

Tips for Writing a Book Review

1 FIRST THOUGHTS

What made you pick this book to read? Was it the cover? Or the title? Or something else? Did a friend recommend it or did you see it somewhere?

2 AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Had you heard of the author or illustrator before you chose this book? Have you read any of their other books? Are those books similar to this one?

3 GENRE

How would you describe the story? Is it an adventure? A mystery? A love story? Are there illustrations or pictures?

4 CHARACTERS

Who are the main characters and how would you describe them? Can you see them clearly in your imagination? Did you identify with any of the characters?

5 STORY

Think about what happened in the story and can you summarise the action without ruining the story for anyone who hasn't read it yet?

6 WHEN

Is the book set in today's world, or sometime in the future or past? Does that make a difference to the story and your enjoyment of it?

7 WHERE

Where does the story take place? Is it a familiar place or somewhere really different? If you close your eyes, can you see it in your imagination?

8 WRITING STYLE

How would you describe the writing style? Simple? Elaborate? Modern? Old-fashioned? Did you understand all the words? Did you learn any new words?

9 EMOTIONS

How did this book make you feel? And did it make you feel one emotion or lots of different emotions? How did you feel at the end of the book?

10 OPINION

Did you like the book and can you tell us why you did or didn't? Is it similar to anything else you've read? Would you recommend it and if so, to who?