



## Book Review Tips

What to consider for your written book review.

1. Before you start writing your review, jot down a few points about what you want to tell your readers or audience. Use your reading responses as a guide.
2. Make sure your review explains how you feel about the book and why.
3. Give a brief summary and remember to share your opinion about the book to try to persuade your readers/audience to read it.
4. Use your own voice.

*Please find below some helpful tips about what you could include in your review.*

### **Introductory paragraph:**

- Mention the title of the book and the name of the author in the first paragraph.
- Tell the reader why you are writing/presenting this book (your purpose), how you feel about it and what you hope they will do.
- Mention the genre of the book: adventure, fantasy, mystery, drama, historical; etc.
- Identify the main theme(s) of the book. What is the author's message?

### **Main Body of review:**

- Give a brief summary of the plot
- What did you like or dislike about the author's style or craft? Is it funny, serious or dark?
- Do you get a sense of the setting and how it impacts the mood of the book?
- Do the characters go through any changes? (But don't give away the ending!)
- Did you enjoy reading the book? Explain why or why not. Did you make any connections to the storyline or characters?

**Concluding paragraph:**

Restate your opinion about the book and give one last pitch to convince your readers/audience to give it a try.

How would you rate the book and who you would recommend it to?

*For Example:* "If you like mysteries, you will love this book" Or, "If you aren't into deep, moving storylines, this might not be the book for you."

**Review plan - complete before you write your paragraphs**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Introduce the book: title, author, genre.

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State your opinion about the book and explain why you liked it.

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Tell a little bit about what happened in the book, but don't give away the ending!

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Describe what the main character is like and the changes they go through.

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Tell about your favorite part and/or make a connection.

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Give a recommendation (e.g., If you like..., you will love this book, or I recommend this book to anyone who likes...)

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Write an ending sentence for your review to convince the reader/audience to read the book!

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