

# THE SECRETS OF GRINDLEWOOD

## WRITING A REVIEW

Writing a review of a book can be fun! It can also improve your concentration and help you remember a story. It is a good exercise in how to write your thoughts down in a short and simple style.

A review should only take up one page of writing, at the most. First, choose a book that you would like to read and review, and read it carefully right to the end. It is important to finish the book before you start your review.

Here are the main points to include in a book review:

1. The title of the book
2. The name of the author
3. The summary: This should be three or four few sentences that explain the story to a new reader. It is often compared to the “blurb” on the back of the book. Most authors find writing a blurb quite tricky, so take your time and try to explain the story as simply as you can.
4. Name your favourite character, and in one or two sentences explain why you like that character better than the others.
5. Name your least favourite character, and why.
6. Would you recommend this book? Why and to whom?
7. Give the book “stars” – five stars would be excellent! One star wouldn’t be very good at all.

Writing reviews is a great way of telling your friends and classmates about other books and helping others choose what they would like to read next. You can keep a whole collection of reviews to share with your friends and classmates. But remember, just because someone else doesn’t like a book, doesn’t mean that you won’t! You might like to try it anyway.

Have fun!

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