Book Share Form

Middle School Book

Please check one:

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

GENRE:

Your Name:	**Date:**	**ISBN:**
Book Title:	**Author:**	**Price:**
Date Published:	**Publisher:**	**Target Age Level for the Book:**

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 main thrust of the plot?
  - Who are the identifiable characters?
  - When does the story take place? Does it cover a span of time?
  - Where does the story take place?
  - Is the story's locale realistic or fantastic?
  - What is the conflict(s)/problem(s) of the story? Is it central to the story or a complex of conflicts/problems?
  - From what point of view is the story told?
  - What is the tone and style of the narrative?
  - Does the book remind you of others by the same author, or in the same genre?
  - Is the book part of a series or tied to another work of fiction?
- **Nonfiction**
  - What is the author's purpose?
  - What is the book about?
  - What is the scope of the book?
  - Who will benefit from this book?
  - 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 story appealing to the intended audience?
  - Is the plot plausible?
  - Are there gaps in the plot?
  - Are the characters well developed and believable?
  - Does the reader get a clear sense of the setting?
  - Is the problem or conflict believable?
  - Does the book read smoothly, in a consistent voice?
  - Is the style consistent and appropriate?
  - Do you like the book? Would you recommend it to a middle school reader?
- **Nonfiction**
  - Does the title reflect the book's purpose?
  - Does the book accomplish its purpose?
  - Is the book readable as well as accurate?
  - Does the book align with the intended audience/grade curriculum standards?
  - Are the text features appropriate and well executed?
  - Is the text structure easy to recognize?
  - Can the reader easily use the text structures to improve comprehension and recall?
  - What are the author's qualifications for writing on this topic?
  - Do you like the book? Would you recommend to a middle school reader?

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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