



Writing a Book Review

The Criteria for a Fiction Book

What makes a good story?

- a plot that is exciting, suspenseful, baffling or extraordinary
- interesting situations that are well-explained and believable
- characters you care about enough to make you want to read on
- characters you can relate to and who change and grow as they make decisions and solve problems
- descriptions that make you feel like you're there
- a variety of settings
- a fast start – action, danger, humour
- situations that provide an emotional response and give you something to think about
- a good ending with problems solved and characters getting what they deserve



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The Criteria for a Non-Fiction Book

What makes a good information book?

- is interesting, makes the reader enthusiastic about the subject
- is attractive overall, makes you want to read it
- is well-organized
- has fact boxes, sidebars or other ways to organize the important information
- has a table of contents and an index that are useful and easy to use
- is designed in a way that looks attractive
- has illustrations that complement the text
- has captions that fit the illustrations
- has a variety of types of illustrations