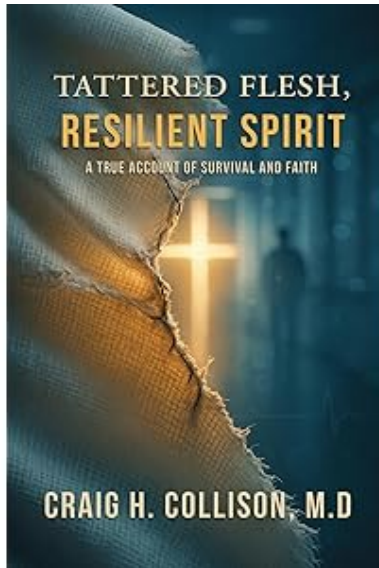




Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

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: Tattered Flesh, Resilient Spirit
Author: Craig H. Collison
Genre: Non-Fiction - Memoir



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.
- 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 Essien Asian for Readers' Favorite

Today, Craig H. Collison is a successful medical practitioner, a loving husband, and a very proud father. He has God and his wife's support to thank for all of this, but what many people are unaware of is that this perfect picture of a happy family could have turned out drastically differently. Twenty-plus years ago, a seemingly routine procedure under the surgeon's scalpel to fix a cancerous growth around his shoulder blade nearly took his life. In *Tattered Flesh, Resilient Spirit*, he looks back on that terrible incident and the test of faith that redefined his relationship with his maker and the man he is today.

Craig H. Collison uses extensive details when explaining the symptoms of his ailment and the series of procedures involved in keeping him alive, and most especially the way his body reacted to some of those medications. This approach gives readers a unique perspective that is only possible because of his experiences as a doctor turned patient. The journal entries and the pictures of key moments add a personal touch that readers will instantly connect with. Perceptive readers will learn a lot about the importance of support systems from the way his family, work colleagues, and friends came together to encourage Collison throughout his ordeal. One aspect that stands out is the numerous Bible quotes strategically placed throughout. They highlight the importance of his belief in a higher power in his recovery, which will inspire many readers facing life's struggles. I enjoyed reading *Tattered Flesh, Resilient Spirit*, and I believe there are nuggets of wisdom in this memoir that all readers will benefit from.