

REVIEWS

From Writer's Digest 2023 Writer's Contest: First Place Winner - Mainstream/Literary Novel

You write wonderfully. While your descriptions and storytelling are very strong, your skill at writing fight scenes is exemplary. There was no confusion -- the reader understands not just the physical space being fought in, but also gets enough of the skills and tactics of the combatants to understand the action without needing to be overly familiar with the martial arts or the time period. You also beautifully conveyed 19th-century Meiji Era Japanese culture and mores, and how it was rapidly transforming, and the confusion, anger, and sadness this sort of societal evolution can inspire in people. Well done!