**WRITING A REVIEW**

When you write a review , you give your opinion about something you have seen (a film, a theatre play, a TV program, etc.) or read (a novel, a short-story etc.), or a place you have visited (a restaurant, a hotel, etc.)

You should describe the most important features, explaining why you think they are positive or negative. A review often ends with a suggestion or recommendation.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:

First of all, the person who reads your review has NOT read the book or seen the film

* Give your review **a title**
* Divide your review into **paragraphs**
* Give factual **information** about the film, for example: director, main actors/actresses starring, date when it came out, based on a book written by whom? when?
* Say what **type** of film it is (a comedy, a science fiction film, a thriller, a fantasy film, a cartoon, etc.)
* Describe the **setting** (place and time)
* Speak about the **main characters**
* Give a very short account of the **plot**, but keep the summary very brief
* Do not reveal the end
* Comment on the techniques employed ( the language, the special effects, or any other characteristic you think is important)
* Give your **opinions** and make **recommendations**

P.S. Use a variety of adjectives to describe the book and the characters!

*Use synonyms of words such as* ***book*** *or* ***story****.*

**Beginnings**

It is a fascinating tale of… (e.g. rural life)

This moving account of … (e.g. a young man’s experiences)

I found this story far-fetched and unconvincing

**Details**

Written in…, the story begins with…

The events unfold in…

The story/novel is set in …

**Characters**

The writer introduces us to …

The principal characters are…

My favourite character is undoubtedly…

The story focuses on…

We experience all this through the eyes of…

**Giving your opinion**

The writer excels at…(e.g. describing…)

I was impressed by ...

One aspect I found a little disappointing was…

One possible defect is that…

**Conclusions**

I would highly recommend this rewarding book.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. In fact I couldn’t put it down!

By the end of this book, you feel…

I was left unmoved by this story.

I would strongly advise against reading this book.

*I’d strongly recommend seeing/reading…….*

*I would advise anyone who likes POETRY/COMEDIES to read/see*

*Don’t miss the chance/opportunity to see/read……*

*If you get the chance to see/read……, do it!*

*This DVD/book would make the best present for anyone who likes……*

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen

Chbosky - review

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The Perks Of Being A Wallflower is a truly moving story about Charlie, a student in high school who is by no means popular. He is very shy, but that all was caused by a mental problem that occurred because of something that happened when he was younger, which you will understand later on in the book. The author, Stephen Chbosky, has plotted this story very well. It isn't an average book - Charlie writes letters to an anonymous reader known as 'Friend'. Charlie tells this person everything he does and feels, who he meets and loves.

Charlie meets two outgoing outsiders that are much cooler than him, but they accept him and he finally feels included. Patrick, a gay, happy and outgoing teen, and Sam, a beautiful young woman, introduce Charlie to a new world filled with sex, drugs and The Rocky Horror Picture Show. They also show Charlie the power of music and Charlie becomes more and more music savvy. He particularly likes The Smiths.

Charlie goes on a rollercoaster ride full of emotions and learns that he has the greatest friends he could wish for.

If you read this story you will laugh, cry and keep reading on. It is not to be missed. Charlie will show you that high school can be enjoyed if you have the right friends and becoming a teenager isn't as scary as you think, even though it seems that way.

This story has stayed with me for a long while and I am sure if you read it, you will remember it forever. I highly recommend this book if you are 14+.