

The Mystery Book Club Grading Sheet: Compare Your Own Ratings for Books You've Read

The ten items represents items of most interest to me. Feel free to adapt to your interests. Ex: I like thrillers – Hence #4 on my list.

<i>Title And Author</i> →																				
MONTH →																				
POINT OF VIEW F- First person; N- Narrator; M- Multiperson (rare)																				
SETTING C- Contemporary; H- Historical																				
SLEUTH P- Prof: Cop/Fed/PI/DA; L- Lawyer A- Amateur; V- victim/relative O- Other																				
1. Got my interest (A) in first few chapters and (B) kept it through to the end? [5 pts each]																				
2. Plot solution: was it surprising? (Unexpected)																				
3. Plot solution: (A) was the ending credible? (B) Did the loose ends add up? [5 pts each]																				
4. Plot overall provided good degree of suspense / tension?																				
5. Good use of local setting? (Accurate / specific enough to be fun / not overdone or distracting)																				
6. Dialogue was well done? (True to character, convincing, and/or entertaining)																				
7. Character of sleuth(s) was likable, attractive, appealing, interesting, and/or admirable.																				
8. Other characters seemed real and engaging (not cartoonish / stereotypical / undeveloped)																				
9. Writing style was mature, flowed well.																				
10. It makes me want to read another book by this author as soon as possible.																				
11. OPTIONAL: Add or deduct up to 10 points for items not covered above. Attach reasons.																				
FINAL SCORE																				

Suggestion: use rating 1-10 with 10 being best possible; Items 1 & 3 use 1-5 in both subsections. Adjust by Item 11 if desired. Final score is "out of 100." 95= Solid A, 85=B, 75=C, and so on... or decide what it means for yourself.