



Teen Book Review Guidelines

We are excited to host teen book reviews on our blog on the library's website. You will be serving the community by publishing your opinions on the books you have read!

Below, you will find the guidelines for book reviews to ensure that they are helpful to our library patrons. Reviews will be accepted from teens in grades 7-12 only.

Guidelines for book reviews:

1. Each book should be rated on a 5 star scale, with ½ star being the lowest rating a book can receive, and 5 stars being the highest.
 - ½ star = You couldn't even finish the book it was so bad.
 - 1 star = You finished it, but wish you hadn't wasted your time reading it.
 - 2 stars = It was okay, but you have read better.
 - 3 stars = It was a pretty good book.
 - 4 stars = It was a great book.
 - 5 stars = The book was beyond amazing!

2. Each book review should be 1-3 paragraphs in length.
 - Always include the title and author in each book review
 - Do not post any spoilers! You may summarize the book, but don't give away any plot twists or surprises that would ruin the reading experience for someone else.
 - Try to include positives and negatives in each review. A negative could be something like, "I prefer more world-building in my novels."
 - Good book reviews mention some of the following:
 - Plot
 - Characters
 - Setting or World Creation
 - The author's writing style
 - Details such as the accuracy of the author's writing, the emotions the writing evoked in you, inspirational, etc.

3. Review and edit your book review for clear writing, spelling, and grammar.

When your review is complete, email it to Alyssa at abussard@hamdenlibrary.org. Include your name and your grade with the review. I will then review it and if necessary, send it back with needed revisions. Please make all revisions within one week of receiving my email and send it back for publication. Note: I will never ask you to change your opinion or message, I just may have some notes for clarity, etc.

I will then post your review to our blog and send you the URL so that you can see your book review published on our website!

Each published book review is equal to one hour of volunteer service.