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### **SUPERCHARGE YOUR BOOK REVIEWS – QUICK CHECKLIST**

Did you read the whole book? (Unless your review is centred on how you quite simply couldn't, go do that.)

Did you mention what you enjoyed, what you didn't, and what could have been better?

Did you mention specifics? (Similar works, pastiches or homages you picked up on, elements you felt were best/worst developed, etc.)

Were you honest?

Did you give a suitable rating to match your review? If you're reviewing on a website not in your control (a sales channel, or readers' website like Goodreads) have you made an effort to match your rating to conform to any conventions on the specific website?

If you were given the book free in exchange for a review, mention that. You don't have to shout about it, or hide it at the end; again, we're just shooting for honesty.

Have you shared your review on your social media?

Have you reposted your reviews to different territories' websites? After reading it afresh, does it still look good, or can you see any semblance of an axe being ground, or irrelevant frustrations being vented? If so, back you go.

Have you let it sit a while?

Have you left things better than you found them? This is the real kicker. Never mind whether you're helping that author to sell more or less books; that's irrelevant. Reviews are for potential readers' benefit. Have you come away with a sense that your specific contribution lends greater clarity and ease of forming a balanced and accurate opinion of that book? If so, big thumbs up. Have a drink, or a cookie... or both.