

An Interview With Olivia (aged 10)

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

I remember first reading a book by myself by Nick Sharratt called *Ketchup on your Cornflakes?* when I was about five or six. Then I went to watch him and Julia Donaldson in Glasgow. I remember going to Seven Stories in Newcastle when I was five and getting dressed up as the Gruffalo. I can remember mummy and daddy reading picturebooks to me when I was little. *The Snail and the Whale* was of my favourites.

Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?

I like reading novels best. I can read the same book again and again. I like non-fiction as well. I like reading about science.

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

My favourite author is Jacqueline Wilson. I have read lots of her books.

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

I read quite often. I usually read at bedtime and sometimes during the day and at school.

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

I have lost count of how many books we have in the house. We have way over 100 children's books! My most prized possession is my encyclopaedia.