What Makes a Good Story?

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A story can be written or told or watched. Stories can be true and stories can be made up. Stories can be written to teach us things or to entertain us. Often stories do both. Stories can be set in the past, the present and the future. Stories can happen in familiar places, faraway places and fantastic places that don’t really exist.

The sort of stories I enjoy the most have really interesting characters. The first novels I fell in love with were Enid Blyton’s Faraway Tree stories. The characters were always getting into strife and getting themselves out of it. Each chapter was exciting to me as a young girl.

As a teenager my favourite stories were series of books so I could follow the same characters in lots of different stories.

As an older reader I love the stories where the characters show great bravery, courage and sacrifice. I like it when the characters have a good sense of humour too, because that makes the story more entertaining.

Stories enrich our lives. We learn from stories, we step into other worlds, go on adventures and experience emotions different from our everyday lives. I love stories!