

Pip's Library Review

Learning objective: To identify and explain the features of a book review and share personal opinions about a text.

Read the book review written by Pip the caterpillar. Use the text to answer the questions below, making sure to use full sentences.

My name is Pip, and I love reading. Today, I am reviewing a book called 'The Magic Oak Tree'. This story is about a brave squirrel named Nutty who finds a golden acorn. My favourite part of the book is when Nutty builds a secret bridge across the stream to help his friends reach the forest festival. The illustrations are beautiful because they are full of bright colours and tiny details. I think this book is perfect for anyone who likes stories about friendship and nature. It is quite a short book, so it is easy to read in one afternoon. I would recommend this book to my friend Max the monkey because he loves puzzles, and there is a clever maze in the middle of the story. I give this book five out of five stars because it made me feel happy and excited. It is definitely one of the best books I have read this year. If you enjoy happy endings and forest adventures, you should definitely pick up a copy of 'The Magic Oak Tree' from the library today.

Word bank: recommend · favourite · character · opinion · adventure · exciting

1. Who is the main character in the book that Pip is reviewing? (1 mark)

2. What does Nutty the squirrel build to help his friends? (1 mark)

3. Why does Pip think Max the monkey would like this book? (2 marks)

4. How do you think Pip felt while reading the book? Use evidence from the text to explain. (2 marks)

5. Would you like to read this book? Explain your reason using your own opinion. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nutty the squirrel standing next to the golden acorn or the secret bridge described in the review.



Extension challenge: Write your own short book review for your favourite story. Remember to include the title, who the main character is, and one reason why you would recommend it to a friend.