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# ***The Mithibai Chronicles***



The Mithibai Chronicles is a bimonthly newsletter of Mithibai College Jitendra Library. The main objective of this Newsletter is to provide information about New Arrivals and other library resources to library users. Additionally, it serves as a communication channel between a library and its users. Activities conducted in the library are communicated to the users via this Newsletter. The Mithibai Chronicles will surely quench the thirst of the young, vibrant minds of Mithibai College. We are sure that you will enjoy reading this Newsletter.

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केवल कुछ समय के लिए पुस्तकों को रटकर ज्ञान अर्जित न करे, बल्कि पुस्तकों को ध्यान से पढ़कर पूरी उम्र भर के लिए ज्ञान अर्जित करे।

## **Newsletter at a Glance**

In the current issue, we are publishing total 13 Essays (Essay No. 18-33) submitted by students for the Essay Writing Competition organised by Mithibai College Jitendra Library on 16th January 2025 under Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra Initiative. Remaining essays will be published in the forthcoming issues of the Mithibai Chronicles.



**Happy  
Reading!**



या कुन्देन्दुतुषारहारधवला या शुभ्रवस्त्रावृता।  
या वीणावरदण्डमण्डितकरा या श्वेतपद्मासना॥  
या ब्रह्माच्युत शंकरप्रभृतिभिर्देवैः सदा वन्दिता।  
सा मां पातु सरस्वती भगवती निःशेषजाड्यापहा॥१॥

अर्थात्

देवी सरस्वती जी अज्ञानाचा समूळ नाश करते ती आमचे रक्षण करो. ती देवी जी कुन्दाच्या फुलाप्रमाणे सतेज आहे. बर्फाप्रमाणे आणि दवबिंदूप्रमाणे दिसणाऱ्या मोत्यांच्या हाराप्रमाणे गौर शुभ्र वस्त्र धारण केलेली श्वेत कमळावर आसनस्थ आहे, तिने वीणा धारण केली आहे, आणि ब्रह्मा विष्णू व शंकरासारखे श्रेष्ठ देव ही तिला वंदन करतात, ती देवी सरस्वती आमचे रक्षण करो व आमच्यातील अहम समूळ नाश करो. (ही प्रार्थना).

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#### Academic Reading and Fun Reading

Reading is one of the most integral part of anyone's life. We learn to read before we learn to write. Everyone is always consciously or subconsciously reading at all times.

For some, reading is a hobby while for others, it is a compulsion. One has to study and to study, one has to read. Academic reading consists of reading textbooks, journals, research papers and it also includes learning and making notes. Fun reading is what one does in their free time as they enjoy the activity of reading. One immerses themselves in the imaginative world of dragons and castles as an escape while some enjoy the thrill or mystery that the author has woven in their sweaters of words. Some read romance and classics. There are various genres available.

There is a general perceived notion that academic reading is boring. Reading textbooks that contain vast and extensive content is considered draining and exhausting. Some argue that there are other mediums to learn like watching lecture videos, listening to audio books and many more but ultimately one has to go back to actually reading the "vast, boring" textbooks

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to learn and explore different details to a topic and make short notes.

Some people either do not like to read or prefer the 'fun' aspect of reading. A person who is unable to go through a textbook for a few minutes without dosing off, can sit for hours at crossroad or any other library reading fiction, fantasy, mythology, thriller, horror, romance or ~~myth~~ mystery and perceive it as a fun activity.

~~Reading other genres does help.~~

One can argue that there is not much difference between academic and fun reading.

In reality, the whole topic can be made into a Venn Diagram. Although there are differences in the domain of academic and fun reading, there is one overlapping sector that connects them all in a zone of ~~unity~~ unity.

The only significant difference between both forms of reading is the aspect of choice.

We are given a choice of different genres when it comes to fun reading and we can read what interests us. If we don't like the book, we can always stop and shift

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to the next choice which is not the case for academic reading. We have no choice but to read the prescribed book and author:

This can be changed like nowadays, students are given a list of books and authors by the universities and they have the freedom to research and explore the different books to their liking and understanding. There are even colourful and fun illustrations in academic reading material nowadays to catch the attention of the learner. The books are also published in different languages to make comfortable for the learners. If eliminating this criteria of compulsion ~~by~~ across all grades, academic reading can be made more interesting.

It is not that one does not learn from "fun reading" as well. One develops good vocabulary. Critical thinking skills can be developed by reading good mystery ~~and~~ and ~~novels~~ <sup>crime</sup> related books. One can develop great imaginative and creativity. We also ~~to~~ to some extent learn how to express our own opinions and thoughts in words which also help us in the academic domain like report writing, writing research

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papers and many more. The genre of science fiction is one that is based on actual scientific principles present in academic reading material. Sci-fi books have inspired so many young, intrigued minds to develop a scientific spirit and take up science courses later on in their life.

There are certain books that do not come in either of the category. Like biographies, autobiographies and religious books that are both fun and help us learn and get motivated in life. Reading about our role model or reading books about intricacies of life can be awe-inspiring and an eye opener. ~~It still~~ One of the <sup>shloka's</sup> quotes from 'The Bhagawat Greta' is still stuck with many young minds:

"कर्मणो विकारं कर्म यत्फलं कर्तव्यम् ।  
 मा कर्मफलहेतुर्बुधाः ते ~~अज्ञानाः~~  
 अज्ञानाः स्वकर्माणि ॥"

In this, Lord Krishna tells the world that one should focus on their duties and responsibilities without the greed of receiving something in return and he/she shall be

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rewarded for their actions.

~~Whether reading is fun or not depends upon~~

Whether reading is fun or not depends upon person to person. However, I feel there is a balance between fun and academic reading and they are interconnected in many avenues.

On that note, one must also manage a sense of balance between academic and fun reading. One must not only read textbooks or only read novels. They should indulge in both and occasionally blur the lines between them by making reading textbooks fun and learn values from 'fun books'.

