

RULES FOR SUBMISSION OF POSTS AND COMMENTS

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The Turn of the Page (TTOTP) celebrates literature, reading, writing, storytelling, and creativity. We wish to provide a safe, welcoming space for members, and we want everyone to feel they are part of a valued community of readers, commentators and writers. Respectful language, tolerance, kindness and friendly interactions are at the heart of our blog, and we want those who submit their comments or their writings to do so with the same values in mind. Those who don't will be blocked.

If you feel you can contribute original, insightful, and engaging writing that inspires readers and fosters meaningful discussion, please read our guidelines below - and we'll look forward to hearing from you.

1. Content We Accept

Members may submit:

- Book reviews
- Author profiles and interviews
- Literary analysis and criticism
- Reading recommendations
- Essays on literature and culture
- Personal reflections on reading and writing
- Short creative pieces based upon book-related experiences
- Event reports from literary festivals or book launches
- Comments on blog posts or articles

2. Aim to Engage Our Visitors

Write in a style for our other blog members and visitors who:

- Love books and literature, but may have varying degrees of literary knowledge
- Enjoy thoughtful discussion and have diverse perspectives
- Like to have a laugh now and again

3. Writing Style

At TTOTP we like to see writing that is:

- Clear, engaging, and conversational
- Informed but not overly academic
- Respectful and inclusive
- Authentic and original (we will not accept AI generated texts)

We're all about curiosity, serendipity, human insights and an overarching enthusiasm for literature. You can submit critiques of books or posts, but make sure they are constructive and fair. In all submissions (posts, comments, etc.) avoid personal attacks, dismissive or disrespectful language, excessive jargon or acronyms and any unsubstantiated claims. We will delete any content that we don't feel follow these rules, and block repeat offenders. Please be nice!

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4. Length Guidelines

We're writers ourselves, so we know sticking to a word count sometimes just doesn't work. But here are some guidelines that simply help us format pieces for web viewing.

Book Review	600-1,200 words
Literary Essay	800-2,000 words
Author Interview	1,000-2,500 words
Opinion Piece	700-1,500 words

As always, quality is more important than word count, and if we love it, we'll disregard the count (within reason, of course).

5. Reviews and Criticism

When writing book reviews:

- Focus on how the book made you feel.
- Avoid spoilers and lengthy plot outlines whenever possible.
- Explain why the book works or doesn't quite deliver.
- Support opinions or feelings with quotes from the text.
- Be fair and respectful, even when things are not entirely to your style.

6. Accuracy and Fact-Checking

Contributors are responsible for ensuring:

- Names are spelled correctly.
- Quotations are accurate.
- Publication details are verified.
- Historical and biographical information is correct.

7. Citations and Quotations

Quotations

- Use quotation marks for all direct quotations (we will add colour once formatted for web viewing).
- Clearly identify the source.
- Keep quoted passages brief (generally one paragraph) unless you have obtained written permission from the publisher.

References

Where appropriate, include:

- Book title, author, publisher and publication year.

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8. Originality

All submissions must be:

- Original work
- Written by the member contributing
- Not generated by AI tools
- Not previously published elsewhere unless disclosed and approved

Plagiarism will result in rejection.

9. Inclusivity and Respect

TTOTP values diverse voices and perspectives. Members contributing should always:

- Use respectful language
- Avoid discriminatory content
- Represent cultures, identities, and communities accurately
- Be aware of cultural, age or gender bias and assumptions

10. Formatting Requirements

Please submit using the following formats only:

- Microsoft Word (.docx) or Google Docs format
- Standard font (e.g., Calibri, Arial, Times New Roman)
- Headings clearly marked
- Ensure macrons, acutes, graves and other non-English glyphs are used appropriately and clear and present where required.

We'd also like you to include:

- Your author name
- A short biography (50-100 words)
- Your website or social media address (if you wish)

11. Editing Process

Our TTOTP editorial folks may:

- Correct grammar, spelling, and formatting
- Adjust headlines and subheadings
- Suggest revisions for clarity or accuracy
- Edit for style consistency

We'll always consult you if we have any major changes in mind.

Most of all enjoy your work. Let your enthusiasm show and readers will love it!