Doody Publishing's
Online Review Process

Review Narrative Template

For Notes only. Return to
MAIN SCREEN to complete your review.

DESCRIPTION

Using complete sentences, briefly describe what the book covers and note any unique structural elements (e.g. all algorithms, bulleted lists, etc.). Briefly describe the accompanying website resources (ebook, videos, chapters/references not available in the print book, student/instructor ancillaries, etc.). If this is a 2nd or later edition, note when the previous edition was published.
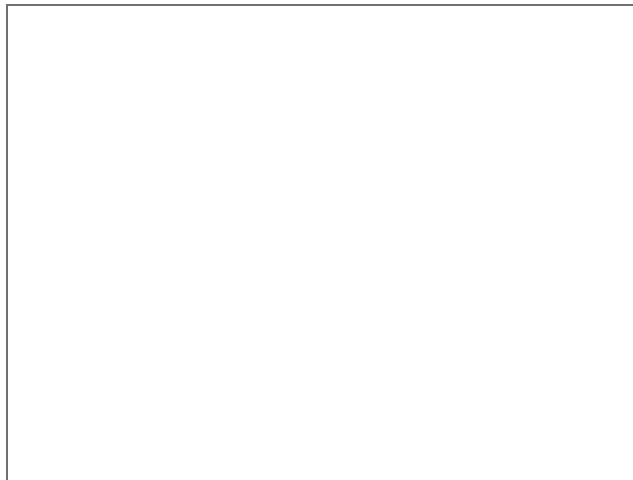
PURPOSE

Using complete sentences, address the following points:

What is the book's purpose, according to the author in the preface or from what you can glean from the introductory material?

Are those worthy objectives? Is the book needed?

Does presenting the material in print and online format add value? How does it enhance the presentation?

Does the book and website meet the objectives? If so, how? If not, why not?

AUDIENCE

Using complete sentences, address the following:

For whom is the book written (students, residents, practitioners); if practitioners, what specialties does the book target

-- according to the author(s)?
-- according to you?

Does the book meet the needs of its intended audience?

Finally, is the author (or authors) a credible authority on the subject? How? Recognized expert? Based on credentials and publications?
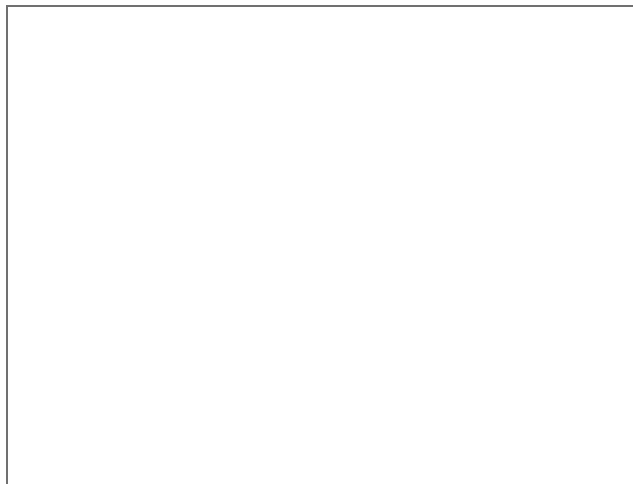
CONTENT/FEATURES OF THE BOOK

Using complete sentences, discuss in a more thorough manner what the title covers (avoid a recapitulation of the chapter titles).

Point out the best aspects of the title, such as subject areas that it covers particularly well, the clarity of the writing, the organization of the material, innovative methods that it uses to engage readers, etc.

Note any unique features (glossary, appendixes, color art) and their value for readers. Does the book have features/elements NOT available at the website?
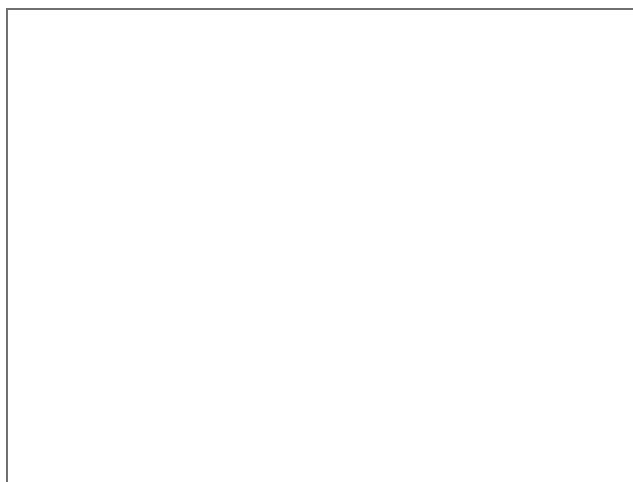
Discuss any shortcomings of the title. Are there areas that could have been covered more thoroughly or that are missing?

CONTENT/FEATURES OF THE WEBSITE RESOURCES

Using complete sentences, discuss in a more thorough manner the features of the accompanying website. Comment on how easy/intuitive it is to create an account and get access to the online resources. Is technical support readily available? Is it easy to navigate and search?

Note which of the following features are available:

- Hyperlinks to referenced journal articles
- Crosslinks to other content
- Links to videos or audio clips
- Ability to zoom in on images
- Ability to bookmark
- Ability to create, post, and retrieve notes
- Interactive glossary

Note whether users can print and export pages, email specific pages or sections, link to other titles available online form the same publisher.

Finally, does the content display suitably on other devices (tablet, smartphone)? If there is a related app, where is it offered?

ASSESSMENT / COMPARISON

Using complete sentences, offer your personal opinion of the quality of the book and website, its usefulness to the intended audience, and how it compares to other titles in the field, citing specific titles where appropriate (please provide as much information as possible about comparable titles).

If the book is an updated edition, does it justify replacing the previous edition?