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#### Reading for fun vs Academic Reading

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Reading, an activity that started out thousands of years ago when homo sapiens, the most intelligent species of ~~in~~ among human figured out that they can communicate using symbols & signs. The first form <sup>of communication</sup> however was purely verbal. Ancient Egyptians were the first ones to use images & symbols to write history, maintain accounts & use a systematic form of communication using a symbolic system. However, if we look at even earlier accounts of ~~of~~ images & handprints in caves where humans hid from predators & ~~hid~~ <sup>organised</sup> their family. We can see now humans wrote warnings, stories & did basic counting using handprints on the cave wall.

~~from the~~ ~~the~~ The fate of Reading completely changed in the last 500 years when the first printing ~~press~~ press was launched. Until then, almost all countries across the world were using leaves to write down information about ~~trade~~ & government administration. The use of leaves limited the scalability of ~~reading~~ but it laid the foundations of what was yet to come. ~~Once the printing press got used~~ A ~~new~~

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The printing press helped mass produce books & created a new industry, a new wave of reading which included topics like, stories, folk lore, scientific writing, Romantics, etc. This was first introduced in Europe & it spread like wild fire to the rest of the world.

Now that we understand the history of reading let's categorize reading into two major parts i.e. Reading for fun vs Academic Reading.

Reading for fun means to read as a way of relaxing, enjoying & being entertained. Reading was the only way people could visualize stories & before TV came into the picture & yet, the fun in reading is never faint.

Reading for fun has a lot of advantages. It helps to relieve stress, incredible ones, of other people in a calm & composed way. Reading also subtly helps to improve your grasp on the language. It also provides a platform to learn new words, understand & writing

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styles & learn about topics we would not usually learn in schools or colleges.

Reading is a powerful tool to improve on the visualization skill. When we are reading just for the fun of it, with no objective, it helps us have more fun with visualizing the stories & topics.

Reading for fun is usually done in a relaxing environment or just before sleeping. This environment creates a stress relieving environment & reading helps to improve mood.

The only disadvantage of Reading for fun can be if someone reads topics & stories which are vulgar & corrupt our minds. Like

So one should always diversify their portfolio of books & read a lot from a lot of authors & stay away from topics that contain bad values.

Now, talking about Academic Reading, it is also a very important habit & a person can have, it helps to learn & understand complicated topics & interesting concepts & phenomenon that helps a person to

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understand the world. Academic reading helps improve a person's cognitive abilities & helps a person become smarter & intellectual.

Academic reading has always been important in the scientific community. All the progress we have made in theoretical & even in a great degree of applied science, academic papers are due to academic papers. All the research depends on research done & before also called as citations. It is like standing on the shoulders of giants.

Academic reading is also important for students to learn new topics & get good grades, eventually applying the knowledge & contributing to the economy.

Academic reading challenges our pre-existing notions, breaks down our biases, kills our ignorance, & sharpens our critical thinking ability.

We can agree to the fact that the most intelligent people change the course of the world.

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affects millions of people in a positive way ~~too~~. Now imagine, you get a glimpse of their thought process, their ideas, their systems in a book or a paper. This helps Reading this would spark curiosity. & create a way for the mind to be more intellectually forward.

∆ In conclusion, Academic ~~that~~ <sup>reading</sup> ~~writing~~ is what helps create a smarter more intellectually profound individual who takes & decisions rationally & challenges stereotypes & myths. ~~It is~~ this person will get to the end of problems & provide diverse solutions. & A person reading for fun is more relaxed, has a profound vocabulary, is more culturally aware & has a better grasp on the language.

As with all things in life, there must be balance between the two ways of reading. A person reading only academic person can become dull & socially uninteresting & reading only for fun does not lead to scientific & intellectual curiosity which is very important for a progress & growth.

So, always keep a balance between the two to become a better human being. But what is most important is to start. Reading as it is the most amazing invention the man has ever made!

Read Read Read!!!

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'A man who does not read has no advantage over a man who cannot read' - Mark Twain. This simple yet profound quote reflects that one's skill is meaningless unless he makes use of it. Reading empowers a person not only with worldly knowledge rather it takes you one step closer to wisdom. What is wisdom? This topic has been debated by philosophers & scholars since time of Aristotle or even way back. However that is not what we going to see in this essay. We are going to see the debate of Academic reading vs reading for fun through <sup>understanding</sup> certain contexts surrounding them.

Reading is broadly differentiated between two main types Academic reading & Reading for fun (Leisure reading).

Academic is more of a structured, & goal oriented form or reading. It involves reading research journals, research papers, Textbooks & other technical materials mostly to have a background for topic which one is going to do research, finding <sup>solution</sup> <sub>for specific</sub> problems, etc. Academic reading provides the reader a certain set of skills namely, critical thinking, problem solving ability, comprehension & general awareness of how things happen around us. But mostly it is done to score good marks in exams.

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Reading for fun is more of a personal choice of an individual. It includes reading novels, comics, poems, memoirs etc. while Academic reading helps reader to grow their IQ (Intelligence Quotient) leisure reading helps improving EQ (Emotional Quotient) This happens because in the reader can feel & connect with the character they are reading. It also helps a person to improve their imagination, creativity by engaging more in the book.

Historically Academic reading has been incorporated with Greeks, Romans, Aryans etc. However the scope of it was limited to the elite classes of society. For most of the period Bible & Quoran were used for religious & scholarly practices throughout the Europe & other part of the world. It was academic reading & experiment which created the first wave of independent thinkers in the society. which started speaking about or rather criticising the order of the society which primarily revolved around a few elites. Today we know this period as "Renaissance".

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After the invention of the printing press in fifteenth century it was only then reading has started reaching to the masses. The translation of bible in English would be one keystone. It was during this time people started reading Don Quixote, Charles Dickens who spoke about the current society in form of stories relating to daily life of masses. In the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century the works of Virginia Woolf & Jane Austen started creating impact in the society. Engaging more people in reading would be a great achievement of that era. & it could only be done with the help of leisurely reading.

