

# Fiction Book Review Templates

## General Fiction - 16

### More than I expected!

This book was amazing! What I expected when I first got this book was NOT at all what I got. The story grabbed me within the first few words, and didn't stop until I turned the final page. When [main character name] discovered [challenge/problem], I held my breath.

I was hooked from the beginning, and I had to find out what happened next. The plot was well thought out and it totally surprised me in the direction it took. A fast-paced story that held my interest.

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### Good fiction is believable

Non-fiction books don't have to be believable as we accept them as true. But fiction, to create a world you dump readers into and make it a smashing success, that has to actually exist. The characters have to be living, breathing, walking beings that exist "somewhere." The places have to be vivid and touch all five senses.

And this book does exactly that. From [place in the book] to [place in the book], everything is something I can touch. A truly believable world I look forward to visiting time and

time again.

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## **I got lost in the story**

If you're looking for a story to lose yourself in, this is it!  
[Brief story description... "This book is about..." (Two sentences max.)]

I don't read very many novels because I don't enjoy flat or shallow books. So usually I reach for classics. That being said, I've been dragging out my reading of this book, savoring every feeling of being caught up in the characters' lives because I don't want it to end.

I still wish I hadn't turned the last page of [Book Title]. I am hoping there will be a sequel or even a series! It was that good.

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## **A piece of all my favorites**

[Book Title] by [author name] is a little bit of every type of book I love. It's part [sub-genre], part [sub-genre] and a [sub-genre]. It's full of [emotion] and has so much in it, I wouldn't be surprised if it wins several awards. [Author name] is a strong writer and [he/she] created a page-turner I hung on hoping there would be a fantastic ending. I wasn't disappointed.

I'm pretty sure it's the best book I've read yet this year!

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## Not enough stars

I read this book in a single sitting. To follow the [plot description] and the lives of the [types of characters (i.e. women)] was captivating. The personalities, twists, and especially the unexpected development of [situation] were fascinating. Anyone who likes [sub-genre] would love this story.

This book is beyond high in recommendation.

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## Loosely based on history... in a good way!

I like books based on ancient history and this one fit the bill. [Brief story description... "This book is about..." (Two sentences max.)]

It moves fast, so it was it hard to put down. There were unexpected twists and turns along with well-developed, interesting characters. And unlike other books I've read, this one is well written and edited, a pleasure to read and a stunningly good book.

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## A riveting story

I was at first hesitant, but my curiosity won out and I'm so glad it did! The story begins in [year], and the plot centers around the adventures of [main character name],

[character description such as “Englishwoman”] who finds [himself/herself] deeply engaged in [challenge/problem].

The author is a master storyteller and [his/her] use of historical details is second to none. If you love well-written [genre], you’ll be delighted with the good page-turning story.

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## **A mini-vacation**

It’s not every day that I get the opportunity to escape into the pages of a book, so when I got some time [Book Title] was the winner. There were even moments when I wanted to sneak away from work and curl up with [character] and [his/her] [short plot description]. I found this book delightful as I was able to visualize the colors of [scene] or imagine what it would be like to be there when [situation] happened.

The story was fun and engaging. You won’t regret your time with this book.

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## **I stayed up all night!**

Once I started reading [Book Title], I couldn’t stop turning the pages. I stayed up all night a couple nights I think! The plot is suspenseful with a lot of unexpected twists. I was never able to guess how the story was going to end, and that’s a sign of good writing!

All the characters were deeply developed, especially [character name], a [character description such as “Englishwoman”] who found [herself/himself] in [challenge/problem]. I recommend this book especially for readers who enjoy fascinating page turners!

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### **Incredibly moving saga**

[Book Title] is an absolutely extraordinary book. Of all the books I’ve ever read, this is one that’s stayed in the short list of my favorites. This unforgettable saga is the story of [character] who [short situation/plot description]. You’ll laugh, cry, and look at your own life in a different way after reading this book.

If you want a novel that touches your soul and may change your life, read this one.

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### **I didn’t think I’d like it, but...**

Let me start this review with the statement that this is not normally my favorite genre. I’m much more at home with [genre] or [genre], so it was almost an accident that I picked up this book.

However, this is one of the best books I’ve read in years! [Author name] does a great job of moving the story with extremely well-developed characters. The ending was satisfying and I can’t recommend this enough. Give [Book

**Title]** a chance, you won't regret it!

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## **Prepare to stay up late**

This is one of the most compelling novels I've ever read. The "feel" of the **[time period]**, **[situation]**, and realistic characters are woven together in a book I couldn't wait to get home to each night. **[Book Title]** is totally believable, interesting, and takes you for a fun ride.

