

**SEVENTEEN
REASONS
FOR
CHILDREN'S
BOOKS**



***The Swedish Academy of
Children's Books***

1

Books can entertain and excite us. They can make us laugh and cry. They can comfort us and show us new possibilities.



2

Books help us develop our language and our vocabulary.

Seventeen reasons... I can think of piles more! With piles of books, for instance, you can press four-leaf clovers



3

Books stimulate our imagination and train us in finding inner images.

4

Books can awaken in us new and interesting issues which give us something to think about.

5

Books develop our thinking. They give us concepts to think with and new ideas. They widen our consciousness and our world.

That pig's the voice of our conscience



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Books give us knowledge about other countries and other ways of life, about nature, technology, history, and everything under the sun that we might want to know more about.



7

Books develop our capacity to empathise. They give us a chance to put ourselves in the position of others and understand their emotions.



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Books make us reflect on what's right or wrong, good or bad.

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***Books can explain reality
and help us understand how
matters are connected.***

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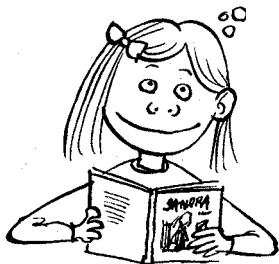
***Books can show us that there's
not always only one answer to
a question, but that most
things can be seen from
different points of view.***



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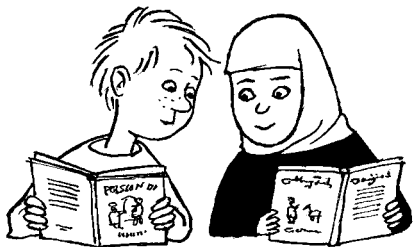
Books help us understand ourselves. It strengthens our self-confidence to realise that others think as we do and feel as we do.

She's just like me



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Books help us understand that all of us are different, too. Reading books written by authors from other times and other cultures increases tolerance and helps combat prejudice.



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Books provide company when we're lonely. They are easy to take with you and can be read anywhere. They can be borrowed for free from a library.



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Books are part of our cultural inheritance. They give us common reading experiences and a common frame of reference.

You're just like Pippi Longstocking



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A good children's book can be read out loud so that both young and old enjoy it. It can be a link between generations.



Children's books provide work for many people: authors, illustrators, editors, printers, graphic designers, proof readers, photographers, librarians, publishers, book sellers, and others. Children's books contribute to a rich cultural life. They are important cultural exports, which make our country known abroad.

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The children's book is our first contact with literature, a never-ending world, lasting all our lives.



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***Through literature I become
a thousand [people] and yet
remain myself.***

C. S. Lewis

***Literature offers me
images to think with.***

Aidan Chambers

***A book is a garden
borne in the pocket.***

Arabic proverb

***I write for children because
they do not expect their
beloved author to save
humanity. Young as they are,
they know that it is not in his
power. Only adults have such
childish illusions.***

Isaac Singer

A picture book's three most important functions are getting

a child to meet images - art,

a child to meet literature,

a child to meet his

or her parents.

As I see it, the third

of the picture book's functions

is the most important.

Max Lundgren

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