

Occupational Therapy in Health Care

Book Reviewers Guide

The purpose of a book review is to help the reader decide if the book will be useful for their practice or professional development. The reviewer has the responsibility to carefully examine the book, and make determinations about its usefulness to the profession.

Instructions: The book review should be a maximum of 3 pages, double spaced. Reviewers have 8 weeks to complete the review, and may then keep the book. If a reviewer finds it impossible to review a book, then the book must be returned to the editor.

All book reviews must be accompanied by a Manuscript Submission Form that is signed by the author of the book review.

All book reviews should begin with the following information:

- * Title of book
- * Names of author(s)/editor(s)
- * Number of pages
- * Whether it is hardcover or softcover
- * ISBN Number
- * Year published/ Edition number or volume number (if applicable)
- * Name, address, and phone number of publisher
- * Price

After the identifying information, the following should be considered for your review:

- The general purpose of the book. Who are the intended readers? Does the book seem relevant to that readership?
- The quality of the contents. How does the book compare with other books which have similar content?
- The quality of the presentation of illustrations, graphs, figures, or photographs. Do these assist the reader? Are they clear and do they help in the understanding of the text? Are they in black and white or in color?
- Does the subject matter cover a new viewpoint? - Are the contents of the book developed in a logical manner?

- Comment on the writing style of the author(s). Does it add to the book, or detract from it? Is there a consistency of writing style?
- Comment on the usability of the index. Is there a glossary? Is it helpful?
- Is the book worthwhile reading? Does the price of the book seem reasonable?
- How can the book help its intended audience?

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