

# **How to Write a Book Review - Template & Checklist**

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## Book Review Template

Tagline (1-2 sentences):

A catchy line summarizing the book's theme + your overall reaction.

Introduction (80-120 words):

- Book title, author, publication details
- Short context (genre, purpose, target audience)
- Your thesis (overall impression)

Summary (150-200 words):

- Brief overview of the plot or argument (up to 40-50% of book)
- No spoilers
- Focus on main themes, characters, or arguments

Analysis & Evaluation (300-500 words):

- What worked well (characters, themes, writing style, pacing, evidence)
- What didn't work (weaknesses, gaps, cliches)
- Use quotes as evidence
- Compare briefly with similar works

Conclusion (80-120 words):

- Restate overall opinion
- Suggest best audience for the book
- Closing line (memorable)

## **Book Review Self-Editing Checklist**

1. Did I clearly state the book's title, author, and context?
2. Is my summary concise and spoiler-free?
3. Do I present a clear thesis/opinion (not just retelling)?
4. Did I support my claims with specific examples or quotes?
5. Have I balanced strengths and weaknesses?
6. Is my review written in present tense when describing the story?
7. Did I avoid filler words like 'interesting' or 'nice'?
8. Are my paragraphs short and scannable?
9. Did I proofread for grammar, spelling, and clarity?
10. Is my last line strong (leaves the reader with impact)?

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