



Letterpress Young Reader Interviews

An Interview With Boden (aged 7)

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

I think I remember a special book called 'Let's Find Fred' which I read nearly every day with daddy and it was very funny. I liked lots of books especially by Julia Donaldson like 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and 'The Singing Mermaid' and 'The Smartest Giant in Town' but I can't remember all the titles.

Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?

I really love comic books at the moment like 'Bunny versus Monkey', 'Dogman', 'Tom Gates', 'The Wimpy Kid', 'Barb' and 'Tin Tin'. I like the Harry Potter stories a lot, especially when daddy reads them to me because he does good voices for the different characters like Hagrid. Not like my Nanna Karen but she does try! I do like other books as well like 'When the Whales came' by Michael Morpurgo because we read it in my class.

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

My favourite best illustrator is Chris Riddell because of his drawing style. Sometimes they are a bit creepy and funny like the moose in a costume in the Ottoline books. I'm quite good at drawing the Mr Munro character because I practise a lot. I enjoyed meeting Chris Riddell in Oxford and he told me to draw every day to get better. I also like authors like Jeremy Strong because he tells funny stories like 'My Brothers Famous Bottom'. I also like Jamie Smart.

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

At school we have reading time every day and we can borrow 2 library books every week - I like comedy books. My daddy collects books so I can always look at them from his shelves, but only if I am very careful because they are quite valuable especially first edition signed hardback ones. At home I sometimes read about 4 books or comics every day. I like to read in the morning if I wake up early and at bedtime because I sometimes have a light by my bed so I can read even later than my brother. Sometimes I read Bunny versus Monkey books to my brother in bed.

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

I have at least 300 books that I share with my brother. Some are on shelves in my bedroom and some old ones are kept up in the attic and there's some downstairs as well. I think that my most special book at the moment that I read a lot is the 'Among Us Gaming Guide' because it shows me how to do stuff on the computer. But I do like lots of other books too.