

3 You are going to read a magazine article about five celebrities' reading preferences. For questions 1-15, choose from the celebrities (A-E). Some of the celebrities may be used more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order. There is an example at the beginning (0).

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| A | Lilian Daniels   |
| B | Moira Wilkins    |
| C | Daniel Long      |
| D | Dr Thomas Harley |
| E | Susan Dickson    |

Which statement refers to which celebrity(ies)?

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| I learnt a lot from this book.   | 0  | A |
| I am difficult to please.  | 1  |   |
| I believe people in power should also read this book.  | 2  |   |
| I like a book that relates to my own life.   | 3  | 4 |
| The book I chose seemed to give me physical sensations.                                      | 5  |   |
| The writer's style is very important for me.   | 6  |   |
| I suspect that people will ignore the message this book tries to communicate.                | 7  |   |
| The characters are very realistic.   | 8  | 9 |
| I found that the book had realistic anthropological and cultural information about the past. | 10 |   |
| The book reminded me of something I have done.   | 11 |   |
| I like books about exciting experiences.   | 12 |   |
| I would like to have written a similar book if I had my author's skill.                      | 13 |   |
| I was surprised to find some amusing bits in this book.                                      | 14 |   |
| The book I chose could change our lives.   | 15 |   |

### 3. Good Reading

Want to know what's worth reading this month? Five celebrities make their recommendations to Diana Philips.

With the winter upon us, long evenings spent by the fire with a good book start sounding more and more attractive. The trouble is, with books being sold at prices you'd expect to pay for bottles of fine wine, how do you decide which ones are worth buying? I asked five well-known celebrities to tell me what they think. Actress Lilian Daniels did not hesitate at all. *The Pumpkin Field* is the best novel I've read in ages. I found it absolutely convincing, especially the characters, who are 19th century rural people, so I felt as if I was expanding my knowledge of life and my understanding of people's feelings.

We don't often picture glamorous TV presenters as literary types, but Moira Wilkins knocks that stereotype on the head. "I read every day," she says, "and I have very high standards. There aren't many books that actually live up to all my expectations. Emily Chalmers' book, *The White Door*, is a rare exception. Every word in the book is carefully chosen — in fact it's the ultimate example of what I consider good writing to be. The plot is excellent as well, and it has an element of humour that you don't normally expect to find in this type of book."

Another unexpected reader is former footballer and successful TV personality, Daniel Long. Daniel is a man who loves adventure — both in real life and in his reading — and he chose his book on that basis. "I like good writing," he says, "but it's what a book can bring to life for me that I really pay attention to. *Every Mountain* is a brilliant piece of work. As Darryl Smith, the writer, describes his experiences on some of the world's most challenge-

ing mountains, you feel you're there with him. I'd look up from the page and feel ice on my face and see the sharp, cold sun reflecting off the snow. It brought back memories for me, since I've done some climbing myself, but I think almost any attentive reader will get the same feeling from it."

Renowned scientist and writer, Dr Thomas Harley, has also stayed on the side of fact — or at least of fact-based speculation. *Only One Future*, by Peter Weston, is a book I firmly believe everyone ought to read," he says. "It is a visionary book — it shows us what our future has in store for us if we go on the same way we are at present, and it presents an alternative future as well — the 'one future' of the title — which is the only path that holds any hope for us. I do believe that if this book were taken seriously, by governments as well as individuals, the future could truly be bright for coming generations. But, of course, many people consider scientific speculation to be mere fantasy, so I'm afraid this book may not do what it could."

Last of all, I spoke to stage actress, Susan Dickson. She was adamant about her choice. "I like books that say something to me personally, that reflect the realities of my own life. When I read Danielle Thomas' marvellous book, *Passing Through Pnltico*, I thought, 'Yes! This is it!' I wish I had the gift to create a book like that. The people in it are so well described that by the end of the book you feel as though you really know them. I believe that anyone with a spark of imagination will enjoy this book as much as I did."

If you were in any doubt as to which books to spend your hard-earned pounds on, take the celebrities' advice and go for these obviously excellent choices.

## KEY

1. Taking a Break
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| 1. D                      | 7, 8. B, D (in any order) | 13. E |
| 2. B                      | 9. C                      | 14. C |
| 3. A                      | 10. D                     | 15. A |
| 4, 5. A, C (in any order) | 11. B                     |       |
| 6. C                      | 12. B                     |       |

2. Living Abroad
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| 1. A | 6. B                        | 13. A                       |
| 2. C | 7, 8. B, F (in any order)   | 14, 15. C, E (in any order) |
| 3. F | 9. D                        |                             |
| 4. E | 10. D                       |                             |
| 5. E | 11, 12. C, E (in any order) |                             |

3. Good Reading
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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. B                      | 7. D                      | 13. E |
| 2. D                      | 8, 9. A, E (in any order) | 14. B |
| 3, 4. C, E (in any order) | 10. A                     | 15. D |
| 5. C                      | 11. C                     |       |
| 6. B                      | 12. C                     |       |