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| <b>Read First</b>  | <b>Whole Book</b>             |
| <b>Submit By</b>   | <b>30 Days + 7-Day Grace</b>  |
| <b>Review Tone</b> | <b>Honest, Specific, Fair</b> |

## Before You Start

- Read the whole book before submitting your review.
- You have 30 days from claiming the book to submit your review, with an automatic 7-day grace period if you need a little extra time.
- Your review should be honest. It does not have to be positive.
- This guide is here to help you write clearly about the book and your reading experience.

## What We Need

Please write a thoughtful review that helps another reader understand the book, who it is for, and what kind of reading experience it offers.

Aim for enough detail to be useful, without retelling the whole story or spoiling major twists.

## Writing Prompts

1. What is the book about? Give a short, spoiler-free sense of the story, subject or central idea.
2. What kind of book is it? Think about genre, tone, pace, mood, themes and the kind of reader it is written for.
3. What stood out to you? Did a line stay with you? Did a character's choice make you want to talk it out with someone? Did the relationship, setting, structure or writing style linger after you finished?
4. What worked for you? Be specific. Instead of only saying "I loved the romance" or "the plot was good", explain why. Did the banter feel real? Was the slow burn satisfying? Did the point of view pull you in?
5. What did not work? You can be critical. If a twist felt unearned, the pace dragged, or you could not connect with a character's decisions, say so thoughtfully. Critical reviews are useful when they focus fairly on the book itself.
6. Who would you recommend it to? Mention the kind of reader who may enjoy it. You can reference mood, genre, interests or comparable books with a similar feel.
7. What is your short verdict? If you had to describe the exact vibe or takeaway of this book in one or two sentences to a friend, what would you say? We may highlight this quick take for other readers.



## Review Shape

- A short summary of the book.
- Your main reaction.
- Two or three specific things that stood out.
- Who you think should read it.
- A short final verdict.

## What To Avoid

- Do not copy blurbs or reviews from elsewhere.
- Do not include major spoilers. If a major spoiler is absolutely necessary, place a clear spoilerwarning at the very top of your review.
- Do not submit a review if you did not read the book.
- Do not write forced praise. If the book did not work for you, say so thoughtfully.
- Do not attack the author personally.

## Publishing And Social

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## Submitting

Selected readers receive their submission link automatically after a book is granted on Sona. Use that link to submit the structured review within 30 days, with the 7-day grace period available if needed.