Speaking of History even our freedom struggle has been greatly benefitted from reading be it Academic or reading for fun. Works of Dadabhai Naoroji, R.G. Bhandarkar created a worldwide spread impact on the freedom fighters.

"The theory of drain" & "The history of satvahanas" written respectively by the above two people are a good example of it. Meanwhile the works of Rabindra Nath Tagore & others their novels, songs & poems has also helped in creating a new rigour in the struggle. Even Mahatma Gandhi were inspired by the works of Rabindra Nath Tagore at times which he himself has once told.

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Academic reading is the bedrock for children's education. It enables them to critically evaluate things, see the order of things clearly, & their problem solving skills. It empowers them with knowledge & awareness. However if one only engages in Academic reading their childhood would be lost.

That is why they must be encourage to read novels, poems & comics etc. Books such as "Harry potter", "Chronicles", "Matilda", "Jungle book", help them to imagine things, encourages creativity & most importantly establishes the balance between work & fun; we have seen childrens from very young age are glued to the screens nowadays. That is one of the drawbacks of modern age.

Modern Age or the age of internet has severely impacted both academic & leisure reading. With more & more content growing every second people have stoped reading books as much as they should. The attention span of very young people is shorter than that of a duck. However it is not just bad (modern age) it has democratized knowledge spreading in very far corners of the country.

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It has made reading cheap & even free so that even the marginalised class of society is benefitted from. And the initiative by the Indian Government 'One nation One Subscription' is going to be a great component for that.

"A man who reads lives a thousand lives before he dies. A man who does not read lives only one". - George R.R. Martin. It is not just ~~an~~ Academic ~~and~~ reading or leisurely reading it is a balance of both that helps us grow. As Einstein once said "The knowledge is useless without imagination."

Academic reading & Reading for fun are not adversarys but rather complementary. The excess of <sup>just</sup> one or ~~the~~ just the other can lead to burnout or clueless ness. So it is important ~~to~~ for us to keep a balance between the two, as we need a balanced diet for our body. Similarly Reading is nothing but a balanced ~~at~~ diet for the brain & that diet should also be kept in balance with its nutrients be it Academic reading or Reading for fun.

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Reading for fun vs Academic  
Reading.

Reading is often these days being claimed to have disappeared, with thousands of sources of entertainment, knowledge or fun but has it really? Reading is not about studying, it might not be only related to knowledge, it is about imagination, finding out about the things no-one ever thought about, being articulate, structured, understanding the happenings and events, to be a good thinker is almost reliant on being a good reader, because knowing what has been written, one can imitate their novel thoughts, it is also about transfer of a wise way of transferring one's possessed amount of knowledge to the others or generation after, it is through reading we can get close to a person who died years ago, and even though the society may claim that it has diminished but reading is still held so close to hearts of so many, only the sources have evolved.

There also lies a tussle between reading for fun versus

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academic reading because is reading for fun really worth it? or is it just a waste of time, leisure activity and unnecessary but the base of this debate itself falters because the definition of 'fun' varies, fun is a highly subjective term, while one might find the best of comics and search their fun in them while for some other academics can be fun, so when I pick my book of political thought that might be the best part of my day ever while being closely related to academics, reading for fun, books that might not seem to help one much and just keep someone occupied for certain amount of time without any tangible outcome, be it a novel, a rom-com or a humor might seem like a waste but if someone is reading these, it is actually helping them develop a creativity, an imagination, a flow, to thing novel-ly it becomes necessary to go through the old readings, but there must be a limit to reading

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as to everything as there exists an entire world beyond the books, we must not alienate ourselves and lock ~~be~~ us only with our thoughts, it is highly great to share and discuss what all could have been derived from the readings among peers, with associates or any to add to information acquired, discussing upon reading for 'fun', there should also be some responsibility of those designing the academic books to be captivating enough for it to be atleast a fun read, there is a big responsibilities on writers as any reading is capable of being fun if the writer is capable enough, there must be always some space for humour, some thinking so that academic reading could be fun. Here again we must realise that the current readers would be closest to articulation and changing the pattern for future generations so that their academic books could meet up description of a Harry Potter novel.

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There must not be a competition between reading for fun vs academic reading but rather a balance so that there is space for both, one must not be overloaded with academic reads to not be able to find time to read out other interests, because at times one is forced to keep reading the content with no interest and no time for what they are actually passionate about, this may cost them or us as a society as they may develop a negative bias towards books or start hating them as all they have been doing is forced feeding selves with the content they despise, we must be careful about this as a society especially the change makers to prevent this aversion, academic reading is important so it should be made fun and one should be able to explore interests beyond academics to get introduced to greater subjects or topics that exist a safe space for readers in society can lead to a changed world.

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## ... Books v.s. E-books.

### Introduction:

In the modern realm of technology there has been a tremendous change and shift from our normal day to day routine involving less usage of technology to a high tech utilization.

Both printed books and e-books both have their own advantages and disadvantages, as it already said every coin has two sides, everything has its own pros and cons.

#### 1) Matter of tangibility.

Printed books are more tangible compared to e-books.

#### 2) Convenience and Portability.

E-books are believed to be more convenient and portable, it can be carried in our smartphones and it doesn't require much space while travelling. Thousands of books can be downloaded but that cannot happen or be a case with printed books.

Therefore, e-books is considered more portable, i.e. on just one click you get to have access to thousands of books with different genre and authors of our choice.

But even printed books can be carried while travelling but not more in number.

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#### 3) Monetary factor:

Printed books are more costly than e-books. There are many e-books which we get to have for free. But printed books also can be borrowed from library, there are also certain libraries which have free access and doesn't require any membership. However, you can not buy printed books for cheaper rates as you can buy e-books. Resale value is also more for printed books so that can be considered a plus factor.

#### 4) Memory and sensory factor:

Printed books can bring down many memories which e-books fail to evoke. Even the smell of printed books feels nostalgic. The touch of the paper, its writing gives pure joy to the eyes. You can even pass down your printed books from generation to generation and it can act as a useful asset.

