



Book Review Guidelines

Deer Park teens in grades 6-12 can earn 3 hours of community service per book review completed and accepted.

How to choose a book:

Books must be published within the last 5 years and be classified as a Young Adult Book.

Remember, other teens will be reading your review! Your review needs to be clear, concise, completely your own work, and follow the guidelines, or they will be sent back for edits before hours will be awarded.

! ● If you submit a plagiarized review or a review containing AI generated content, you will not get credit for the review and you will not be able to submit a review for the rest of the month. You will also not be allowed to submit a review on the book that was used in the plagiarized review. ● !
All reviews will be run through a plagiarism/AI checker.



Review Format

- Reviews must be at least one page long, 300 words or more, and size 12 font.
- Title and author
- Genre/type of book: Please list here if it is a graphic novel and include the volume if applicable.
- Character(s): List 3-5 characters and explain who the characters are and their role in the story. Make sure to identify who is the protagonist.

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Remember: Being specific shows that you read the book.

Review Format



- Summary of the story: Be specific about what you reference and don't spoil the ending. Explain the "why" of the story by covering the beginning and middle of the book. Why are the characters going on this adventure? What is motivating them? You need to explain the "why" so that anyone reading your review will understand the plot of the story.
- Your review of the book: Be specific about what you liked or didn't like. Did you like the writing style? How was the pacing of the story? Did it feel rushed? Did you like the way a character was written? Why or why not? What did you think of the book overall? Did you like it? If it is a graphic novel, talk about the art style. Did you like it?
- Your favorite quote from the book with the name of the character that said it and the page number it is found on. Why is this your favorite quote in the whole book?
- Rate the book 1-5. 1 is the lowest, 5 is the highest.





Once complete, please send reviews to teenservices@deerparklibrary.org along with your name, grade, and library card number. Please send reviews as a Word Document or PDF.

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If you have a **Yahoo email address**, please check your spam folder! For some reason, emails sent from the library are marked as spam by Yahoo.



PLEASE ALLOW UP TO TWO WEEKS
FOR A RESPONSE TO YOUR REVIEW.

Community service hours will not be awarded the day a review is submitted as I need time to read and evaluate your review. Please submit your reviews as early as you can if you need community service hours for a certain date. This will also give you time to revise your review, if it needs revision.

SAMPLE BOOK REVIEW

Title: Wonder Woman: Warbringer

Author: Leigh Bardugo

Genre: Action/Adventure Novel

Characters:



- Diana Prince: The protagonist. Diana is Wonder Woman, or almost Wonder Woman. In the book she is a teenager who has never left her enchanted home of Themyscira. She is desperate for the day she can prove herself like her Amazon sisters have.
- Alia Keralis: The Warbringer. Alia ends up on Themyscira after an attempt on her life fails. She is a descendent of Helen of Troy and a warbringer meant to bring on world ending conflict.
- Jason Keralis: Alia's brother. He's smart and reliable in a tough situation. He goes with them on the journey to free Alia.
- Poornima (Nim) Chaudhary: Alia's best friend. She loves fashion and art. There is no way she's letting Alia take on her fate alone.
- Theo Santos: Alia's and Jason's friend. Tagged along on their life-or-death mission to save the world and Alia.

Summary:

Wonder Woman: Warbringer by Leigh Bardugo follows a teenage Diana before she becomes Wonder Woman. It all starts when Diana saves Alia when her boat explodes off of Themyscira's shores. Alia is a descendent of Helen of Troy and therefore a warbringer. Her existence is meant to bring on global conflict. Alia's arrival destabilizes Themyscira causing earthquakes and immortal Amazons to fall ill. Diana visits the Oracle to figure out what to do, and is told Alia must be purged of the power of being a Warbringer or die.

Diana chooses to save Alia and leaves Themyscira behind to venture out into the world of man. There she meets Jason, Nim, and Theo and they travel around the world to rid Alia of her power before it reaches its full potential and causes worldwide devastation.



Review:

I loved this book because I am a huge comic book fan and Wonder Woman fan. I was excited to read it because Wonder Woman doesn't have as many retellings as Superman or Batman do and it was nice to read about a young Diana before she is the confident Wonder Woman we all know. The writing is fantastic. Leigh Bardugo gives Diana a distinct voice that feels true to the character. You believe that this Diana will grow up to be Wonder Woman one day. The other characters have their own distinct voices as well. The story flows nicely and the characters are memorable. I recommend this book to anyone who wants a good action story and to all comic book fans.

My Favorite Quote:

"Might does not make a hero. You can build a thousand soldiers, and not one will have a hero's heart." - Diana (p. 550). I love this quote because it perfectly sums up Diana's character. Diana is not a hero because she is strong or because she has something to prove. She's a hero because she fights to protect what she cares about.

My Rating:

5/5- A "wonderful" read.

