

The Rights of the Reader

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1 The right not to read.



2 The right to skip.



3 The right not to finish a book.



4 The right to read it again.



5 The right to read anything.



6 The right to mistake a book for real life.



7 The right to read anywhere.



8 The right to dip in.



9 The right to read out loud.



10 The right to be quiet.

10 rights — 1 warning
Don't make fun of people
who don't read —
or they never will.



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Every child has
the right to...



1. Read for the joy of it
2. Access NEW books in schools, libraries and bookshops
3. Have advice from a trained librarian or bookseller
4. Own their OWN book
5. See themselves reflected in a book
6. Be read aloud to
7. Have some choice in what they read
8. Be creative for at least fifteen minutes a week
9. See an author event at least ONCE
10. Have a planet to read on