#### 5) Environmental degradability:

For printed books we need papers, for which we have to cut down trees. Because of which carbon emission takes place and thus can be fatal and is degrading environment.

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We all are aware that trees take in carbon dioxide and give out oxygen, so if trees are being cut down then carbon dioxide would remain in the atmosphere and we will not get oxygen. This could be fatal for humans as well. But little do we know that even the trees in them store carbon dioxide and when we cut down trees for obtaining paper the stored carbon dioxide in the trees also get released, leading to enormous amount of greenhouse gases into the environment.

But also, in the case of e-books we require mobile network / data / wifi for which we will have to put network towers for signals. This increase in the network towers have caused a lot of radiation which again is deadly for us living organisms and due to which many birds and aves species are already facing a loss for eg - Sparrows are also declining in number and one of the major reason for it is network towers. It also is greatly impacting the food chain and thus ecosystem.

Thus, both the methods are somewhere or the other having adverse effects on the environment and degrading it.

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#### 6) Health effects on humans.

For e-books, we need to sit in front of the laptops which can cause us a back strain and also even if we use mobile phones so that we can relax and read, it can cause strain to our eyes.

Whereas printed books doesn't cause a strain to our eyes and thus can cause and be pleasing to our eyes. After having a stressful and hectic day it can be a great stress buster and eye appealing.

#### 7) Space factor.

Printed books require a lot of space and thus cannot be kept in house if our home is small. Only limited number of books can be kept. Whereas, e-books doesn't require much of space and is there one click away, but when our phone storage is full we can not also keep them. Also if the internet server is down, we can not have an access to them even if it is important. Sometimes it can also get deleted by-mistake or due to some malfunctions in phone or when our phone gets hanged. And thus could create havoc in times of need.

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8) For academic point of view:

For academic point of view also, it is observed that the matter which we learn from printed note tends to stay for a longer time in our brains and we can also mark down the important words and things become clearer and could be analyzed in a much better way.

Whereas, in e-books we are not able to remember it for a long time. Matter remains volatile... Even though there is an icon to mark important things but it is not accessible to everyone and is also not of much use.

Students can purchase second hand printed books or borrow books also if they are not financially stable, but for e-books stuff they will first have to purchase a laptop or a mobile phone which is very costly. And thus for students e-books are not so suitable compared to printed books.

Conclusion

Both e-books and printed books have their own advantages and disadvantages, we can clearly not choose any one amongst the two. The one who can change with the

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changing nature, can adapt properly will survive and flourish, so with the advent of technology we can and we will have to accept e-books as an alternative, but one should also not forget his roots and traditional things are always more valuable and iconic.

So, both printed books and e-books are important for us and have an important place in our lives. Both the factors help to inculcate the habit of reading and enhances our brain cells leading to growth and development. So we should take full advantage of both the resources available for us and flourish in lives.

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#### The Pages We Choose

The popular definition of reading, as the art of engaging with a literary work, manifested in ~~the~~ vocalisation, comprehension, etc. may not be of much appeal. I choose to refer it to a metaphor of journey. Scholars have attributed that 'readers tend to live a thousand lives before they die... and those who do not read, only one!'

This essay has the onus of representing my argument on 'Reading for Fun versus Academic reading'.

Reading for Fun or 'Pleasure reading' refers to the act of reading for recreational purposes. The reader possesses the choice to select among the works of literature that align with their goals of reading. It may also be based on a suggestion and that has captivated the interest of the reader to continue. On the other hand, academic reading entails engagement with research work, textbooks, scholarly articles, etc. that are heavily focused on academic requirements.

Having established the background of the two types of reading, it is imperative to compare and contrast the two. Which type of reading is better than the other? The answer is, both types of reading bring its justification for making any decision <sup>only</sup> relatively better.

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Pleasure reading is based on the value of 'choice' that it gives to its readers. The individual decides the genre, author, chapter, part, etc. they wish to read about. It does not impinge on them any external criteria. Research articles have cited that this type of reading is most closely associated with reading motivation and behaviors as compared to academic reading.

Since the first efforts aimed at reading as an essential skill to the point of becoming an <sup>avid</sup> reader, ~~the~~ the wise would agree that there is always a scope for learning more. However, in most part of the countries parents and teachers lower expectations for children to develop reading competencies after they have acquired basic skills in reading. An important fact to highlight is that studies have ~~been~~ been reporting a downward trend in the reading capabilities and comprehension of students. In the growing years of a child's life, school, parents and peers are the important socialising factors.

My reflection of school days compel me to cite an incident about our library lectures. Sometimes, students would go to the library, find a seat for themselves quietly and wait for the librarian to handover monthly magazines that mostly surrounded about

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geography, flora, fashion and muddles. The entire class would frown at the sight of the library proxy. At times when we were allowed to issue books on our library cards, a concentration of entire class was lacking.

This is not to discourage the work of our librarian rather the pattern that had taken away the interest from the lecture. Promotion of reading is an important aspect of increasing the reading motivation.

The world is adapting to fast changes and the individuals need to read and know a lot of information to be able to imagine about the things in today's place. An ignorant cannot survive the times of change.

I was introduced to full-fledged academic reading in my first year of degree college. The task of reading up research articles appeared daunting. The tasks that followed such as summarising, reviewing, etc. also tested our limits. However, I have found myself personalising interest in academic reading that has contributed greatly to my course. Academic reading has instilled in me the confidence to engage with works written by scholars and evaluate and critique them in a professional manner.

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The rigorousness of academic reading has a downside to it. It is only able to stimulate the intellectual capacity of a limited pool of students. On the other hand, reading for pleasure stimulates the reader to engage with the work, characters, etc. that an individual can personalise information about.

It would not be wrong to argue that both readings complement each other. My extensive reading for an academic work, helped me understand the book 'Thinking Fast & Slow' by Daniel Kahneman. Pleasure reading is often critiqued to promote escapism. But I argue that all individuals have a right to escape <sup>from reality</sup> even if it is momentary.

