

## 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 – Please submit your reviews in  
Times New Roman 12pt**

### The following information is needed in the HEADING:

Title

Author

Name of Publisher & Copyright Date of book (year only)

ISBN Number: (use the ISBN number for the paperback version or the ASIN# if the paperback ISBN# is unavailable)

Reviewed by (your name) for Reader Views (month/year of review)

Number of Stars\* (1-5) and Headline for review (3 to 5 words)

### Here is a finished sample:

#### **ReForm: Combating the Algorithmic Mutation**

Scott Bollens

Atmosphere Press (2023)

ISBN: 978-1639888603

Reviewed by Terri Stepek for Reader Views (05/2023)

5\* - No Longer Citizens, But Denizens

### **BODY OF THE REVIEW:**

The **body** of the review is a **minimum** of 350 words, usually 3 - 8 paragraphs. When referencing the title in the body of the review please put in quotations, for example, “book title.” The first part of

the review should include 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 summarizes your overall opinion.

### **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**. No bashing or derogatory remarks.

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