

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?

YES ☒

NO ☐

THE READER METER SAMPLE REVIEW

RUBRIC



METRICS

5 STARS

CREATIVITY & ORIGINALITY

TROPES ARE UNIQUE; STORY INSPIRES CURIOSITY AND EXCITEMENT ABOUT CHARACTERS OR EVENTS.

4 STARS

TROPES FEEL FAMILIAR YET WELL DONE; THEY ARE ASSETS TO THE STORY THAT INCREASE CURIOSITY

3 STARS

FAMILIAR YET GENERIC TROPES THAT DON'T BRING ANY NEW ELEMENTS OR PERSPECTIVES TO THE GENRE

2 STARS

TROPES ARE FAMILIAR BUT INCORRECT OR DISRUPTIVE TO THE STORY PLOT OR GENRE

1 STAR

TROPES 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/COST EARLY IN THE PLOT

ENGAGING STORY HOOK THAT PULLS THE READER IN AND DEFINES THE COSTS/CONCERNS DRIVING THE PLOT

STORY HOOKS THE READER IN AND HINTS AT THE COSTS/CONCERNS 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