Whatever choice of pages we make, reading contributes to personal development. The topic of 'reading for fun vs. academic reading' is better explained by what the 'choice' of the reader.

Pleasure reading adds more flexibility whereas the latter insists on analytic engagement. Drawing on the strength of the reader's choice is a conundrum, yet an important aspect.

The concluding lines of Julia Donaldson's poem reads:

I finished my book and out I came  
The cloak can no longer hide me,  
My house and chair are just the same  
But I have a book inside me.

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Both types of reading engage the readers to take on different perspectives, learn information, escape for time being, quote facts and learn about the diversity in the world. Thus, initiatives on part of government, schools, parents, etc. at various levels may contribute to increase the trends of reading. It has important implications for literacy in the country. Efforts at making academic reading more engaging ~~as~~ can draw upon the suggestions of reading club, making the content relevant and flexible to student's preferences, etc. Keeping in mind the works that are provided for readers, I conclude that I choose to read.

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#### World of Reading

'Experience the world through the eyes of the writer.'

On the corner of my bed, I align myself leaning against the wall. The box of tissues by my side, the blanket cuddling with me. I keep the novel close to me, my eyes glued onto each world. Into another world I am ~~transform~~ teleported in a jiffy.

The clock ticks 12 a.m. and I am still focused on the laptop screen. Hours and hours of study yet endless papers to read. I sit down with my notes formulated what is supposed to become a review paper. Each paper demanding more time and attention filled with topics and study which feed my mind's curiosity.

Reading a fresh novel or a cumulative research paper both are tasks up my sleeve. When you sit with a novel, just reading for fun it satisfies your heart. May it be a light read, a fun article you picked up off the internet or a emotional rollercoaster of a novel, it warms up your soul, gives you a little more to think about life.

I have a habit which my parents think is annoying but ~~it~~ I will let you be your ~~own~~<sup>the</sup> judge. I picked up a novel called 'You Have Reached Sam' from my 'to be read' list shelf. Through tears

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and smiles, I lived their story. Those five hours I was in the lush green gardens filled with the smell of fresh cut roses. My parents called me for hours, all in vain, I was too long lost in my new found world. Has that ever happened to you? Where you would sit with a book for hours bearing the loss of your beloved characters without the slightest thought that it is just a story not your life.

Empathy - fun reads like my fair share of novels always tend to illuminate my empathy. Yet for some reading is not their knack, I wonder maybe they haven't found their story yet. Sipping a hot cup of coffee on a rainy day, this comfort is what fun reading brought into my life.

On the other hand, I brush through multiple topics of hardcore academia. The glow on my face after finding relevant research papers is a sight to watch. Being in college I have gained a new friend in these papers. Excellence of each field and loop holes in studies left for me to be discovered. Somewhere along the way of research papers I might have forgotten what got me interested in reading in the first place.

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In order to build my place in the world, do I need to let go of the thousands of words I wished to travel through? DO I need to choose between reading for fun which fills my heart and reading academia which feeds my brain?

As I move up in my career, I will sit with more academic papers. Hopefullys one's with my name too. Currently as much as I love writing and reading my pile of work, I would still like my 'coffee' once in a while. The more I ponder on this, I wonder about what my father tells me, 'if you find what you do fun then you will never see the burden of your work'. Can academic reading be fun too?

As a student, my one way pass into academic reading has already begun, might as well make it fun. Topics which excite me are not work anymore, they are fun reading sessions. A little more concentrated form of reading. Going through my notes I recollected why I got into science in the first place, it quenches the thirst of my mind. A curious child I was from the start, always questioning the mere existence of life. Academic reading now gives me a chance to explore a new world of answers.

For me there is no fun reading vs. Academic ~~reading~~ reading. I wanted to always explore new worlds and both are a key to unlock the path. Maybe sometimes everyone needs quench their curious mind's thirst as well as feed fill the heart with emotions. For those lucky enough will find both at once.

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I want both 'Diamonds are just pieces of coal under high pressure' as well as 'For the rainbows you must go through the rains too'.

< A change in your lens of perception can make all the difference. Travel worlds free of cost, each word a different story.

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Nowdays as time is passing by there is advancement in the technology and humans are becoming more advanced and are leading a luxurious life. In the past 100 years mankind has ~~made~~ <sup>invented</sup> ~~discovered~~ technology by applying simple principles of science to make their work more easy, fast and efficient.

E-books are one of the mindboggling and creative innovations made by humans. E-books in comparison to Traditional books are easily accessible and are cheap. E-books ~~are~~ have a low cost and they can be accessed from any part of the world. Traditional books cannot be accessed and need to be taken from a library or book store. The accesibility of Traditional books is limited as they cannot be accessed anytime when required. The advantage of E-book is that ~~these~~ they don't need to be carried as it is stored in the form of data in any electrical device such as phone, laptop or tablet. IF a book has many pages or is huge it is better to read it in a tab or laptop then carrying it. E-book does not require any maintainance and in contrast to that Traditional books need to be maintained a lot as the pages get torn or after some years ~~the~~ due to dust or decay ~~growth~~ <sup>by</sup> microorganism the ~~the~~ writings disappear. The most important advantage of E-book over traditional books is that they are less time consuming then Traditional

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books. In case of E-books we can just type the page number and it appears ~~in~~ within seconds. In E-books it is easy to find the meaning of a word as we can select the word and copy paste it on Google and within seconds it is displayed. E-books are eco-friendly as paper is not wasted while <sup>in</sup> Traditional books there is wastage of Paper, Money Trees and Resources. E-books are very efficient and easy to use and are promoting "Eco-Friendly Environment".

