What book is on your nightstand now?

When and where do you like to read?

What book had the greatest impact on you?

What were your favorite books as a child? Did you have a favorite character or hero?

What’s your favorite book to recommend?

What’s the one book you wish someone else would write?

What do you plan to read next?

If you could meet any writer, dead or alive, who would it be?

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