The Ultimate Book
Review Template

Start crafting amazing reviews for nonfiction books.

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| ✓ What problems or issues does the book promise to solve? ✓ What background information about the book or author is important to share? |
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| PART TWO: YOUR PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION Anyone can write a book summary, but can you present your personal take on the book and back it up with examples? |
| Consider the thesis of the book. |
| ✓ What was the goal of the book? Was it clear? |
| ✓ Did the book meet expectations and accomplish what it set out to accomplish? How? |
| Consider the supporting arguments. |
| ✓ How is the thesis argued and supported? |
| What evidence is presented to prove the thesis? How convincing is it? |
| ✓ Are the facts provided accurate, relevant, and up-to-date?✓ What were the author's research methods? What about the quality of the author's |
| source materials? |
| Consider the scope of the book. |
| ✓ Are all aspects of the subject appropriately covered? |
| ✓ What was the author's approach to the subject (compare and contrast, chronological, descriptive, analytical)? Was it appropriate? |
| ✓ How does the book match up next to its peers in the field? |
| Concider the author |
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| What were the author's intentions in writing the book? |
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| Consider the prose . |
| ✓ What is the tone of the book?✓ Is the text organized in a logical fashion? |
| ✓ How clearly and effectively are the points communicated? |
| Consider the impact that the story made on you. |
| ✓ Did the book help you understand the subject? |
| What are the book's weaknesses and limitations? |
| ✓ Do you ultimately agree with the author's thesis? Why or why not? |
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| PART THREE: YOUR RECOMMENDATION |
| It's time to give your thumbs-up or thumbs-down. |
| Deliver your verdict of the book. |
| ✓ Would you recommend this book to others? Why or not? |
| BUILD YOUR BRAND. Great book reviewers build devoted followings on account of their |
| strong voices and well-put opinions. Don't be afraid to show your own personality in your review! Aim to develop your "reviewer's voice," making sure that all of your reviews are |

consistent and that you back up your statements with examples from the book.

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