

The Adventures Reading Brings

I sit by a window as rain showers down from the cloudy sky. Word by word I read, periodically staring out the window as my mind slips away into a different world. I'm in a submarine, searching for a sunken treasure as a colorful array of fish swim among the swaying seaweed. Light penetrates through the water, shining onto me as I enter the wonders of the ocean. As I start entering the deepest of waters, the light of the sun slowly fades away, as a blanket of gloom sets upon me. To the right, I can barely make out the outline of a small box. Was this the hidden treasure?

When a sudden downpour of rain is brought upon us, we are caged in our homes. But we have long outgrown the days when we would prance around the living room pretending to be a knight, riding through the woods in rescue of a captured teddy bear. Instead, we would sit on the couch and read letting our minds bring us into another world. We can almost feel the joy, hear the commotion, experience the excitement, and even feel the danger portrayed in the novel, as we are caged inside our houses no longer.

A book is like a magic wand with the ability transport readers to where they want to be with a single tap. *Tap*. The reader is flown away from Earth, into a world beyond imagination. With the flip of every page, an adventure arises. With every chapter finished, another surprise awaits. With every sentence read, a journey continues. No longer are there limits to the places where one can go. No matter where you are, simply open a book and find yourself being whisked away to a magical world.

I reach out towards the small box, wondering if the treasure lay inside when I notice a fluorescent jellyfish bobbing up and down beside me. I scream in alarm and with the blink of an eye, I find myself back at my house with my pesky little brother shining a flashlight into my eyes. "Let's go!" he exclaimed. I looked out the window and noticed that the rain had ceased. I set the book I had been reading onto the table. The glossy words, "an underwater adventure" embossed onto the cover of the book shined in the sunlight. "Finally the sun's out," my brother said as he heaved a huge sigh of relief, "I've been stuck in this house forever!"

"Well, I've been having quite an adventure."

"Huh?"

"I've been exploring the vast ocean in a submarine!"

"No you didn't! You were in the house the whole time," my brother said accusatorily. I smiled as my brother and I headed outside. Someday, I would show him the underwater world and the secrets it holds.