

# The Reader

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## Sharing books

Loving the same books as your mate can be both a good and a bad thing. Great discussions start with books and there's nothing better than recommending a favourite book to a friend.

But, vying for the same book can cause friction. Witness the following scenarios, both reported to this bookseller in recent days:

## The next book in the series

Two people are avidly reading their way through a series of novels. The latest volume has just arrived and Sally\* has scooped it saying that if it went to Jim first, her wait for it would not be tolerable. Sally reads quickly but Jim savours each book, taking what Sally feels to be too long.

## Reading while on holiday

Bob cannot be pulled away from a particularly engrossing book—even though the couple is on holiday in an exotic locale and Mary would like them to get out and see the sights. But, as soon as Bob has finished the book and has passed it on to Mary, the tables are turned. Now Mary will not put the book down and Bob is anxious for her to join him on the town.

*\*Names have been changed to spare the above couples embarrassment; the names of the books involved will be shared on request.*

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