

## When we write a book review, we should mention:

- ✔ **title of the book** (the title of the book)
- ✔ **author** (the writer of the book)
- ✔ **date and place of publishing** (e.g., in 2003 in Spain, .....
- ✔ **setting (time and place of the event (s))** (in 2001 in United States, etc.)
- ✔ **language** (written in English, French, or other languages.....)
- ✔ **genre** (fiction, romance, action and adventure, drama, horror....)
- ✔ **pages** (156 pages.....)
- ✔ **the main character (s)** (name of the main character (s))
- ✔ **the secondary character (s)** (name of the minor character (s)...) )
- ✔ **the story of the book and how it ended** (tragic ending, happy ending..)
- ✔ **your opinion** (I like this book a lot because.....)



The book that I liked most is "**title of the book**". The author is (**name of the writer**). It was published in (**the date and place of publishing**). The book was written in (**language**). It's (**fiction, action, romance, drama, comedy, horror...**). I finished reading it (**last year, last week, in 2017...**). The events took place in (**setting: time and place**). The main character is (**the hero's name**) and the other characters are..... . The story of the book was about..... . The book has a (**happy /tragic ending**). This book is made of (**128 pages/ 199 pages**). For me, it's the best book I have ever read because it.....; so, for this reason and many others, I recommend it to everyone to read it ; it's so interesting.

## **Topic** Write a book review, using the following information.

• <b>title of the book</b>	The old man and the sea
• <b>author</b>	Ernest Hemingway
• <b>time and publishing place</b>	in 1952 in the United States
• <b>language and setting</b>	English in 1952 in Cuba
• <b>genre</b>	literary fiction
• <b>pages</b>	125 pages
• <b>the main character</b>	Santiago
• <b>the minor characters</b>	Mandolin, the boy.
• <b>The story of the book and how it ended</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A battle between a fisherman, Santiago, and a giant fish, Marlin. /Santiago didn't catch any fish for 84 days.</li> <li>• His assistant, the boy, was forbidden to go fishing with him because Santiago was an unlucky man,</li> <li>• Finally, he caught a huge fish, but he was attacked by sharks which won the battle...../The end was tragic....</li> </ul>
• <b>opinion</b>	why do you like it?

The book (short novel) that I liked most is "The old man and the sea". The author is Ernest Hemingway. It's published in 1952 in United States. It's a literary fiction. I finished reading it last week. The events took place in Cuba in 1951. The main character is Santiago, the old man, and the other characters are the other fishermen and Mandolin, the little boy who helped him for some time. The story of the book was about an aging Cuban fisherman who struggled with a giant fish, Marlin. The boy was forbidden to go with the old man fishing because Santiago was the joke of the other fishermen as he didn't catch any fish for 84 days. On the eight-fifth day, the desperate fisherman decided to sail along deep in the ocean so that he would have more chance to catch even a fish. With patience, he finally got one, a giant fish. He couldn't even pull it and so he stayed three more nights in the ocean holding to the harpoon which stabbed Marlin, the fish. Exhausted and worn-out, he could pull the fish away but as it was bleeding, he was attacked by sharks which won the battle in the end, and all what Santiago got left was the big skeleton. A group of fishermen, who used to make fun of him, was astonished to see the giant skeleton on the shore. The book has a tragic ending. This novel was written in 125 pages.

For me, it's the best book I have ever read because I learned that a man can be destroyed but not defeated. So, for this reason and many others, I recommend it to everyone to read it; it's so interesting.

## PRACTICE

1

Write a report about this book, using the following information.

• <b>title of the book</b>	La Boite a Merveilles
• <b>author</b>	Ahmed Sefrioui
• <b>time and publishing place</b>	in 1954
• <b>language</b>	French
• <b>setting (date and palce)</b>	in 1954, Rabat
• <b>genre</b>	novel
• <b>pages</b>	249 pages
• <b>the main character (s)</b>	a 6 year old boy, Lala Zoubida, Si Abdessalam, .....
• <b>the minor character (s)</b>	fqih of the mosque, Fettouma, Moulay Laarebi, Si Outhmane.....
• <b>the story of the book and how it ended</b>	happy life with his family/ superstition/ bad beliefs/ joblessness/ happy ending
• <b>opinion</b>	I like this novel because.....

## PRACTICE

2

Write a paragraph about the book that you like most.