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- Who is this book/resource aimed at?
- Does it contribute to the body of knowledge about the subject in question?
- What are the book/resource’s strengths and weaknesses?
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- Will they enjoy it and/or find it useful?
- Is the content original or are there already similar titles available?
- If so, how does it compare to other relevant books/resources?
- Is it easy to read or navigate?
- Do you feel the recommended retail price is appropriate and/or justified?

Do not feel you have to list all the chapters and topics covered in the resource you are reviewing. Instead, focus on the areas that seem important to you or that you feel are of importance to a specific group. Please do include your own opinion and comments on how well the book/resource meets its aims with regard to the topic as well as the veracity or otherwise of its content. While your review is based on your personal opinion, please also try to ensure that it is balanced, and when you make positive or negative statements about aspects of the resource, please support these with an example.

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