

The Southeastern Librarian Book Review Guidelines

Book Review Guidelines

- Book reviews must be between 750 - 1000 words (reviews that are longer may also be considered).
- No more than one book review per reviewer per issue will be published.
- *SELn* book reviews must include the following:
 - An introduction to the review and the book's genre and main idea.
 - A summary of the book (the characters/players, background to events, main point or thesis).
 - The reviewer's assessment of the book.
 - A narrative of how the work contributes to the subject area, is relevant to the Southern United States, or pertinent to libraries/librarianship.
 - A recommendation of the appropriate readership.
 - Optional information: A brief biography of the author and why they might be considered an authoritative expert; alternative reading recommendations or similar titles; evaluation of supplementary material.
- Create the review in MS Word – begin the review with the title, author or editor, publisher, date, ISBN and price.
- End the review with the reviewer's name and library/affiliation.
- The *SELn* Book Review Editor will review each submission and determine whether to include it and the issue for publication. Reviews will be edited – including grammar, spelling, and clarity.
- If you are not able to complete the book review by the established deadline, please notify the book review editor, Melissa Lockaby at melissa.lockaby@ung.edu, as soon as possible.

Books Considered for Review

The *SELn* Book Review editor will identify books that meet requirements (see below) and ask for volunteers to review a particular title. The editor may also send reviewers lists of potential titles that are eligible for review. If reviewers would like to recommend a particular title, they should contact the *SELn* Book Review Editor. Every effort will be made to get a reviewer a copy of approved titles; however, there may be instances where this is not possible. Reviewers may keep the review copies provided by the publishers. In cases where a copy cannot be obtained, reviewers are welcome to purchase their own copy or checkout a copy from a library.

Book Requirements

- Titles should have been published within the past two years. The more recent the better.
- The work should have a connection to the Southern United States, either in content or through the author's association with the south. Titles related to librarianship or libraries are also accepted.
- Solicited book reviews from the *SELn* Book Editor will receive preferential consideration.

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