

Book Review Data



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*****Note: The following review comments and ratings were created for randomly selected books by me on behalf of the various test user accounts to demonstrate the “Review Functionality” provided by the Tomely app.**

Book: To Kill a Mocking Bird

Rating: ★★★★★

Comments: This book is honestly such a MUST READ. While at first, I was hesitant to read it because it based around prejudice towards African Americans during that time, once I started reading, I couldn't put it down. It was just so well-written, and truly put a much of the inequality that black people faced during that time, into perspective through a fictional plot. I have to say, I am truly attached to this book, and many of its characters, and wished it just didn't end.

Book: To Kill a Mocking Bird

Rating: ★★★★★

Comments: I was assigned to read this book in my English class, and I thought it was going to be like something out of an old history book. Yet, I was pleasantly surprised by the storyline, and I honestly found this book to be a genuinely good read. Having heard about this book in every English class ever, I never bothered to read it, but it's good. Yet, it's encompasses a lot of deep ideas, and as a reader, you need to be mature because the book addresses sensitive topics like racism, to build upon the plot and to the coming-of-age theme.

Book: The Color Purple

Rating: ★★★★★

Comments: This book is definitely something. I honestly found it to be a very worth-while read and surely do recommend it. But, the book is quite heavy in terms of the plot and storyline. It is by far, the strongest novel I have ever read because many different issues are addressed here. There is some kind of sexual violence, incest, marital abuse, or racism on the flip of every page, and as a reader you kind of get a sense of the pain that the characters/protagonist is going through. But, past that, it's such a good book that showcases the strength of the main character as she goes on to bigger and better things despite everything she has gone through.

Book: The Color Purple

Rating: ★★★★★

Comments: This book is so great book, and no set number of words can describe how amazing it is. While there are a lot of deep topics, I just found this book to be so great because I got to see the main

character grow and go on to pursue everything she ever wanted even though she was abused. Truly exemplary, and a great feminist piece.

Book: The Color Purple

Rating: 

Comments: This book was ok. The plot itself was mediocre, but I honestly don't know how this book is even taught or available at schools. It seemed as though most of the book was just about Celie's sexual relations with her "father", Mr. _____, Shug, and herself. It just wasn't something I really liked, and the storyline could have been better. It got hard to follow at times because it was written as a series of letters, and I never knew how old Celie was. And on top of that, the plot just seemed so redundant. I feel like I have read SOO many books and watched SOO many movies that have the same theme. It was just eh to me. I definitely don't see myself reaching for this book ever again.

Book: The Great Gatsby

Rating: 

Comments: EVERYONE should honestly read this book. It's such a classic, and it can NEVER get old. It truly takes me back to the roaring 20's in America when there was such a fine line between the rich and the poor. In just 180 pages, this novel had me speechless. I literally have no words....100% recommend.

Book: Romeo & Juliet

Rating: 

Comments: Do I even have to say how great of a book this is. This classical Shakespearean novel it literally everything, and I can find myself reading this book over and over and over again. It's just so captivating, and such a well written piece of literature.

Book: Romeo & Juliet

Rating: 

Comments: The book and the plot aren't bad, but I couldn't find myself reading this ever again. Honestly the actions of the characters just seem very dumb, and I feel as though all the issues that were created were of the character's creation. I understand it is just a story, but I often found myself screaming at the characters in my head because of the actions they took. Also, in my perspective, I don't think of this book as a romantic tragedy but rather a satire on young love. While this is just what I think, I just don't find this book good enough to try and take the time to carefully read (given it's written in an olden form of English).

Book: The Crucible

Rating: 

Comments: I had to read this for my English class, and I valued all the topics that were discussed. It's quite insightful and starts up many conversations/discussions/debates. An American classic for sure, but just not for me. It's a well-written play and all, but the Puritan English and parts of story were hard to keep up with.

