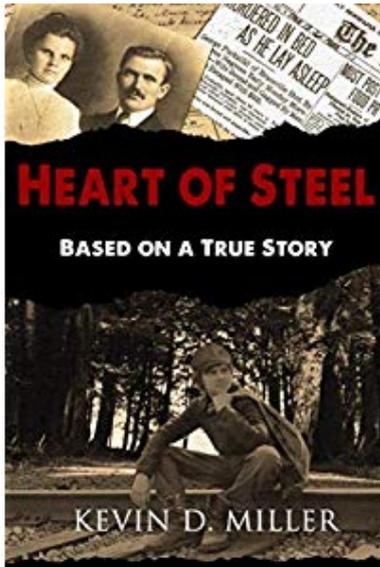




# Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

## 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:** Heart of Steel  
**Subtitle:** Based on a True Story  
**Author:** Kevin D Miller  
**Genre:** Fiction - Historical - Event/Era



**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.

**4**

**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:** 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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**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.

**5**

**Review:**

Reviewed by K.C. Finn for Readers' Favorite

Heart of Steel is a work of historical fiction set in the early twentieth century and was penned by author Kevin D Miller. Based on true events which took place in the life of Kevin's ancestor, Stanley William Miller, the tale begins with tragedy for the twelve-year-old Stanley when he is sent running for the Sheriff with cries of murder ringing in his ears. We follow Stanley through America during the 1920s and '30s, through orphanages and growing up to attempting to face the world on his own. Abuse and heartache go hand in hand with love and hope in this inspiring family saga of triumph over hardship.

Author Kevin D Miller writes with great empathy and skill in this loving tribute to the true-life events of Stanley Miller and the struggles he went through. Though the tale is fictionalized and told through narrative perspectives, the authentic details of history and life at that time keep us grounded in firm reality, reminding us how very real Stanley's problems were, even at their most harrowing and incredible. The organization of chapters is highly engaging to keep you reading on and on, eager for more details to unfold and new twists in Stanley's life which we hope will lead him to eventual happiness. What results is an empowering narrative with very relatable characters and the full gamut of human emotions on display. Overall, Heart of Steel lives up to its strong, emotive title, and is certainly recommended for fans of historical family sagas and true to life tales of triumph over adversity.