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### **Problems with E-books**

Reading on a screen isn't perfect either. Extended screen time can strain your eyes and cause headaches. Devices need charging, and technical issues can stop

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## The Best Way to Read: Physical Books or E-books

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### **Books in Your Hands**

There's something special about holding a physical book. Feeling the pages, flipping through them, and even smelling the paper can make reading feel more real. Whether it's a novel on a rainy afternoon, a cookbook in the kitchen, or a travel guide on vacation, physical books offer a comforting experience. You don't need Wi-Fi, batteries, or electricity—just open the cover, and you're ready to dive in.

### **Books on a Screen**

E-books, on the other hand,

bring books into the digital world. They can be read on smartphones, tablets, laptops, or e-readers, and you can carry hundreds of books in a single device. Perfect for long trips, crowded commutes, or late-night reading, e books are quick to download and easy to organize. With features like search, bookmarks, and adjustable font size, reading becomes fast, flexible, and convenient.

### **Why People Love Physical Books**

Many people love physical books because they help them focus.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony of Global Pathways International School (GPIS)



Global Pathways International School (GPIS) – Yangon proudly celebrated its 3rd Graduation Ceremony, honoring a cohort that has set new standards of academic excellence. The event marked a significant milestone not only for our graduates but also for the entire GPIS community. We were deeply honored by the presence of U Aung Chit Khin, Founder and President of Strategy First Education Group; Professor Dr. Sein Min (Vice President, Academic); U Aung Kyaw Htay (Vice President, Administrative); and Professor Dr. Daw Ni Lar Win (Principal of GPIS), whose leadership

continues to inspire our students to aim beyond boundaries.

The Cambridge IGCSE (2025 Series) results were exceptional, achieving a 97% overall pass rate. Four students earned straight A\* grades, while 53% of the cohort secured A\* and A grades, and 76% achieved Grade B or above. These



results position GPIS students competitively on the international stage and reflect a culture of high performance and academic rigor.

Our NCC Level 3 Diploma students achieved global distinction, earning both the 1st in the World Award and the 2nd in the World Award, alongside twelve students attaining all distinctions. In the GED programme, four students achieved full marks, with many others scoring 175+, further opening doors to leading universities worldwide. These accomplishments demonstrate that

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GPIS students do not simply participate — they excel.

Founded on 1 September 2022 and recognized by the Ministry of Education, GPIS remains steadfast

in its mission to create strong academic foundations and meaningful global education pathways. To the Class of 2025: your achievements reflect resilience,

ambition, and excellence. You graduate not only with qualifications, but with the confidence and capability to thrive anywhere in the world.



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reading at inconvenient times. It's also easier to get distracted by apps, notifications, or messages while reading digitally. Some readers miss the tactile feeling and satisfaction of a real book.

**Price Check**

Physical books are usually more expensive due to printing, transportation, and storage costs. E-books cost less and sometimes are even free, but you need a

device to read them. Over time, e-books can save money, especially for people who read frequently or need multiple books at once.

**The Better Choice**

So, which is better? The answer depends on personal preference. Physical books provide comfort, focus, and a tangible reading experience, while e-books offer convenience, portability, and flexibility. Many people find a balance—using physical books at home for relaxed reading and

e-books when traveling, studying, or saving space. At the end of the day, both options help us enjoy the magic of reading, wherever we are.

Whether you prefer holding a book in your hands or swiping through pages on a screen, the most important thing is reading itself. Books—physical or digital—open doors to new ideas, stories, and worlds. The choice is yours, and the best book is the one you read.

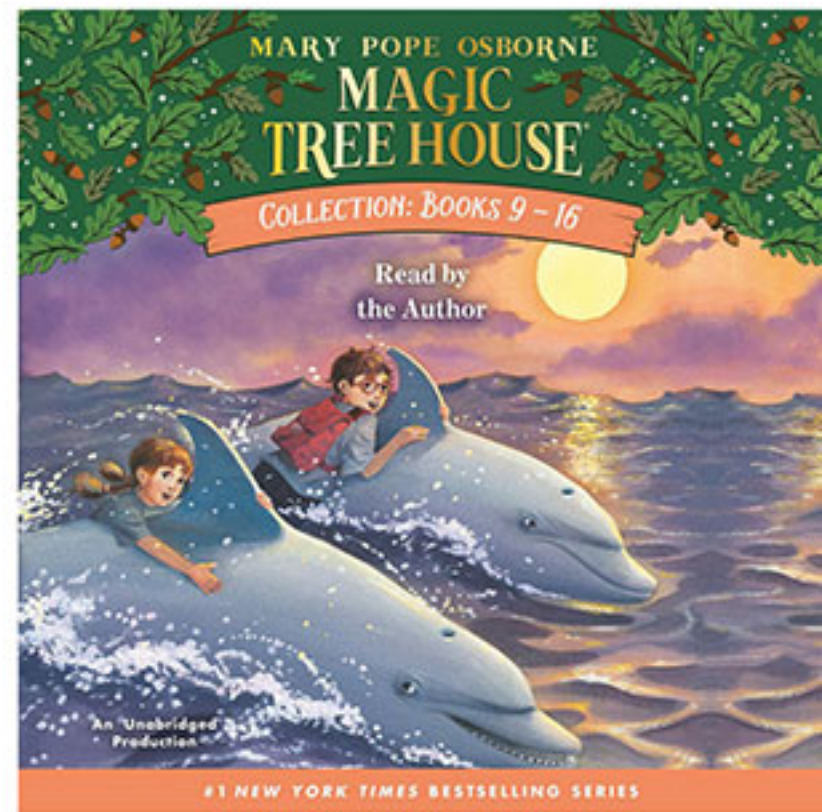
# Story Book Recommendation: **Magic Tree House**

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Magic Tree House is a wonderful book series for readers who enjoy adventure, imagination, and discovery. Written by Mary Pope Osborne, the stories follow two siblings, Jack and Annie, who find a mysterious tree house filled with books. This tree house has magical powers and can transport them to different times and places around the world. From the very first book, readers are drawn into exciting journeys that spark curiosity and a love for reading.

Each adventure takes Jack and Annie to a new historical period or location, such as ancient Egypt, the age of dinosaurs, or a medieval castle. Along the way, they solve problems, meet interesting characters, and learn important lessons about bravery, friendship, and responsibility. The language is simple and clear, making the series easy to follow, while the fast-moving plots keep readers engaged from beginning to end.

What I enjoyed most is how the books teach you about history and different cultures without feeling like a lesson. I learned new facts while having fun, which made reading even more rewarding. I would recommend Magic Tree House to anyone who loves adventure, magic, and learning new things through stories. It's a series that makes reading feel like an exciting journey.



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