



Literary review, reader review, and book review site resources

This collection of resources is not intended to be comprehensive and all-encompassing. Instead, it's a substantial collection of resources that will help you find media outlets, reader review sites, and online review sites for your book.

Be sure to check the sites and options you select for genres reviewed and submission guidelines.

1. Literary reviews

“Literary reviews” refers to media outlets that write what some consider are “true” book reviews – critical commentary on books offered by professional reviewers writing for media outlets.

I've broken this down into two categories – lists of publications that run reviews and individual publications themselves. Neither includes all of the options available. For the most comprehensive list, use a media directory at a library reference desk, especially to find trade journals.

Lists of publications that run literary reviews

You'll find links to lots of great options for literary reviews in these lists.

- AcqWeb list links to media outlets that run reviews:
http://www.acqweb.org/book_review
- Book Review Magazine Editors and Reviewers:
<http://www.bookmarket.com/magazines-books.htm>

Individual media outlets that use book reviews that might or might not be in the lists above

It's impossible to offer you a list of all of the media outlets that review books, but these are some of the key options. As you create your own personalized list of review options, be sure to include your daily and weekly newspapers.

- *Bloomsbury Review*: <http://www.bloomsburyreview.com/getreviewed.html>
- *Booklist* (American Library Association): <http://www.booklistonline.com/get-reviewed>
- *Bookpage*: <http://bookpage.com/content/submission-guidelines>
- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*: <http://bccb.lis.illinois.edu/pubguide.html>
- Choice Reviews Online (American Library Association for academic book reviews): <http://www.ala.org/acrl/choice/selectionpolicy/>
- *Clarion Review* (fee): <https://publishers.forewordreviews.com/reviews/#service-foreword-review>
- The Complete Review links to media outlets (and others) that run reviews: <http://www.complete-review.com/links/links.html>
- *European History Quarterly*: <http://ehq.sagepub.com/>
- *Foreword Review*: <https://publishers.forewordreviews.com/reviews/#service-foreword-review>
- HistoryNet: <http://www.historynet.com/magazines/mhq>
- *History Today*: <http://www.historytoday.com/>
- *The Horn Book* ("Publications about books for children and young adults"): <http://www.hbook.com/about-us/submissions/>
- *Kirkus Reviews* for authors with publishers: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/publisher-services/>
- *Kirkus Reviews* for self-published authors (Kirkus Indie program, fee): <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/author-services/indie/>
- *Law & Politics Book Review*: <http://lawcourts.org/LPBR/stylesheet.html>
- *Library Journal*: <http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/about/submitting-titles-for-review/>

- *Locus Magazine* (science fiction): <http://www.locusmag.com/Home/FAQ.html#review>
- *Midwest Book Review*: <http://www.midwestbookreview.com/>
- *NewPages*: <http://www.newpages.com/faq.htm> (scroll down)
- *Publishers Weekly* for authors with publishers: <http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/corp/submissionguidelines.html>
- *Publishers Weekly* for self-published authors (fee): <http://booklife.com/>
- *RT Book Reviews* (Romantic Times): <http://www.rtbookreviews.com/>
- *School Library Journal*: <http://www.slj.com/about-us/review-submissions/>
- *Science Books & Films*: <http://www.sbsonline.com/pages/faq.aspx> (scroll down)

2. Reader reviews

Here are sites where the average book reader – you, me, our friends and neighbors – post reviews on books we've read.

- Amazon's top customer reviewers: <http://www.amazon.com/review/top-reviewers>
- Tips on how to reach them Amazon's top reviewers: <http://www.amazon.com/gp/richpub/syltguides/fullview/RNCWTLEMV71VM>
- Amazon's review guidelines: <http://www.amazon.com/gp/community-help/customer-reviews-guidelines>
- Barnes & Noble review guidelines: http://barnesandnoble.com/reviews/review_rules.asp
- BookRabbit: <http://www.bookrabbit.com/>
- Goodreads review guidelines: <http://www.goodreads.com/review/guidelines>
- LibraryThing review guidelines: <http://www.librarything.com/topic/160862>
- Kindle Book Review (2 options – free and paid): <http://www.kindlebookreview.net/>
- Shelfari: <http://www.shelfari.com>

3. Online review sites

Online review sites exist almost solely to offer book reviews. They can be especially useful for reaching genre readers.

This section includes lists of review sites and individual sites themselves. In addition, this section includes a section for lists of children's book review sites as well as individual children's book review sites.

None include all of the options available.

Lists of book review sites

If you haven't considered book review sites yet, you'll be excited by all of the options. When scanning these lists, look for sites that review your type or genre of book.

- Book Reviewer Yellow Pages:
<http://www.bookrevieweryellowpages.com/reviewer-list.html>
- Digital Pubbing list of sites and tools: <http://www.digitalpubbing.com/7-strategies-and-94-tools-to-help-indie-authors-find-readers-and-reviewers/>
- Published to Death list of online reviewers who accept self-published books:
<http://publishedtodeath.blogspot.com/2014/08/list-of-online-reviewers-who-accept.html>
- Complete Review list of review sites: <http://www.complete-review.com/links/links.html>
- Indie View list of sites that review "indie" books:
<http://www.theindieview.com/indie-reviewers/> (use the "next" option at the bottom of the table to keep clicking through to see all of them)

Individual book review sites that might or might not be in lists above

Think of this as a "starter" list. There are many, many more sites in the lists above.

