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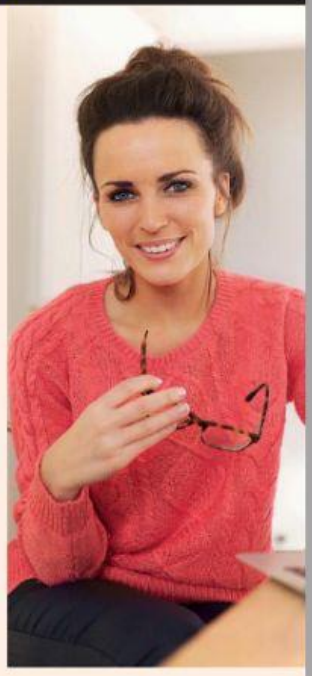
READING 5

MY Magazine

5 question interviews: Rachel Carter, author

A _____?

You need to ask my readers that question! I think there are a lot of romance books aimed at girls and action books that are written for boys, but I think teenagers like my books as mystery stories are interesting for both sexes. I don't believe boys' and girls' interests are as different as television and adverts suggest. I think they also like the fact that the teenagers are always smarter than the adults in my books!



B _____?

I first got interested in writing when I was a student. I regularly wrote short stories for the university magazine. Then I got a job helping in a summer club for teenagers and I saw what kind of books they were reading. It was after that, in my job as a teaching assistant, that I began writing for this younger age group, rather than adults.

C _____?

Absolutely. I know a lot of people worry that it's bad for books, but I don't agree. I think digital books have got a lot of teenagers reading more. Young people love using their phones and tablets, and e-books offer teenagers lots of different ways to read. I think as writers we have to accept that times have changed and that the new generation of readers want a more digital experience.

D _____?

I have much more contact with my readers now. Before, I didn't use to communicate much with them, sometimes I'd receive a letter or two but now, as I have a website and I write a blog, we're always in touch. At first, I must admit I wasn't very keen on creating my own website as I thought it would be too much extra work. Now I love it! I really enjoy the fact that teenagers write on my website and tell me what they think of a book. I really believe this helps me create better books as I have a clearer idea of what kinds of subjects and characters interest teenagers.

E _____?

I'm not sure, I hope they don't. I love e-books and I think the future for e-books is very exciting, as I believe they will develop and become more interactive. However, I think people will always like to have a bookcase full of their favourite books in their living room. I really enjoy spending time looking round old bookshops and I still think there's something special about looking through the pages of a very old book.

1 **Read the magazine interview quickly. Match the questions (1–5) to Rachel's answers (A–E).**

1 Do you think technology has changed the way teenagers read?
2 Why do you think your books are so popular?
3 Do you think e-books will ever replace paper books?
4 When did you start writing books for teenagers?
5 How have you changed as a writer?

2 **Read the interview again and choose the correct options to complete the sentences.**

1 Rachel thinks her books are so popular because
   - A her stories interest both boys and girls.
   - B adverts on television sell them well.
   - C everyone loves action and romance.
2 Rachel started writing books for teenagers
   - A when she worked at a summer club.
   - B when she was at university.
   - C when she was working in a school.
3 Rachel thinks teenagers
   - A are less interested in books now.
   - B read more because of e-books.
   - C prefer using their phones than reading.
4 When Rachel started creating her website
   - A she was very excited.
   - B she asked her readers for suggestions.
   - C she wasn't sure it was a good idea.
5 Technology has helped Rachel
   - A write more interesting books.
   - B have more contact with other writers.
   - C create more websites about books.
6 Rachel thinks e-books
   - A will replace paper books.
   - B are better than paper books.
   - C will be different in the future.
7 Rachel believes that people
   - A want to keep paper books in their home.
   - B will stop buying paper books in the future.
   - C don't visit bookshops anymore.

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