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Tips for writing a book review

If you need some help writing a book review, here are some questions to get you started. You don't need to answer them all. Use the ones that work best for you.

- **First Thoughts.** What made you pick this book to read? Was it the cover, the title, the author, or something else? Did a friend recommend it or did you read about it somewhere?
- **Author.** Had you heard of the author before you chose this book? Have you read any of their other books? If so, are those books similar to this one?
- **Genre.** What type of story is it an adventure, a mystery, a love story?
- **Characters.** Who are the main characters and how would you describe them? Did you identify with any of the characters?
- **Story.** Think about what happened in the story and try to summarize the action without ruining the story for anyone who hasn't read it yet.
- When. Is the book set in today's world or sometime in the future or past? Does that make a difference to how much you enjoyed the story?
- 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?
- Writing Style. How would you describe the style of the story simple, elaborate, modern, old-fashioned? Did you understand all the words? Did you learn any new words?
- **Emotions.** How did this book make you feel? Did you feel lots of emotions or just one? How did you feel at the end of the book?
- **Opinion.** Did you like the book? Describe why you did or didn't. Is it similar to anything else you've read? Would you recommend it and if so, to whom?



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