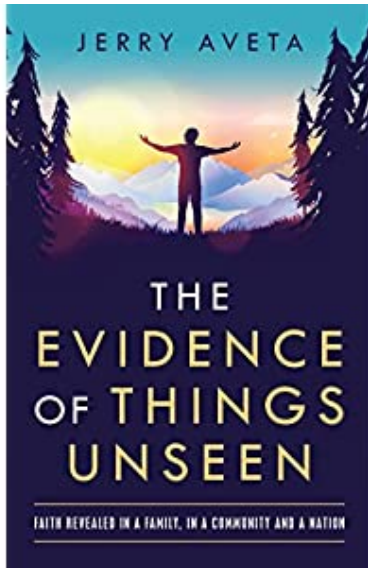




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Book Review Mini-Critique



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: The Evidence of Things Unseen
Subtitle: Faith Revealed in a Family, in a Community and a Nation
Author: Jerry Aveta
Genre: Non-Fiction - Inspirational



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.
- 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.
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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.
- 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.
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Review:

Reviewed by Joe Wisinski for Readers' Favorite

The Evidence of Things Unseen by Jerry Aveta is a combination of a personal journal, a history/civics book, and an examination of religious faith's interaction with the government of the United States. The author writes frankly about his life experiences, both good and bad, and also describes his own spiritual journey, which ranges from Catholicism to both Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal Protestant churches. As one example of how his views have changed, Aveta describes working through a change in his ideas on the extremely difficult and controversial matter of abortion. The book concludes with ideas on how churches can change their current practices, which will result in the greater good for all. There are numerous photos of the author and his family.

The Evidence of Things Unseen by Jerry Aveta is an honest and thought-provoking book. Everyone, regardless of their personal faith, the lack thereof, or if they're seeking what belief system is right for them, can profit from and be encouraged by this book. For me, the author's honesty about the good and bad in his own life helped me more realistically assess and accept my own experiences. He freely admits to making some mistakes in his religious life, such as holding a prayer meeting using government resources and time. Because my journey of faith in some ways parallels the author's, this book was particularly meaningful to me. But one doesn't need to be in the same position to enjoy, learn from, and be inspired by this book. I recommend it to anyone.