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Growing up I learned to read from a series of books that are called Bob Books. Most people would know these as easy read books with a few words on each page. It took me a while to learn how to read because I did not enjoy the process. It felt hard for me and the process did not seem rewarding. In school I remember taking home reading books that we had to read to our parents and get a sheet signed. This was something the entire class did and you would graduate from book to book and work your way to harder books. I felt that I was in the middle of the class for my level of learning how to read. I was not the slowest at learning yet I was not the best in any way. In third and fourth I remember taking AR tests also known as accelerated reader tests to gain points. We had to get so many points in the semester to pass that section for language arts. I did not like this process because a lot of times I did not comprehend what I read so in return I did not do well on the tests because I did not know what happened throughout the book. This was one of my biggest struggles throughout school because I always felt that I was forced to read books for school that I disliked and in return I did not comprehend what I read.

While in grade school when I would come across a word in a book that I did not know or recognize I would just skip over the word because I did not realize that it would be a good idea to learn what the new word was. Now I realize that it is important to know new words and to build up your dictionary in your brain. I now look up the new words.

I do not write for pleasure right now because I still to this day do not enjoy writing papers or journals. I have never been a strong writer and have a hard time coming up with new topics or ideas. I did however read books for pleasure when I have the time.