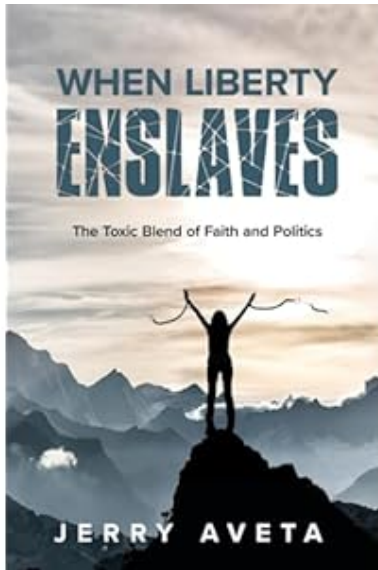




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Book Reviews and Award Contest

Book Review Mini-Critique



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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: When Liberty Enslaves
Subtitle: The Toxic Blend of Faith and Politics
Author: Jerry Aveta
Genre: Non-Fiction - Gov/Politics



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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- 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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- 4**
- 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 Frank Mutuma for Readers' Favorite

The first part of *When Liberty Enslaves* by Jerry Aveta looks at different events in American history that have influenced various social and political issues. Slavery, which was explicit, violent, and inhumane, caused a huge divide between Americans; the divide was worsened by religious influence. The issue culminated in the Civil War. How is slavery related to current racism? The second part explores issues that threaten democracy currently, like increased intolerance of minorities, reduced liberties, and voter suppression laws in many states. It also looks at religious extremism and how it's not compatible with the Constitution, despite the notion by some groups that the Founding Fathers intended America to be a Christian nation.

When Liberty Enslaves by Jerry Aveta rightly argues that we cannot convince others of how correct our position on social issues is by attacking them and restricting their liberties. This thought-provoking work also offers a unique perspective on issues like drug abuse and immigration that have been used to divide people politically. It also got me thinking about how dangerous it can be to mix religion and politics and how it has influenced the current political environment. I loved the examples used by Jerry to help explain the issues, which made this amazing work effective in passing on the intended message. The reader will also appreciate some historical issues that are rarely mentioned but that have been brought to light. This was an informative read, and I look forward to reading something else by this author.