Book Share Form

Elementary / Intermediate Book

Please check one:

❑ **In-Service Educator** ❑ **Pre-Service Educator** ❑ **Retired Educator** ❑ **Community Member (Non-Teacher)**

GENRE:

Your Name:	**Date:**	**ISBN:**
Book Title:	**Author:**	**Illustrator (if applicable):**
Date Published:	**Publisher:**	**Pages:**
Target Age Level for the Book:	**Price:**	

What are some of the first things you noticed about the book?

Describe the cover and/or internal illustrations:

Please provide a synopsis (an overview) of the book. As you write your synopsis, you may want to consider the following questions:

- **Fiction:**
  - What is the plot of the story?
  - Who are the characters? How would you describe them?
  - When and where does the story take place?
  - What is the conflict or problem in the story?
  - Does the book primarily tell a story or convey a theme, moral or message?
  - Is the book part of a series or tied to another work of fiction?
- **Non-Fiction:**
  - What is the purpose of the book?
  - What is the topic of the book?
  - What details support the topic?
  - What text structural pattern (sequence, description, cause/effect, comparison/contrast) is used to organize the book?
  - What text features are available (i.e. table of contents, headings, italics, maps, photos, graphs and charts, etc.)?

Please describe your reaction to the book. As you explain your reaction, you may want to consider the following questions:

- **Fiction:**
  - Is the plot effective? Does it flow?
  - Is it easy for the reader to identify with the characters?
  - Do the characters develop naturally?
  - Is pertinent information included to create a clear sense of the setting (time and place)?
  - Is the problem or conflict one that young readers can explore?
  - Does the theme, moral, or message offer young readers something to think about, question, or consider?
  - Do you like the book? Would you give it to a child you know?
- **Non-Fiction:**
  - Is the title a good match for the text?
  - Does the author accomplish the book's purpose?
  - Do the details clearly support and enhance the topic?
  - Does the structure of the book aid comprehension?
  - Are the features well executed and enhance the text?
  - Is the book reliable? Is the information accurate?
  - Does the book lend itself easily to age-appropriate curriculum?
  - Do you like the book? Would you give it to a child you know?

Teaching Applications:

- How can you use this book in the classroom?
- How will your students benefit from using this book in the classroom?

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