Book Review Guidelines

The *International Review of the Red Cross* welcomes submissions of book reviews of major book publications on international humanitarian law, humanitarian policy, or humanitarian action.

Authors interested in reviewing a book or recommending a book for review should address such requests to the attention of the Book Review Editor, [Mr. Jamie A. Williamson](#).

Book reviews should be approximately 1,500-2,500 words and be submitted in Word format in 12 pt Times New Roman font with 1.5 line spacing (including the footnotes section). Book review authors are invited to also identify their affiliation and area of expertise. For an example of a book review published recently in the journal, see [here](#).

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In drafting a book review, authors are asked to briefly summarize the main qualities of the book, as well as any areas for improvement and further research. Elements of the analysis could include, among others:

- The book’s intended audience;
- The main objectives of the book and the extent to which they have been met;
- The originality and comprehensiveness of the analysis
- The diversity and reliability of sources used;
- A comparison with prior works in the same field of research;
- The research gap that the book seeks to fill; and
- The main contributions of the book to theory, policy or practice.

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