

BOOK REVIEW

Criteria for Accepting a Book for review

Relevance to the Transactional Analysis:

The book can pertain to one or more fields of application in Transactional Analysis. However, it needn't be limited to Transactional Analysis and can include books from complementary fields.

Contribution to Knowledge:

The book must offer new insights, theories, or empirical data and/or builds upon or challenges existing literature.

Clarity and Accessibility:

The content should be well-written, ensuring that complex concepts are explained clearly and easy to understand. The chapters and sections must be coherent and in line with the book's objectives.

Author's Expertise:

Check for author credibility, background and expertise in the subject matter.

Guidelines for Writing a Book Review

1. Introduction:

- Provide a brief overview of the book's title, author(s), publication date, and publisher.
- State the main purpose or objective of the book.
- Mention the relevance of the book to the field of Transactional Analysis and the SAJTA readers.

2. Summary:

- Summarize the key content and main arguments or themes of the book.
- Highlight significant chapters or sections.

3. Critical Evaluation:

- Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the book.
- Discuss the author's approach, methodology, and the quality of evidence presented.
- Evaluate the clarity, organization, and readability of the book.
- Consider the book's innovativeness and contribution.

4. Contextualization:

- Place the book within the broader context of existing literature.
- Compare and contrast it with other works on the same topic.

5. Practical Implications:

- Discuss the practical applications of the book's content for TA and allied field professionals.
- Highlight any actionable recommendations or insights.

6. Conclusion:

- Provide a summary of your overall impression of the book.
- State whether you would recommend it to others and why.
- Mention any specific audiences that might benefit from the book.

7. References:

- Include references to other works cited in your review.
- Follow APA style of formatting, references, citations and bibliography (<http://www.apastyle.org/>).

8. Review Length:

- Adhere to the word count: between 800-1000 words

9. Tone and Style:

- Maintain a professional, respectful, and objective tone.
- Write in clear, concise, and engaging language.
- Avoid using casual phrases, expressions and slangs, unless quoting verbatim.
- Use British English and do a 'Spelling and Grammar' check before you submit.

10. Submission Guidelines:

- Follow the SAJTA's specific submission guidelines for formatting, deadlines, and peer review processes.