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Book Reviews should have a critical assessment of the book, drawing attention to its salient aspects, value to the community at large, among others. Additionally, the review should see whether the book properly addresses the intended audience, the general scope and subject area, the presentation, clarity, etc. The book review should not be a summary of the book; however, it should have sufficient details and well organized so that readers can have a fair assessment of the book, its merit and drawbacks.

Database/Website reviews should also follow the above criteria.

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