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# Teen Book Review Board

## Participation Form

### ***About the Club***

The Teen Book Review Board (TBRB) is a group for students in grades 7 and up to earn community service credit by writing book reviews. The reviews may be shared by the library on our website, Facebook, and/or compiled in a binder available in the Teen Area of the Peace Dale Library.

By joining this group members agree to follow the guidelines of the book review submission form. The library reserves the right to only approve community service credit for appropriate and qualified reviews. Participants may review any book of their choice, at their reading level..

### ***Redeeming Community Service Hours***

When you need to turn in your community service hours to school, email [bfong@skpl.org](mailto:bfong@skpl.org) to schedule a time to meet and have any necessary paperwork filled out. If you need an actual letter verifying participation, please let me know ahead of time.

2 qualifying book reviews = 1 hour community service credit

### ***Privacy***

Your privacy is very important to us. We will never disclose or publish any of the information on this form aside from your first name and grade along with your book review on our Teen Blog and in the Teen Book Review Binder.

Please return this SIGNED Teen Book Review Board Participation Form by dropping it off at any branch of the South Kingstown Public Library.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home / Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(This will be the main method of communication...please note if you would prefer phone calls).

I have read and agree to the terms of participation in the Teen Book Review Board.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Teen Book Review Board Review Guidelines

\*\*If you have not filled out a **Participation Form**, please do that before turning in any reviews. Forms are available on the teen section of our website and at any branch of the South Kingstown Public Library.

Please Make Sure Your Review Includes The Following:

1. Tell us the title and author of the book you are reviewing.

2. Give a star rating to the book, based on our rating system.

***The Star Rating System:***

**1 Star:** Forget it, use it as a coaster.

**2 Stars:** Readable, but with so many other books, why bother?

**3 Stars:** Good, but it's not going to win the award for Book of the Year. (Or at least it shouldn't!)

**4 Stars:** Excellent. Not quite worthy of 5 stars, but almost there!

**5 Stars:** WONDERFUL! Run out and get it from the library! Do not stop until you have it in your hot little hands!

3. Provide a brief, ORIGINAL summary of the book (at least two complete sentences).

4. Provide a brief review of the book. Try for at least 200 words, while we won't be too picky, we need more than just a sentence or two. Did you like it? Why did you rate it as you did? Who would you recommend this book to? Remember not to give away the end! Consider these questions as you write your review:

- Why did you decide to read this particular book? (For example: like the author; liked the cover; intrigued by the book flap summary; like the genre)
- What do you think you responded to **most** as you read the book? The characters? The plot? The setting? The language?
- Were you surprised you liked this book? If so, why?
- Could you relate to any of the characters or situations in the book?
- Would you consider this one of the best books you've read this year?

5. Tell me your full name (so I can keep track of your reviews) and grade. Shared reviews will only be posted using your first name and grade.

6. Please send your reviews to me at [bfong@skpl.org](mailto:bfong@skpl.org), with "Teen Review Volunteer" in the subject line. You can also drop them off at any branch of the South Kingstown Public Library.

For every two qualifying reviews you turn in, you will get one hour of community service. Each review must be completed with the above information and standards. *\*We reserve the right to not award community service hours for reviews that don't adhere to these guidelines and/or contain inappropriate content.\**

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