

## Book Review

When a book is published – sometimes even before it's published – a copy is sent to newspapers, magazines and other media so that it can be read and reviewed. The goal of a review is to let readers know what to expect, good or bad.

### Activity:

1. Imagine that a librarian (in your school or in your community) has asked you to write a book review of *Skating Over Thin Ice* to be published in the library's newsletter. Your review could include the following:

- Who are the main characters? What is the setting? What is the overall story of this book? Limit yourself to one brief paragraph for all this information. Readers don't want a plot summary – they want more, such as...
- What are its strengths? What did you like about the book? Examples?
- What are its weaknesses? What did you not like about the book? Examples?
- Do you think it will appeal to readers your age? Why?
- Would you recommend this book?

2. In groups of 3-4, share your reviews with each other and see how different (or similar?) they are.