

How to Write a Book Review

1. **Start with a couple of sentences describing what the book is about...**without giving any spoilers or revealing plot twists!

As a general rule, try to avoid writing in detail about anything that happens from about the middle of the book onwards. If the book is part of a series, it can be useful to mention this, and whether you think you'd need to have read other books in the series to enjoy this one.

2. **Discuss what you particularly liked about the book.** Focus on your thoughts and feelings about the story and the way it was told. You could try answering a couple of the following questions:

- Who was your favourite character, and why?
- Did the characters feel real to you?
- Did the story keep you guessing?
- What was your favourite part of the book, and why?
- Was a certain type of scene written particularly well – for example sad scenes, tense scenes, mysterious ones...?
- Did the book make you laugh or cry?
- Did the story grip you and keep you turning the pages?

3. **Mention anything you disliked about the book.**

Talk about why you think it didn't work for you. For example:

- Did you wish the ending hadn't been a cliff hanger because you found it frustrating?
- Did you find it difficult to care about a main character, and could you work out why?
- Was the story too scary for your liking, or did it focus on a theme you didn't find interesting?

4. **Round up your review.**

Summarise some of your thoughts on the book by suggesting the type of reader you'd recommend the book to. For example: younger readers, older readers, fans of relationship drama/mystery stories/comedy. Are there any books or series you would compare it to?

5. **Give the book a star rating out of 5.**

