



Commentary on *Spring House: Book 1 in the Westward Sagas* from judge in the Writer's Digest 14th Annual International Self-Published Book Awards:

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Commentary Sheet

Author: David Bowles
Title: *Spring House*
Category: Genre Fiction
Judge: 25

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning "poor" and 5 meaning "excellent," please evaluate the following:

Plot: 5

Grammar: 5

Character development: 5

Cover design: 5

Judge's commentary:

5. What did you like best about this book? This book brings the historical facts of a region to life. The author has done a meticulous job of research. The footnotes and resource notes only serve to emphasize this. Students are often required to read some kind of historical fiction in middle school and this would be a good one for that—a sort of North Carolina equivalent to Johnny Tremain. It is easy but interesting reading.
6. How can the author improve this book? This book reflects the hard work of the author and needs nothing to improve it. The reader wants to look forward to the next part of their westward saga.

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