

THE READER METER

SAMPLE REVIEW



TITLE & AUTHOR:

GENRE

SUBGENRE

SAMPLE LENGTH

SERIES LENGTH

SERIES FINISHED?

CREATIVITY & ORIGINALITY



WORLD BUILDING



LANGUAGE & STYLE



ENGAGING PROBLEM?



DISTINGUISHED MAIN?



MOMENT THAT HOOKED/LOST ME

RIGHT OUT THE GATE GENRE GEMS/FAILS

THOUGHTS

WILL I READ IT?



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| METRICS | 5 STARS | 4 STARS | 3 STARS | 2 STARS | 1 STAR |
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| CREATIVITY & ORIGINALITY | TROPS ARE UNIQUE; STORY INSPIRES CURIOSITY AND EXCITEMENT ABOUT CHARACTERS OR EVENTS. | TROPS FEEL FAMILIAR YET WELL DONE; THEY ARE ASSETS TO THE STORY THAT INCREASE CURIOSITY | FAMILIAR YET GENERIC TROPS THAT DON'T BRING ANY NEW ELEMENTS OR PERSPECTIVES TO THE GENRE | TROPS ARE FAMILIAR BUT INCORRECT OR DISRUPTIVE TO THE STORY PLOT OR GENRE | TROPS ARE UNFAMILIAR AND/OR INCORRECT; THEY DISRUPT THE GENRE OR PLOT EXPECTATIONS |
| WORLD BUILDING & SETTINGS | WORLD IS INTRIGUING WITH EFFECTIVE SETUP OF ITS PARAMETERS, SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS, AND NATURAL LAWS | WORLD IS INTERESTING AND DETAILED WITH CLEAR "WHO" AND "WHAT" INDICATORS FOR NATURE AND SOCIETY | WORLD IS ORGANIZED AND DOESN'T KICK THE READER'S ATTENTION, BUT ALSO GENERIC AND INDISTINGUISHABLE. | WORLD IS DISORGANIZED OR CHAOTIC, AND DOESN'T DISTINGUISH ITSELF AT THE GENRE LEVEL | WORLD IS DISORGANIZED AND CHAOTIC ENOUGH TO PULL THE READER'S ATTENTION FROM THE STORY |
| LANGUAGE & STYLE | LANGUAGE IS INTENTIONALLY CRAFTED AND FULLY ENMESHED INTO THE SETTING, DIALOGUE AND/OR CHARACTERS | LANGUAGE IS DETAILED AND STYLE SEEMS INTENTIONALLY CRAFTED FOR THE CHARACTER(S) AND/OR GENRE | LANGUAGE IS SENSIBLE AND CORRECT BUT SYNTAX IS UNORIGINAL. STYLE IS GENERIC AND EASILY DUPLICATED | THEY ARE INCOHERENT OR INCORRECT OR UNENGAGING. ATTEMPT MADE BUT NOT EXECUTED | LANGUAGE AND STYLE ARE INCOHERENT, INCORRECT AND UNENGAGING. A COMPLETE TURN-OFF |
| EFFECTIVE HOOK / ENGAGING PROBLEM? | PERFECTLY EXECUTED STORY HOOK THAT REELS IN THE READER. INTERESTING AND CLEARLY DEFINED STAKES/COSTS EARLY IN THE PLOT | ENGAGING STORY HOOK THAT PULLS THE READER IN AND DEFINES THE COSTS/CONCERN DRIVING THE PLOT | HOOK IS UNMEMORABLE AND/OR INEFFECTIVE AT MAKING THE READER CARE ABOUT THE COSTS DRIVING THE PLOT | STORY HOOK IS NOT CLEAR. READER HAS NO REASON TO CARE ABOUT THE COSTS DRIVING THE PLOT | STORY HOOK IS NOT CLEAR. READER HAS NO REASON TO CARE ABOUT THE COSTS DRIVING THE PLOT |

