

Book or Story Review

A **book or story review** describes a book or story and gives an opinion about it. A good reviewer includes interesting details about the book and always supports his or her opinion with reasons.

A Home on the Ocean

Catchy opening identifies title and author.

Imagine that your home is in a different place every day. That's what life was like for a girl called Matilda and her siblings on the *John Ena*. You can read about this lucky family in *Sailing Home: A Story of a Childhood at Sea* by Gloria Rand.

Reviewer gives key background information.

The *John Ena* was a big sailing ship. Matilda's father, the captain, took his wife and children with him on his journey.

Review includes interesting information from book.

The kids had animals, played games, and saw many countries. But life wasn't all rosy. Sometimes the weather turned ugly.

Reviewer gives an opinion and supports it with reasons.

I really enjoyed this book. It made me think about how families live, and it made me want to travel. When you read a book like this, you realize how exciting life can be.