

## International Journal of Primatology

### Instructions for Book Reviews

**Book reviews** are usually solicited by the Book Review Editor. We also consider unsolicited reviews for publication. If you wish to submit an unsolicited book review, we require **a cover letter in which the author(s) explain why they are appropriate reviewers** for the book. This explanation should include an account of the author(s)' knowledge and experience relevant to the topic of the book. A PhD is not required.

We publish critical book reviews. This means that the review must have a central message that **goes beyond summarising the contents of the book** and evaluates what value the book has for the field of primatology. For example, does the book offer new solutions to known dilemmas in primatology? Does it raise new ethical questions about how primatologists work? Does it bring in novel perspectives or voices to enrich the field? Does it introduce interdisciplinary methods or ideas to advance the field in a new direction? If it is a valuable teaching tool, how does it go beyond what is already available?

Including some summary is acceptable, but the summary should contribute to building the larger message of the review. Book reviews should also not be overly personal or unprofessional in their critique.

The title should be in headline format which conveys the central message of the review:

*Title by Author is XYZ. This is a fictional example: **Primates Are Important** by A. Primatologist offers a new critique of the field of primate conservation.*

Book reviews can be solicited by the Book Review Editor or submitted unsolicited. They do not include an abstract, key words, headings, tables, or illustrations and are **strictly** limited to 1000 words and five references. References and acknowledgements do not count towards the word count. If the online submission portal asks for an abstract, please write in "Book review – no abstract needed."

The first paragraph of the review should contain the title and author(s)/editor(s) of the book. The reviewer should put their name and professional address at the end of the review. Reviews can be submitted by students or established researchers.

We accept reviews of textbooks, edited volumes, memoirs, and popular books, etc., if they are relevant to the field of primatology. If you are unsure whether a book is suitable, please contact the Book Review Editor, Sharon Kessler, at [sharon.kessler@stir.ac.uk](mailto:sharon.kessler@stir.ac.uk).