

Letterpress Young Reader Interviews

# An Interview With Leah (aged 12)

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

My earliest memory of reading by myself is of a purple book which had a picture of a fox on the front. I read it when I was four and thought it was really exciting. I think there was a rabbit that died in it too. The first book I remember being read by my parents is Toddle Waddle by Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt, which I then read to my little sister when she was born. I liked the bit where I got to shout 'Stop!'.

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

I really enjoy reading spooky books and murder-mystery stories. I like them because they keep you guessing and you never know how they're going to end. One of my favourite series in Year 6 was Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens.

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

There are lots of authors I enjoy like Cathy MacPhail and Charlie Higson. I also like books by Malorie Blackman.

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

I read every day. I like reading before bed but I also read whenever I get a few minutes. I read at the same time as my sister. If I have time, I'll read in the morning too.

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

I'm really lucky and already have lots of books. I have two big bookshelves and think I have about 300 books. My prized possessions are the Zom-B series by Darren Shan and a signed book from the poet AF Harrold. I also have a signed copy of Varjak Paw by SF Said.