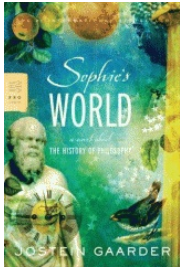


# ~My~ Influential Books

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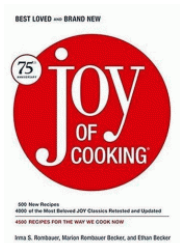
## Sophie's world

Jostein Gaarder ; translated by Paulette Moller. --

## R. L. Stine & Christopher Pike

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So many of my "ESL days" reads were horror novels by R. L. Stine and Christopher Pike.



## Joy of cooking

Irma S. Rombauer, Marion Rombauer Becker, Ethan Becker ; illustrated by John Norton. --



## The tests of the ninja

story and art by Masashi Kishimoto ; [English adaptation by Jo Duffy ; translation, Katy Bridges]. --

I admit I was late to the world of anime and manga. Thankfully, I was introduced to Naruto and never looked back.

I believe my family has the 1975

edition. Nevertheless, The "Joy of Cooking" cookbook is a treasure trove of recipes and information for novice and avid cooks. My first from-scratch brownies were from here, and they were fantastic! I'm still not able to read the chapter about cooking wild game like...

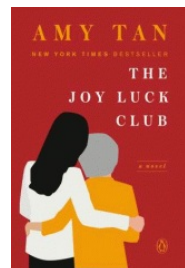


## No logo

Naomi Klein.

Ah, "No Logo" and the magazine "Adbusters" shaped part of my thinking as a teen. My copy is

highlighted, even though I read it for fun, not for school!



## The Joy Luck Club

Amy Tan. --

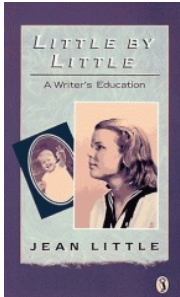
The movie drew me to the novel. This was my first novel about the Chinese-American inter-generational experience. I could identify with many different parts of the multiple relationships in the novel.

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## Little by Little

Jean Little.

I read this in Grade 6, not knowing anything about the author. It read like a fiction novel to me at the time. It was very moving, describing the adversities of being blind, toughing it out, and making it in a not-so-kind world.



## Jacob have I loved

Katherine Paterson.

If you've experienced the pangs of sibling rivalry, you may like this novel. One of my earlier English reads (I was in ESL gr. 5&6), it was encouraging to see Sara Louise grow into her own person.