

An interview with Naomi

(aged 12)

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

I loved Clip Clop which my mom read to me lots of times during the day when I was a baby - I still have it! I remember liking the end page when all the animals fall into the haystack. I also remember reading a book with my dad at bedtime. I must have been about three years old and I think the title was To the Moon and Back. I liked the illustrations and my dad read it in a funny way. When I was very little I always enjoyed Little Rabbit Foo Foo and I drew a picture of him and sent it to the illustrator Arthur Robins. Then he actually sent me back a thank you picture! I had loads of books but remember loving The Go Away Bird and the Angelina Ballerina books too.

Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?

At the moment I am enjoying reading books by Stacy Gregg. They are all about horses which is a favourite interest of mine. They are good because they include lots of history and facts as well as being eventful stories. I loved 'Warhorse' by Michael Morpurgo, not just because it's about horses but it is a really sad story because the main character, Albert loves taking care of him. His dad sells the horse to the army in World War 1 and Albert is too young to go with him. Luckily, he gets to meet him again but you will need to read it for yourself.

I have also started reading the Warrior Cats series which are graphic novels. I like the idea of talking cats and the illustrations are very cute. I am also a fan of the Heartstopper series because it is LGBTQ friendly and shows those relationships in a positive way.

We have only just started reading The Odyssey at school but it seems like a really good story with lots happening.

Q3. How often do you read? Is there a favourite time when you like reading best?

I read most days and bedtime is my favourite time because it feels so cosy. I also like reading in the car and when I am relaxing on holidays.

Q4. Are you hoping to build a book collection? How many have you got and what's your prized possession?

I already have a big collection of books which I keep on my bookshelves in my bedroom. Occasionally I have to sort some out to donate to charity to make more room on my shelves. I want to get the complete collection of Heartstopper books.

Q5. How do you see your role as the first Young Ambassador for The Letterpress Project?

I am looking forward to doing lots of things like spreading the word about the importance of books, making posters and leaflets and other things. I already have lots of ideas.

Thank you so much for taking time to do this for us. We will let you know when we publish it on the website - www.letterpressproject.co.uk.

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