong protagonist whose character arc will create an unforgettable read for readers. During her inspirational journey, Suellen learns a lot about loving herself, appreciating the crucial relationships around her, and tapping into her inner strength to confront the trials in her life. The emotional depth in Lunch Tales: Suellen will resound with readers who enjoy novels centered around intricate human relationships. If you are a fan of women's fiction, you should definitely get your hands on a copy of this riveting read.