

For Teens, By Teens

Teen Book Review & Recommendation

➤ Due 3 weeks from the date you receive the book.

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You have been asked to read and review a YA book for publication in the North County Times. Your target audience is other teen readers, so keep that in mind as you write your review. The final product needs to be **300-500** words, but “*less is more*” when it comes to newspaper articles, so careful editing is key. Here are a few requirements for your review:

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Book Title

Author

Publisher

ISBN# [above barcode on the back of the book]

Genre

Reviewed by: [your name, grade, school]

Review:

- Interesting beginning [quote or passage with pg.#? Question? Hook the reader!]
- Concise summary that includes setting, main characters, problem, rising action, climax... but do not give away spoilers that will reveal the ending or any major plot points. Choose your words *carefully!*

- Provide your opinion of the book [This is important because it is persuasive...meaning your words, or “writer’s voice”, can persuade/discourage potential teen readers]. ***Explain*** your opinion with at least 1 textual example, and make sure to italicize the direct quote and cite the page # in parenthesis following the passage. Your last few sentences should conclude your review.

- List other novels by the author [in order of publication date], or state that it is the author’s debut novel. If it is a series, list the name of the series [Ex: Percy Jackson & the Olympians books 1-5].

I will email you and let you know when your review will be published. Your article will also be displayed in the Oceanside Barnes & Noble along with a copy of the book.

Thank you for your participation in the “FTBT” *Recommended Read* program!

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