

Ready to make your opinion count?

The purpose of a book review is to:

- ✓ help others find books
- ✓ get a dialogue going
- ✓ bolster book clubs

You can do all of that and more in 5 simple sentences. Let's get started!

Sentence 1. The personal touch	
Start your review with a personal comment such as why you chose this book. Was it for a class, a book club, the cover enticed you, or because a friend recommended it, etc.	Example: I read a magazine review of IN THE WOODS by Tana French that inspired me to read this unusual mystery.
Sentence 2. Plot	
What was the book about? If it was clearly a genre like mystery or a romance, say so. Don't give away a twist ending! For non-fiction state the basic idea.	Example: Dublin police detective Adam doesn't remember an incident years ago when his two best friends disappeared from a town where he now must investigate a similar crime.
Sentence 3. Style	
Was the writing mostly dialogue, description or a balance? Was there a lot of action? Did it keep you turning the pages or bore you with long paragraphs?	Example: Adam narrates the book, telling about his childhood trauma, why he drinks too much, puts his job and partner on the line, and his fear of the murder investigation.
Sentence 4. Characters	
What stood out about any of the main characters? Did they experience change during the book? Did you like or dislike them? Why?	Example: While often I wanted to shake Adam for being a jerk, I was riveted by how he coped and solved the murder.
Sentence 5. Recommendation	
Who do you think would enjoy this book? Is it for a certain age or reader group?	Example: I highly recommend IN THE WOODS for readers who like hard-hitting police procedural mysteries.

What book did you last read? Show your power as a reader and give it 5 sentences!