

“The book is a film that takes place in the mind of the reader. That's why we go to movies and say, "Oh, the book is better.”

—Paulo Coelho—



THE BENEFITS OF READING TO YOUR NEWBORN



Reading is an addiction that parents should encourage well before their babies first birthday. The bonding experience is unbeatable. When you read to children, they are getting your full attention and that's what they just love. Nothing, no TV show or toy, is better than that.

Reading to babies is also a great way to immerse them in the sounds and rhythms of speech.

Read [more](#) to discover all the wonderful benefits of reading to your newborn.

OH, BY THE WAY...

1. If you would like to know the secret to a long life, just click [here](#) to see what it takes. Nothing to do with diet, exercise or good habits simply read books!
2. The book recommendations this time are of a superior level. I know this as I have read six of the following books myself and thoroughly enjoyed all of them. Here is the list of recommended books.

TITLE / AUTHOR

[Birds Without Wings](#)/ Louis de Bernières

[The Picture of Dorian Gray](#)/Oscar Wilde

[Casino Royale](#)/Ian Fleming

[The Tin Roof Blowdown](#)/James Lee Burke

[Maybe Someday](#)/Colleen Hoover

[The Year of the Runaways](#)/Sunjeev Sahota

[The Time Keeper](#)/Mitch Albom

[Gorky Park](#)/Martin Cruz Smith
[The Marriage of Opposites](#)/Alice Hoffman
[The Girl Who Chased the Moon](#)/Sarah Addison Allen
[The Book Thief](#)/Markus Zusak
[Not Without my Daughter](#)/Betty Mahmoody
[Twist of Gold](#)/Michael Morpurgo
[Cuckold](#)/Kiran Nagarkar

Anything you want to recommend to us? Simply list yours on question #11 of our quiz, or drop us a line and we will include it. We often have a copy of the recommended books, but we can't promise. Many thanks for our contributors' input.

3. An author who has been around for a long time and written almost 20 books is Carl Hiaasen, He is unique in his field of work - humour. Always good for a laugh and even good for a movie. A number of his books have been turned into movies as his style of writing seems to fit the big screen. We are featuring Hiaasen this time as his latest book, Razor Girl, has reached number 9 on the New York Times bestseller list. Also, read the review below from Times.

QUIZ RESULTS - SUBJECT TO A ROYAL TEST

The quiz #52 winners were **Reem, Martin, Jelena, Edeh** and **Nikita**. Congratulations!

I really enjoyed making up quizzes like this one. You come up with an idea and then you just fill in the blanks. Once we decided Royalty was to be the subject then it was just a piece of cake filling in the appropriate book for the appropriate title. We hope you enjoyed it.

The following are the correct answers:

1. A 1993 novel by Alex Haley based on the life of his paternal grandmother: a sequel to his international bestseller "Roots." /[Queen](#)
2. An 1885 classic novel by the Victorian adventure writer H. Rider Haggard featuring Allan Quatermain as the main protagonist. /[King Solomon's Mines](#)
3. A scandalous D.H. Lawrence 1928 novel published privately in Italy. It was not published openly in the United Kingdom until 1960. /[Lady Chatterley's Lover](#)
4. The first of a trilogy by Jean Sasson. This 1988 book follows the life of a niece to the king of Saudi Arabia/[Princess](#)
5. Another literary classic novel by Alexandre Dumas written in 1844. /[Count of Monte Cristo](#)
6. An Amanda Foreman novel, and 2008 movie starring Keira Knightly. /[The Duchess](#)
7. A 1943 novel by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. Voted best book of the 20th century in France. /[The Little Prince](#)
8. A Hilary Mantel novel and 2009 Booker Prize all about the most renowned British King - Henry VIII - and his second wife, Jane Seymour. /[Wolf Hall](#)
9. The very first Ian Fleming novel featuring James Bond, written in 1953, over 60 years ago. /[Casino Royale](#)
10. A novel written by Joseph Conrad in 1899 and ranked 85th by the Modern Library on its list of 100 best English language novels. /[Lord Jim](#)

And now for quiz #53 **TRIVIAL PURSUIT #3**. The Quiz this time has no particular theme. We basically collected a number of famous, and not so famous, authors and/or books. You will notice five of the answers are books and five of the answers are authors so you can't go too far wrong. You will see what we mean when you go to the quiz. Submit your answers and don't forget question #11 - a title of one of your favourite books to add to our inventory of good reads. Good luck, you know the routine - a prize of A) bundle book, or B) cup of coffee - to the first 5 winners. Go to [our website](#) and click on 'The Quiz', **REMEMBER, OUR WEBSITE IS NOW MOBILE FRIENDLY!!** Fill in your name and address. Many thanks for your participation.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER LIST 02/10/16

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN, by Paula Hawkins. A psychological thriller set in the environs of London is full of complications and betrayals. Read Review 2. COMMONWEALTH, by Ann Patchett. Five decades in the lives of two families — parents, children, siblings, stepchildren — remade by divorce. 3. PIRATE, by Clive Cussler and Robin Burcell. Sam and Remi Fargo pursue an ancient treasure. 4. THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS, by M. L. Stedman. An Australian lighthouse keeper and his wife decide to keep a baby who has washed | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. APPRENTICE IN DEATH, by J. D. Robb. Lt. Eve Dallas of the N.Y.P.D. calls on the technological expertise of her husband when three skaters are shot by a sniper. 7. A MAN CALLED OVE, by Fredrik Backman. A curmudgeon's gruff exterior masks a generosity of spirit. Originally published in Sweden in 2014. 8. WELL HUNG, by Lauren Blakely. The witty and wealthy Wyatt marries his off-limits assistant after a drunken spree in Las Vegas. 9. RAZOR GIRL, by Carl Hiaasen. The ex-cop Andrew Yancy from "Bad Monkey" gets involved in a kidnapping gone wrong. Read Review |
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5. [AN OBVIOUS FACT](#), by Craig Johnson. Sheriff Walt Longmire and his friend Henry Standing Bear investigate a motorcycle accident. The basis of the Netflix series.

10. **THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**, by Colson Whitehead. A teenage girl heads north on the network that helped slaves to escape to freedom, envisioned in this novel as a secret system of actual tracks and tunnels. [Read Review](#)

Click [here](#) for the complete list

Our winner for Newsletter #53

The subscriber who wins a free bundle book this time is **Hani Merchant**. Congratulations Hani, please drop us a note to say where and when you want to choose your bundle book.

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