Berwyn Public Library Teen Book Review Guidelines:

Thanks for agreeing to write a book review for us—we’re so excited to share your thoughts about a book you’ve enjoyed with other Berwyn teens. Here’s a guideline for how we’d like them to be formatted and written; when you’re finished, please share your review in Google Docs format with berwynlibraryteens@gmail.com.

If you do not have access to Google Docs, you may attach the review to your e-mail as a Microsoft Word document. From there, we will edit it and post it to our teen blog! We reserve the right to refuse reviews that don’t adhere to these guidelines and/or contain inappropriate content.

Please include:

- Your Name (Full First Name and First Initial of your Last Name)
- Title (a book we have in the teen collection here at Berwyn Public Library)
- Author
- Indicate whether it’s a series or not (to your best guess)
- Rating 1-5 Stars
  - 1 Star= HOW did this book get published?! You’re better using it as a coaster.
  - 2 Stars= Needs more work-readable, but there’s a weak plot, poor writing, bland characters, etc.
  - 3 Stars= Good, but not great. Entertaining.
  - 4 Stars= Better than most books.
  - 5 Stars= Hard to imagine a better book-get out to the library now to get it before someone else does!
- Brief summary of the book (ideally 2-4 sentences)
  - Write a brief summary of the book in your own words. Be careful to avoid spoilers, and don’t give away the whole plot-think of it as a movie trailer!
- Your review! This should be at least two paragraphs.
  - Questions you might consider answering:
    - Did you like the book? If so, why?
      - If you didn’t like it, what didn’t you like?
    - Were you able to relate to any of the characters or situations in the book?
    - Why did you decide to read this book?
    - Who would you recommend this to?
    - Was this book like others you’ve read? If so, which ones?
    - What thoughts or feelings did the book inspire in you?
    - Consider the cover and other non-plot traits of it-what did you think of them?