Gardening and Reading

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Abstract
Just as I grew up with gardens, I also grew up with books. I have loved reading for as long as I can remember. My dad once told me that as soon as I could walk, I would bring books (particularly *Pajama Time* and *Puppy Peek-a-Boo*) to him and coerce him into reading to me.

I consider myself lucky: I had parents who made it their mission to grow and nurture a love for books in their oldest daughter. They did so by filling our bookshelves.

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GT Reading Sample - "Summer activities at London's Kew Gardens" & "City Park and Ride". Read the text below and answer Questions 1–6.

**Summer activities at London's Kew Gardens.**

A. Climb up to the walkway among the trees, 18 metres above the ground, for a spectacular experience. Feel as tall as the trees and enjoy a bird's-eye view over the gardens.

B. The Nash Conservatory displays stunning images from leading wildlife photographer Heather Angel.

**Garden Reading in January.**

February 7.

Tuesday night the UPS driver pulled up to our home at 6:00 p.m and dropped off a package. Since Jacob's birthday was Monday I assumed it was probably his gift from his brother. (We won't scold about it being late we are just happy that he got him a gift). I have been sitting down each night and reading the backyard parables. It is beautifully written, Margaret is very thoughtful and transcendental with her writing about nature and her relationship with it.