Book Reviews

Year 4
Week 13

What books have you been reading lately?

Are you looking for something new to read?

Take a look at the Waterstones website where you can find children summarising their book recommendations.
Have you read these books?

Books for Younger Readers Shortlist

Magic and myth mingle with the tough choices of real life in these six page-turning books for independent readers. Budding romance, exotic adventure and the perils of transforming into poultry all feature in a wide-ranging shortlist of consistently high-quality.

The Middler, Kirsty Applebaum


Asha & the Spirit Bird (8 to 12 year olds)

https://www.amazon.co.uk/product-reviews/1911490192

Charlie Changes into a Chicken


The Deepest Breath


High-Rise Mystery


Our Castle by the Sea


To find out more about these books, follow the links below.

Read the example book review below to see how to write your own book review. You can choose to write a review on any book you have read!
Above is an example of a book review written by a child.

- Look at how it is organised.
- Look at the subheadings.
- Can you find the adjectives used to describe the plot and the characters?
- Can you find the noun phrases used?

**Book Review Checklist**

- Title of the book
- Name of the author
- Plot outline
- Introduction to the characters
- Examples of the best and worst bits
- Final Comments
- Rating system

**Highlights:** When nasty Nick steals the computers from Mrs Lee’s cyber café only China knows he is the culprit. But how can she convince her parents who think butter wouldn’t melt in his mouth?

**Any weak bits?** There are a few cheesy lines, such as when Nick tried to whistle "Walk like a Man. But the way Nick whistled it, it didn't sound like that. It came out like Crawl Like a Worm." But such lines are few and far between and don’t spoil the story.

**Unputdownable?** Yes! The characters are larger than life and you can’t wait to see how they will react. Mr Jupiter is as mysterious as the planet he is named after and you keep wondering just who, or what, he is - so much so that you have to carry or reading. It definitely deserves its shortlist for the Whitbread book award.

**Nr rating:**

![Rating icons]
Once you have finished reading a book at home, you need to write your own review. This is a template to help you get started. Copy the template below and write your review. Look at the checklist above to help you.

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What was the book about?

What did you like about the book?

Were there any parts you didn’t like? Discuss.

What was your favourite part of the book?

Would you recommend this book to a friend?

YES  NO

How many stars would you give this book? Colour the stars.

(5 - Excellent, 1 - Poor)

Draw a picture to show your favourite part of the book.