

An Interview With Torin (aged 7)

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

There was a clock book made of card that I liked because it helped me to learn the time. I loved 'Snail and the Whale' because we repeated it every day so I got to know it very well. Daddy used to read it to me with my brother and mommy and there was also a song, but I've forgotten it. Nanna and my dad were always giving me books even when I was a baby. 'Wow Said the Owl' was also really good. One about a cat with an ice cream on its head was a favourite of mine- I think his name was Keith. I liked one called 'Lets Find Fred' because I had to find a panda on every page.

Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?

My favourites are comic books because I've read them to myself for most of my life. I like reading book series like 'Looshkirl' and 'Bunny versus Monkey' and 'Mega Robo Bros'.

ND Stevenson is very creative and my brother had a book called '*Nimona'* by him for his birthday and I have read it over ten times. I also like reading *Beano* and *Dandy* annuals because they are funny.

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

I love Jamie Smart because he is really good at drawing and does lots of comic books. I also like Neil Cameron because he writes about robots who save the world.

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

I read every day. I like to read at night in my room on the floor but sometimes I read at the table - even in a restaurant. Once I read my book while scooting but it was hard.

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

I already have four collections of books in my bedroom, 'Cat Kid Comic Club', 'Bunny Versus Monkey', 'Barb the Brave' and others. My forty two year old dad is a book collector and has more than five hundred children's books but my nanna has more than ten thousand at her house.

My best book has to be 'Nimona' by ND Stevenson.

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