

## **BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES**

Please read the book critically and carefully. The aim is to assess and respond to the book, rather than describe it. Positive and negative comments are both welcome, if they are substantiated by evidence from the work. Try to focus on the work, rather than the author. The book review should be between 500 and 800 words. You may find the following questions useful:

- What are the strengths of the work?
- What are the weaknesses?
- Does this book add to or challenge the literature on the subject, based on your knowledge? Are there any topics or in the case of fiction, narrative strategies, which are new, unusual, exceptionally well covered?
- Is the information accurate and well referenced?
- How does the book compare to others on a similar topic or genre?
- Who could use this as a resource?
- Are there special/specific groups or readerships who may be interested in this book?
- In what ways are the authors qualified to cover the topic of the book?
- What is the purpose for writing the book?
- Does the book present alternative perspectives?
- Is its style, language and content appropriate for the audience? What style of language is used? How is the book organised?
- Are the tables and figures well-labelled, easy-to-interpret and useful? Are there any illustrations – do these add to the text?

### **Format**

Please head your review with the details of the book set out in order of title, author, year, Publication details, ISBN, for example:  
Euthanasia — Choice and Death by Gail Tulloch (2008). Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. ISBN 0 7486 1881 3.

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