

# Writer&Digest

15<sup>th</sup> Annual International Self-Published Book Awards  
Commentary Sheet

**Author: Donna Kristine Manley Title: *Resumes for Children 17 Years Old And Under* Category: Middle-Grade/Young Adult Books Judge: 9**

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

Plot: n/a

Obviously, this is not a plot-driven book; however, I would definitely give it a 5 for unique and important topic!

Grammar: 4

Could use a little cleaning up or tightening by a typesetter, but overall, it's fairly strong and consistent.

Character development: n/a

Cover design: 5

A fantastic design, outside and in! The back cover copy is perfect, and the interior is so user-friendly and perfectly suited to the topic. Excellent.

## Judge's commentary:

What did you like best about this book?

I did not know what to think when I picked this book up—Is it necessary? Who would need it? Who would *buy* it? However, after reading it, I can see the definite need it fills in the marketplace. Kids look for jobs almost as often as adults do, and I've never seen another book that caters to this and a child's particular skill set. The organization and categorization is very smart and easy to use, and there's something on almost every job a kid would want. An excellent, useful book.

How can the author improve this book?

I love this book and think it's very important, but I can't see it as a stand-alone purchase at a bookstore. I would suggest heavy internet marketing on pertinent sites, or maybe even writing a whole book on applying to jobs for children. This would make an excellent section in such a book, but I'm not sure it can be a success on its own.