

Letterpress Young Reader Interviews

# An Interview With Ethan (aged 8)

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

I can remember reading my first book when I was about three and a half years old I think with my mum. It was about some animals, it had flaps and I think it was called Dear Zoo. On World Book Day about two years ago they asked us to bring books we didn't need any more so I gave it away. I used to have lots of books with pictures in a special place in my bedroom and I used to look at them every day.

**Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?**

My favourite kind of books now are all the Harry Potters. I like them because there is always magic and Harry goes to Hogwarts which is a really good school with his friends. At the end of his eight years he has a battle with Lord Voldemort . I also like his scar because it looks cool and interesting. Ron Weasley has very interesting face in the films anyway and his worse fear is a giant spider in the book - I think that's in The Prisoner of Azkaban. Hermione is good because she is very intelligent and smart so when they all try to find the philosophers stone in a different story and they are trapped in a bunch of ropes Hermione, because she is always reading, knows how to escape. Harry's worst enemy is Draco Malfoy who always gets him into trouble. He is always laughing at Harry and Ron and keeps on being silly. Did you know Harry's very worst fear is Lord Voldemort in full power and the Dementors? There are lots things to discover in the Harry Potter books and all the people who have read the books wish that they could go to Hogwarts. My teacher helped me to like them because she has read each one of them ten times!

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

One is definitely J.K Rowling and also Roald Dahl because he believed in magic like Harry Potter. I have read Matilda and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory so far. I like people to read Roald Dahl out loud to me at bedtime.

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

I read every day at school and at home. My favourite time is I would say is in the evening when it's quiet before I go to bed. I usually read in my bedroom.

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

Yes I am going to collect forty six books every year but I need to keep books in a box or a cupboard if there's no space - or probably buy another bookcase. I would like to have more pop up books because they are 3D with good pictures. Harry Potter books are ones I will keep for ever because I like all of them.

I think if you read books they are better than films because you see lots of clues in what you are reading about and that makes the story makes sense especially in picture books.