**Tips for writing a great book review.**

A lot of us get frustrated and find ourselves at a loss as what to include and what not to include. Here are some tips and tricks. When I structure my own reviews I don’t always use everything here, this is just tips…find the ones that work best for you.

**Writing Book Reviews Quick Tips:**

* After finishing the book, quickly jot down a few points that you want to mention in your review.
* Keep a Reader’s Diary, a book that you keep with you while reading. Use your diary to jot down page numbers for quotes, character names, thoughts, feelings etc while you read.
* It is suggested that you write your review two to three days after you’ve read the book, this gives you time to process the book in your head, but not long enough that you forget related information.
* Put some personality into the review. Write within a tone of voice you would use when relating your opinion to a friend. Keep things friendly and maybe add a bit of flair that makes things uniquely yours in the review.

**Writing Book Reviews What to Include:**

* You always want to mention the author’s name, instead of using pronouns. You also want to mention the book name, instead of The Book. This keeps bringing your readers back to title and author and keeps them focused on what the review is about.
* Summarize the book in a quick, short fashion, usually at the beginning of the review. Try describing it yourself. You don’t have to go into every facet of the story, just a quick summary.
* If you feel something about the book, explain why you feel that way. If you dislike something explain it, same if you like something about the book. The key point of a review is that it is YOUR OPINION. But, you have to back-up your opinion with proof.
  + i.e. I liked the main character because he was relatable and genuine.
* Use short quotes, one or two lines from that story to emphasize points in your review. This also gives readers an example of the author’s writing style.
* Did the book remind you of another story you have read before?
* Always include a conclusion. What were your final thoughts on the book overall? What was the main impact it had on you?
* Who would you recommend this book to? Is there a certain age range or niche group?

**Questions to Ask Yourself When Reading to Help You Better Review:**

*When reading a book, there are a few questions you can ask yourself that will lead to a more analytical review.*

* Is it a witty novel, or fun writing style?
* Is the story or ideas convincing? Do they feel real to you?
* Are the characters of the book realistic?
* Who was your favorite character?
* Who was your least favorite character?
* What was your favorite part of the story?
* Do you find yourself relating to anyone in the story?
* Do you share any experiences with the characters in the story?