



2025-2026 Awards Season -Program Evaluation

Book: The Master Chief's Sea Stories Volume 1 USS Manitowoc (LST-1180)

SCORING (1=Totally Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=neutral, 4=Agree, 5=Totally Agree)

PREMISE & PURPOSE	RATING
CLARITY: The book's central idea or purpose is clearly introduced and easy to follow.	5
RELEVANCE & TARGETING	RATING
RELEVANCE: The content is relevant and promises specific value to the intended audience.	5
TIMELINESS: The subject matter is timely and aligned with contemporary interests, needs, or challenges.	5
AUDIENCE FIT: The book speaks directly to the reader's goals, struggles, or curiosities.	5
CREDIBILITY & RESEARCH	RATING
EVIDENCE: The information is backed by credible sources, research, or the author's firsthand experience.	5
AUTHORITY: The book demonstrates authority while maintaining approachability—without oversimplifying.	5
SUPPORT: Stories, experiences, or examples are used purposefully to support the book's themes, messages, or arguments.	5
INSIGHT & ORIGINALITY	RATING
INSIGHT: The book offers meaningful insight—through personal reflection, new perspectives, or thoughtful framing of ideas.	5
DEPTH: The content explores its subject with depth—whether through emotional honesty, intellectual rigor, or lived experience.	5
STRUCTURE & FLOW	RATING
ORGANIZATION: The content is organized logically, with clear transitions and helpful signposting.	5
READABILITY: The writing clearly communicates its message, whether conveying ideas, emotions, or personal experiences.	5
NAVIGATION: The book's structure supports a smooth reading experience and is easy to follow, regardless of format or chapter length.	4
TONE & READER CONNECTION	RATING
TONE: The tone is confident, inviting, and appropriate for the topic and audience.	5
VOICE: The author's background and tone reinforce credibility and help	5

connect the reader to the content.	
WRITING & POLISH	RATING
STYLE: The prose is clean, jargon-free (or defines technical terms), and easy to digest.	5
EDITING: The book is professionally edited and relatively free from distracting grammar or formatting issues.	5
PRACTICAL USE & TAKEAWAY	RATING
TAKEAWAYS: The content is structured to guide the reader toward change, action, or personal insight.	5
TRANSFORMATION: The book encourages reflection, action, or transformation in the reader's life or thinking.	5
SUPPLEMENTS: Supplemental elements like exercises, summaries, charts, or resources add value.	5
COVER & VISUAL REPRESENTATION	RATING
COVER: The cover clearly conveys the book's genre, tone, and intended audience. This rating should be based on professional and genre-appropriate standards.	5

COMMENTS FOR THE AUTHOR (from the reviewer, if noted):

I truly enjoyed reading your memoir. Your stories brought the ship, the crew, and your experiences vividly to life, and I came away with a real appreciation for the challenges, camaraderie, and growth that shaped your journey. Thank you for sharing it with such honesty and heart.

Fair winds,

Julie

NOTE: *Receiving a review and scoresheet from us does not constitute an award. Finalists and winners will be revealed in the Spring of 2026 (typically the first part of March).*

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