

Readers

“We read to know we are not alone.”

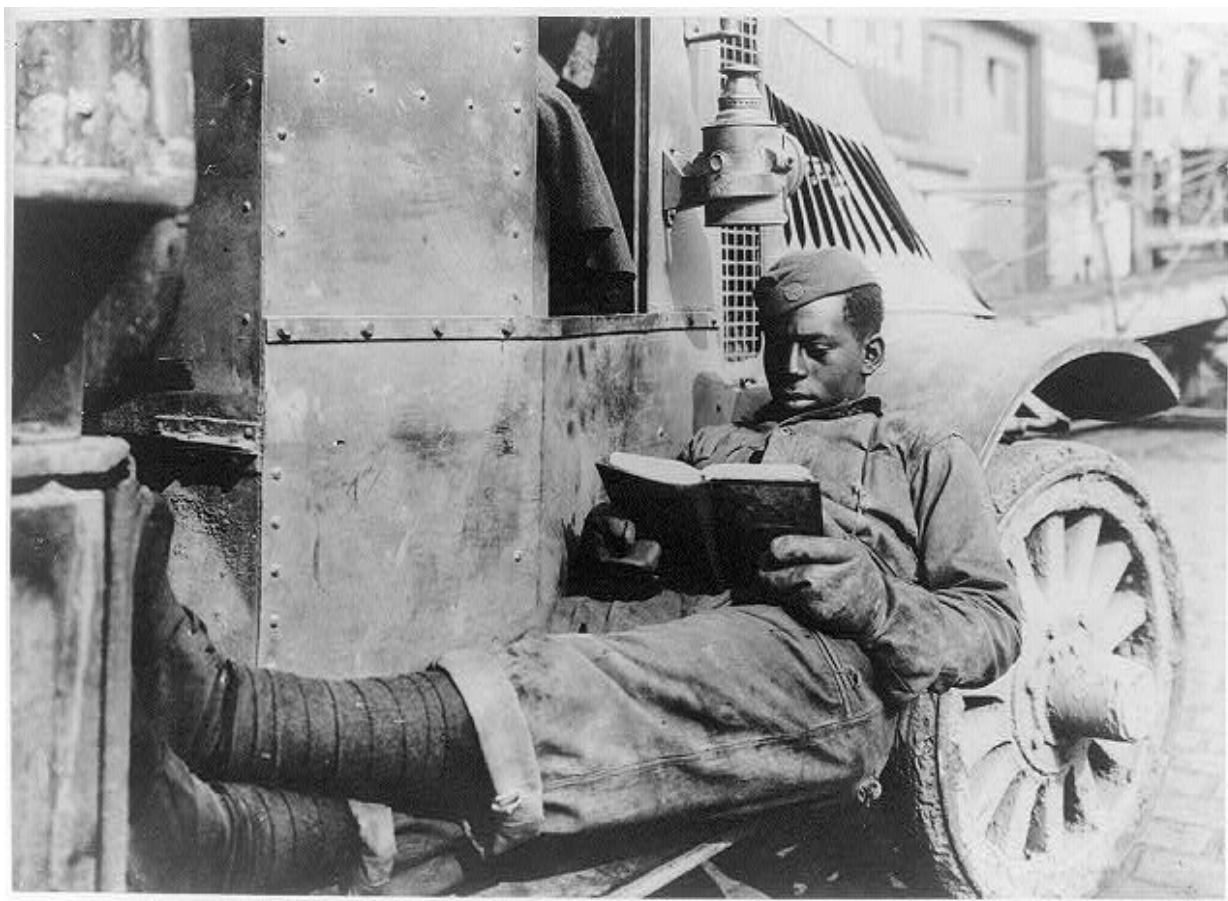
C.S. Lewis

I’ve loved books so long and so completely that I sometimes forget that reading is not a natural function, like breathing and eating. When I was twenty-three, I had a used bookstore. (To me, used books are like nieces and nephews. Someone else has paid the highest price so that I can come along and enjoy the result of their investment.) Over the next forty-odd years, I worked in publishing and wrote something more than 150 books. But I always had the good sense not to become a publisher. Until now.

Anyway, here are a few images of reading and readers. They’re my gift to you because, if you’re here, I know you’ll appreciate them.

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Reading a salvage book by one of the salvage men on the salvage truck of the
A.T.S. salvage office. St. Nazaire



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“I was born with a reading list I will never finish.”

Maud Casey

Boy listening to radio set and reading book



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“My alma mater was books . . .”

Malcolm X

Hon yomu musume tachi (Two young girls reading a book)



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“Think before you speak. Read before you think.”

Fran Lebowitz

Pink note: The Novelette



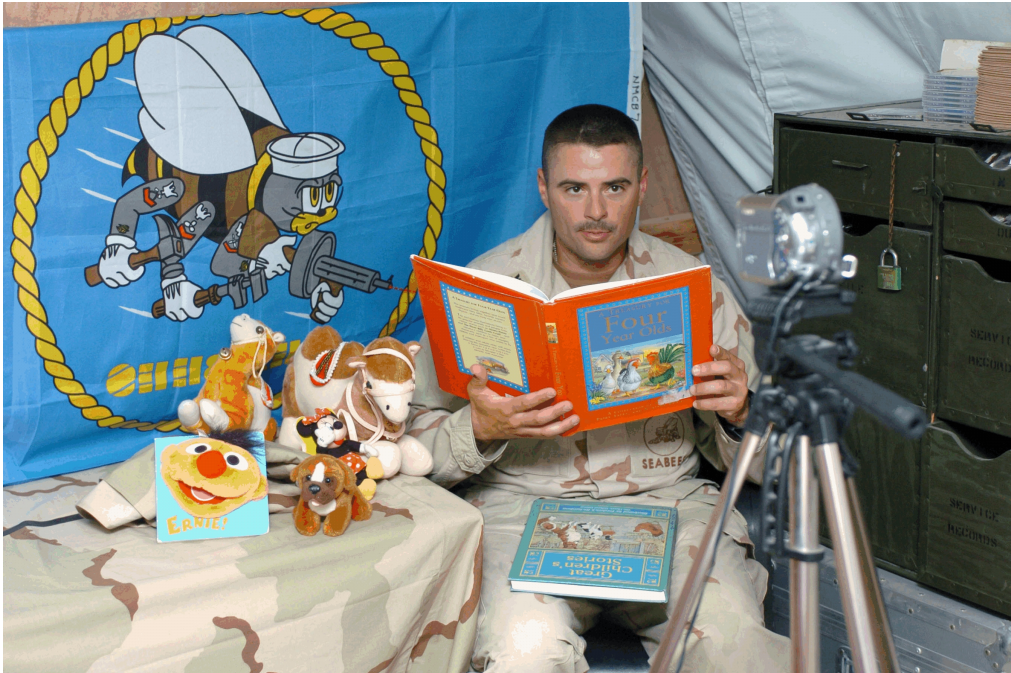
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“I declare after all there is no enjoyment
like reading!

How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book!”

Jane Austen

US Navy Equipment Operator Second Class Bryan Morgan reads to his children back home,
from Djibouti, Africa



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"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."
Emilie Buchwald