

What is a book review ? What points you should keep in mind while writing a review

A book review is a description and critical evaluation of a book . It gives a summary of the book and assesses the value of the book on the basis of contents and purpose .

Before reading, consider:

- Title - What does it suggest?
- Introduction - Provides important information about the author and his writings
- Table of Contents - Shows how the book's organized -- main ideas
- What's the general field or genre? Does the book fit? Whether its a historical novel or social or political
- From what point of view is the book written?
- Do you agree or disagree with the author's point of view?
- Make notes as you read, passages to quote in your review.
- What is the author's style? Formal? Informal?
- Are concepts well defined? Is the language clear and convincing? Are the ideas developed?
- Is the author's concluding chapter, the summary, convincing?
- If relevant, make note of the book's format - layout, binding, etc. Are there maps, illustrations? Are they helpful?

- What did the book accomplish? Is more work needed? Compare the book to others by this author, or books in this field by other authors.

Writing a Fiction Book

Points to Think

- What was the story about?
- Who were the main characters?
- Were the characters credible?
- What did the main characters do in the story?
- Did the main characters run into any problems? Adventures?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?