Reading Experience Database

Sample Completed Contribution Form

You should only fill in the name of the LISTENER in section 1.5 if you DO NOT know the name of the person reading aloud. In this example, Charles Manby Smith records the experience of his friend, Martin, who, while terminally ill, was read to by the child of his landlady at his lodgings.

SECTION ONE: CONTRIBUTOR’S DETAILS and READING EXPERIENCE

N.B. Unattributed entries CANNOT be entered into the database.

1. Your name and contact details

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<tr>
<th>Name:</th>
<th>Rosaini Crone</th>
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<tr>
<td>Email Address:</td>
<td><a href="mailto:R.H.Crone@open.ac.uk">R.H.Crone@open.ac.uk</a></td>
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An email will be sent automatically to the address provided to acknowledge the receipt of your contribution.

OR Postal address: 

2. Evidence of the Reading Experience

Please use this space to quote the words that act as the evidence of the reading experience. If no quotation exists, please describe your findings here in your own words. For legal reasons, we have limited entries here to 400 words (see below note). If entering marginalia, please follow this link.

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[Martin] suffered but little violent pain until the day he died. Up to that period he had sought amusement in cheerful and entertaining books. A child of his landlady read to him as he lay upon a sofa, while he endeavoured to fancy himself, as he said, a gentleman of fashion paying the penalty of a debauch.
3. Source for the reading experience

Please select Print, Manuscript or Other.

**Print**
- Author: [Name]
- Editor: [Name]
- Title: *A working man's way in the world*
- Place of publication: London
- Date of publication: 1857
- Volume number: 
- Page number: 

OR

**Manuscript**

OR

**Other**

Additional information: [Note]

4. Century of Reading Experience

- 1450-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1849
- 1850-1899
- 1900-1945
- Unknown

**And Date of Reading Experience (if known)**

If you know the exact date of the reading experience, please use the first option ("Exact date") only. If you have a date range, please use the "Date range" option. Follow the link for more detailed guidance.

- Exact date

OR

- Date range
  - Between [Day] (Month) [Year] and [Day] (Month) [Year]
  - Please use format: [Day] (Month) [Year]

OR

- Unknown
5. Name of

- Reader  [Notes]

OR

- Listener  [Notes]

  Martin
  Firstname(s)  
  Surname

OR

- Reading Group

Additional Comments

6. Age and Gender

- Child (0-17)
- Adult (18-100+)
- Unknown
- Male
- Female
- Unknown

7. Text Being Read

Author (if known)
  Firstname(s)  
  Surname

Title (if known)

Genre (choose as many as appropriate)

- Bible
- Fiction
- Poetry
- Biography
- Philosophy
- Textbook / self-education
- Arts / architecture
- Mathematics
- Natural history
- Agriculture / horticulture / husbandry
- Unknown

Other (please specify):
SECTION TWO: DETAILS OF THE TEXT BEING READ

1. Form of Text

Please choose either Print or Manuscript or Unknown

☐ Print:

(choose as many as appropriate)

☐ Advertisement  ☑ Book  ☐ Broadsheet  ☐ Form
☐ Handbill  ☐ Newspaper  ☐ Pamphlet  ☐ Poster
☐ Serial / periodical  ☐ Ticket  ☐ Unknown

Other (please specify): __________________________

OR

☐ Manuscript

OR

☐ Unknown

2. Any known publication details of the text being read

________________________________________________________________________

e.g. year, edition, publisher, translation.

3. Provenance (choose one)

☐ Borrowed (circulating library)  ☐ Found
☐ Borrowed (institution library)  ☐ Owned
☐ Borrowed (private library)  ☐ Read in situ
☐ Borrowed (public library)  ☐ Reading group
☐ Borrowed (other)  ☐ Stolen

Other (please specify): __________________________

SECTION THREE: FURTHER DETAILS

If you have material relating to any of the categories below, please select the category to enter data.

1. Date of Birth of Reader / Listener

Note: boxes in this category can be left blank. For example, if you only know the year in which the reader / listener was born, only fill in that box.

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2. Socio-Economic Group of Reader / Listener

- Unknown/NA
- Labourer (agricultural)
- Clerk / tradesman / artisan / smallholder
- Professional / academic / merchant / farmer
- Royalty / aristocracy

Other (please specify): 

3. Occupation of Reader / Listener

- Apprentice printer

4. Religion of Reader / Listener


5. Country of Origin of Reader / Listener

- England

6. Country of Experience of Reader / Listener

- England

7. Time of Experience of Reader / Listener

Please select as many options as appropriate. Boxes are provided next to each field for any additional information that you might like to enter.

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening
- Daytime
- Night

8. Place of Experience of Reader / Listener

Please select as many options as appropriate and complete the accompanying box if applicable. Follow the link for more detailed instructions and guidance.
9. Listeners present if any: (e.g. family, servants, friends, workmates)

Were any listeners present at the reading - for example, family, friends, servants or workmates? Please complete the box below. If you are completing this form for a listener rather than a reader, please list any other listeners present at this reading. Follow the link for more detailed instructions and guidance.

10. Type of Experience (Reader only)

Please select as many as appropriate from each of the following groups.

And/Or

(Listener only)

Please select as many as appropriate from each of the following groups.

11. Additional Comments

Please add any comments that you think are necessary. For example, 'I am not certain of the reliability of this source', 'I have not entered all the relevant reading experiences from this book or manuscript'. 'These are marginal notes in a book', 'This is editorial commentary or interjection', 'this information comes from a secondary source', 'I have transcribed the words of an interview on 23 June, 1990, with Mrs Jane Smith, born in 1920', etc.