

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. BOOKS. TRANSCRIPT

Do generally read a lot of books or do you prefer watching TV?

I used to watch a lot of TV, particularly Netflix, but recently, I've been reading more and more books and as I read more, I watch less and less TV. I usually come home from work, make a cup of tea, sit on my sofa and then read books there, so that has really taken over my habit of watching tv.

What kind of books do you like to read?

I like to read a variety of books, but I particularly like fantasy, fiction. So fantasy, when I talk about fantasy, I'm meaning things like Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, these are kind of new landscapes with strange types of creatures and magic, it helps me escape from my normal life, so that's the type of books I really like to read.

Part 2 Question. Describe a book that you have read which you would like to read again.

I'd like to tell you about my favourite book The Hobbit. I first came across this book about 15 years ago. I was quite young. I was perhaps 14 or 15. My father recommended it to me and said it's a really, it's a classic novel. I read it and it was one of the first sort of more adult books that I managed to read cover to cover. It was amazing. It was a real page turner, and it really changed the way that I read books as well. It kind of gave me this new habit of reading because it was so exciting.

Let me tell you a little more about The Hobbit. The Hobbit is about this creature called a Hobbit who goes on this adventure to a mountain. So the whole book is basically following him on this adventurous quest. Where he goes to a mountain to defeat a dragon and rescue all of the treasure. So it's a pretty basic story.

We've heard that in in Multiple other stories, but is so well written and it quickly became my favourite book. I can't say it's my favourite book now, but it's definitely in my top 10 and it leads onto another great book called The Lord of the Rings, which is another book that I've read a lot. It's also, I would say that it really changed my thinking about writing a story and kind of creative thinking. So was quite an influential book for me. In the future, I hope to read more books like the Hobbit. So I'm always searching for more books from the same author or within the same genre.

VOCABULARY

adventurous (adjective) - willing to try new things and take risks.

classic (adjective) - very good and liked for a long time.

creature (noun) - a living thing, real or imaginary, like an animal.

dragon (noun) - a large imaginary animal with wings that breathes fire.

fantasy (noun) - stories or ideas that come from imagination, not real life.

genre (noun) - a type of book, film, or music.

habit (noun) - something you do often without thinking.

influence (noun) - the power to change how someone thinks or acts.

landscape (noun) - everything you can see across a wide area of land.

novel (noun) - a long story written in a book.

page turner (noun) - a book that is so exciting you want to keep reading.

quest (noun) - a long journey or search for something important.

treasure (noun) - valuable things like gold, silver, or jewels.