

# Reader of the Week

Mr McGuigan



## What was your favourite childhood book and why?

It was the *Asterix and Obelix* books that I got from the local library in Glasgow. They were really comics but with a hardback, nowadays they are called graphic novels. I liked them because the two main characters were underdogs (Gauls on the Celtic fringe) that drank a magic potion and then gave the occupying Romans a good doing on a regular basis. In the 1970's when I was growing up we had a black and white T.V and there were only three channels so going to the library was a cheap day out and the librarians were interesting to look at.

## Which 3 books would you take with you to a desert island?

*The Bible* as there is loads of stories, information and inspiration in it so that would keep me going for a long while. *Das Kapital* by Karl Marx because there are loads of footnotes (additional bits of information at the bottom of the page) in it and I love footnotes and the wee diversions they take you in and the people in them. *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens because it is a great story with loads of good characters. You don't know how long you're going to be on that island so big books would be best.

## Fiction or non fiction?

That's too hard I like both.

## What was the last book you read?

I am still reading it, it's called "*The Greatest Comeback*" by David Belchover. Its about Bela Guttmann, a Jewish football player and manager who survived the Second World War and won the European Cup as Manager for Benfica two years in a row.

## What would the title of your autobiography be and why?

"*Mince and Chips*". When I was young boy my brother and my cousins used to stay at my Grannie and Grampa's quite a lot in a wee town near the Campsie Hills and our favourite thing our Grannie made for our dinner was mince and chips. Not healthy low fat oven chips but real chips that were fried in fat and were not only a health hazard but also a fire hazard. Not only that but she let us watch the T.V. while we were eating our dinner, (my mum would never let us do that). I loved those times and the best times for me now are having a laugh with my family and friends when we are sharing something to eat. But they don't like mince and chips..... Snobs!