



Book Review Guidelines

Things to consider when writing a review:

- **Author:** Who is the author? What else have they written? Did you like any of their other books? If so, why? Do the other books by this author have anything in common with this book?
- **Genre:** What type of book is this: fiction or nonfiction? Mystery, romance, science fiction, fantasy, realistic fiction, historical fiction, and horror are all genres. Also consider the format. Is this a graphic novel? A novel in verse? Who is the intended audience for this book? What is the purpose of the book?
- **Title:** Where does the title fit in? Does it fit the message/theme/ideas of the text? How does it fit those things? Is it interesting? Uninteresting?
- **Book Cover:** Does the book's front or back cover provide any interesting details or spark your interest in some way? Are there pictures, maps, or graphs on the inside covers?
- **Characters:** Are there characters in the work? Who are the principal characters? How do they affect the story? Do you empathize with them?
- **Setting:** Is it set in the present, past, or future? Where does it take place? Does it all take place in the same place and time? Does it jump back and forth between two places or times? If the book is set in a place or time that you're unfamiliar with, does it do a good job of explaining that place or time?
- **Themes:** What themes stand out? Are these themes accessible to all readers or just some?
- **Key Ideas:** What is the main idea of the work? What makes it good, different, or groundbreaking?

Remember, you don't have to include everything listed above in your review, but these can be good starting points. A quick summary is also a good place to start. Additionally, most of these questions are focused on the book itself, but feel free to include your feelings about the book as well. Your review should be at least 3 sentences and should show that you read the whole book. In this case, the librarian reading your review doesn't mind spoilers if those spoilers help show that you read the book.