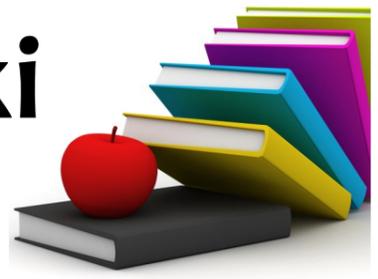


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When do you do your reading?

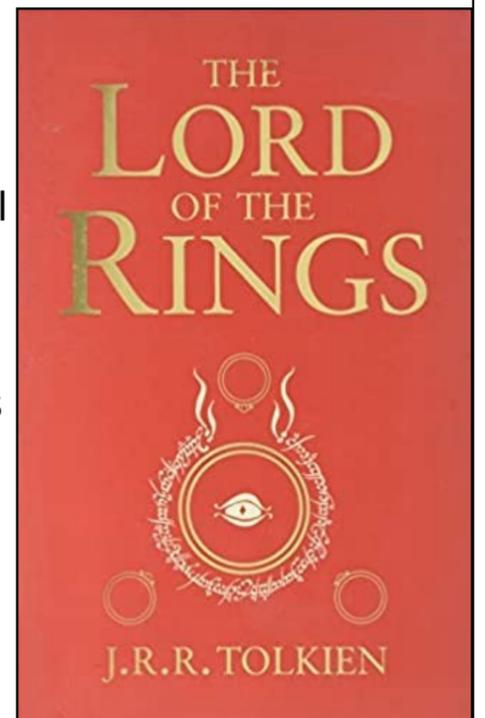
I quite often use a Kindle on my phone so I will read a few pages when I'm in a que or waiting for my daughter at Brownies or giving my son a bath! Otherwise I tend to read every night before bed. I also listen to audio books when driving or walking my dog.



What is your favourite book ?

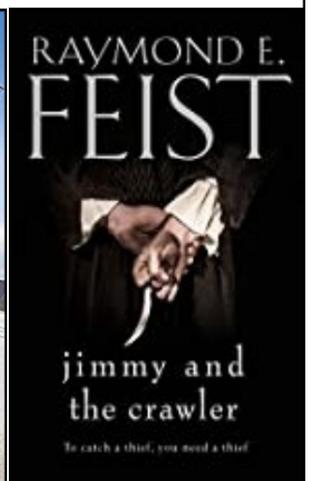
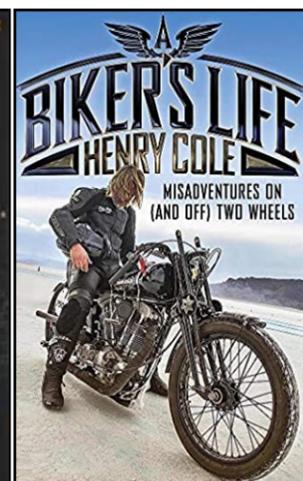
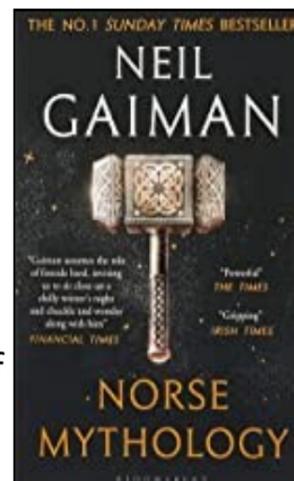
JRR Tolkien's **The Lord of the Rings** is possibly the greatest book ever written in my humble opinion. The depth and creativity that Tolkien demonstrates in creating characters, races, language and maps is breath taking. I love the poems and songs he includes as part of his stories. I first read this book at about aged 10 and have read it about 15 times since! I have always had a love of fantasy and as a child (and still today when I can) I loved imagining adventures in dangerous lands with great heroes and monsters. I loved Greek legends, Viking myths, old classics such as **Moby Dick**, **Call of the Wild** and even **Bible** stories growing up but Tolkien was always the best of them all.

My favourite when reading to my own children is **Dr Seuss**, I loved it as a kid and I find the challenging tongue twisters have improved their reading. He's a great artist as well!



What are you currently reading?

I read obsessively so I tend to juggle several books at once depending on my mood. I am currently reading **Neil Gaiman's** rewriting of **Norse Mythology**, a biography by **Henry Cole: Biker's Life, Misadventures on (and off two wheels)**, and **Raymond Feist's Jimmy and the Crawler** which is a fantasy book in the style of Tolkien.



Any advice for young people re reading habits?

Get a kindle on your phone it suits young people's desire for convenience and you never know if you are bored you might read a few pages and before you know it, you've read a book!