If you have to get up early in the morning, don't start this one before going to bed!

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## **A marvelous story!**

An absolutely fantastic book, **[Book Title]** was so interesting it was hard to put down. The action was intense, I had to keep turning each page. I liked it even better than **[another related book title]**, which used to be my favorite **[genre]** book. It will keep you engaged as you follow **[character name]** through **[situation]**.

Extremely entertaining, if you're looking for a story that will make you wonder how everything will turn out in the end, I recommend you pick this one up.

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**This one's a masterpiece.**

In addition to having a solid plot, this excellently-written read also entices you to join [character] on [his/her] adventure [situation]. This is one of those books that will actually pull you away from TV and even Facebook! I've read a lot of novels, and I could not put this one down.

I can't emphasize how great [Book Title] is and strongly recommend anyone who loves [genre] to check it out!

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### **Grab the tissues**

This is one of those books that will make you cry, laugh, then cry some more. [Brief story description... "It is about..." (Two sentences max.)] It's powerful, raw, sad, exciting and overall excellent. The characters aren't overly complex and the plot keeps the pages turning.

I wish [Book Title] were made into a movie, though I would miss being able to lose myself in the pages.

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### **Beautifully written**

The setting of this novel is [place] where [brief story/character/plot description].

[Author name]'s writing is beautiful, descriptive and I downed the entire thing in only a few hours. The thought-provoking ending left my emotions raw and left my mind with questions to ponder.

This is a book for all who enjoy stories of [topic] and [topic].

## **Fiction that Teaches - 5**

### **Won't disappoint**

[Brief story description... "This book is about..." (Two sentences max.)] This is a story about [life lesson/benefit]. Being [Life lesson/benefit] doesn't always mean that everything works out according to what you plan or hope. Sometimes these [synonym to life lesson/benefit] aren't what we expect and growth comes from a different, unexpected place.

The story is engaging, a little [adjective], and a great read whether you're a young adult or parent. I've found there are lessons to be learned in this book, if you're willing to pay attention. The lessons do not distract from a fun, easy, and interesting read.

Get this book, it's sure not to disappoint!

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### **A classic parable on the evils of [topic]**

[Book Title] is an ominous look into where [Author Name] feels the world is currently headed. In many ways, it's a warning against the increasing rate of [problem], [problem] and [problem] we face in the world today. But the book



doesn't stop there.

Through an intricate story, the author breathes new life into these issues and presents [solution] as a possible solution. The characters make you feel like it's possible, and the scenes are well thought-out and realistic. I learned a lot by reading this book, and while I could have learned the same thing with a non-fiction book, reading it in this manner was a lot more interesting!

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## **Not impossible**

Part of the point of fiction is to be full of "far-fetched" ideas that are close enough to the truth of what's happening in the world today that it makes us think, "Wow. This really could happen." [Book Title] does exactly that.

From the way [character] is exposed to [challenge/problem] to the way [he/she/it] develops the unique solution and discovers [life lesson/benefit], this book will get you thinking about [topic] in an entirely new way. Anyone who thinks [topic/danger] isn't real hasn't studied the real world and current events.

Everyone should read this book. It's entertaining and an easy read, yet also has a lot of depth for those willing to think about what the author has to say.

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**I wish it didn't have to end**

The story weaving throughout the pages of this well-written novel is so touching, I didn't want it to end. [Brief story description... "This book is about..." (Two sentences max.)] This is more than just a story about [challenge/problem]. It's a story about [solution] and the author gives the reader a lot to think about as you experience [situation] through the eyes of [character].

All the characters are well developed and feel real, like I was standing right there with them. This is one awesome book I'll be thinking about for quite some time.

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### **Outstanding novel to savor**

This is an extraordinary coming-of-age novel that everyone can easily relate to and love. [Book Title] documents how [character] [brief story description] all while capturing [scene/emotion].

[Author name] has a talent for drawing in the reader with scenes painted with [his/her] words. The writing is simple and expressive, touching and inspiring, and reminds us that [positive situation] does happen. The message carried throughout this story rings true and will give you things to ponder and incite moments of introspection that will keep your mind processing long after you finish reading the book. I plan to savor these words over and over again.

