

A book review

When we write a book review, we should mention:

- ❖ **Title of the book** (the title of the book)
- ❖ **Author** (the writer of the book)
- ❖ **Date and place of publishing** (e.g., in 2003 in Spain...)
- ❖ **Setting: time and place of the event(s)** (in 2001 in United States, etc.)
- ❖ **Language** (written in English, French, or other languages...)
- ❖ **Genre** (fiction, romance, action and adventure, drama, horror...)
- ❖ **Pages** (156 pages...)
- ❖ **The main character(s)** (name of the main character(s))
- ❖ **The secondary character(s)** (name of the minor character(s)...))
- ❖ **The story of the book and how it ended** (tragic ending, happy ending...)
- ❖ **Your opinion** (I like this book a lot because...)

The book that I liked most is "**title of the book**". The author is (**name of the writer**). It was published in (**the date and place of publishing**). The book was written in (**language**). It's (**fiction, action, romance, drama, comedy, horror...**). I finished reading it (**last year, last week, in 2017...**). The events took place in (**setting: time and place**). The main character is (**the hero's name**) and the other characters are..... . The story of the book was about... The book has a (**happy/tragic ending**). This book is made of (**128 pages/ 199 pages**). For me, it's the best book I have ever read because it ; so, for this reason and many others, I recommend it to everyone to read it ; it's so interesting.

Topic

Write a book review, using the following information.

title of the book	The old man and the sea
Author	Ernest Hemingway
Time and publishing place	In 1952 in the United States
Language and setting	English in 1952 in Cuba
Genre	Literary fiction
Pages	125 pages
The main character	Santiago
the minor characters	Mandolin, the boy
The story of the book and how it	· A battle between a fisherman, Santiago, and a giant fish, Marlin. /Santiago didn't catch any fish for 84 days.

ending	· His assistant, the boy, was forbidden to go fishing with him because Santiago was an unlucky man, Finally, he caught a huge fish, but he was attacked by sharks which won the battle..... /The end was tragic....
Opinion	Why do you like it?

The book that I liked most is “The old man and the sea”. The author is Ernest Hemingway. It was published in 1952 in Untied States.

It is a literary fiction. I finished reading it last week. The events took place in Cuba in 1951. The main character is Santiago, the old man, and the other characters are the other fishermen and Mandolin, the little boy who helped him for some time. The story of the book was about an aging Cuban fisherman who struggled with a giant fish, Marlin. The boy was forbidden to go with the old man fishing because Santiago was the ioke of the other fishermen as he didn’t catch any fish for 84 days. On the eight-fifth day, the desperate fisherman decided to sail along deep in the ocean so that he would have more chance to catch even a fish. With patience, he finally got one, a giant fish. He couldn’t even pull it and so he stayed three more nights in the ocean holding to the harpoon which stabbed Marlin, the fish. Exhausted and worn-out, he could pull the fish away but as it was bleeding, he was attacked by sharks which won the battle in the end, and all what Santiago got left was the big skeleton. A group of fishermen, who used to make fun of him, was astonished to see the giant skeleton on the shore. The book has a tragic ending. This novel was written in 125 pages.

For me, it was the best book I have ever read because I learned that a man can be destroyed but not defeated. So, for this reason and many others, I recommend it to everyone to read it; it’s so interesting.

Plan

Paragraph 1: presentation of the book [title/ author/ language/genre/publishing]

Paragraph 2 : setting the scene{ when/where]

Main character/minor character

Summary of the story/ending

paragraph 3: opinion / recommendation

Practice

PRACTICE 1

Write a review about this book, using the following information.

Title of the book	La Boite a Merveilles
Author	Ahmed Sefrioui
Time and publishing place	In 1954
Language	French
Setting (date and place)	in 1954, Rabat
Genre	Novel
Pages	249 pages
The main character(s)	A 6 year old boy, Lala Zoubida, Si Abdessalam ...
the minor character(s)	Fqih of the mosque, Fettouma, Moulay Laarebi, Si Outhmane...
The story of the book and how it ended	Happy life with his family superstition/ bad beliefs/ joblessness/ happy ending
Opinion	I like this novel because...

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PRACTICE 2

Write a paragraph about the book that you like most.

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