

# REVIEW POLICY

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Hi there! My name is Maria. Thank you so much for considering me for your book.

These are my general review policy guidelines. Please read through them carefully (and see the reviews on my blog) before approaching me with a book to review. If it's obvious to me that you didn't read through my policies, I won't respond to your request. Everyone's time is valuable!

I'm not a professional reviewer, so I read at my own pace and can't agree to a review timeline. Rest assured, I'll try to get my reviews up as soon as possible. The genres I gravitate towards are:

- Literary fiction
- Contemporary fiction
- Chick lit
- Horror
- Graphic novels
- Comic books
- Short story collections
- Memoirs
- Young adult fiction

That said, my tastes are always changing and I could accept something outside of the main genres outlined here. If you think I'll be interested in a book based on my blog and previous reviews, feel free to send me an email. However, I **won't accept** any novels that fall into these categories:

- Detective thrillers
- Anime
- Fantasy
- Science fiction
- Romance
- Erotica
- Crime fiction
- Self-help books
- History
- Self-published work
- Books from indie publications
- Religion

## When Submitting

If you're planning to submit a book for review, I do kindly ask that you include the following information before I make a final decision:

- A detailed summary of the book
- A release date
- Why you think it would be a good fit for my blog
- Any other requests you have

I may reject your offer, but it's nothing personal! I could just be busy in life or the book doesn't quite fit the criteria of my preferred genres.

## Acceptance of Books

Unfortunately, I don't have an eReader. If I get an eReader in the future, I'll update my policies and site. I'll only accept physical copies of books (ARC, hard cover or paperback). I also accept audiobook files.

Acceptance of your book doesn't necessarily mean that I'll get to it right away or post it on the blog within a week. While I do work to review every book I receive, they'll be posted when I have the time. However, I'll post reviews of ARCs before or just around the release date if you request it and I can fit it into my schedule.

## Book Reviews

My reviews are solely my opinions. If I don't like a novel I read, regardless of where it came from, I will write honestly about it. While I'll write about the positives and negatives of a book, I'll still focus on my honest opinion regarding my reading material. My full rating system can be found on my page, but I rank books between one and five stars:

**ONE STAR:** I didn't like it.

**TWO STARS:** It was okay.

**THREE STARS:** I enjoyed some aspects of it.

**FOUR STARS:** I really liked it.

**FIVE STARS:** I loved it.

I also reserve the right to DNF a book. These are the only books I don't review. If I do say anything about it, it will be something short on my Instagram page about why it wasn't working for me, but that's not guaranteed.

In addition to my blog, I'll also share my reviews on my Instagram page. I'll also send a link to my latest posts on my Twitter page.

## Emails

Running my blog is a side project, so I may not check emails every day. However, I will check them as often as I can and sift through my spam folder for any missed emails. Despite the measures I'll take on my end, I can't promise that I'll see every email or have time to respond to every message right away. I'll work as best as I can to get to those I've chosen to work with. **If I don't think your book is a good fit for my blog, I won't respond due to the volume of emails.**

## Final Notes

Should you choose to share any reviews, all commentary can be attributed to Maria from Six Feet Under Books. If you do share a review of mine, let me know and I'll share your posts on my pages as well!

I don't expect to receive any monetary compensation for my book reviews. I write my reviews simply because I love books and sharing my interests with others. That said, I'm more than happy to work out:

- Potential guest posts

- Affiliates
- Ambassador opportunities
- Giveaways
- Contests
- Exclusive cover reveals
- Book tours
- Author interviews

If anyone wants to collaborate in other ways, you're more than welcome to email me. Please don't approach me for paid review options or guest posts.

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