### **Sci-Fi/Fantasy Fiction - 10**

## **A magical book**

I heard so much about this book from my friends and family, I had to go online to see what the hype was all about. I wasn't disappointed! I was drawn to it because of the subject matter ([subject], [subject], etc.), and I loved how well-written it is. There's also a strong [character type (i.e. warrior, wizard, etc.)] storyline, which was i interesting.

Overall the story quickly moves along and the chapters kept me engaged. A great fantasy book!

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## **A yummy literary meal**

I thoroughly loved this book as much as I love [reviewer's favorite food] and I think other readers who like fantasy will as well. I had no trouble connecting with the main character, which can sometimes be difficult in a fantasy setting. In particular, I enjoyed how this story played around with the idea of [challenge/problem]. The characters are all engaging and the suspense kept my interest.

This is an engaging read that will satisfy your fantasy cravings and make you look for the next book from [author name].

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**Beware: You will enter a new realm!**

If you don't want to be drawn into a world as if you belong there, stay away from this book. And if you do want to become a part of this amazing, vibrant fantasy world, don't start reading after dinner or you'll end up staying up all night!

Everything was superb. From the way I related to the characters to the way I held my breath when they came against [challenge/problem], it felt like everything the author wrote was true and actually exists somewhere. [Author name] is an extraordinary author I will continue to follow!

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## **Wonderful adventure!**

What a fabulous story! There were a lot of twists, turns, and spine-tingling moments. The nearly non-stop action between characters will pull you in emotionally as you laugh, cry and want to hit something... yet you'll fall in love with [character name].

[Author name] really knows how to unfold a story while building characters. It's so believable, I can't believe this world doesn't exist in ours. (I have to believe it does exist somewhere in the universe!) It's as if every scene jumps off the page and is happening all around you.

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## **Not cookie-cutter**

I thought for sure this would be one of those predictable cookie-cutter “end of the world” apocalyptic-style books. I’ve never been happier to be so wrong! It’s science wrapped around great fiction full of fantastic research. Even though it’s not a short read, I couldn’t put it down! It’s filled with twists and turns, and just when I thought I had it figured out, the author threw a wrench in and it spun off in another direction.

My favorite part was when [character name] was caught in [challenge/problem] and suddenly... well, you’ll have to read it for yourself. ;-)

Thank you for creating something new and fresh!

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### **Self-admitted a science nerd**

This is sci-fi at its finest. The attention to detail throughout the story not only pulls you in, but makes you believe that the science is real. I truly enjoyed how [topic/subject] was presented and how there was a hint of romance, but that wasn’t the center or focus of the story. Instead, this book focuses on [list of topics such as aliens, science, ancient mysteries, etc.]. I’m a self-admitted science nerd and I was hooked.

I highly recommend this book if you’d like a geeky distraction from everyday life.

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## **Not “just another” vampire book**

I admit, when I started reading [Book Title], I thought, “Here we go again, another Twilight saga.” But I’m happy to report that as I quickly got into the story, I found out that it’s not anything like that. I loved it so much that I finished it in [number] days! The story was compelling and flowed well. I love how the relationship between [character name] and [character name] grew in such a way as to make it seem real.

I definitely recommend this book to anyone who’s considering picking it up. You won’t be disappointed.

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## **A must read for any fan of sci-fi or fantasy**

Fantastic book! I was a little skeptical at first, especially since there weren’t any dragons... ;-) But I’m so glad I read this book as it was awesome! The characters [character name] and [character name] were so real, I could picture them and want to read more. They have depth, humanity and are relatable (not always easy to pull off in the realm of sci-fi and fantasy).

I highly recommend [Book Title] if you like a forward-moving, well-written storyline with fully-developed characters!

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## **Don’t read it just for leisure**

This book is not one to read if you just want something enjoyable and easy... and if you don't want your views and thinking to be challenged. Instead, it's an amazing book that gets down to the nitty gritty of raw emotion and the realistic events of a [type of main character (i.e. soldier, nurse, etc.)]'s life and the horrors of [challenge/problem].

While that sounds like it's a standard forward-thinking novel, this book is anything but... Combine the fantasy element with real-world scenarios of [challenge/problem] we humans can relate to and believable characters with their own issues to overcome, you can't help but get caught up in the story.

This is a story that will draw you into the characters and surprises in the universe we're such a small part of.

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### **Another one I couldn't put down**

[Author name] has written a gripping book! The characters are so well developed, I felt like I could invite them over to hang out for dinner and a card game. And yet, the plot had me on the edge of my seat as I wondered how they were going to combat [challenge/problem], and in other times I found myself wiping tears from my eyes.

