

An Interview With Joseph (aged 8)

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

I think it was 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and I remember it when I was about one. But I see it a lot even now because my little cousins have it. I've also always enjoyed reading funny books from when I was very small.

Q2. What are your favourite kinds of books now?

I love 'Diary of the Wimpy Kid' because it's really funny. I've read two so far. He reminds me of me a lot. I love the way it is written - its slangy language and I like the style of the writing as well. And I enjoyed 'Billionaire Boy' because it's such a brilliant story. I also like listening to Roald Dahl books and Jeremy Strong books which are also quite funny with good characters.

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

Jeff Kinney of course and David Walliams – he is really famous.

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

Pretty much every day in school and my mum always makes me read at home, but she knows what I like. I usually read just after my tea or at bedtime about 7.30 for a while. Books are important because they can be very good fun.

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

I want all of the 'Diary of the Wimpy Kid' books of course so that I can pass them on to my little sister. They are all so good and I don't have a favourite one. I have quite a few other books at home but not sure how many.