

How to write a book review...

Have you read a great book that you just have to tell other people about? Or maybe one that's sort of lame and not worth bothering with? Let others know your thoughts by writing a book review!

A review is a type of story in which you can express your opinion. But your opinion should be backed up. Explain the reasons why you like or dislike something. And never write something to intentionally hurt someone.

Here are some tips to get you started:

- Make sure you have read the **WHOLE** book before you start your review.
- Include a short summary of the book, but don't give away any of the good parts!
- Include some background on the author. You can usually find a bio inside the front or back cover of a book. You can also go online to find information. Just remember to be accurate. Although it's not necessary, you may want to try to interview the author, especially if he or she lives in your town or city. Contact information also is listed in the book. Feel free to give us a call if you need help.
- Mention what kind of book it is—fiction or nonfiction, a picture book with photographs or illustrations, a 300-page novel. It helps readers to know what age group would most likely enjoy the book.
- Be specific about what you like and don't like about the book. Give examples like, "The author brings the streets of London to life with his vivid descriptions," or "The author tries to be funny by having one of the characters tell bathroom jokes, but I thought it was just rude!"
- Have a friend or family member read over your article. Ask if he or she has any questions about the book that you didn't answer. Add the missing information to your story.
- Have fun! Remember that reading is something to enjoy, and writing is, too. This is your chance to really express yourself.