If you're a fan of fantasy, you should get this book. I'm completely positive you'll be as hooked on [author name]'s writing as I am.

## Mystery/Thriller/Suspense - 10

### Unpredictable!

I guarantee you won't be able to predict the ending after reading the first few chapters. [Character name] must face [challenge/problem] through [his/her] experience to uncover the truth. You, the reader, will stay on the edge of your seat as you watch it unfold and the mystery be revealed.

[Author name] has done an excellent job of presenting [short topic description], with a hard look at [challenge/problem]. There are twists and turns to keep you engaged. An interesting, and unpredictable read!

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### A book for every thriller lover... even if you don't love thrillers.

This book is for everyone... well, everyone who loves a good thriller. It tells the story of [short plot description] and what [character name] goes through to accomplish [goal]. From the very beginning, this book will take you on a mysterious journey of intrigue that you won't be able to fit together... until you turn each page to the end. I'm not usually a fan of thrillers, so I was surprised when I was suddenly captured by the plot.

This is a definite page-turner!



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## **Mind. Blowing.**

It's hard to review this book without spoiling it, so I'll just describe my experience. I picked it up to start reading and... didn't. stop. It took me an entire day of page-flipping, but I finally got to the end... Mind. Blown.

[Book Title] asks the reader to think about [subject/topic] as the main character, [character name], encounters [challenge/problem]. This is a crazy book that speeds faster than an out-of-control bullet train on crack.

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## **If you read only one book this year, read this one.**

[Book Title] left me awestruck and stunned by one of the most creatively-written novels I've read in years. Without a doubt, this is [author name]'s best work. I mean, I knew I was in for an incredible ride, but [Book Title] delivers that roller coaster of emotions on a whole new level.

It's complex, emotional, riveting and fast-paced. When I finally put it down, the only word I could say was, "Amazing!" It's unlike anything else I've ever read. So if you only have time to read one book this year, make it [Book Title].

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## **You'll love this book!**

[Book Title] kept me turning the pages... on the edge of my seat. I read this book in [number] days in every spare moment I could find. And I assure you, you won't be able to put it down either.

[Author name] knows how to keep readers engaged and how to create realistic characters. It was as if I was actually there, moving within the story, feeling the characters' emotions... and the ride was fantastic! If you like fast moving adventure, you have to experience this book!

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## **Intense!**

This book is high intensity practically nonstop! The action-packed, adrenaline-pumping story will keep you on the edge of your seat thinking, "Are they going to survive? Will they make it?" And just when you think things have calmed down... BAM! It hits again and you're back to devouring every word.

Grab your copy of [Book Title] today and buckle in for a wild ride. I'm only disappointed I read it so fast.

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## **I couldn't stop!**

Once I started reading [Book Title], I couldn't stop turning the pages. The elaborate plot is suspenseful with a lot of unexpected twists. I was never able to guess who the

[antagonist description (i.e. serial killer, pyromaniac, etc.)]  
was until the end, and that's a sign of good writing!

All the characters were deeply developed, especially  
[character name], a [character description such as  
"Englishwoman"] who found [herself/himself] in  
[challenge/problem] while at the same time trying to get  
[solution]. I recommend this book especially for readers  
who enjoy [sub-genre] novels.

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### **I was suspicious of one character until...**

The deeper I dove into [Book Title], the less I could put it  
down. The plot was good, the characters seemed so real,  
and the more I read, the more suspicious I got of one...  
only to be fooled and thrown a curve ball that made me  
suspicious of someone else!

Who really did it? [Author name] will keep you guessing as  
you try to figure that out. Grab this well-written book about  
[topic/subject/short book description] and curl up for a few  
hours. You'll love it!

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### **Captivating**

If you haven't read any of [author name]'s work, take a  
chance on this diamond in the rough and get ready to hold  
your breath for the bumpy ride. From the first page you'll  
feel your heart rate increase and by the time you've

finished the story, your heart will be racing!

I was enthralled by how [he/she] developed the main character, [character name], especially [his/her] ability to [unique character trait]. If you're looking for your next [mystery/thriller/suspense] read, stop... you've found it! I promise this will be your next favorite book.

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## **More than a page turner**

[Book Title] is much more than your typical [mystery/thriller/suspense] novel. The story is profoundly relatable to everyday life and explores reality in a [location] that's both strange and familiar at the same time. The characters are developed to be friends, neighbors and enemies. Well-written and fascinating, it grabbed me from the start and held my attention until I sighed as I turned that final page.

