

Do You Reread Your Favorite Books?

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I have a few all-time favorite books and book series that I reread almost once a year. To many people this might seem odd, especially to those who are avid readers and know how extensive one's TBR (to be read) list can get. Why would you reread when there are so many books out there to be read and so little time to do so?

Personally, I find going back and rereading my favorites to be incredibly therapeutic. But I don't just reread them for the nostalgia they bring. There are many reasons that I have books that I take the time to reread almost annually. Sometimes, I do reread simply for the nostalgia and just to recapture the magic certain books can bring. Sometimes, I just want to get lost in an old world with a new perspective this time around. Especially after conversing about certain books or after watching a movie adaptation. Other times, I reread just because I know I will like how a book will end. After reading too many books with sad or unsatisfying endings, all I want is the comfort from a book I already know will make me happy when it is finished. And some days, I just need to know there is going to be a happy ending. Plus, my personal bookshelf is only so big. I need to be sure that the books I do keep are worth the space!

Here are my top three must reread books. If you are curious about them, you can find them on the Kirkland Town Library's shelves or borrow one of your old favorites you might not have reread in a while.

3. "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen. I reread this book regularly just because I love it. It is a book that makes me happy and I know I will enjoy the whole way through. It is a perfect book to reread when I want something happy and fun.

2. "Is it Just Me?" by Miranda Hart. I can reread this book anytime. I love to reread it when I need a good laugh and when I need someone I can relate to!

1. The Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling. Harry Potter is likely at the top of a lot of people's list of favorite books. And to me it makes sense. These books check off all my reasons for rereading. You cannot beat the magic and nostalgia these books bring and I love trying to find something new in them or reading them from a different view. There will always be space on my shelf for this series!

So, do you like to reread books?

Do you reread for the comfort a good book brings you or do you reread to look for new details you might have missed the first time around?

Have you ever been disappointed after rereading a favorite or wonder why it was even your favorite in the first place?