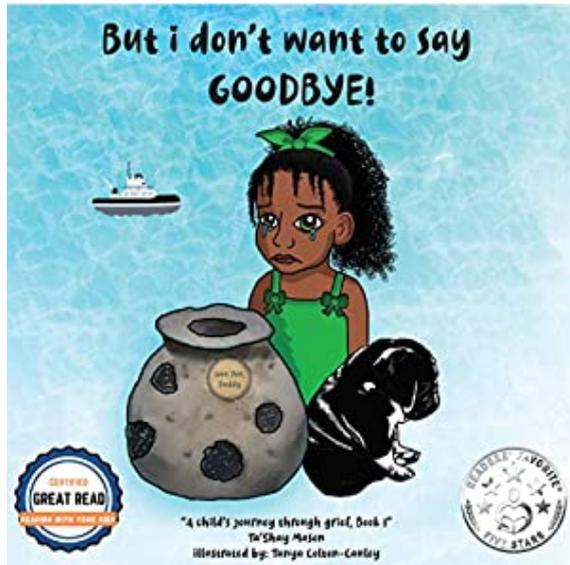




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Book Review Mini-Critique



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: But I Don't Want To Say Goodbye!
Subtitle: A Child's Journey Through Grief, Book 1
Author: Ta'Shay Mason
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 Tiffany Ferrell for Readers' Favorite

But I Don't Want To Say Goodbye! is about a little girl who is dealing with the sudden loss of her father. She's sad because she misses him and knows that he won't be there anymore. While her mother was very sad also, she told her daughter that memories and stories will keep him alive forever. She then told her that the funeral is where people can come to share stories and memories. It also gives them a chance to say goodbye. On the day of the funeral, both the little girl and her mother were very sad and her mom told her that it will make people think about her father. They might miss him but there are so many memories that will remain. It was hard for the little girl, but she stood up in front of all her family and friends saying how much she missed him, and that she was not ready to say goodbye...

I found this book so touching and heartbreaking. Death and dying is a very difficult subject to write about, especially for a child, but I think Ta'Shay Mason has done a wonderful job writing about it in a way that young children can grasp and understand. It's a very authentic feeling as we read about the grief of the main character. It's complicated but loss is a difficult thing to go through. There are so many different emotions and stages of grief. I also really enjoyed the illustrations. They were beautifully done and capture all the emotions one feels with loss. *But I Don't Want To Say Goodbye!* is a beautifully written story and I can't wait to see what the author writes next.