

Childhood Favourites.

Do you remember a childhood book that you loved? Was there one book you wanted to read over and over again? Well, I decided to ask different people across the Boundary what their favourites childhood books were. In the next few articles I'll let people answer in their own words...

Christy Luke - CBAL Adult Literacy Coordinator

"It was a series of books my parents had called My Bookhouse Books. There must have been a dozen in the series and they were big and thick. I guess that's why I liked them because I could read a story out of there and even though it was easy to read, it didn't look like a kid's book...it was a "big book." The books must have had graduated levels of difficulty because I remember reading really simple and short stories to long chapter stories...and while I can't for the life of me remember a single specific title, I do remember liking them all. When I think back on how I learned to read, that series of books on our living room bookshelf stands out for me.

Ed MacLeod- Artistic director of the Greenwood Festival of the Arts

One magazine that had a great influence on my life was the National Geographic. Our Grade 3 class had many, and I often selected them as my reading choice. I believe my desire to become a wildlife biologist stemmed from those beautiful magazines.

When I was 5-8, I read and loved most of the Dr. Seuss books, which were in my cousin's house. I made a point of going there overnight so I could indulge myself in the books. I loved the rhyming, and the artistry, and would read them over and over. There was one I remember in particular, which has since been banned, yep banned, and I believe it was called "Admirals and Generals". It was a left-wing spoof on the military. Try to find it on a listing of Dr. Seuss books, and it will not be there.

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