

# Write a Book Review

Many readers decide what books to buy and read based on book reviews. A book review analyzes the content, style and merit of a book. A good book review gives an objective and balanced perspective on the book. It focuses on the characters, storyline, information presented, and conclusions of the book, not on the author. A book review also takes the author's craft into consideration: does the author hook the reader? How does the author use language and structure within the story to create excitement? Humor? Empathy for the character(s)? A book review tells the reader what the reviewer thought of the book *without* giving away the ending, secret, mystery or twist, and the reviewer is very specific about what her or she liked and didn't like, and why.

**YOUR ASSIGNMENT:** Write a book review for the assigned text. Your book review should be at least 3 full paragraphs long. Remember to:

- Give information about the plot (but don't give away the ending).
- Tell which parts of the book you liked and why;
- Tell what drew you in or turned you off;
- Tell what moved, challenged or inspired you or, conversely infuriated or disappointed you.
- Rate the book on a scale of one to five stars.