The only consequence to picking up this book is the demand I now have for more from the author... and I really want to visit this place!

## **Romance - 10**

### **Read it twice... or three times...**

First of all, let me say I'm glad that [male main character name] is a fictional character and not a real man.

Otherwise my relationship might be ruined, too, as I go chasing off after this near-perfect specimen of a man. You have to read [Book Title] to truly appreciate his passion, sensitivity and pure manliness! The love scenes will make your heart pound as if you were there.

I'm a passionate book lover, and I've seldom read a book twice. But this one I'm positive I'll read over and over again.

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### **Not flashy or shallow**

If you love Harlequin romance novels, this book is not for you. It lacks the typical shallow characters and irrational love/hate conflicts between people who are incompatible at best and whose relationship wouldn't last 10 minutes past the one-night stand. [Book Title] also goes way beyond the typical romance novel's predictable plot.

What this book IS, is a story of two characters, [male character name] and [female character name] and their enduring love that survives normal day-to-day life and trauma many relationships face. Of course there are romantic scenes, but beyond the typical writing expected in the romance genre, there are also great characters, dialogue that will make you laugh and real people issues like [challenge/problem]. I know you'll like it if you give this book a try!

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## 5 stars isn't enough

This book isn't just good, it's outstanding! I'm not only in love with this book, I'd say it's in my top [number] favorite romance novels of all time. [Main female character] is madly in love with [male character], but then [situation] happens. [Brief story description... "Character 1 spends a year refusing to believe..." etc. (Two sentences max.)]

[Book Title]'s plot isn't only unique, it's full of twists and turns that will keep you on your toes, especially near the end when [character] faces [challenge/problem]. It's well-written, has wonderfully developed characters, and kept me up until [time] to find out how it ended.

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## I didn't stop reading

[Book Title] starts quickly and the author kept my attention until I finished it... without stopping. I was actually in the mood for another genre, but happened upon this one and I'm glad I did! The plot quickly won my attention.

I love fun books with happy endings and while there were some situations that were [adjective], I felt the characters' emotions while they faced [challenge/problem] were relatable. I look forward to reading more by [author name]!

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## Great weekend read

This was a fun, fast, hot and steamy read. [Brief story description... (Two sentences max.)] I was hooked from beginning to end. [Book Title] is the perfect choice if you're looking for something to relax with during the weekend after a long week.

I hope the other primary characters [character name] and [character name] get their own books!

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### **This book is “hot!”**

This was a quick and easy read and I loved it! I have always enjoyed [sub-genre/plot style] stories and this one is perfect. It was exactly what I was looking for to distract me from the daily grind - something short and sweet with some smokin' hot sexy scenes. And [Book Title] was definitely light on the life's problems and heavy on the steam. The chemistry between [male character name] and [female character name] was natural and fun.

I'm going to make it a priority to get every new release by this author!

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### **Dramatic!**

I've always loved dramatic books. Books that make my heart race, hurt and flutter all at the same time. The feelings I can get from a reading book are one of the reasons I love to read. When I dove into this book, I wasn't

expecting a train wreck, but when [challenge/problem] struck [main character name], it was intoxicating!

[Book Title] will bring you into a world of [adjective] drama, where there is [challenge/problem], but also [solution] and love are revealed. If you want a roller-coaster romance, this book is for you.

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### **Loved it!**

Once I started reading [Book Title], I was blown away and couldn't put it down. [Author name] did an amazing job writing this book and I can't wait to read more from [him/her]. I definitely recommend that if you like [sub-genre]-style romance, you should read it. You won't be disappointed and you won't want to stop reading once you get started!

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### **A range of emotions not just for women**

[Book Title] is an amazing, well-written story and I found myself going through a range of emotions from tears, gasping, smiles, giggling, and I even got angry with a character that [situation].

This book full of vivid real-life characters will make you want to cheer some on, wish karma on the cruel ones, and hold your breath in anticipation. While I don't usually read "love stories," this story was well thought-out, an emotional



ride, and one I'm recommending all my friends read (women and men).

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### **More than a romance**

More than just a romance, this novel included twists, turns and action. You can never go wrong with a well-written story that has a wonderful ending. If you've been lucky enough to experience [positive situation], then you'll be able to relate to this story on a deeper level.

My expectations were beyond fulfilled, as this story touches the reader's heart and soul. I highly recommend [Book Title] for a refreshing and enjoyable read!