What’s your Reading Doorway?

A good book is a book that you enjoy. Understanding your Reading Doorway can help you choose books that you’ll love reading. Answer these questions first, then turn the page over.

1. What books have you read where the story was your favourite part?

2. Who are your favourite book characters?

3. What are your favourite settings for books (place and/or time)?

4. What books have you read that you thought were beautifully written?

**Which question was the easiest for you to answer?**

Story

If question 1 was easiest, your reading doorway might be **story**. You love an engaging plot that keeps you turning the pages to find out what happens next.

When you finish a book you loved, you might say, ‘I couldn’t put it down!’  
  
What to look for on book covers: ‘adventure’, ‘mystery’, ‘page-turner’, ‘thrilling’.

Character

If question 2 was easiest, your reading doorway might be **character**. You love getting to meet fascinating people and other creatures through books.

When you finish a book you loved, you might say, ‘I miss spending time with that character!’  
  
What to look for on book covers: ‘hero’, ‘memoir’, ‘coming of age’, ‘relatable’.

Setting

If question 3 was easiest, your reading doorway might be **setting**. You love exploring new worlds, cultures, and time periods through your reading – or maybe you like to see the places you already know come to life on the page.

When you finish a book you loved, you might say, ‘I wish I could travel to that place!’  
  
What to look for on book covers: ‘historical’, ‘future’, names of interesting places, ‘I felt like I was there’.

Language

If question 4 was easiest, your reading doorway might be **language**. You love getting swept up in the melody of beautiful words and well-crafted sentences.

When you finish a book you loved, you might say, ‘The writing was so beautiful, it made me want to slow down and take in every word!’  
  
What to look for on book covers: ‘beautiful’, ‘poetry’, ‘savour’, ‘lyrical’, ‘enchanting’.

Great books have multiple doorways, but some might be bigger than others.   
The next time you read a fantastic book, ask yourself: Which doorway did **you** use to enter the story?