

Letterpress Young Reader Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH ALEX (aged 8)

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

My first book was 'The very Hungry Caterpillar' when I was just one - I think it was for my birthday. I found it quite funny - I liked all the colours. My mum is a childminder so she has lots of books like that one.

Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?

I found one today that I like called 'Tyron and the Swamp Gang' which is about a boy who is in a mischievous dinosaur gang wearing bandannas. The teacher is blind but he has a good sense of smell which means he can find out things. I liked it when Tyron and his gang put hot larva rocks in front of the teacher's door! I like lots of exciting things going on and good pictures help to make me laugh.

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

Not really but I love all funny authors and I do like Roald Dahl

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

Not too often but every day at school. I sometimes read a story at home with my mum and dad before I go to bed. We are trying to find another one to read together

at the moment. My brother prefers playing on his computer just lately. I sometimes get up early in the morning and read books that are on my shelves above my bed.

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

Not really. I've got quite a lot of books at home. I would choose my Dirty Bertie book as my favourite at the moment because it makes me laugh, if I had to choose.

I think books are important because they can make people laugh and once I went to the library and made a new friend.