

The Love of Books

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It's been a long time since I read my first book about Dick and Jane and "See Spot Run." What a wonderful feeling when I realized I could read and understand the storyline. Then I graduated to encyclopedias. I still remember when I bought my first set from the salesperson knocking at my front door. The World Encyclopedia was one of my favorites. It could be because of the color: Deep Green and Ivory. It was well used and enjoyed by all the family. This set was restricted to the house, because we invariably always lost at least one volume from each of the other sets. My children remember me carrying on like I had monomania when one went missing. Finally, when I became an empty nester, I wanted the set to remain in the family so I gave it to my daughter Julie who writes novels. Of course these days no one seems to need these special books anymore since they have the internet to find out anything one needs.

Throughout the years, I have read hundreds of books and will continue to enjoy them while my mind cooperates. I pray that they never stop publishing regular books!