



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

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- ___ 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: Remember to do this: 😊

- ___ 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 this section before you write your paragraphs!

Name: _____

Introduce the book: title, author, genre.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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