

Book Evaluation Criteria Checklist

Use this checklist to evaluate books across different genres. Tick off items as you read or draft your review.

General Evaluation (All Genres)

- ☐ Clarity and coherence of writing
- ☐ Structure and organization
- ☐ Character depth and consistency (if applicable)
- ☐ Theme clarity and execution
- ☐ Author's purpose and effectiveness
- ☐ Pacing and flow
- ☐ Emotional impact
- ☐ Originality and creativity
- ☐ Quality of opening and conclusion
- ☐ Overall engagement

Fiction (Novels, Short Stories)

- ☐ World-building quality
- ☐ Plot progression and twists
- ☐ Character arcs and development
- ☐ Dialogue authenticity
- ☐ Setting description and relevance
- ☐ Conflict strength and resolution

Non-Fiction

- ☐ Accuracy and credibility of information
- ☐ Use of evidence, data, and examples
- ☐ Logical argumentation
- ☐ Author expertise and citations
- ☐ Objectivity and bias
- ☐ Real-world relevance

Biographies & Memoirs

- ☐ Depth of personal insight
- ☐ Authenticity and honesty
- ☐ Historical accuracy
- ☐ Narrative voice

- ☐ Balance between storytelling and facts

Self-Help & Personal Development

- ☐ Practicality of advice
- ☐ Clarity of frameworks or methods
- ☐ Actionable steps provided
- ☐ Use of real examples or case studies
- ☐ Motivational impact

Academic / Educational Books

- ☐ Quality of research
- ☐ Clarity of concepts and explanations
- ☐ Usefulness for targeted audience
- ☐ Referencing and citations
- ☐ Structure of chapters and lessons

Fantasy & Sci-Fi

- ☐ Uniqueness of world-building
- ☐ Magic/technology system clarity
- ☐ Consistency of rules in the universe
- ☐ Character roles within the world
- ☐ Imagination and creativity

Mystery & Thriller

- ☐ Strength of suspense
- ☐ Clue placement and foreshadowing
- ☐ Plot twists and unpredictability
- ☐ Villain development
- ☐ Pacing and tension buildup

Romance

- ☐ Chemistry between characters
- ☐ Relationship development arc
- ☐ Emotional intensity
- ☐ Conflict and resolution
- ☐ Originality of the love story