

BETTY SONG [Chinese]

There is nothing I like more than curling up with a good book. I like all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_—novels, general fiction, short stories . . . I also read a lot of books written by Japanese authors, translated into Chinese. My \_\_\_\_\_ author, though, is Chang Ailing. She is a very famous author from China. Her work has inspired women for many \_\_\_\_\_.

I like to read whenever I have a bit of quiet time—like \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning or during lunch hour—and at night when I’m lying in bed. I usually read in a small room next to my living room. It’s like a small \_\_\_\_\_ with good natural sunlight. I really don’t enjoy reading in coffee shops or other \_\_\_\_\_ places. I need a quiet space to read. For me, reading is a spiritual experience that gives me great \_\_\_\_\_ satisfaction. Television and movies can’t do that. I can’t understand why anyone doesn’t enjoy reading. I can’t think of any better way to relax, to \_\_\_\_\_ the pressure of each day.

SILVIO FERRANTE [Spanish] I really like to keep up with the \_\_\_\_\_. I get the paper delivered on weekends, so that’s when I enjoy reading it most. Pretty much from the first to the last page. During the week I enjoy skimming through the \_\_\_\_\_ in a café. But the weekend is the \_\_\_\_\_ time. There’s nothing like lying in bed with the paper, a good cup of coffee, and some croissants or toast. Or when the \_\_\_\_\_ is nice, sitting in the garden and reading about what’s going on in the world. And, well, I have to admit, one of my favorite places to read is in the, um, well, \_\_\_\_\_ . . . I can spend a good half hour there reading the paper. Aside from newspapers, I really enjoy stopping at newsstands and spending about five or ten minutes browsing through \_\_\_\_\_. And, of course, I also enjoy going to book

shops and checking out the latest novels. Particularly \_\_\_\_\_ novels. I just can't seem to read enough of those.

MELISSA WHITE I don't really consider myself to be a big \_\_\_\_\_ because I don't actually read a lot of books. Most of the reading I do is either on the Internet—or in newspapers. I can't start my day without \_\_\_\_\_ through the newspaper during breakfast, checking out what's going on in local news, or maybe what's going on in \_\_\_\_\_. Mainly I just look for the \_\_\_\_\_ that look interesting, and I save them for later when I get back home from work. Then I like to \_\_\_\_\_ up on the sofa with my newspaper and a good cup of tea. The truth is I don't have a lot of time for reading books. And I don't have a lot of interest in reading them. Once in a while, I'll read one of the best-sellers, or a good \_\_\_\_\_ novel. But I spend a lot more time surfing the Internet, checking out my favorite blogs. That's where I get my information from—and my \_\_\_\_\_. It works for me.