

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

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Vox Pop - Books - Video Transcript

Matthew: My favourite types of books are mystery and thriller books.

Simon: I like non-fiction books, reference books, particularly about science. Books about evolution or genetics interest me.

Kathryn: I like reading modern fiction, the classics, poetry, and biographies.

Katie: I like lots of types of books; I like adventure books, detective books, but I guess my favourite sort of books are plays.

Cameron: My favourite type of books are fantasy books because I've always liked books about different worlds.

Amy: My favourite types of books are futuristic sci-fi novels and books with a political message. I've always liked those types of books because they're so imaginative and exciting and give us an idea of what the future could be like.

Simon: I like books about science because I'm interested in science. I ended up being a science teacher and I find that I... if I stay on top of changes in science it makes me better able to teach the children.

Matthew: My favourite book is *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. It's really well-written, there are loads of twists in the plot and the ending is a complete surprise. *The Da Vinci Code* starts in Paris where a man has been murdered, there's a symbol on his body and the main character of the novel has to find out what's going on.

Amy: My favourite book is *1984*, by George Orwell, because it gives a really powerful message about society, and it's really interesting and exciting. I would recommend *1984* because of the interesting and strong political message, and if you love futuristic and sci-fi novels, you should read this book.

Cameron: My favourite author is Tolkien. I love his books because of the imagination that he has, he can create these incredible storylines.

Katie: My favourite play is *Party Time* by Harold Pinter because it's very confusing and you never really understand what's going on, but I really love that.

Cameron: *The Lord of the Rings* is set in a fantasy world. It's about a group of characters who are on a quest to save the world. The main themes are friendship, corruption, and loyalty. If you like books where you can get really involved with the characters and interested in the story, then this is the book for you.

Kathryn: My favourite author is Emily Brontë. *Wuthering Heights* is a powerful love story. It's about Cathy and Heathcliff who meet when they're young and fall in love. Cathy marries somebody else though, but she still loves Heathcliff and it is a story about their relationship.

Simon: My favourite book would be *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, by Douglas Adams. I really like this book because it's very funny; it's very creative. The author takes a very ordinary character and puts him in some very unusual situations.

Katie: If you like *Wuthering Heights*, then you'll love books by Andrea Levy. She's a modern fiction writer who has written *The Long Song* and *Small Island*. These are wonderful books about relationships and about real people, and about what happens to real people in the world today.

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Simon: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* is set in space. It follows the story of one man from Earth who finds out that a friend of his is an alien and as his planet, the Earth, is destroyed he gets taken on an adventure with his friend through space.

Cameron: I was disappointed by a lot of the books I read at school because I was forced to read them, and I found the storylines boring and too complicated.

Kathryn: Yes, I have read a disappointing book recently and I didn't finish it. I didn't finish it because the characters were so bad, and the plot was not convincing.

Matthew: We read some classic novels at school that I found quite boring, especially *The Great Gatsby*, because I just didn't engage with the storyline at all.

Amy: I recently read a sci-fi novel which was disappointing because the plot wasn't as exciting as I thought it would be, and the characters weren't believable.