Though E-books are easy to access and are eco-friendly there are some drawbacks of E-books. E-books can only have an access via electronic devices such as <sup>advocate</sup> Phone, Laptop, Computer etc. The people who are poor and do not have the ~~avai~~ availability of these devices cannot use E-books and can only gain knowledge through traditional books. In case of reading E-book time constraint is kept as constantly reading on Electronic devices is harmful for the eyes as the radiations which come out from these devices damage the Retina of the eye. According to ~~some~~ Research conducted by Scientists ~~people~~ 80% of population of world has glasses due to ~~consta~~ more Screen Time. It has also been observed that people reading E-books have less recallation of what they have read as compared to people reading Traditional books. The part of population

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Which reads E-book is dull, less confident as compared to the population reading Traditional books. Since Ancient times there has been a tradition of reading the books with physical copy in hands and flipping the pages which has proved to be more efficient method of reading and memorizing. The Human brain remembers things more easily ~~with~~ by touching and feeling things. It is easy to remember in case of traditional books as in traditional books certain words, lines or paragraphs can be highlighted and can be photographically remembered in comparison to E-books.

Though both E-books and Traditional books have their pros and cons, both are beneficial but as generation and time are passing by E-books are becoming more prominent as compared to Traditional books.

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#### READING FOR FUN VS ACADEMIC READING.

Reading is the bridge that connects us through the various worlds, times, ideas and dimensions. The purpose of reading is to connect the dots of imagination, knowledge and wisdom. However, there are different aspects of reading: One edge extends through fun, imagination while the other extends through the realm of knowledge, information and understanding. Reading for fun and reading for academics are like the two oars of a boat moving through a deep ocean where imagination, fantasies lies within the depth and at the same time facts, knowledge and wisdom is what makes one to stay on tracks through the ocean of emotions and information.

What are their purpose? The purpose of reading for fun is to take the individual or the reader through the world of imagination, fantasies such as horror, fiction, romance and let the reading experience the world of imaginations being under the shadows of its characters. At the same time reading for academics takes the individual through the realities of the world revealing the past through various articles, textbooks, magazines, research papers as well as biographies. Reading for fun is pleasure driven

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i.e there is no obligation ~~of~~ on the reader and rather the reader derives pleasure and fun by having a moment of escapism through them. As it is rightly said that "We escape into the books of fantasies but we find ourselves there too". On the other hand Reading for Academics includes certain obligation or it could be said as goal-oriented which shapes the Intellect, thoughts and understanding of the reader Contributing to careers, Analytical skills, logical and reasoning skills at the same time Contributes to the progress of Science and Technology.

What type of Content do such books depict? Books read for fun, escapism depict a story which attracts the reader to itself, makes the reader relate to it and connect their Imaginative world through it. Books that are read for the purpose of Academics on the other hand do not as such depict a story rather they are more practical, real and theoretical Complementing and distinguishing between the reality and Imaginations through the art of 'Questioning'. As it is said that "Academic texts are heavy not because of the pages but because of the weight of truth that the words contain."

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The Impact that Reading for fun has on the reader is that it evokes the emotions of the Reader For eg:- Shakespeare's ~~work~~ ~~novels~~ ~~like~~ works like 'Romeo and Juliet' which is actually just a work of Imagination and that the story has nothing relation to reality however the Impact that the story creates on the reader <sup>and his emotions</sup> is intense. We connect ourselves to them and try feeling it from within irrespective of knowing the difference between reality and Imaginations. Many such works like 'Midsummer Night's Dream' are also some great examples depicting how Imagination, fiction, fantasies can give us joy, fun and also an emotional connection. At the same time Reading for academic impacts our cognitive aspect evoking our critical thinking, and Creative thinking.

For Instance both of these are Complementary and not Contradictory aspects. There will always be a harmonious relationship between the two as both are as equally important, benefitting and required: essential where one feeds the Soul, the other feeds the mind. Books read for fun give us an insight about various creative Ideas and Solutions Connected through the story while at the same time Academic books can help us reframe, reconstruct these

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Ideas and check their validity and how it can be used and have a contribution to the real world. Reading be it of any kind is equally and essentially important as one take us through the realm of emotions, connections, escapism the other takes us through the wonders of reality, wisdom. A balance between them both would contribute significantly to the progress of oneself and others.

“A Reader lives a thousand times before dying while someone who does not read lives only once.”

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#### - Reading for Fun Vs. Academic Reading.

Reading has been one of the most loved human activities since ancient times. Reading is a vessel of knowledge, inspiration, understanding and thinking. In this essay there are two types of reading, yet when we juxtapose both reading for leisure and reading for academia they are both very different. In this essay, I will discuss the dicotomy of both types of reading.

In reading for fun the motive is to feel joy, excitement or relaxation. Reading for fun is like being the captain of our own ship. We get the liberty to choose what we read ranging from the many genres available. From reading a fictional thrilling novel to adventure to romance to self-help and so on. We also get the freedom to select our time for the reading session; mostly people read when they have free time, travelling or <sup>if they</sup> just want to unwind after a long day.

When reading for fun we do not have any kind of pressure on us. One gets to decide how much to read, whether a single page or chapter a day or read the entire book in a single sitting. A flow activity is one where <sup>a person</sup> ~~one~~ is totally immersed in ~~who~~ the task at

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hand and reading for fun is one of that task that most people feel the power of flow in.

On the other hand, reading for academics is a systemic and organized. One requires discipline, focus, and sometimes motivation. Here one might not get the liberty of deciding the material to read. One also has to follow a certain deadline. This type of reading includes vast material such as case study, research articles, review articles, textbooks and so on.

This is a rigorous way of reading because we have a little bit of pressure on us to finish on time and side by side make notes and annotate. It is as if we read with a sword hanging on top of our heads by a rope.

Although there are so many differences in both these activities, they both require the basic skill 'to read' at the end. If we bridge the gap between them, they both help individuals in their own ways. Reading for fun helps developing the love and appreciation of literature in one. It also helps in expanding one's vocabulary subconsciously.

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Academic reading can help in developing our critical and logical thinking. This also helps us achieve the merit we aim for.

