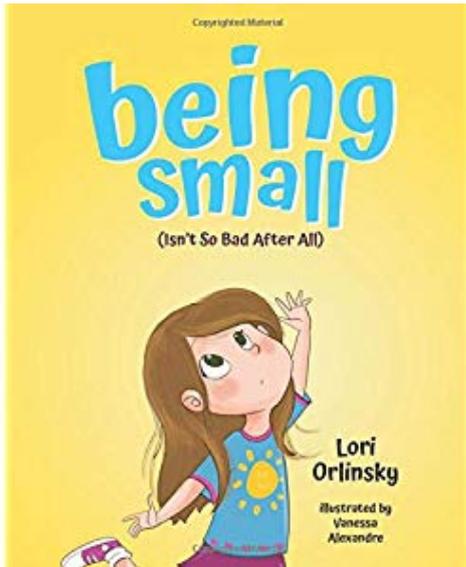




Readers' Favorite[®]

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: Being Small (Isn't So Bad After All)
Author: Lori Orlinsky
Genre: Children - Picture Book



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 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Review:

Reviewed by Bruce Arrington for Readers' Favorite

Being Small (Isn't So Bad After All) by Lori Orlinsky is a children's picture book describing how one day a girl decides to stay home, acting like she is sick. Her mom, however, notes that her temperature is normal and everything else seems to be okay. So she asks what the problem is. The girl goes on to describe the issues she has being small, how it makes her feel less important than the other children. Her mom doesn't scold but rather spins it positively in ways the daughter has never considered.

The artwork is colorful, detailed, and draws the reader in. Kids of this early age group will love it. The story itself works well, and not because she is bullied for being small. She never is. In fact, she has friends who enjoy being around her. I also appreciated the fact that the mother is not harsh or critical at her daughter but rather takes the time to listen and understand why her daughter feels this way.

I think the close mother/daughter relationship is one of the reasons I like the story as much as I do. The daughter can share her frustrations without judgment and the mom can share her insights without rejection. The end result is an appreciation for the things the girl can do and this helps her accept the way she is. She's no taller but now her perspective has changed in a positive way. Being Small (Isn't So Bad After All) by Lori Orlinsky is highly recommended.