

Book Review Instructions

The *Orthodox Faith and Life* journal invites the submission of book reviews. Only reviews that meet the following standards will be published.

1. A review should aim to be 500–1500 words in length. If a review is expected to exceed 2000 words, a reviewer should first consult the managing editor of the need to write a longer review.
2. At the minimum, a review should contain an informative summary of a book's contents and argument (often chapter by chapter) as well as scholarly interaction with its strengths and weaknesses, preferably with a considered Orthodox perspective. When reviewing of a collection of essays, a two-to three-sentence summary of each essay should be included as well as an overall assessment of the collection's contribution to the field. Reviews of a new edition of a work should not only summarise and critique the work but also identify how this new edition differs from a previous edition.
3. Quotations from the book under review should not replace critical summarisation and synthesis of the work and should, thus, be kept to a minimum. Such quotations should be cited by page number—further referencing details are not required. References to other works, however, should follow the referencing guidelines outlined in the "Instructions for Authors" document on the SCMOI website's Journal webpage <https://www.scmoi.edu.au/ofl>.
4. Reviewers should bear in mind that a key aspect of a review is to provide a substantive summary of the book being reviewed. Reviewers are free to register disagreement with the views of a work, but not at the expense of providing a detailed summary of the book. As a general guideline, two-thirds of a review should be devoted to informing readers of what the book contains and the final third used to present the reviewer's personal assessment.
5. The review must not contain personal or ad hominem attacks. To clarify, a negative review does not constitute a personal attack, but it does require special care to ensure that the criticism is fair and fact-oriented. Also, no review should be entirely negative as a work's *strengths* must be considered alongside its weaknesses.
6. Please include within the review your name as you would like it to appear and your institutional affiliation (if any) or the city in which you reside.
7. The review should follow the text preparation instructions outlined in "Instructions for Authors" document on the SCMOI website's Journal webpage <https://www.scmoi.edu.au/ofl>. It should also be saved as a Microsoft Word document with a .doc or .docx extension.

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