

reader Views

WRITING A BOOK REVIEW

A review tells what the publication is about and how successful it is at what it is trying to do. As a reviewer, you describe the book, analyze how the book achieved its purpose, and express your own reactions. Reader Views reserves the right to edit all reviews for length and content, and we always make sure there are no grammatical errors or misspellings.

Review Submission Format

HEADING:

Title

Author

Publisher & Copyright Date (year only)

ISBN Number

Reviewed by (your name) for Reader Views (10/22)

Headline for review (this is 3 to 5 words)

Number of stars for rating (#/5)

BODY OF THE REVIEW:

The body of the review is a minimum of 350 words, usually 3 – 5 paragraphs. When referencing the title in the review please put in quotations, for example, “book title.” The first paragraph should be a BRIEF summary of the book. The rest of the review should contain your opinions about the book.

CONCLUSION:

The conclusion ties together the review and provides a comment. This is usually the part that is used for an excerpt of the review.

Consider these questions when writing your review

- What is the author's main point or plot?
- How successful do you think the author was in carrying out the purpose of the publication?
- Characters – Did the author do a good job making the characters authentic? Did they feel like real people? Did you like the protagonist? Why or why not? Was the antagonist someone you loved to hate?
- Settings – Did the author paint a vivid picture in your mind of the surroundings? Did you feel like you were there?
- How well does the author write? You can use a brief quotation to illustrate your observations.
- Who is the book for? (general reader, genre interest, specialized audience, age range, orientation, etc.)
- Your personal experiences that relate to the topic. Your personal opinion. Your favorite part or what you learned.
- Your recommendation. This could pertain to editing issues, future publications, or story line.

Be creative! Give your own honest and FAIR opinion. Your writing should be objective with constructive criticism if necessary. Authors love the personal flair that you give the review.

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