

Mastering the Book Review with Pip

Learning objective: To identify the key features of a book review and apply them to evaluate a story.

Read the book review written by Pip the caterpillar and answer the questions below. Remember to use full sentences in your answers.

Book Review: The Secret of the Silver Leaf
Reviewed by Pip

I have just finished reading 'The Secret of the Silver Leaf', and it was a wonderful adventure! The story is set in a shimmering, magical forest where the trees whisper secrets to those who listen.

The plot follows a brave little squirrel named Squeak who discovers a glowing silver leaf that can grant one wish. Squeak spends the whole book trying to find the Great Oak to return the leaf and save the forest from a permanent winter.

My favourite character was Squeak because he was determined and kind, even when he felt small. I loved how the author described the colours of the forest; it made me feel like I was actually there. However, I felt the ending was a bit too quick. I wanted to know more about what happened to the other animals after the winter ended.

I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who loves magic and nature.

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars!

Word bank: recommend · plot · character · setting · opinion · rating

1. Where is the story 'The Secret of the Silver Leaf' set? (1 mark)

2. What is the main plot of the story? (2 marks)

3. Why did Pip like the character of Squeak? (2 marks)

4. What was the one thing Pip did not like about the book? (2 marks)

5. How many stars did Pip give the book, and who does Pip think would enjoy reading it? (2 marks)

6. Looking at the word bank, which word describes the part of the review where Pip says the ending was 'too quick'? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Squeak the squirrel holding the glowing silver leaf in the shimmering forest.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reviewer. Write a short paragraph explaining how you would change the ending of the story to make it better.