Book: The Scarlet Letter

Rating: 

Comments: I love this book. It really does a great job of exemplifying how prominent of a role that the church played in early settlements like the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The sheer strength that the main character, Hester Prynne, showed in her situation, was just so inspirational and moving. I guess the only downfall of this book, is the abundance of over description, which wasn't really necessary all the time.

Book: Of Mice and Men

Rating: 

Comments: A classic that everyone was telling me to read. After finally picking it up, I was not disappointed. The ending was really sad though. However, it was a realistic book which I appreciated. Overall it is a good book, might read again.

Book: Fahrenheit 451

Rating: 

Comments: The language is simple and straightforward yet is very powerful. It allows the reader to comprehend everything happening at a faster pace making this an overall great book. I have read it a couple of times and it is a great classic book.

Book: A Separate Peace

Rating: 

Comments: This book has a lot to deal with friendship and being able to place blame on yourself rather than others. There is a very strong message that is easily portrayed to high schoolers. My son really enjoyed this book and had to work with it during school.

Book: The Catcher in the Rye

Rating:     

Comments: I could not finish this book. The main character is extremely childish, underachieving and spoiled from the beginning. It should stay on the “banned list” due to how bad it is. I really wanted this book to be good, however I was thoroughly disappointed.

Book: Animal Farm

Rating:     

Comments: I absolutely loved this book! While Orwell was obviously writing about the Soviet Union, he did a magnificent job at pulling the story together. The amount of historical context in this book makes it a very good book for children to read to improve their reading and history skills. Would definitely recommend this book.

Book: A Midsummer Night’s Dream

Rating:     

Comments: Who would ever want to read this??? I mean who can understand anything Shakespeare is trying to say? I know I don’t. You can’t follow the story and it’s insanely difficult to follow. I don’t understand why my high school is making me read this. I just hope i never have to look at this book ever again.

Book: The Outsiders

Rating:     

Comments: I finally understand what Greasers are like. This book actually got me hooked on reading. I saw reading as a chore but books like these make me enjoy it. Its fast pace with a lot of action but it also has some nice sweet moments in it. The ending was my favorite part. I can’t wait to read more books like this one.

Book: The Odyssey

Rating:     

Comments: This translated version is the best one on the market. The way that this book brings you into the situation of what is happening is an amazing thing to experience. Alexander’s transition is marvelous and so great to read about. These no book quite like this one.

Book: Lord of the Files

Rating: 

Comments: It took me by surprise. I had a rough idea of what the book was about but i never knew it would take a very different direction. The book is incredibly impressive because of how every part of it has a deeper meaning. The words that make up this book are precise, sophisticated and elegant which just brings so much more to it.

Book: Macbeth

Rating: 

Comments: It really lacks the energy that earlier series had, but overall was worth the read. Being the 6th installment of the series, there's not much going on compared to the other such as Romeo and Juliet. It also is a bit difficult to follow and it moves along slowly in my opinion. I prefer more involved books.

Book: The Giver

Rating: 

Comments: I saw the movie before I read the book and I fell in love with the storyline. I wasn't sure if I would like the book as much as the movie but to my surprise I ended up liking it a lot more. The dystopian fiction genre is so in right now and this book definitely nailed it.

Book: Moby-Dick

Rating: 

Comments: A CLASSIC ON EVERY LEVEL! This book is soooooo good. It is an excellent and gorgeous adaptation of Moby Dick. As I read, it made me feel like I was in a movie. The words described every little thing perfectly. I completely emerged in the environment of this book. I never want to put it down!!

Book: The Official SAT Study Guide

Rating: 

Comments: Excellent study material and it really helped me prep for the SAT. After not using it the first time, it improved my score significantly when I took it for a second time. It's a really good learning tool and it has a lot of practice tests and examples that really payed off when I took the test.

Book: The Official ACT Prep Guide

Rating: 

Comments: Really thick book full with a lot of information. High quality book that makes me feel like I am prepared to take the test. I hope it improves my score! I think it will.
