

## **Book Review**

Read a range of books over the summer. Select your favourite and write a review of it. Use the example and guidance below to help you.

### **What is a book review?**

A book review is a summary of the plot, the characters in the story and how the book made you feel.

Write a book review on your favourite book or a book you've recently read. There are some questions below which you may find helpful to consider when completing your review.



What happened in the story? What was the story about?

How did the events of the story follow on from each other?

What was the climax of the story? How did it end?

Who were the main characters? Did they change, if so how?

Was there anything interesting about the way it was written? Was it written in first or third person?

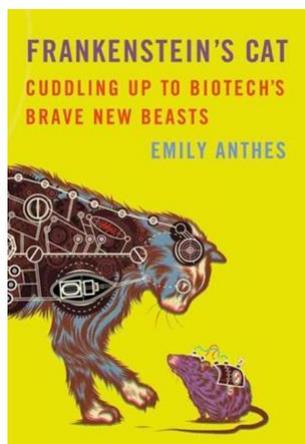
Was it a good story? Why?

What was your favourite moment in the story? Why?

Would you recommend this book? Who would you recommend it to?

### *Frankenstein's Cat*

Review by Zander H., age 12, Mid-America Mensa



I appreciated *Frankenstein's Cat* for its fascinating explanation about the often baffling subject of bioengineering and its sister sciences. Emily Anthes explains the many sides of today's modern technology, such as gene modification, cloning, pharmaceutical products (from the farm), prosthesis, animal tag and tracking and gene cryogenics. This book provides a well-rounded summary of these complicated sciences without being boring or simply factual. Her real world examples take us on a journey from the farm, to the pet store and then from the pharmacy to the frozen arc.

Have you ever wondered if the neighborhood cat is spying on you? Read about Operation Acoustic Kitty and find out if this feline fantasy fiction or fact. Do you think bugs are creepy? What about a zombified cyborg beetle? Is Fido so special that you want two of him? Money can buy you an almost exact copy of your pooch BUT don't expect the same personality. Emily Anthes makes you crave more information. She makes you want to know the future of Earth's flora and fauna, as well as humanity itself.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone who desires a guide to the future of biological science and technology. *Frankenstein's Cat* is best read by the light of a glow-in-the-dark fish, while cuddling your favorite cloned dog and drinking a glass of genetically modified milk

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