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 Gregor Hens' memoir *Nicotine* is a book about addiction merely on the surface. "I knew it was a topic that would take me to the most important moments of my life," he says.

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Patricia C. McKissack's new children's book skips its way through jump-rope rhymes all while tracing the delightful origins of African-American playtime lore.

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OUR CRITICS' TAKES ON THIS WEEK'S BESTSELLERS

LOST CITY
 WORD OF MOUTH
 STUART WOODS
 TOM CLANCY
 MICHAEL LEWIS
 FANNIE FLAGG
 RICE & ROCKS by Sandra L. Richards illustrated by Megan Kayleigh Sullivan

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URL

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/>

Subject

Book reviews - Periodicals

Accessibility

On subscription basis.

Language

English

Publisher

Virginia Kirkus Bookshop Service, Virginia Kirkus Services, Inc. (from 1962), and others Kirkus Media, LLC (from 2010)

Brief History

Kirkus Reviews (or Kirkus Media) is an American book review magazine founded in 1933 by Virginia Kirkus (1893–1980). The magazine is headquartered in New York City.

Virginia Kirkus was hired by Harper & Brothers to establish a children's book department in 1926. The department was eliminated as an economy measure in 1932

(for about a year), so Kirkus left and soon established her own book review service. Initially, she arranged to get galley proofs of "20 or so" books in advance of their publication; almost 80 years later, the service was receiving hundreds of books weekly and reviewing about 100.

Initially titled Bulletin from Kirkus' Bookshop Service from 1933 to 1954, the title was changed to Bulletin from Virginia Kirkus' Service with the January 1, 1955 issue, and successively shortened to Virginia Kirkus' Service with the December 15, 1964 issue; it further shortened to Kirkus Service in 1967, before attaining its definitive title, Kirkus Reviews, with the January 1, 1969, issue. It was sold to The New York Review of Books in 1970 and later[when?] sold by the Review to Barbara Bader and Josh Rubins. In 1985, magazine consultant James B. Kobak acquired Kirkus Reviews. David LeBreton bought Kirkus from Kobak in 1993. BPI Communications, owned by Dutch publisher VNU, bought Kirkus from LeBreton in 1999. At the end of 2009, the company announced the end of operations for Kirkus. The journal was purchased from VNU (by then renamed The Nielsen Company, or Nielson N.V.) on February 10, 2010 by businessman Herbert Simon. Terms were not disclosed. It was thereafter renamed Kirkus Media, and book industry veteran Marc Winkelman was made Publisher.

Scope and Coverage

Kirkus Reviews, published on the first and 15th of each month in both digital and print formats, previews books prior to their publication. Kirkus reviews over 7,000 titles per year. Kirkus operates a number of additional services, including Kirkus Editorial, Kirkus Indie, and Kirkus Marketing. It covers Fiction, Non-fiction, picture books, Teen, Indie, Children's books, History, Social Science, Science & Technology, Health and Medicine, Travel, Crime, Philosophy etc.

Kind of Information

In Kirkus, reviews are shown in different categories and they are divided in different sub-categories. They are.....

The screenshot shows the Kirkus Reviews website interface. At the top, there is a promotional banner for 'RICE & ROCKS' with a quote: "A beautiful, amusing tribute to family traditions." — Kirkus Reviews. Below this is a navigation bar for 'CHILDREN'S AND TEEN BOOK REVIEWS' with options for 'All Stars Only' and 'All Recommendations'. The main content area features two book reviews:

- THE WIZARD'S DOG** by Eric Kahn Gale, illustrated by Dave Phillips. The review includes a quote: "An ingenious and entirely credible (at least dog lovers will agree with this) twist on the familiar tale. (Fantasy, 10-13)".
- NOPE!** by Drew Sheneman, illustrated by Drew Sheneman. The review includes a quote: "Full of humor and action, with easily recognizable emotions. (Picture book, 4-6)".

On the right side, there is a 'THE KIRKUS STAR' award section and a 'Kirkus Interview' video player showing a man speaking.

Book Reviews (It shows best books, best reviews in 2016 in different categories):
Best Books: KIRKUS stars and recommendation.

