

## Book Review

The Journal wishes to publish only books that are recommended to others in the field of Public Health. Therefore, only positive reviews of texts less than one year old will be published.

### **Guidelines for Authors:**

Book reviews are limited to 1000 words, and must be typed, double-spaced, with 1 ½ inch margins. Title page includes title of review, author of the review, affiliation of reviewer. The book review must follow APA 5<sup>th</sup> edition style.

**Title of Book:** Biographical information in APA 5<sup>th</sup> edition style.

**Introduction of the Author:** Name, qualifications, affiliations. Present a brief look into author's perspective.

**Summary:** This is not intended to be a page-by-page "book report," but rather a summary of the substance of the book. It should be concise, direct, and not more than a few paragraphs in length.

**Body of Review:** This is the substance of the review. It addresses the following questions

- Why did the author write the book? What is the purpose of the book?
- What is the book about? Give a general overview.
- What is the major thesis of the book? (Identify the thesis from the author's perspective and then explain it in your own words.)
- Are sub-theses presented? If so, what are they?
- What support does the author provide to "prove" the thesis? Is this support convincing?
- What generalizations does the author draw from the material presented? Are these generalizations supported?
- Are the author's conclusions presented clearly or are they implied?
- Style and presentation--i.e. organization of the book. What visuals are presented? Does the author effectively use images and/or tables?

**Conclusion:** This section presents a concise statement summarizing your review. **It is not necessary to state whether you enjoyed the book or not.** How does the book contribute to public health? How does the book fit into the prevailing interpretations of the topic? Does it break new ground? Does it restate the obvious? For what type of audience would it best be suited? Did the author accomplish his/her purposes?