

## Mjmc:1

Paper:4:The Art of Editing

Topic:Review

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The critics write reviews on a variety of subjects such as books ,plays ,films, television and radio programme,etc.While writing reviews, the critics should keep in mind that they are not writing for themselves, but are addressing the readers. Any attempt, therefore, to project too much of the critic's own viewpoint, or to criticize the work for the sake of criticism, or for the sake of controversy would not enhance the value of the writing. The effort should be to find out something 'good 'in everything.

The work to be reviewed should be adjudged in proper perspective, I.e.,the level of readers or audience for whom it is meant. The review should have two major elements---explain or describe and assess or calculate the work.One salutary principle is that one should not write anything about a person, which one would be ashamed to tell him on his face.The pen should be used with great care.

The critic need not be a practicing expert in a particular field ,but he should have sufficient background knowledge of the subject. The reviewer is free to give his own assessment, opinion and judgment about the work, provided it is not based on untruth or malice ;at the same time he should not become annoyed, if the people do not agree or accept his viewpoint.