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## FICTION BOOK AWARD JUDGING CRITERIA

**PLOT:** The story is original, engaging and well-paced. The book follows a clear, logical narrative arc. The writing is concise and includes just enough information to make a reader want to continue reading and stretch their imagination.

**CHARACTER:** The author's portrayal of the characters is memorable and believable. The characters have a strong reason for existence and their goals and motivations have been well established. The characters strengths, weaknesses, backstory and conflicts evoke a strong emotional response in the reader.

**THEME:** The book has a strong, unifying theme. The book presents new, original ideas or topics. The book appeals to the reader in an emotional or logical manner. The theme is relevant to the author's genre of writing.

**STYLE:** The author's word choice, sentence fluency, voice and tone have been well established. The author uses descriptive imagery where appropriate. The author's use of language enhances the overall reading experience.

**APPEAL TO TARGET AUDIENCE:** The target audience of the book is clear and the contents of the book is in line with other highly regarded books in its genre. The book has a professional interior layout, typeface and/or illustrations. The book includes relevant front and back matter to explain key elements of the plot, characters and setting to enhance a reader's overall experience. The book is free from grammatical, spelling, and/or punctuation errors.

### BOOK SUBMISSION

### SCORE

#### **BOOK TITLE:**

A Pyrrhic Victory Volume III: Fate

#### **AUTHOR NAME:**

Ian Crouch

#### **PLOT:**

5 / 5

#### **CHARACTER:**

5 / 5

#### **THEME:**

4 / 5

#### **STYLE:**

4 / 5

#### **APPEAL TO TARGET AUDIENCE:**

4 / 5

**FEEDBACK:** A Pyrrhic Victory Volume III: Fate transports readers back to 279 BC, during the rule of Pyrrhus, King of Epirus, in his fight against the powerful Roman empire. A noble, fair ruler, Crouch unlocks a lesser known, yet historically significant figure in a well-paced, almost cinematic recounting of Pyrrhus' turbulent final years. What truly makes this book stand out is Crouch's masterful attention to detail. The time, effort and research he has poured into this book is clearly evident and to be commended. He has painstakingly ensured the book maintains historical accuracy while including his own imaginative take on what life would have been like during this significant time in Greco-Roman history.

With a score of **22** out of 25, this book has been selected for a Maincrest Media Book Award in the **Historical Fiction** category.