

Letterpress Young Reader Interviews

An Interview With Alisha (aged 11)

Q1. What are your earliest memories of reading books – do you have a particular book you remember from that time?

When I was about four or five years old, I liked 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. There were loads more but I thought that 'The Gruffalo' was very funny and I have always enjoyed funny stories. I also liked 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Beauty and the Beast' and other stories with a princess as the main character. Then I got into adventure stories and especially liked the 'Secret Seven' series by Enid Blyton.

Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?

I like lots of books but now I like 'The Dork Diaries' and 'The Babysitters Club' series because they are interesting and there are lots of them for me to read. I also like some Manga style stories like 'Sailor Moon' because they are so colourful and also funny.

Q3. Have you got a favourite author (or two)

I like the author and illustrator of 'The Dork Diaries' because of the way they show the diary entries and how the creative drawings work together with the words to tell the story. There is so much happening in every book. The main character is called Nicky who loves watching her favourite show called 'Princess Sugarplum'. Her younger sister is called Brianna who she writes about, but she also has an enemy called Mackenzie who can make her life difficult sometimes. I like the way Nicky plays lots of tricks and carries out dares with her best friends Zoey and Chloe which sounds like lots of fun. They are very good friends because they always comfort Nicky if she feels sad.

Q4. How often do you read? Is there a favourite time when you like reading best?

Obviously I read a lot of books when I am in class at school but sometimes I also like to read at home at sunset before prayer time when it is quiet.

Q5. Are you hoping to build a book collection?

I would definitely like to have a collection of 'The Dork Diaries' to keep.