

## Christine Harris's Book Reviewing Hints

A good review doesn't just tell readers if someone liked a book; it tells them why.

Here are some questions to think about, to help you get started:

- What is the genre or style of story?
- What would you say is the theme or main idea?
- Did that appeal to you, and why?
- Does the book cover fit the story, and why?
- How did you feel when you were reading the book?
- Was it a gripping start to the story? What made it that way?
- What kind of characters were in it, and how did you feel about them?
- Who do you think would be the readers of the book?
- Did you think the dialogue (characters talking to each other) was realistic?
- How did the ending make you feel (but don't give away secrets)?
- Was it easy to read?
- Did the book make you think differently?
- Did you go on thinking about the book after you finished it?
- What was your favourite thing about the book?