Book Reviews

A book review answers the following questions:
- What is the book about?
- How successful was the author?
- What is your reaction?

Questions to ask and answer:
- What is the author’s viewpoint and purpose?
- What are the main points and the main point?
- How does the book relate to others in the genre?

Components of a book review:
- Heading with bibliographic information
- Introduction with author and title, overview, purpose and audience
- Background containing context and criteria for evaluation
- Summary of the main points (quotes and paraphrases)
- Evaluation
  - Does the writer achieve his or her goal?
  - Are things left out?
  - Is the piece of work convincing?
- Conclusion includes your comment on the work and your reaction to it

A book review is two-thirds summary and one-third evaluation