- <http://20somethingreads.com>
- <http://www.bloggerbookreviews.com>
- <https://www.bookbrowse.com/index.cfm?>

- <http://bookhabitué.blogspot.com>
- <http://www.bookreporter.com>
- <http://bookreporter.com/faithfulreader>
- <http://bookslut.com>
- <http://bookvetter.com>
- <http://www.cleancozymysteries.com>
- <http://www.compassbookratings.com/>
- <http://www.crosswalk.com/culture/books/>
- <http://www.graphicnovelreporter.com/>
- <http://libraryofcleanreads.blogspot.com/>
- <http://www.likesbooks.com/reviews.html>
- <http://www.locusmag.com/>
- <http://www.kindlebookreview.net/>
- <http://www.morethanareview.com/>
- <http://www.myinkbooks.com/>
- <http://novelbookratings.com/index.php>
- <http://www.thereadingretreat.com/>
- <http://romancereaderatheart.com/>
- <http://thesecretrealm.com/>

List of children's book review sites

This list is a good start if you write children's books.

- <http://www.writing-world.com/children/reviewers.shtml>

Individual children's book review sites

Here are a few more sites that review children's books. Again, it's not a comprehensive list, but a good starting point

- <http://www.thechildrensbookreview.com/>
- <http://www.cleanteenreads.com>

- <https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews>
- <http://www.flamingnet.com> (young adults)
- <http://www.theindiereview.com/indie-reviewers/>
- <http://www.kidsreads.com/>
- <http://www.kissthebook.blogpost.com> (for K-12 librarians)
- <http://newtonsbook.com>
- <http://www.teenreads.com>
- <http://www.spaghettibookclub.org>

4. Sites for submitting books for review

These sites help you get your book into the hands of reviewers

- Freado: <http://www.freado.com/>
- Netgalley: <https://www.netgalley.com/home/tour>
- Story Cartel: <https://storycartel.com/registration>

5. Articles on getting book reviews

The best methods for getting book reviews are always changing. Make it a habit to research the topic every time you launch a book to stay current. Here are a few articles that might help you today.

- 7 Strategies and 110 Tools to Help Indie Authors Find Readers and Reviewers: <http://www.digitalpubbing.com/7-strategies-and-94-tools-to-help-indie-authors-find-readers-and-reviewers/>
- Best book reviewers on Twitter list: http://www.mediabistro.com/galleycat/best-book-reviewers-on-twitter_b11136
- How to create a street team for your book: <http://buildbookbuzz.com/how-to-create-a-street-team-for-your-book/>
- How to get a fistful of real and genuine Amazon reviews that propel your book up Amazon's rankings: <http://suerichardson.co.uk/2013/11/how-to-get-a-fistful-of->

[real-and-genuine-amazon-reviews-which-propel-your-book-up-amazons-rankings/](#)

- How to Get More Amazon Reviews: <http://bestsellerlabs.com/how-to-get-more-amazon-reviews/>
- How to Get Reviews for Your Book (Without Begging, Bribing, or Resorting to Subterfuge): <http://www.yourwriterplatform.com/get-reviews-for-your-book/>
- How to run a Goodreads giveaway with maximal results: 11 tips we know you'll need: <http://www.novelpublicity.com/2012/02/how-to-run-a-goodreads-giveaway-with-maximal-results-11-tips-we-know-youll-need/>
- The Shifting Landscap of Book Reviews: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/19/self-published-book-reviews_n_3467890.html
- What I learned from my first Goodreads giveaway: <http://onefourkidlit.wordpress.com/2014/01/20/what-i-learned-from-my-first-goodreads-giveaway/>

6. Premium resources for learning how to get book reviews

These products will help you learn even more about how to get honest book reviews.

- “How to Get Honest Reviews & Endorsements Book Marketing Survival Toolkit” (multiple elements, \$29): <http://bit.ly/1BnLNPh>
- *How to Get Honest Reviews: 7 Proven Ways to Connect with Readers and Reviewers* by Shelley Hitz and Heather Hart (book only, \$4.99 Kindle/\$8.96 paperback): <http://amzn.to/1ut7Eld>
- *How to Get Your Book Reviewed* by Dana Lynn Smith (multiple elements, \$17): <http://bit.ly/X42K0x>
- *How to Get Good Reviews on Amazon: A Guide for Independent Authors & Sellers* by Theo Rogers (e-book, \$3.99): <http://amzn.to/WHK6wG>
- “How to Promote Your Book with Goodreads” by Sandra Beckwith (audio program with multiple elements, \$19): <http://buildbookbuzz.com/goodreads-teleseminar/>

- *How to Sell Books by the Truckload on Amazon.com - Book One and Two: Get More Sales - Get More Reviews!* by Penny Sansevieri (e-book, \$2.99): <http://amzn.to/1qHNLok>
- Review Grabber Tool, a benefit of the Author Marketing Club's premium membership (\$24.95/month or \$105/year): <http://authormarketingclub.com/members/premium-membership/#top>
- Ultimate Book Review Tracking System (includes tracking system plus book reviewer e-mail request template, \$17): <http://bit.ly/YJkqS2>
- "Where to Find Millions of Readers Online to Review, Recommend & Buy Your Books" by Joan Stewart (recorded webinar, \$49.95): <http://bit.ly/GWJLvl>