



Would you like to earn volunteer hours by writing book reviews for the library? Join the Teen Book Reviewers Club and use your reading and writing talents to recommend good books to other teens.

Here's how to join:

- 1) Download the free BEANSTACK app in your app store. Hint: it looks like this →
-or-
Visit our BEANSTACK website on your laptop/PC:
www.scugoglibrary.beanstack.com
- 2) Open the Beanstack app and navigate to the Scugog Memorial Public Library site.
- 3) At the sign in page, Sign-up for a new account by creating a username and password
- 4) Please note that you must 13-18 years of age to participate in the #TBRClub
- 5) Once you have created your profile and are logged-in to the app, tap the discover icon.
- 6) Look for the #TBRClub banner and register for the challenge. (You can also register for any other reading challenges and contests that are available to you)
- 7) Tap the + sign and start writing reviews!



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This is how #TBRClub works:

- You will create and submit your reviews using the Beanstack app.
- Review any book you want to as long as the book you are reviewing is in the collection at Scugog Memorial Public Library.
- A librarian will approve your reviews before making them visible to other Teen Book Reviewers. You may need to make a few edits before your review is approved. Please note that other members of the #TBRClub will be able to see your approved reviews.
- Only approved reviews will count toward volunteer hours.
- You will earn 1 volunteer hour for every approved review you write.
- The app will keep track of all the badges and achievements you earn.
- To collect your hours, email us to arrange a date and time when you can bring your form to the library to be signed.
- All of these details and links are available in the app under the “Description” tab.

Guidelines for #TBRClub Book Reviews:

Books reviewed must be available through the Scugog Memorial Public Library.

You can check our catalog online by visiting www.scugoglibrary.ca

If a book you want to review isn't in our library, contact us and we can see about ordering it!

Each book review should be 300-500 words, or 3-4 short paragraphs.

- No spoilers! Remember, you are helping others choose their next book to read. You can summarize, but do not give away any plot twists or surprises that would ruin their reading experience.
- Reviews can talk about what you felt was successful in the book as well as what you felt needed improvement in the book.
- Try to include support to your review, such as quotations from the book, *and absolutely no profanity is appropriate.*
- Good book reviews will mention at least 3 of the following:
 1. Plot (both big picture climax & resolution as well as smaller plot points)
 2. Characters and how they change.
 3. Setting or World-Creation.
 4. Author's writing style.
 5. Flow or pace of the story.
 6. Relevance: do you feel this is an important book? Why?
 7. Other Details (these will depend on the genre and the novel): technical details, historical accuracy, emotions evoked, imagination, thought-provoking, eye-opening to other cultures, inspiring, educational, etc.

Review and edit your book reviews for clear writing, spelling, and grammar.

When finished, submit your review through the Beanstack app. We will email you back within two weeks with any necessary revisions. Please make all revisions and notify us when your final version is complete. We will never ask you to change your opinion or your message.