BOOK REVIEW

Useful Language: Vocabulary/Phrases /Expressions

**Background:**
The story is set…
The story takes place …
This well-written/informative/fascinating book…
This original first novel…
The book tells the story of…
The book/novel was written by…
This work is based on…

**Main points of the plot:**
The book relates how..
The plot focuses on..
The story begins/concerns/ is about…
The plot has an unexpected twist…
The plot is (absolutely) thrilling / (rather) boring/ dull/clever/exciting.

**General comments and opinion:**
- It is rather confusing/long/slow/boring
- It has a tragic/surprising/dramatic end
- It is beautifully/poorly/badly written
- The story is gripping
- It is an inspiring story
- It’s a fast-paced story
- This book is brilliantly plotted
- ____ is a non-stop reading

**Useful language: Recommendations**
- Don’t miss it
- It is well worth reading
- It will change the way you see…
- I wouldn’t recommend it because
- I highly/thoroughly recommend it
- It is a highly entertaining read
- It is a bore to read
- It is certainly at the top of my list
- It’s a must
- Don’t bother with this one