The basic idea till here mainly was that reading for fun is easier than academic reading. But it isn't always true. One might get a novel to read in class which ~~is~~ will be very enjoyable, <sup>easy and fun</sup> ~~and~~ or some people may like to read complex books in their free time. If we want to read from both ends then a person who reads for fun must sometimes pick up a historical or mythological <sup>analogue</sup> ~~analogue~~ and a person who only reads for academics must try picking up a light-hearted ~~f~~ book for fun.

Reading as an activity has always helped humans. We learn a lot in either type of reading and we must learn to cherish this. In the end if you want to pick up a thrilling novel with a cup of hot tea or sit down ~~as~~ ~~a~~ and dissect complex theoretical papers it all boils down to - One word at a time.

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Reading is an integral part of our lives, at no stage and at no point no matter how much we might hate it, we cannot avoid reading. Reading is a medium through which information is acquired and that information can become knowledge and wisdom too.

A kid starts to learn alphabets and language since young and by practice gets a grip over the language and the ability to comprehend and express themselves in that language. Through the language they can also learn other areas that interest them or ~~are~~ are mandatory to be aware of to survive and live a smooth going life. Reading is also a part of the communication process especially via text or other forms of written communication.

All in all, reading develops your cognitive thinking, comprehension and your ability to think and express your thoughts clearly ~~not~~ to avoid them being misunderstood and thereby achieve your objectives. Looking at it this way, reading is one of the most important aspects of the learning process. Even with the uprise of artificial intelligence and similar technologies, there's nothing that can replace reading. A lot of the users of AI ~~can~~ take help of it to write something, but they do have to read what ~~the~~ AI has given as well, otherwise it can be a bit dangerous, they'll make themselves a laughing stock.

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Thus, reading can be in various forms, reading books for acquiring knowledge, reading comics to entertain oneself, reading messages on whatsapp, or reading mails related to work.

Yes, presumably, the educational sector can never be ~~rid of~~ rid of reading, and hence a lot of students do read for academic purposes. Well, but ~~it~~ it is surprising that there are a lot of people who read books (apart from ~~the~~ comics even), for fun, because books have stories, stories that are from the real mortal world or stories from a kingdom of imagination, that are extremely entizing & creative. Why is that so? Well, because, there is no limit of expression in writing a book, so a reader can enjoy a detailed episode of all that has happened.

Let us look at these two segments primarily; reading for fun and reading for ~~acad~~ academics.

Young adults generally engage in both kinds of reading. Young adults are generally ~~study~~ studying and then end up working. ~~From~~ <sup>For</sup> the primary and middle school children, reading books for fun is cultivated as a habit to develop their imagination, their creativity and their ~~lang~~ language skills. This subtly also helps in pushing them to read and study in a more comprehensive for academics.

As a child, I hated studying, I only loved playing listening to stories and watching movies. My mother and my teachers gradually cultivated a positive habit of ~~the~~ reading stories ~~on~~ out to me from a book. Slowly a curiosity was built in my mind that they're telling me such nice stories and it is from books, so then I started to pick books up and read them. From being a complacent and lazy child who

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was always stuck in front of the screen, I got hooked to books, ~~so~~ so much so that I had to be pulled away from them, my books had to be hidden away so I could also do other things. But I evolved a lot in this journey of reading, I learnt a lot of new ~~words~~ words and even started using them in daily conversations, because I saw similar sentences being said by characters of the book, I also polished my spoken skills not just by using better words, but also by understanding what to speak, how much and with whom and at what time. It made me very extroverted and bubbly full of ideas and also boosted my confidence, thus enhancing my people skills. I ~~was~~ read a lot of books, a few favorites being: Sherlock Holmes, Jane Eyre, Pride and Prejudice, Harry Potter Series, Percy Jackson series, Divergent series, ~~etc~~ and the list can go on and on. But, these books are from different genres (categories/themes) like some are old classics which give me a peek into the bygone eras and practices and cultures of those times some of them are thrillers, some are fantasy, some are science fiction. All of these give a lot of exposure and holistically develop the mind which is a house of ideas.

~~As~~ As time passed, in less time, I read more books, ~~the~~ sometimes I ~~ran~~ <sup>ran</sup> out of books, <sup>to read</sup> (at times I was forced to be out of books) and thus with the habit being built, I did start paying attention to what I was to learn academically, and then I started finding a story in those books. In history, I could connect events and lessons taught as stories of the past, in geography I saw the story of the earth, in biology, I saw a story of nature, that ~~gave~~ gave me a totally fresh and exciting perspective to studying. I found new interests that also could add value to my life and thus developed an interest in reading beyond what I was taught in school, deepened my

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knowledge of the subject matter, that is now shaping my career.

Thus, I believe that both these kinds of reading are important to develop holistically in life and grow, and they go hand in ~~to~~ hand supporting each other. Just doing too much of one, can lead to a stressed life. Academic reading would lead to a hunger to do something by applying that knowledge, which translates to work, and only work and no fun can lead to a stressful life. And just reading for fun and not working ~~will~~ won't help us live comfortably, though it is relaxing and fun and gives joy. Hence, both should be inculcated in life in a balanced manner.

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#### Reading for fun Vs. Academic Reading

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies.  
The man who do not read lives only ones."

- George R. R. Martin

Imagine reading each day a single sentence that shifts your perspective or inspires you to live a better life everyday. Reading, even just a bit in a day gives you this power. Reading develops skills, vocabulary, reduces stress and unlock solutions to the challenges you're facing. Reading transforms the moments of stillness into the opportunities for growth.

Reading everyday helps you to focus, enhances skills. It is a good habit which <sup>we</sup> eventually get addicted to. You read everyday and way more than you think you can because you read on your cell phones, or computers, or tablets or other devices. So, what is Academic reading?

How is it different from casual reading? Academic reading demands purposeful and intellectual engagement for academic skills which is important to build an argument. The argument that helps in building Academic Career.

