



Cartography and Geographic Information Society

Guidelines for Book Reviews

Review Purpose

- *Cartography and Geographic Information Science's* book review section is designed to keep our readers abreast of contemporary publications in cartography and GIScience

Editorial Policies

- Book reviews are due *within 3 months* of the receipt of the book; reviewers who fail to meet this criteria will be requested to return the book
- Book reviews should generally run between 500 and 1000 words in length; longer reviews may be considered at the Editor's discretion

Review Content

- Begin the review with bibliographic information, including title, authors, copyright date, place of publication, publisher, number of pages, ISBN number, and price. Here is an example:

The Design and Implementation of GIS, by John E. Harmon and Steven Anderson. John Wiley and Sons, 2003. ISBN 0-471-20488-9. 264 pp. \$80.00

- The body of the review should:
 - **Introduce** the book – state its purpose, who wrote it and why, and to whom the book is pitched
 - **Summarize** *briefly* the contents of the book and outline its organizational structure
 - **Describe** the book's overarching themes and **relate** them to the theoretical foundations upon which the book is built
 - **Evaluate** the book – are information sources reliable? Do figures and tables support the main theme(s)? Is the book well-edited? What are its strengths? Weaknesses?
 - **Critique** the content – did the author meet his or her goals? Are arguments logical and easily understood? Are they well-supported? Does the work represent a significant contribution to our discipline? Would you recommend this book? Why or why not?
- Provided your contact information at the end of the review, using the following format:

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Submission Format

- Submit book review electronically via email attachment – Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat pdf formats are preferred
- Submit to: Dr. Charles Rader, Book Review Editor, at charles.p.rader@uwrf.edu