

1 Look at the pictures of the books and try to guess what they are about. Read the texts quickly to check your ideas.

BOOKS TO MAKE YOU laugh this summer

We asked three readers to tell us about a funny book they enjoyed – here's what they told us.

A NATALIE



My mum bought this for me for my birthday and I knew from the picture on the front and the title that I was going to love it. I read it in just two days and I was really sad when I got to the end. The story is about a girl who has to help her family by getting back some stolen paintings – I found it really exciting! I'm now a huge fan of the author, Ally Carter – I have all her other books on my shelf ready for the summer.



B HEIDI

In my opinion, this is one of the funniest books ever written for teenagers. It's about a 15-year-old boy who wants to start a rock band, but the adults in his life all try to stop him. Nothing goes right for him until the very end of the story. The writer is also an artist and the clever drawings on each page help the story along. Unfortunately, the cover makes it look like it's for little kids, which is a shame as it might stop some teenagers from picking it up.

C DAVINA



I got this book for a great price in my local store. It's a funny story about a terrible girl who has to learn to be a better person. It's the first time I've tried this kind of book, but I really enjoyed it. Of course, it's not perfect – I wasn't happy with what happens in the last few pages. But it was a lot of fun, and I think I'll probably read more like it in the future.



PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading Part 2

2 For each question, choose the correct answer. Write A for Natalie, B for Heidi or C for Davina.

1 Who didn't like the way the book ended?

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

2 Who plans to read more books by the same writer?

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

3 Who explains where she bought the book?

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

4 Who thought the pictures inside were excellent?

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

Who says the book is different from what she usually reads?

5 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

Who thinks some people may get the wrong idea about the book?

6 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

Who says it didn't take her long to read the book?

7 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

1 Read the texts quickly. What kind of books do the boys read?

Uri: _____

Ned: He _____

Mike: _____, _____, _____

What do you read?

Three students tell us about what they read

Uri

I read a lot but it's not story books that I read. I'm a mountain climber at weekends, and I read two or three magazines a month about my sport. There are some great books about it, too – I'd like to write one myself in the future. It's only since I've been a climber that I've started reading in my free time. Before that, I didn't enjoy it much. I sometimes go on climbing websites, but I don't like reading a lot of text on a screen.



Mike

I've always read a lot, ever since I was a young boy, and I always will. I read all kinds of things, from comics to science magazines.

I also download a lot of funny ebooks and keep them on my tablet, which I take everywhere. It's great having hundreds of books on that because then, when I'm waiting for a bus or I'm bored at lunchtime, I can read one. I read things online too, but that's usually finding information for homework.



Ned

I read school textbooks but I've never picked up a book to read for fun. My parents gave me lots of books to read when I was young but I wasn't really interested.

Perhaps I will be when I'm older, but at the moment, I spend a lot of time reading online. I can't take my phone to school, but I look at the news at least once a day on my phone, and I like reading about what my friends are doing.



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Reading Part 2

2 For each question, choose the correct answer.
Write *U* for Uri, *N* for Ned or *M* for Mike.

- 1 Which person is happy to read books on a screen? _____
- 2 Which person thinks he might enjoy reading books more later in his life? _____
- 3 Which person prefers reading real books to reading digital books? _____
- 4 Which person reads a large variety of different things? _____



EXAM TIPS

- You must only choose one answer for each question.
- Don't think an answer is right just because you see the same word in the text and the question.



TALKING POINTS

Do you like reading? If yes, what sort of books?
What's the best book you've ever read?