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TOPIC: READING

Find the right books for your personality

One of our members suggested we ran a quiz on the way your personality influences the books you read, so we have done just that. We asked three famous authors - Jacqueline Wilson, Mike Rosen and Michelle Paver - what they liked as children and why:

Jacqueline Wilson liked reading realistic family stories where she could feel part of the fictional families. She was an only child and books like *Little Women* and *Ballet Shoes* by Noel Streatfeild gave her a chance to read about the brothers and sisters she longed for.

Michael Rosen, meanwhile, says he liked the idea of being in another world - one which he couldn't possibly travel to in real life, but that was close enough for him to believe he could. For that reason he loved historical fiction - he liked old castles and old places.

Like Jacqueline Wilson, he looked to his favourite characters for companionship. "When I was reading I liked to be in that other world; believing in it, believing that I was a companion to whoever I liked in the book," he says.

Michelle Paver had a taste for the wild and exciting. She read books set in the forests, mountains and islands of Finland and couldn't get enough of Greek, Norse and Ancient Egyptian myths, which she found "simply the most exciting, violent and beautiful stories I'd ever read".

Of course, there are no hard and fast rules linking personality and reading preference. Just because you are a bit of a dreamer you won't always enjoy a good romance. But, chances are that if you love history at school you will enjoy reading historical fiction and if you're a bit of a thrill seeker (the type who likes the ghost ride at fairs), you will enjoy a spine-tingling mystery novel.

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