

Fiction Book Review Components

THE BASICS

Title, author, and genre (type of book: adventure, mystery, etc.)

CONTENT INFORMATION

A fiction book review provides information about

- the setting (when and where the story takes place)
- character development (how the author lets the reader know about a character's personality)
- plot (the main action of the story, including the major conflict)

Note: A review should not give away how the problem is solved.

AUTHOR'S STYLE

A fiction book review discusses anything unique or interesting about the author's writing style, such as use of humor, descriptive phrases, clever dialogue, and fast-paced action. A comparison to a similar book by the same author or another author strengthens the review.

OPINIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A fiction book review recommends the book to a specific audience (the type of person who would enjoy this book) and includes an overall rating (why you liked or disliked the book and a rating such as "thumbs up" or "three stars").

I Want To Go Home

Ever read a book about a mischievous teen, who never lies, and goes to camp? I have, it was called "I Want to Go Home" written by Gordan Korman. It is a realistic fiction-comedy. Gordan Korman wrote this third person narrative.

This book is about a boy named Rudy Miller who is sent to camp by his parents, who hope Rudy will become a "better" person in more than one way by living a camp life for awhile. Rudy, not wanting to go to camp one bit, becomes friends with a teenager named Mike Webster. Mike Webster, Being a straight-A student was sent to camp for a "Reward." Mike is also a young teenager like Rudy, who doesn't like camp. Chip, Rudy and Mikes Cabin 13 counsellor deals with Rudy day in and day out. Rudy creates havoc all over Alkonagian Island campsite every single day with a special touch of his sarcasm. Surprisingly, Rudy is a very honest person; maybe a bit too honest. Rudy speaks his thoughts and feelings to everyone, not bothering to hide them. During his camp-days, Rudy convinces Mike to try to run away with him. Each time, Rudy

is caught by his suspicious and delirious counsellor, Chip. Rudy gives everyone a laugh when it comes to his sarcasm, Except Chip of course. Rudy endures many days of work-detail with Mike, hauling garbage and washing dishes almost every day because of his attempts to run away.

Gordon Korman has written a hilarious book. The character dialogue is realistic and really adds humour helps the reader understand the character. Rudy has a dry, sarcastic sense of humour which is clear when he talks. Korman makes quick time shifts and the action is non-stop and all over the place.

Will Rudy and Mike ever be able to escape the island, or will they have to endure the boring days of chess until the end?

This book gave me a laugh in each chapter and always left me with a quote of the day. I rate this book a full 9 out of 10, Because of the exploding laughs that it filled me with, and the great description that filled my mind with images. I recommend this book to anyone who thinks they

deserve a good, hearty, laugh. I also recommend it to all ages, since it is an extremely good book, Meant for the young or old. I enjoyed this book very much and would read it again.

By Rebecca

Writer's Name: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

Fiction Book Review Rubric

	Great!	O.K.	Needs Help
Critical Components Includes "the basics": book title, author, and genre Provides information about the setting, character development, and plot (doesn't give away ending) Discusses author's writing style Compares the book to other similar books Gives opinions and recommendations			
Style Word Choice Strong, active verbs Precise words Words that evoke imagery and sensory detail Writing devices such as alliteration, metaphor, simile, onomatopoeia, and personification Coherence Clearly presented ideas Logically sequenced ideas			
Mechanics Ending punctuation Capitalization Comma rules Quotation marks Paragraph structure			
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