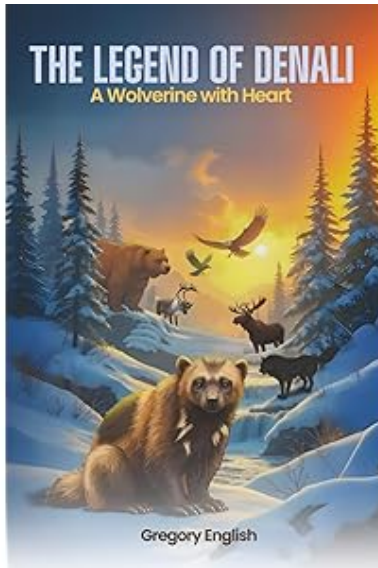




# Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

## 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:** The Legend of Denali  
**Subtitle:** A Wolverine with Heart  
**Author:** Gregory English  
**Genre:** Children - Coming of Age



**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.

**4**

**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 Stewart Brian for Readers' Favorite

The Legend of Denali by Gregory English is a well-written book that teaches children to be kind and accept their unique differences. In the Alaskan wilderness, Kusko and Denali are born into a wolverine family renowned for being mean, aggressive, and unfriendly. The news of their birth does not please other animals in the community. Denali is different from the rest of his family, as he soon begins to wander far from his den in search of new friends. On his quest to make new friends, Denali encounters Bruno the bear, Gus the moose, Koyukon the wise eagle, and other amazing animals who accept him because of his acts of kindness toward them. However, Denali faces the challenge of revealing his new identity to his parents and brother.

I loved every aspect of this book, especially the positive moral lesson children will learn from it. I loved that every character in the story was well-developed and had enough background information so that readers were not confused. The flashbacks and suspense in the plot were quite brilliant and proved Gregory to be a skilled writer. From this book, I learned details about the Athabaskan Indians and some behaviors of the wolverines that I never knew before. The writing is organized, well-paced, and easy for kids to comprehend. It also features themes of kindness, courage, teamwork, friendship, and more. The story is both inspiring and entertaining. I recommend *The Legend of Denali: A Wolverine with Heart* by Gregory English to all children and adults who enjoy reading children's books.