

# THE RIGHT(S) GLASSES

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## **Question #1: Where and when do you read?**

I normally read on my sofa, during weekends or at night: I try to avoid reading in bed as this would mean falling asleep over the book in no time! If the book is really catching, I sometimes wake up at dawn, just out of the desire of carrying on my read. It doesn't help the dark circles under my eyes, but it makes me start off the day on the right foot.

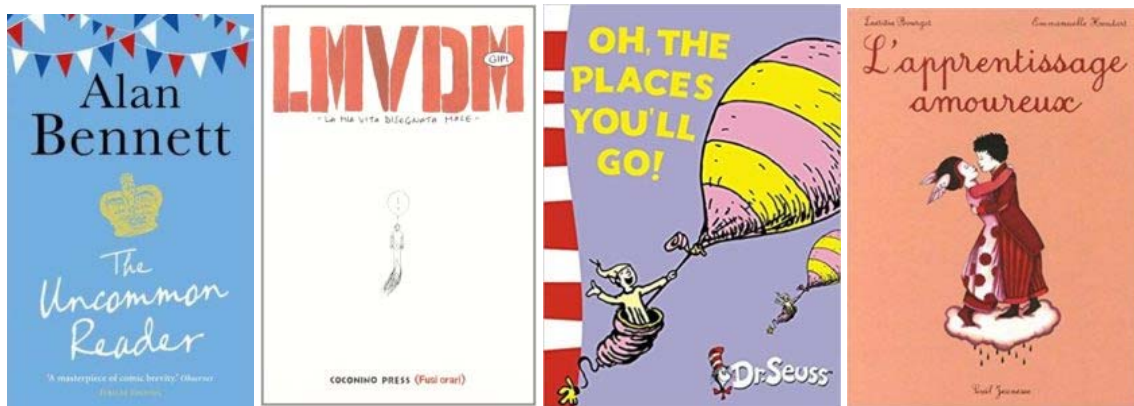


## **Question #2: Which book have you most given as a present?**

Over the years, I definitely bought many copies of Alan Bennett's *The Uncommon Reader*, Gipi's *LMVDM La mia vita disegnata male*, Annie Ernaux's *Mémoire de fille*

and Jennifer Egan's *A Visit from the Goon Squad* (whose Italian title sounds like "Time is a bastard", so perfect for birthdays).

I have ritual children's books that I always give as gifts on special occasions: graduations (Dr. Seuss's *Oh, The Places you'll Go*), house warmings (Marion Bataille's *ABC3D*) and weddings (Emmanuelle Houdart's *L'apprentissage amoureux*). I love when it says that a good marriage from time to time includes smelling some very stinky socks!



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

I instantly loved the buzz and the international atmosphere, but I was shivering from fear! I remember the exact moment when I had to start pitching my first book to an American editor: at the end of that appointment I realized that I had found my dream job.

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

Not to make any resolution.

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

Checking, double-checking, triple-checking everything and keeping track of all the rest in a excel sheet – in case something gets lost.

But I've also learned that we are all humans, not machines, and that our flexibility, insightfulness and kindness are perhaps our best and most important qualities.

