Story Evaluation Rubric

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Recommended Use
First, read the story you are evaluating without the rubric. Just read it casually and naturally.

Then, take a breath, get a beverage, go get the mail. Something to reset.

Read through the Factors table, below. As you read each factor name, pause and ask yourself how you would recognize, rate, or rank that factor. How would you define it for yourself and your own reading style and enjoyment?

Now re-read the story again, but this time with the factors list in the background of your awareness. Read the whole story before giving any ratings, in case the grand arc or connections later affects things.

Run down the Factors and mark the rating you would give each, from 1 to 10 with 1 being poor and 10 being amazingly great. A 10 would rate equally with the best you have ever read.

Factor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Captured my interest										
Held my interest										
Plausible plot										
Natural dialogue										
Smooth storytelling										
Enchanting prose										
Likable characters										
Good pacing										
Right level of detail										
Important message(s)										
Made me smile										
Memorable quotables										
Good emotional arc										
Relatable setting										
Accurate physics / objects										
Right level of romance										

Add up all your scores and divide that total by 16 to get your final rating: _____

Of course, ratings are subjective and will vary according to what each person enjoys.