



Teen Book Reviews – Example of How to Write a Strong Book Review

Follow the sample book review guide below:

Your book review should start with a mini-summary. It's the first paragraph, and you want to keep this part short and sweet. Talk about the main characters, the most important plot points, the setting (where and when does the story take place?), the genre, *but* don't give away the ending. This part should be somewhere between 90-120 words.

Next, it's time to devote a paragraph or two to the themes of the book. Here, talk about what was most interesting in the story. What issues does the book bring to light? Was there a really fascinating scene that showcased x or y? Does the book have an impact on society in any way? Keep this part nice and formal, and try to explain to the reader what they can really get out of this book. This part should be about 100 words.

Your final paragraph (around 50 words long) is the one where you can talk about whether you recommend the book or not. It's okay if you don't, but try to explain why. Avoid writing, "It was bad because it was not interesting." Go a little further there, and tell other teens why that is. If you liked it, say that, and explain why, too! If it's a mixed review, give the reader both the good and the bad.

Finally, it's time to give a rating. Give it out of 5:

5/5 stars!

Below is a sample book review written by one of our teen book reviewers:



Dry by Neal Shusterman

Dry is a compelling novel that explores how far a person is willing to go for a drink of water. The twist is, that person is you. Through the characters Kelton, Alyssa, and Jacques, the novel examines the highs and lows of human nature as they are forced to witness ordinary people, including themselves, transform under the cruel nature of survival after the loss of water rips away the illusion of civilization.

With an unnerving exposition and twists to leave you on the edge of your seat, Dry is the novel that isn't entirely fiction with its realistic writing.

While the novel has beautiful writing crafted to fit the story, some may consider the start of the book to be quite slow, but it does prove itself to be worth the time if you're willing to read through it. The novel frequently switches between many perspectives aside from Kelton, Alyssa, and Jacques, which may prove to be a challenge when connecting the characters. Nevertheless, the book has realistic characterization and powerful male and female characters, each with a different experience to explore how individuals may react to the situation at hand.

If you're someone who likes a thrill of action, adventure, and a hard look into the goods and bads of human nature, Dry may be the novel for you. In its enrapturing storytelling, I consider the book to be a 4 / 5 stars, and I recommend it to anyone intrigued to see the duality of human nature.

Rated 4/5 stars by Jordan