



Help Catch finish her fiction book review!



Do you like books that are _____?
(look in the purple box for ideas)

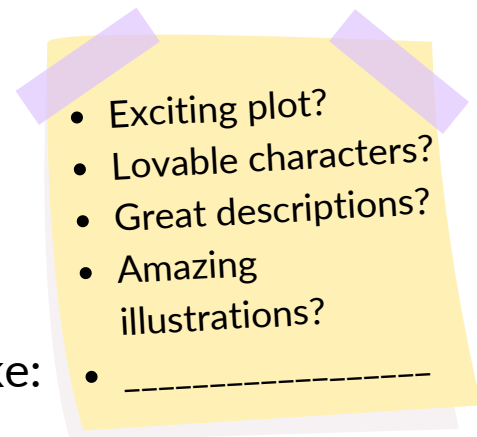


Then _____, by _____, could be a great book for you.
(title) (author)

I won't give away too much, but it's about _____ (main characters) _____ who live in _____ (setting) and are trying to _____ (the main problem or drama of the book).



I really enjoyed:
(yellow box for ideas)



Some people might not like:
(blue box)

Read it for yourself and see!



Help Catch finish her non-fiction book review!



Are you interested in _____?
(topic that the book is about)

Then _____, by _____, could be a great book for you.
(title) (author)

EXAMPLE
"You'll learn about the similarities between dogs and wolves, how doctors use dogs with patients, and the answer to why your dog always knows when you're sad."

I won't give away too much, but you will learn about

(a subtopic covered in the book)

(another subtopic, or a surprising fact)

and the answer to _____.
(one question readers might have)

One thing I really enjoyed about this book was:
(yellow box for ideas)

Some people might not like:
(blue box)

- Not enough pictures?
- Too complicated?
- Too simple?
- Lecturing writing style?
- _____

- Lots of illustrations that help you understand
- Reader-friendly tone
- Packed with info
- _____

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How to record your podcast:



Listen to some of the book reviews already on the Squiz Kids website. Listen carefully to the reviewers':

- tone
- speed
- voice clarity

Practice your review a couple of times, so that it's smooth.

Ask to use a phone or tablet.

Open (or download) a simple, free, voice recording app.

Find a quiet place that doesn't echo. The bathroom is not good! Under your doona is surprisingly good, but keep still!

Do a test recording of your first three sentences. Keep the device still, and don't cover the microphone! Listen back. Do you need to hold the microphone closer? Slow down?

Once you're happy with your sound, record! If you make a mistake, just go back to the beginning of that sentence and start again. We can edit out the mistake!

Email your sound file to: squizkids@thesquiz.com.au. We'll reply to let you know we have it.



One more thing....



You may have noticed that our reviewers always introduce themselves on the podcast. Please send us a separate recording that follows this general outline. We'll use different parts from it each time you review a book!

Hi! My name is _____.
(first name only)

I'm ___ years old, and I live in _____
(city, or just state)

My favourite place to read is: _____

because _____

My favourite author is: _____ because

If I could only take two books to a desert island, I would

choose _____ and _____

Let me tell you why: _____

If I was going to write a book, I would make it about

_____ because
