



Eighteenth-Century Fiction Book Review Guidelines

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Book Review Process

Thank you for agreeing to review a book for [Eighteenth-Century Fiction \(ECF\)](#).

Answers to some frequently asked questions appear on page 3 of this document, for your reference.

Review Format

At the beginning of your review, please include the author name, book title, publisher (city, name of publisher, date of publication), page count, the price, and the ISBN. Please see recent issues of the journal for examples of the standard [ECF](#) book review format.

Due Date

Reviewers are asked to submit their review within four months of their receipt of the book. If a reviewer needs a little longer than 4 months, he or she may feel free to email ecf@mcmaster.ca and let the [ECF](#) editors know about the extension to the suggested deadline. We never want our helpful volunteers to feel rushed.

References

The [ECF](#) editors prefer that no footnotes are included in book reviews published in the journal. Please follow all direct quotations with the page reference in parentheses: (54), whether for the book under review or for other books quoted within the review. If you cite another book within your review, please include all usual citation information in parentheses following the quotation within the body of the review.

Word Limit

No longer than 1000 words.

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. This advice is especially useful if you are reviewing a collection of essays. If you have never written a book review for [ECF](#) before, please read a few reviews from back issues of the journal to get a sense of the type of review published in the journal.

With your review, include a brief note about yourself, including your institutional affiliation, as well as recent publications and/or current research interests.

Queries

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 that a reviewer may feel the material is not worth reviewing; please contact ecf@mcmaster.ca to determine next steps.



Q: Will I see proofs of my review before it is published in *ECF*?

A: Yes, proof copy will be sent to you after typesetting, with instructions; the *ECF* editors request that you return proof copy within 10 days. At the proof stage, alterations should be minor, mainly the correction of typographical errors.

Q: Do reviewers receive offprints of their review after it is published in *ECF*?

A: *ECF* no longer provides hard-copy offprints; however, reviewers will receive via email a finalized pdf file of the published review. Reviewers may print their own hard copies from that pdf file, as necessary. All contributors to the journal also receive a free e-token that provides access to the online version at the University of Toronto Press at Meta Press; details about the e-token and how to access it will be emailed to each contributor.

Thank you so much for your willingness to review a book and your interest in *ECF*.

Questions relating to any of the above details may be directed to the *ECF* editors by e-mail at ecf@mcmaster.ca.