This contest is organized on the spirit of sharing valuable books with the community. You may participate by writing a review of any books that you think will inspire members of our community. Both fiction and non-fiction reviews are accepted.

The contest comprises of two categories; 1) Lecturers / staff ; 2) Students. Each category will have 2 winners. It commences on 25/6/2008 and latest submission on or before 25/7/2008. Results will be announced at the end of July.

CONTEST RULES

1. Opens to all CFS Library users (students, lecturers and staff in Petaling Jaya and Nilai)
2. Only original review (No plagiarism!) will be eligible and it should be written in English or Malay (for Malay books).
3. Only books from CFS Libraries collection may be reviewed.
4. The length of the review should be between 500 and 1000 words.
5. You may submit as many entries as you wish provided the reviews are of different books.
6. Please ensure to quote title, author of the book and library call number.
7. Do not forget to put your full name, matric / staff number, department, contact information (phone number or active e-mail) at the bottom of the review.
8. Submit your entries to book review contest official e-mail cfslib@iiu.edu.my or norleen@iiu.edu.my or submit in person to CFS Libraries Circulation Counter in Petaling Jaya or Nilai (attention to Norleen Abdul Rashid, CFS Library Petaling Jaya).
9. Enquiries should be directed to the contest coordinator, norleen@iiu.edu.my or call 77803679/3171 (Norleen).
10. Panel’s decision is final.

TIPS FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Find your books from CFS Libraries collection by searching the catalogue, i.e. OPAC or browsing the CFS Library shelves. Read it.
2. Make a list of the main ideas you want to talk about.
3. Give a brief description or summary of the contents of the book. If it is a novel, indicate whether it is adventure, horror, fantasy, motivation or Islamic novel etc.
4. Choose the favourite and least favourite character(s) in the book, and why you liked or disliked them.
5. State how well has the book achieved its goals? For example, were the author’s points convincing or not.
6. Describe the part of the book you liked most and why it appealed to you.
7. Support with reasons why you liked the book and / or reasons why you disliked it. Add concluding comment about the book as a whole.
8. Give your own ideas or opinion of the book and why you think the book inspires its readers.