

Letterpress Young Reader Interviews

An Interview with Lina

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

When I was very young, I went to a nursery school in Iraq and we definitely had some books there, but most of my books were at home. It was a long time ago but I think I remember reading 'Pinocchio' and also 'Peter Pan'. I also remember that I liked one about a fairy who was very clumsy which may have been called 'Oops a Daisy- here comes Maisie' and wanted to read it a lot.

Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?

I really like the Dork Diaries series because they are funny and interesting stories with lots happening. I am also just starting to get into Harry Potter books. He learns magic at this incredible school because he has survived an attack by the evil Voldermort who actually killed his parents who were famous magicians. I am so excited to read more about all of his adventures with his friends now that I have started the books.

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

Just now I think it might be Holly Webb, because she writes great stories about pets and their owners and, as you know, I love animals! They are all about solving problems, for instance when a pet goes missing and all the different adventures that happen before they are found. She is a good author because the story moves between the points of view of the pet and its owner which keeps my interest.

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

I have already read many books, even if they are very thick, I don't mind. I especially like reading during the day when nobody is disturbing me, but life can be a bit busy now.

Q5. Are you hoping to build a book collection? How many have you got and what's your prized possession?

We have a lot of books in our house – maybe about thirty shelves of them in the hall, but I also have a box in my bedroom. I want to get more books as I get older because my parents and my grandma always encourage me to read.