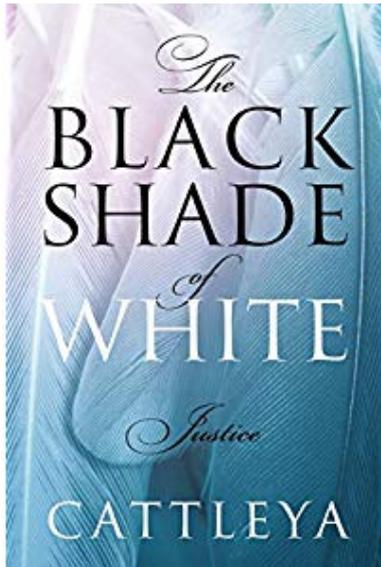




Book Review Mini-Critique



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: The Black Shade of White
Subtitle: Justice
Author: Cattleya
Genre: Fiction - Fantasy - General



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 Ruffina Oserio for Readers' Favorite

Justice is the opening book in The Black Shade of White trilogy by Cattleya, a novel with a magical setting, phenomenal characters, and strong themes that are intelligently developed. The novel plunges the reader into a strife-ridden medieval Aragon where powerful forces are pitted against each other. In this novel, the author explores the proverbial struggle between good and evil, light and darkness, and creates situations that symbolize the perpetual clash of conflicting forces. But how can evil be defeated, and can truth outdo falsehood? To beat the Evil one can the Good become Evil?

From the opening pages, readers encounter strong characters like the Archangel, Surielith the Angelic Princess of Justice. She is one of those who have special access to the magical place in the Heavenly Kingdom, together with Gabriel, Rafael, Matatron, and Arakiel. She is in pain, held captive and under torture. But she is only starting on a path that is fraught with danger and Evil and the reader wonders if she can win. The Evil in Samael is growing more and more and it is eating into the hearts of the humans, condemning them for eternity. Can descending into the abyss offer the opportunity to beat Evil once and for all? The stakes are high, with murder rendered banal and life not something as sacred as we know it to be.

Justice by Cattleya is an inspirational novel filled with magical realism, a story that can be imagined as taking place on the spiritual plane. It is filled with action and readers can easily relate to the characters, even the Angelic Princess of Justice carries a unique birthmark, the little tattoo not made by human hands. I enjoyed the insightful writing and the numerous reflections on diverse topics, including life, death, love, justice, eternity, and meaning. The writing is highly descriptive, fluid, and the scenes are focused. This is a novel that quickly excites the imagination of the reader and gets them emotionally involved with the characters.