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BOOK REVIEWER

My name is Meg and, as the title suggests, I review books. In addition, I also write book-related blog content discussing subject matter such as character creation and development, the book industry, book to movie adaptations, and more.

Originally from Australia, I'm a graphic designer, aspiring author, and amateur book reviewer currently living in chilly old Canada, where I have been living since 2013. I currently live with my four rescue kitties, one rescue snake, and several house plants, along with the bookcase that is well on its way to becoming a small home library (only 600 books to go if I don't count my non fiction books, but who is counting?).

I have spent my entire life obsessed with books. From collecting them to reading them, there is nothing I love more than to curl up with my cats, a warm cup of tea, and a good book (especially when it's cold outside!). From fantasy to mystery to science fiction and dystopias, I will read any genre as long as the story is compelling and the characters are well constructed. Though that's not to say some of my favourite books are without fault.

On this site, I share my subjective takes on what I'm currently reading, as well as books for which I've received Advanced Reader Copies (ARCs). Along with my subjective takes, I will try and look at some more objective points of view - including narrative structure and character design - assuming it is relevant to the review, and I include Goodreads ratings (rounded to the nearest whole star) for comparison. So you understand a little more, here are what my star ratings mean:

★★★★★ Excellent book! I recommend it and consider it a favourite.
★★★★☆ Great book! There were more things I liked than things I didn't.
★★★☆☆ Okay book! Middle of the road, generally good and bad.



CURRENTLY READING



Daughter of Sparta
by Claire M. Andrews

Goodreads rating:
★★★★☆

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Juris Ex Machina
by John W. Maly

My rating:
★★★★★



LEAST LIKED BOOK OF 2024



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If you are looking to contact me with questions, feedback, suggestions, or a recommendation for a book you think I might be interested in, then please feel free to send me an email at the address listed below. Full disclaimer: depending on the subject matter of the email in question, and the volume of emails I have received, I may not provide a response. If your email contains content that could be classified as harassment, it will be deleted and I will not respond.

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Typical genres I enjoy and review include:

- fantasy (high, medium, low)
- science fiction and dystopias
- historical fiction
- crime and mystery
- young adult

However, I will review books from any genre, and I am comfortable reviewing books containing adult content.

Please note that I provide honest reviews based on subjective opinion, and I do not financially benefit from my reviews. I will not review any books where there is a condition to provide a positive review, but I am willing to hold negative reviews until after a release date. This is not to say I anticipate providing a negative review, but that in the event that I have one that leans negative, I will be honest about my feelings of your story.

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Sword Catcher
by Cassandra Claire

My rating:
★

LATEST REVIEW



Blade's Edge
by Virginia McClain

My rating:
★★★★☆

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