

THE RIGHT(S) GLASSES

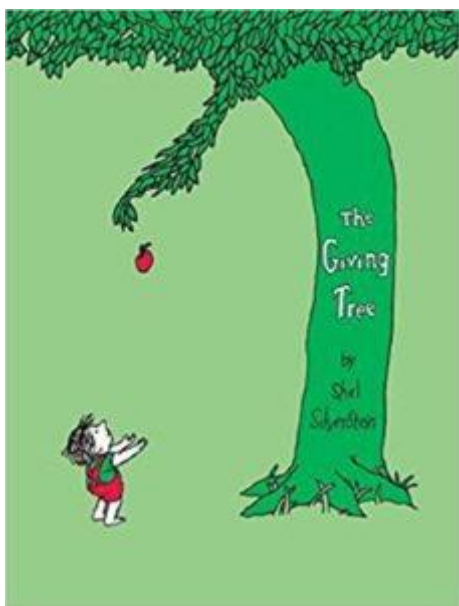
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Question #1: Where and when do you read?

I work nearly full-time and have two teenagers with hectic schedules, so there is no time to read during the day for me. I am a night owl so I try to read for about half an hour after everyone else has gone to bed. Usually after midnight!

Question #2: Which book have you most given as a present?

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. It is my favourite picture book and I always cry when I read it. I only read it for the first time when I was about 30 – I can't believe I had never known about it earlier. The first thing I did was go to a bookshop and buy copies for everyone in my family. It is a classic for every bookshelf.



Question #3: What do you remember about your first book fair?

It was Bologna 2014. I was very nervous as I had not been working in Rights for very long. I prepared for months memorising all the tiny details about every book on our list! But I soon realised that people you meet with at the fairs are so lovely, and interesting (and forgiving if you forget something!). Everyone made me feel comfortable, whether it was a junior editor or a Publisher, a brand-new agent or a high-profile illustrator. We all have the same passion, and we all love discovering and sharing wonderful new books.

Question #4: Tell us the resolutions you have made for this year.

Go to bed earlier (see Question #1!) and get back to regular Pilates classes. I also decided to master the Rubix Cube again. I was a Rubix Cube fanatic as a teenager, but hadn't picked one up for years. I gave one to my daughter for Christmas, but she hasn't had a chance to use it as I have spent most of my summer holidays re-learning the algorithms. But I'm pleased that it's only February and this particular resolution is achieved! Current record is 1 minute 50 seconds. I'm trying to get it under 1 minute



Question #5: Tell us about a bad habit, an obsession or a particular attitude you have picked up since starting to work at Hardie Grant Egmont

I don't know why but it seems all editors are also amazing at baking! I cannot bake well at all, and before joining HGE I would prefer savory to sweet, but our editorial team is always bringing in the most amazing home-made cakes, biscuits, scones and muffins. My desk is positioned right next to the table where they are laid out, so I can't resist. My body now expects something sweet at 11am every day. And that's also why I have to start doing extra Pilates...

