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BOOK REVIEW

A book review is an honest reaction to a book that generally analyzes its themes, plot line, characters, advantages and disadvantages of the story and so on.

Format to write a Book Review:

Book Title

Author Name

About the Author

Characters

Summary

Criticism (advantages and disadvantages, your point of view and so on)

Rating (Out of 5)

Example: Write a review for a book that you read recently

Book Title : Life of Pi

Author Name : Yann Martel

About the Author : Yann Martel is a Canadian author. His book “Life of Pi” won Man Booker Prize.

Characters : Pi Patel, Richard Parker (Bengali Tiger), etc

Summary :

The protagonist of the story Pi Patel, a Tamil boy from Pondicherry, explores issues of spirituality and practicality from an early age. He survives 227 days after a shipwreck while stranded on a boat in the Pacific Ocean with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. The story begins with Pi being alone and orphaned. He was hanging on in the middle of the ocean. As he looked around, he was shocked to see a 450-pound Bengal Tiger beside him, whose tip of nose to tip of tail, took over a third of the length of the ship. However, the tiger was not reacting in a



bestly manner because of its sea-sickness as well as sedation. The lifeboat was made in such a way, so as to accommodate a maximum of thirty-two people. It was three and a half feet deep, eight feet wide and twenty-six feet long.

Pi was tired and weak for having no food, water or even sleep for nearly three days. His condition was so pitiful that despite an adult Tiger, a Hyena, and Sharks beneath him and a huge storm raging around, he took the courage to move forward. Pi was so thirsty that he could not stop himself to search water, which ultimately took him dangerously close to the Tiger, Richard Parker. Nothing could stop him neither the Tiger nor the Hyena. After 227 days, Pi realised that it was Richard Parker, who had helped him in his survival. Pi even realised that Parker had brought him peace, wholeness and a new life.

At the ending, Pi left Richard Parker in a jungle and waited for a ship. However, Pi was disheartened to see that Parker, (with whom he had spent more than 200 days on a ship), did not even turn back to bid him a last farewell.

Criticism :

Characters were portrayed in great manner. Richard Parker has been highlighted as one of the major reasons why Pi was pushed towards life. It was Parker, who kept on distracting Pi from thinking too much about his family and his tragic circumstances. I found this a profoundly fascinating book that you can read on so many levels. It is a philosophical tract about the nature of the divine. It is a book about the triumph of the human spirit when faced with adversity. It is a book about the relationship between man and beast. It is also, quite simply, a brilliant yarn about that most traditional of stories, the shipwreck and the survivor.

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ (4 star out of 5)