The more you read the above you are from the ordinary. The more you read, the more you learn, and the more you'll explore. Reading for fun is oriented on personal experiences, purposes and primarily is about enjoyment, relaxation and calmness of mind. Reading for fun involves choosing something which we find interesting. It rejuv our mind and soul.

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Reading for fun is about our memories or latent and sub-conscious memories to play with. Reading something that a person can relate to the writing and connect their personal experiences. It is to think, read and give reasons to 'get' on what's going on.

Academic Reading is the bridge between curiosity and mastery, pages turned questions into insights and ideas into innovations. Academic reading is specific and purposeful. It is more of passing a paper, writing an exam. Academic reading develops analytical skills, cognitive skills, improves public speaking, enhances fluency.

Reading for fun isn't just a leisure - it's a way of exploring world, introduction to extraordinary minds, the magic that sparks imagination and the magic that hides in the plain sights. Reading for fun is relating to the stories, ideas personally, developing a keen interest with time. It is relating to it and experiencing the vast world within be it fiction, non-fiction or self-help books.

Both Academic reading and Reading for fun develops intelligence and broadens perspective though in different ways. Be it when a novel sparks a philosophical question or a research paper evokes a personal connection. Both of them develops a person in some way or the other. It develops the ability to think in a different way, improves focus and helps in clarity of mind.

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Academic Reading and reading for fun — are two sides of coins one encourages intellectual engagement and the other nourishes the soul. Be it working on a research paper or gripping over a novel, these theories helps an individual to be a better person in the society, in his/her academic career.

Nowadays, youth are least interested to read books, articles etc. Children today do not have the interest to read books and if someone interested they read through their cell phones. Children are forced academically to study. Even though academic reading is for the benefit of the children to develop concentration and avoid lack of focus. Academic reading includes the necessary which is important for youth and nothing extra. While there are some children who prefer reading and finds it interesting even today. Reading for fun develops and boost your brain giving clarity of mind and soul a better way to look at world.

Both the readings helps a person to be a better person in the world. Reading is a good habit and eventually is addictive once the interest is developed.

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## Books v/s Ebooks

'Books are a unique portable magic' - Stephen  
~~Nonkings~~  
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Books are a magical wonder. They are the speakers of broken souls and prayers of the lonely. Reading is an art, every word with a new meaning to it, every dialogue, a symphony of the unsaid words between people. In books, you like your darkest lie, find solace in just being. The fluttering of pages, the ~~rustic~~ rustic smell, the printed ink so faint to touch but so deep; it can almost hold you like your mother, calming their child, saying words of comfort, which though may be a lie, ~~still~~ <sup>and yet</sup> brings bounties of peace to the unnermed mind.

Since the past decade or so, a major ~~controversy~~ controversy has been popular in the field of literature, with the advent of technology. Books or E-books. While I believe it really just a personal choice for most part of it, it's something ~~that~~ that needs to be discussed. Are E-books better than regular physical books? ☺

Let's first understand both the aspects in detail. Books, or physical books are ~~organic~~ original, the real deal. Nothing quite beats the soft roughness of the pages, the different feels of it, the ink's traces in freshly printed one, the ~~engraving~~ engravings of it on the 'baked' pages. It's like a warm blanket, a ~~and~~ a hot

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drink on a chilly winter morning when you just don't want to get out of bed. It's traditional, original. And reading it doesn't have any bad implications on your health.

But with its ~~own~~ greatness come its price. Biggest one being: environment. Millions of ~~trees~~ trees are ~~cut~~ cut for paper. And this leads to ~~environment~~ environment degradation.

Another problem may come with age. When your eyes strain to read every small word, they are likely to develop weaker with age. Not to say; the cost to make a book is higher as compared to e-books; hence, they are more expensive and less economical to the lower strata of society.

<sup>couple</sup> droid a ~~decades~~ ~~or two~~ before came a saviour from the blue to combat these issues. Introducing: 'E-books'. ~~Digital~~ Digital version of your favourite books, with lesser or nil cost, paperfree and free to customise the font size & more.

It was classy, it was trendy; it ~~was~~ it was ~~to~~ all the hype. But, ~~like~~ <sup>as</sup> I like to believe, every coin has two sides, and if you fly, you <sup>are bound to fall</sup> ~~will~~ ~~fall~~ too. The circle of life. The ying & yang. And if ying <sup>was</sup> all good; yang <sup>was</sup> about to come.

As of ~~late~~ ~~specifically~~ specifically last decade onwards people have started to ~~figure~~ understand the ill effects of Ebooks. →

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## BOOKS VS. E-BOOKS

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Firstly it's digital, so it strains your eyes and other senses more. Secondly, the rates of piracy has significantly gone up. Many websites in recent time a popular ones is '2-kib', ~~sp of let-people~~ people download pirated books and pdfs. I suppose it has its benefit, specially for students who neck-deep in student loans and need their hundreds of dollars or <sup>internationally</sup> ~~internationally~~ available only textbooks. But as an author, it's a significant loss. The royalties for a book ranges from ~~0-10%~~ 5% to 20% (which also significantly more than average) ~~and~~ for an author and the rest goes to publishing houses. If their books aren't sold, they face a great loss, not to say, ~~not~~ forget that most authors can't pursue writing full time and have multiple jobs to pay rent and bills. Piracy only adds to their plight, even if they gain more recognition.

So it is safe to say ebooks & physical books are both equally <sup>same,</sup> if not significantly similar, in terms of pros & cons. I prefer a mix of both, e-books for its compactibility and flexible use; and books for their organic feel. Not to say, books are heritage; and ~~no~~ <sup>how</sup> matter how many revisions happen, ~~the~~ many new books are published in e-format; the original stays ~~the~~ iconic. ~~As a~~ And at the end, it's not how we read it, but what we read and most importantly; what it teaches and what it means to <sup>us.</sup> ~~you.~~ ~~That ends our~~ ~~discussion for today's and next time.~~ ~~That~~ As rightfully said in a <sup>random</sup> latin phrase: 'In books, we live.'

I found one day

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