

## Examples of a Kidblog Book Review:

You will write ONE paragraph. In that paragraph, you have a BIG job to do! Here are some inspirational examples.

**Topic Sentence:** Make the topic sentence exciting! Entice the reader to read the entire paragraph. Make sure your topic sentence includes the title (*italicized*) and the author's name.

Examples of strong topic sentences:

If you adore horses and love reading adventure stories, I strongly recommend that you read *Horse Fever*, a novel by Eve Townshend.

*My Brother's Nightmare*, by Ralph Olsen, will have you nervously biting your fingernails and sitting on the edge of your seat. Read this book if you are a fan of horror books!

*We Are Soldiers*, by Jennifer Suarez, takes you back to Revolutionary War times and makes you feel as if you are in the middle of the flying bullets of a battle. If you love books about combat, this is a story for you!

### Important Details to Describe the Main Characters, the Setting, and the

**Problem:** Give enough details so that the reader understands the “gist” of the story and wants to know more. Briefly describe the setting, the main characters, and the biggest problem in the story. Do NOT give away the ending!

Example:

The main character in *Horse Fever* is a 10-year-old boy named Nathaniel. He lives with his mother and his grandparents in the horse country of Kentucky. Since he recently moved to Kentucky from California, Nathaniel has few friends. He doesn't mind, however, because he is totally obsessed with horses. Luckily for him, his grandparents raise racehorses, so Nathaniel gets to help feed, groom, and water the horses. The problem is that taking care of the horses isn't enough for Nathaniel. He also wants to ride the horses, especially a feisty horse named Flash. Nathaniel dreams about racing Flash through the meadows and taking him onto the race track. Since Nathaniel has never ridden a horse and since Flash is very valuable, Nathaniel is not allowed to ride Flash. One night, he sneaks out to the stables, puts a bridle and saddle on Flash, and leads him out of the barn and over to the track. Nathaniel jumps on Flash's back for the first time! Then he experiences a disaster that will change his life forever.

**Your Opinion:** Write a few sentences to explain WHY you loved the book.

Example:

I couldn't wait to read *Horse Fever* because the author kept the action flowing. Nathaniel seemed like a real 10-year-old boy that I would know. Finally, I loved the book because the ending was a surprise that I hadn't predicted. I rank *Horse Fever* as a 10 out 10!

# Horse Fever

by Eve Townshend

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