

Desserts and Shakes (50 Calories):

You will be writing an academic book review. Reviewing a book requires you to exercise academic judgment. You are evaluating the book as a work of scholarship and a source of information more than as a source of entertainment.

Include these elements in your typed, single spaced, one page review. (500 words using 12-font Times New Roman)

Heading:

Economics Book Review

Your name

Book Citation

Write a paragraph for each of the three points provided below following the guiding questions.

I have provided a series of questions to help focus your thinking as you dig into the work at hand. Don't feel obligated to address each of the questions as some will be more relevant than others based on the book you have chosen.

1. What is the subject or topic of the book? What is the thesis—or main argument—of the book? If the author wanted you to get one idea from the book, what would it be? How does it compare or contrast to the world you know? What has the book accomplished? (30 pts.)
2. How does the author support his/her argument? What evidence does he/she use to prove his/her point? Do you find that evidence convincing? Why or why not? Does any of the author's information (or conclusions) conflict with other books you've read, courses you've taken or just previous assumptions you had of the subject? Does the argument make sense? Does it persuade you? Why or why not? (10 pts.)
3. How has this book helped you understand the subject? Would you recommend the book to another reader? How would I benefit if I read it? (10 pts.)

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