Best of 2016: Fiction, Notification, Middle-Grade, Picture books, Teen, Indie.
Categories: Biography & Memories, Business & Economics, Children's & Teens, Current Affairs, Entertainment & Sports, Essays & Anthologies, Fiction and Literature, History, Psychology, Romance etc.

Best of 2016 (It contains fiction, non-fiction books, picture books etc.):

Fiction: By Category, Full List, Author Interviews.

Middle-Grade: By Category, Full List, Author & Illustrator Interviews.

Non Fiction: By Category, Full List, Author Interviews.

Picture Books: By Category, Full List, Author & Illustrator Interviews.

Teen: By Category, Full List, Author Interviews.

Indie: By Category, Full List, Author Interviews.

Bestsellers (In this category, bestselling books are listed):


Fiction / Non-fiction / Children's / Teen etc. can be selected to see the bestselling books & it comes with a review.

Authors (It contains information about top authors from different categories):

Top Authors: Latest Interviews, Bestselling authors, Kirkus Reviews Cover stories.

Categories: Children's Authors and Illustrators, Fiction, Nonfiction, Author Success Stories, Editors' Columns etc.

Pro-Connect: Different critics choice review books, industrial books (In this section, publishers, agents and booksellers contribute insights on emerging trends, what's working for them and what's missing the mark), tools for subscribe etc. are included here. Even authors works are shown in 'Author Category'.

Book Reviews	Best of 2016	Bestsellers	Authors	Kirkus TV	Blogs	Contests	Kirkus Prize	Pro Connect	Services for Authors
<i>This Week's</i> AUTHOR TO WATCH		CRITICS' CHOICE			AUTHOR CATEGORIES				
		Authors to Watch			Biography & Memoir				
		Books to Discover			Business & Economics				
		INDUSTRY INSIGHT			Children's & Teen				
		Word on the Street			Current Affairs				
		TOOLS			Entertainment & Sports				
		Subscribe to Email Alerts			Essays & Anthologies				
		Report a Deal			Fiction & Literature				
		Get a Pro Connect Page			Health & Medicine				
		Contact Us			Historical Fiction				
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					Mystery & Crime				
					Nature & Travel				
					Religion & Inspiration				
					Romance				
					Science & Technology				
					Science Fiction & Fantasy				
					Self-Help				
					Thrillers				
					True Crime				

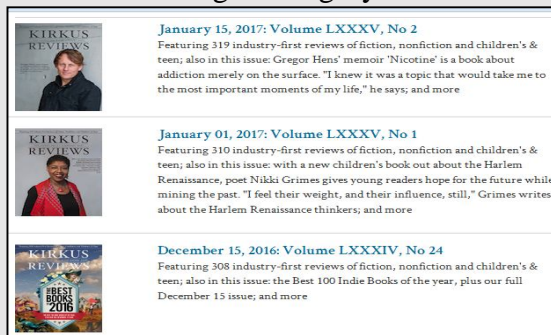
(Note: All the categories and sub-categories are comes with a review.)

Special Features

- ❖ **Services for authors:** In this section book review guidelines, how to hire a book editor, how to promote review etc. are shown.
- ❖ **Kikus TV:** Visitors can browse videos by selecting Fiction / Nonfiction / Young / Adult etc. to see author's interviews.
- ❖ **Blogs:** SF signal, forever young adult, the book smuggles, the rap sheet etc. are comes with categories like Children's, Mysteries/Thrillers, Romance etc.

Arrangement Pattern

Volumes are arranged chronologically. Under each Volume issues are also arranged chronologically & each issue is arranged category wise.



Remarks

In 2014, Kirkus Reviews started the Kirkus Prize. It is one of the richest literary awards in the world, bestowing \$50,000 prizes annually to authors of fiction, nonfiction, and young readers' literature.

Comparable Tools

- CJ Online Reviews (<https://cj.camws.org/reviews.php>)
- Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews : An Electronic Journal (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/recent-reviews/>)
- Hypatias Review Online (<http://hypatiaphilosophy.org/HRO/>)

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