



Resourceful By Nature

Novelist Electronic Resource

1. Name one of the authors recommended in the Author Read-alike for Spider Robinson?
Douglas Adams / Eric Brown / Charles de Lint / Robert A. Heinlein / Terry Pratchett
2. List one of the questions in the Book Discussion Guide for *The Maltese Falcon*.
How does Hammett use character to keep the reader interested in the novel?
What does the falling beam story represent?
How does Sam Spade evolve as a character through the novel?
Is Sam Spade (Dashiell Hammett) sexist?
How do the stories Gutman and Brigid tell affect the reader's perception of their character?
How has time changed the reader's reaction to the dialogue in the novel?
What role does trust play in the novel?
How does the novel's point of view add to the mystery?
3. (a) I just finished reading *Hogfather* (I think it's by Terry Pratchett). (b) Is it part of a series? (c) If so, what is the series called and where is this book in the series (is it the first book, or tenth or forty-fourth)?
(a) Yes, it is a part of a series.
(b) The series is called *Discworld*.
(c) *Hogfather* is the 20th book in the series.
4. I really enjoyed the Millennium trilogy by Stieg Larsson (*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire*, and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*). I know that there are no other books currently available in this series. (a) What are some other books along the lines of the Millennium trilogy that you could recommend? (b) How did you go about answering this question?
(a) *City of Bones* by Michael Connelly; *Night and Fear: A Centenary Collection of Stories* by Cornell Woolrich (Note: this book is not in the Shortgrass collection); *The Case has Altered: a Richard Jury Mystery* by Martha Grimes; and, *Learning to Kill* by Ed McBain
(b) One way to answer this question would be to look up these novels (*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire*, and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*) and identify the genre (Mystery stories) and tone (Atmospheric; Bleak; Suspenseful) of these books. Then do an "All" search using the genre and tone as the search terms. Doing this found 50 titles. A quick look at the authors of these titles suggests that Michael Connelly, Cornell Woolrich, or Benjamin Black would be good authors to recommend.

5. (a) What is the title of the first book recommended for Ages 9 -12, under Sports Stories – Hockey? (Tip: use the Recommended Reads Lists section on the left hand side of the screen.) (b) Is this book in the collection of the Shortgrass public libraries?

(a) *Prince* by Bruce Brooks was published in February 1998.

(b) Yes, it is in the collections of the Bow Island Public Library and the Tilley Public Library.