

**Writer's Digest**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Annual International Self-Published Book Awards**  
**Evaluation Sheet**

**Title: In Lieu of heaven**

**Category: Mainstream/Literary Fiction**

**Name: Kevin Archer**

**Address:**

**City: Denver**

**State: CO**

**Zip:**

**What impressed you most about this book? What one thing could be changed to improve this book's commercial success?**

You have a flair for description. "A gnat's worth of hospitality," and "arrogant tree with a base like a giant fist." Your writing is so striking and vivid. It flows beautifully from one chapter to the next.

**Its figurative and allegorical quality reminds me a great deal of CS Lewis.** I enjoyed the mystical quality of your prose. It is excellent writing.

You've succeeded to introduce many levels of theme in this novel. It becomes deep spiritual food for the reader to digest, and your conclusions are well presented through a fictional character who seeks to gain truth.

The opening is slow and unhurried, and certainly you planned it that way, but the story came alive in chapter two.