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## Book Review Guidelines

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## Book Review Process

Thank you for agreeing to review a book for the [Toronto Journal of Theology \(TJT\)](#). The following guidelines have been developed to provide some focus and direction for all [TJT](#) book reviewers.

[TJT](#) uses an online peer-review system called [PRESTO](#) where authors, peer reviewers, and book reviewers can submit articles, evaluations, and book reviews online. When your book review is ready for submission, you will submit it through the [PRESTO](#) interface.

The Book Review Editor selects reviewers based on their expertise in relation to the content of the book.

Some frequently asked questions have been included for your reference on page 3 of this document.

## Review Format

Begin review with the reference of the book, following the format used in the list of books received of a previous issue or the online list of available books. Follow with the name of the author of the review, with affiliation or place of residence.

The format is as follows. Please include the author, title of the book, publisher information (city, state, name of publisher, date of publication), page count, price, and ISBN.

### *Example of Format*

Dale C. Allison Jr. *The Historical Christ and the Theological Jesus*. Grand Rapids, MI; Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2009. Pp. x + 126. Paper, US\$16.00. ISBN 978-0-8028-6262-4.

### *Word Limit*

Reviews should be no longer than 1500 words in length.

## Additional Elements for Submission

Please do not structure your review as a chapter by chapter analysis. Rather, write your comments and personal opinions about the book as a whole, highlighting particular areas of interest to illustrate your points. If you enjoyed the book, or thought the text was commendable, communicate your views in a way that will also make others want to read it.

Do not forget to indicate your full name, accreditation, and affiliation at the end of your review. Please also include your e-mail address at the end of your review, so that we can send page proofs directly to you, prior to publication.

### *Contact Information*

Please complete all fields of the [PRESTO](#) registration section. Only upon acceptance will we ask you to unblind the information in your review.

## Queries

**Q:** *Should I focus my review on any particular areas of the book?*



**A:** If you are reviewing a new edition of a book, it is a good idea to compare it with the previous version. The preface offers some guidance about what has been added, deleted, changed, and outlines whether the references have been updated.

If the book is illustrated, comment on the illustrations. Are they clear, do they relate well to the text? Does the index really fulfill its purpose?

Indicate the type of audience that would be interested in the book you are reviewing.

**Q:** *Do I have to read the whole book?*

**A:** In short, yes. It is helpful for the reader to have an outline of the key themes, and/or arguments, and overall perspective of the book. For a detailed, accurate, informative, and critical review read more closely.

To start gaining the overall perspective, have a good look at the book's table of contents and the chapter headings, read a few pages to sample the author's style, read a chapter on an area you know a great deal about, as well as a chapter you know less about to see whether it is explained clearly.

**Q:** *Can I keep the book once I have completed my review?*

**A:** Yes!

**Q:** *What do I do if I feel the book is not worth reviewing?*

**A:** On the rare occasion, a reviewer may feel the material is not worth reviewing. If this is the case, please contact [insert name and contact information] to determine next steps.

Thank you so much for your willingness to review a book and your interest in [TJT](#).

Questions relating to any of the above details may be directed to the [TJT](#) Book Review Editor at the address below.

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