

KIM GRIFFITHS ENGLISH. DESCRIBING A GOOD BOOK. TRANSCRIPT

We have good book expressions. So, if you like the book, these are the expressions.

If a book is so interesting that you want to read it all the time and you keep picking it up whenever you have a spare minute, we can say:

"I couldn't put it down!"

That's when you're thinking,

"Oh! Just give me five more minutes - I know I'm late, but I'm coming, and I'm reading my book!"

"I couldn't put it down" is when we just keep wanting to read. We could also say:

"It was a real page-turner."

This means that I kept turning the pages because it was so interesting!

We have the cover of the book and the pages, right? So, if it's a real page-turner, I'm going:

"The next page, the next page, the next page..."

So, it was good. It was gripping.

If we think about the meaning of to grip, it means to hold something very tightly. So, it means the book held my attention, and I was really focused on it.

If a book is gripping, it's like a thriller - exciting or scary - and you want to know what's going to happen.

So, gripping is when you're really focused on it, thinking:

"What's going to happen?"

Then, we have:

"I was engrossed in the book."

To be engrossed in something means that our full attention is focused on one thing.

So, if I'm engrossed in Game of Thrones, I'm there, watching it, not listening to anybody else. Here, we have:

"I was engrossed in the book."

It was like: Ah! I'm thinking about it. Yes?

Some more adjectives we can use that are positive:

Life-like – If it's a drama or story set in the real world (not science fiction with robots), we can say it's life-like. It's like everyday life, and I can feel what it's like.

Thought-provoking – This means that after reading, I start thinking about the ideas in the book, reflecting on my own life, or just thinking in general.

Thought-provoking – It makes me think.

Spell-binding – A spell is magic, so spell-binding means I was enchanted by it. I was enjoying it a lot – it was beautiful, fantastic.

My attention was completely there. It was spell-binding. I was in another world.

So, those are positive things to say about a book.