

What Makes a Great Book Review?



Artistic Merit

Vocabulary

/well-chosen

/vivid

/appropriate to reader

/memorable

Tone

/appropriate to audience

/lively, not dull!

/could be: sarcastic, ironic, compassionate, accusing, righteous, amusing, breezy, full of jargon, chatty, etc.

/should be able to discern your voice, to recognize the reviewer by their style

Concise

/no rambling

/no extra words

/tells enough and not too much

Lead/Heading

/draws the reader in

/makes some memorable connection with the book

Message

Gives information about the plot, the setting, the theme and the character development

Sends a clear message

/what's your opinion / of the subject /of the way the book has handled the subject

/justify your opinion, using examples from the book

/who will be attracted to the book? why or why not

Comments about the appearance and cost of the book

/font /illustration

/placement of titles

/value for money

Compare the book

/to others in its genre

/to others by the same author

The intriguing, factor

/sells the reader on whether or not to buy the book

50-100 words

