



Water's Edge Press
Guide For Writing a Brief Book Review

[Title of Book] by [Author's Name] is a [one or two adjectives] [genre optional] book about/in which/where [one sentence that tells what the book is about: no spoilers, please].

2: choose a stem below. 3: choose a stem below. 4: choose a stem below.

2:

I really enjoyed/appreciated/etc. the way the author [some aspect of the storytelling or writing]

It was easy to relate to [character name] and [pronoun] [quest, journey, struggle, etc. to find ____].

3:

(Less than five stars) I'd give this book 5 stars except [state a difficulty you had with reading or with some aspect of the plot or story].

(Five stars +) I'd give this book ____ stars if I could. [State your reason].

4:

[Refer to a person or group] would really love this book. They are always looking for books that [inspire, make them think, make them laugh, take them places, etc.]

Anyone who likes books about [some topic or situation] will enjoy this book.

Example

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee is a deeply moving and impactful coming-of-age novel where three children learn that the world is not always simple or fair. I found Lee's depiction of Maycomb, Alabama easy to visualize, and her characters, while not always like people I know personally, were real and fully developed.

I appreciated the way the author told the story through Scout's point of view, because her innocence stands in contrast to the harsh realities of exclusion and racism prevalent in her

town. As a parent myself, I sympathized with Atticus, who had to balance telling his children the truth with not wanting them to be hurt.

This book is a classic for good reason. I am going to suggest my book club read it next month. They're always looking for meaningful books that make them think, and even if they read *To Kill a Mockingbird* in high school like I did, I am positive that reading it again will bring new insights like it did for me.

Note: If this guide doesn't work for you, there are many other similar guides online.