Welcome to the Teen Review Crew! We’re excited to host our teen book review blog on the NP library’s website. You will be serving the community in a great way by publishing your opinions on the books you’ve read!

We have a few guidelines to ensure that all reviews that we post are truly informative and helpful to our library patrons and the greater New Providence community.

**Guidelines for Book Reviews:**

1. Books reviewed must be available through the New Providence Memorial Library. You can check our catalog online by clicking the blue circle “Catalog” icon from our website, or using this direct link: https://catalog.newprovidencelibrary.org/. If a book you want to review isn’t in our library, email me and I can order it!

2. Each book should be rated on a 5-star scale. ½ star is the lowest rating a book can receive, while 5 stars is the highest rating a book can receive.
   - 1/2 star = so bad you couldn’t even finish it.
   - 1 star = you really didn’t like it & wish you hadn’t wasted your time.
   - 2 stars = meh, you’ve read better.
   - 3 stars = a good book.
   - 4 stars = a great book.
   - 5 stars = reserved utterly AMAZING.

3. Each book review should be at least 2 short paragraphs, and no longer than 3 paragraphs in length. Always include the title and author in each book review.
   - 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.
   - Try to include positives and negatives in each review. The negatives don’t have to be horrible, but can be worded gently like, “I prefer more rounded characters,” or “I wish the author included less technical data.”
   - Good book reviews will mention **at least 3** of the following:
     - Plot (both big picture climax & resolution as well as smaller plot points)
     - Characters
     - Setting or World Creation
     - Author’s Writing
     - Flow (did you plod through it or was it an edge-of-your-seat page-turner?)
     - 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.

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

5. When finished, email to or share your book review with Mrs. Maisch. You can send me a Word document as an email attachment to: smaisch@newprovidencelibrary.org. Or, you can invite me to view a Google doc at: NPMLvolunteers@gmail.com.

6. I will email you back within one week with any necessary revisions. Please make all revisions within one week of receiving it and send back your final version for publication.
   *I will never ask you to change your opinion or your message. I may have some notes asking for clarity, more detail, or edits on mechanics.*

7. Once I have your final version, I’ll load it to the NPML book review blog page and will send you the URL to your own published book review! All reviews will be posted publicly here: http://www.newprovidencelibrary.org/services/teen-services/teen-blog

8. Each published book review = 1 hour of volunteer service. Just email me to request a letter verifying service hours.