

Can Paper Books Survive The Digital Age?

Have you ever heard anyone commenting on the smell of the paper inside a book? These are book lovers, and as long as they are surviving so will the books through this digital life of ours. The upcoming generation should be educated about the importance of books and the importance of reading them. Many believe that writers will never cease to exist but books will eventually. Most of the writers from the younger generation are writing on blogs and articles for the internet usage and not books. This shows the direction to which paper books are being taken in today's world. The other day I was surprised to see a three year old cousin of mine learning about colours through some game on the latest iPod instead of the baby's first books.

Why is it important to read paper books?:

Reading from paper books is not hazardous for your eyes in any way. The substitutes for the paper books are iPods, iPads and eBooks. These emit rays which are harmful for the eyes and after continuously reading on any one of these devices, the eyes start to feel a lot stressed out and you might start feeling itchiness and irritation in them. This alone explains why paper books should be the considered as the only way of reading. The most important thing is the book itself. The idea of a typical book being replaced by any other thing is not so appealing especially to those who know the importance of preserving books. Nothing can replace the look and feel of a shelf piled with books. Books can also be sold after you are done reading them. The concept of used textbooks for sale has been there since years and is still very popular.

The ultimate paper books:

There is nothing which can truly replace the heart and soul of a real paper book, with the smell of the new or recycled paper, the excitement a child feels when he is done with a whole page and is about to turn to the next one, the joy of reading the blurbs et cetera. Paper books make a lovely present for someone close and who loves to read. I remember having a book from my best friend with a sweet note on the first page of the book. Moreover, the joy of sharing your books with your friends will never be the possible with any of the other substitutes. Such are the joys of pure contemporary books, which makes one feel that their existence is strong enough to survive against the digital era. What threats do paper books face? Many have started arguing that paper book substitutes such as eBooks will end up helping the environment as they save a lot of tree from being cut down. Such arguments are always more attractive to stick to. Above all, many eReaders claim that with eBooks they can easily read wherever they want to whereas this is actually a threat to their health; reading without proper lighting and proper sitting postures.

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