

Writer's Digest

18th Annual Writer's Digest Self-Published Book Awards

Author: Taryn R. Hutchison

Title: *We Wait You*

Category: Inspirational

Judge: 26

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

Structure and organization: 5

Grammar: 5

Production quality and cover design: 5

Judge's commentary:

What did you like best about this book?

Taryn Hutchison has led an amazing life. She has put into a very good book. It was easy to read. After "starting at the end", she has put the book in chronological order which makes it very easy to follow. Her adventures in the mission field working with college students behind the newly opened Iron Curtain are wonderful, scary and awe inspiring. She takes us to countries to which few of us have, or will ever, travel, and she did it at a time that when these countries were still fairly closed to the outside world. Her descriptions of times when she didn't know if she would ever return to her friends safely or of celebrations made out of meager offering will thrill readers. Her writing is wonderful and honest. Her love of these countries and their people are evident. I liked that she included pictures of the people and places that are a big part of her heart.

How can the author improve this book?

I think Ms. Hutchison has done a good job in telling her story. I thought I would be thrown off by her strong love of these foreign countries and having such a hard time assimilating to our country – the country of her birth and upbringing – but I was not. She demonstrates her love for both places and makes the reader understand why she feels this way. Her love of God and democracy are very apparent.