

Points to ponder for your reviews:

Use as many or as few of these to help guide you when reviewing books.

A review is not just a retelling of the book.

*The point when reviewing is to help others decide if the book is worth reading and **WHY**.*

Move beyond "I loved it! / I hated it!"

- My first impression of this book was...
- Compared to other books in this genre, this book was...
- The writing is similar to this author / this book
- Who do you think the author was trying to reach? Who will want to read this book?

The CHARACTERS were

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| ✓ believable | ✓ boring | ✓ flat | ✓ multi-dimensional |
| ✓ likeable | ✓ recognizable | ✓ one-sided | |
| ✓ interesting | ✓ unrealistic | | |

The DIALOGUE was ...

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|-------------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| ✓ realistic | ✓ over-the-top | ✓ funny | ✓ witty |
| ✓ rough | ✓ melodramatic | ✓ subtle | ✓ serious |

The PLOT was...

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| ✓ familiar | ✓ gripping | ✓ complex | ✓ fast paced |
| ✓ unique | ✓ contemplative | ✓ simple | ✓ slow |

DESCRIPTIVE WORDS AND PHRASES that that you might use to describe the book include . . .

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|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| ✓ entertaining | ✓ lyrical | ✓ compelling | ✓ slice-of-life |
| ✓ memorable | ✓ pass-along | ✓ if you enjoyed ____ | ✓ down to earth |
| ✓ can't put down | ✓ must-read | ✓ daring | ✓ well told |
| ✓ page-turner | ✓ discussable | ✓ controversial | ✓ not for fans of ____ |
| ✓ plodding | ✓ readable | ✓ bland | ✓ high-interest |