

Book reviews

The Journal of Psychedelic Studies announces a book review section under the editorship of Michael James Winkelman. Suggestions for books to review are received from the readership, as well as authors, editors and publishers. Preferably, books for review should be submitted in electronic form (michaeljwinkelman@gmail.com). Books received will be listed in the review section as “Books Received for Review”; such listing does not guarantee that a review will be commissioned and published. This listing will serve as a call for reviewers from the readership, which can express an interest in reviewing a specific publication by contacting the review editor. Reviewers should not have a personal relationship with the author being reviewed that would raise concern about the objectivity of the review.

Exceptional books might be subject to an extended Essay Review, and possibly by even more than one reviewer, followed with an author response.

Book review guidelines

Reviews should normally be short summary reviews ranging from 500–2000 words. The review should start with a bibliographic citation of the book being reviewed [e.g., author, title, publisher’s information, length, features] following the APA citation style. References included in the review should also follow the APA style. The reviewer’s name and institutional affiliation are to be placed at the end of the review.

Reviews should not be a chapter-by-chapter summary, although the chapter arrangement of the book may be addressed in providing an overall summary of the nature of the publication. The principal purpose of the review should be to succinctly describe the purpose of the book and a critical assessment of its major arguments or theme(s). Reviewers should provide a critical evaluation of the qualifications of the author and the extent to which the evidence that the author presents substantiates their principal hypotheses or purpose. The review should consider the scope of relevant topical coverage and the strengths and weaknesses of the evidence presented and the methodologies employed. A conclusion regarding the success of the author’s efforts should be provided. The quality of the scholarship and the intended audience(s) should be addressed. The significance of the book to the field should be assessed and the relationship of the reviewed book to similar books in the field may be addressed.