



Letterpress Young Reader Interviews

An Interview With Beth

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

My earliest memories of reading books go back as far as not being able to read at all! As a young child, I seemed to take an interest in just staring at these long words and pretty pictures, so intrigued and desperate to learn more.

Some books I remember in particular were the That's Not My books – I loved the textures and brilliant illustrations, they kept me entertained for hours on end.

Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?

Some of my favourite books are those that cross over genres – it adds huge effective variety. The same goes for authors – watching your favourite author write in the same way, yet in a different genre, is just fascinating. On a personal note, I would say my favourite types of books to read are fantasy literature, action-adventure, young adult thrillers, and a bit of sci-fi.

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

So many to chose from! However, if I had to list my top 3 favourite authors, they would most likely be Sophie McKenzie, Patrick Ness, and Alex Wheatle; I instantly fell in love with their books and their unique style of writing. While the element of

excitement and adventure lies, they are brilliantly emotive authors; expressing such a vast variety of feeling makes their stories that much better.

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

I read every day! For years, reading has just been something I do instinctively before bed, and sometimes in the early hours of the morning. From a personal perspective, reading before bed ensures a state of comfort and relaxation - having unwound from the day - and I find this state the easiest to be in to escape to another reality, one that the next page holds.

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

I certainly hope so! Our house is heaving with books – I would say that my total has fallen quite small in number after they have been passed on to others; I'd hope to share the experience that those books gave me to countless others.

As for my prized possession, it would have to be an old favourite book of mine, A Summer of No Regrets by Kate Mallinder, signed by the author!