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## **Reading books in Episodes**

**Science fiction fantasy-try reading it in episodes  
Do you like READING FICTION BOOKS?  
Is reading a whole fiction book difficult?  
Can you focus when reading fiction?**

Today there are so many distractions; computers, films, videos, TV, sport, especially for young adult readers. What is right about fiction books? They are the seeds of good stories that were once carried by word of mouth. Entertainment in my childhood was very different. My mother's Grandfather played piano in his lounge with rousing marches that I wanted to hear again and again. He would carry me downstairs and let me tap on the huge barometer on the wall and say 'what's the weather today?' When I was four to five years old, I stayed for a year with My father's grandparents who grew tomatoes in an outside greenhouse. My memory was developing and my recollections vague, but the love given out was huge. My grandfather would tell me stories every night some were fairy tales and others he created. I call it my imaginative year. There was no television, and I cannot remember radio until I reached seven or eight years old. Then I would tune in my crystal set or the huge battery radio and at 6.45 pm every night listen to Dick Barton special agent. At 7 pm after a quick retune to Radio Luxembourg came Dan Dare pilot of the future from the Eagle comic. The 1940's and fifties was an exciting era for radio and the cinema. Books and comics played a big part in the entertainment ethos of the time.

In that period many great films captured on the silver screen came from books with robust and vibrant stories. Even today most fiction projects of TV and cinema are derived from stories or storylines from authors or scriptwriters. The incredible story of Pinocchio was conceived in various episodes and then published as a full story.

On holiday as adults, you can sit down relax and start reading. Children burn energy, and not many books will be read at this time. A book is still something special in this day and age. New ideas and the exploration of life are found in the pages of a book. In the sprawling, or vast wilderness of the Internet ideas are investigated and the narratives discussed. Where do we come from? Why are we here? What are we doing? Is there an afterlife? The questions that we all would like answers to. The basic book whether fiction or not fiction is essential to everyone.

Sometimes it is hard to sit down for several hours and read a fiction novel. Concentration can be lost by interruptions or eye strain and other causes. Many people start reading, get tired, and put the book down leaving a bookmark on the page to return to reading at a later stage. Returning to the story can be frustrating trying to remember the characters and your position in the storyline. I would imagine everyone who reads has done this several times and had to backtrack five pages or more to refresh the memory. These thoughts bring Pinocchio back to mind and the exciting episodic adventures.

Maybe some books today could be written in episodes of ten to twenty pages with each part having a climatic ending that stays in the memory. It makes common sense that the reading would be much easier. You could read the serial while you eat your cereal at breakfast. If you like this idea and you are a science fiction fantasy fan, you can try a couple of episodes free.

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Do you find it difficult to read a whole book in one go?  
Here, you don't have to!

Sometimes, it's hard to focus for an extended period, and the eyes may get weary, or your concentration falters.

What if it was serialised ten to twenty pages a time each episode heading for a climatic finish leading to the next fantastic serial. Read for ten to fifteen minutes and then wait for the next episode to be revealed. Build up your serialised library until you have a full episodic novel.

It is a wonderful way to read fiction for young adults and grandparents, and everyone else in between. Go on! Try it for yourself the opening episodes are free.

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