

# ***Guidelines for Scholarly Book Review Submissions in The Journal of Negro Education: Five Easy Steps***

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Students/authors should not shy away from opportunities to get published in *The Journal of Negro Education*. The opportunities are endless by reviewing one or more scholarly education publications. So then, how does one get a review published?

## **Step One: READ THE BOOK!**

You might think that's obvious, but as a professional editor for more than 24 years, I can tell when a reviewer has not **read** the book. Writing a book review is much like writing a term paper—if you don't thoroughly read your subject material, the writing premise is flawed and you'll probably get an F. I won't publish your review.

## **Step Two: GOOGLE THE AUTHOR**

Doing a little research to find out the author's educational background and affiliations might assist you in analyzing the book. Get into the author's psyche.

## **Step Three: TAKE NOTES**

Develop an outline starting with Chapter 1 of what the book is about. Jot down something good, bad, or indifferent for **every** chapter. A book review should be critical as well as subjective.

## **Step Four: FIND A NUGGET, MAKE IT A GEM**

If a chapter in a book is of particular interest to you, discuss that chapter in a little more detail. **ADD** a quote or two from the book (remember to include page numbers) and/or outside references (add full citations at end of review).

## **Step Five: WRITE IT DOWN**

Book reviews should have your name, affiliation, and no more than three pages of your best written work in APA style (see a copy of *The Journal*), double-spaced in 12-point type and include: the title of book, the author's name, the city and name of publisher, year published, number of pages, price, and format (paperback, hardback, etc.).

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