

## Instructions to Authors of Book Reviews submitted to *Island Studies Journal*

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Include the following information in the title of your book review: author of the book (**all** authors – no *et al.*); year of publication; full book title; place of publication; publisher; number of pages; ISBN number; and price for hardback and/or paperback and/or e-book version, preferably in US\$;. Here is a sample of how such a title should read:

Jodie Matthews & Daniel Travers (2012) *Islands and Britishness: A Global Perspective*, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 280pp, ISBN: 978-1-4438-3516-9. US\$59.99.

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