I have become, over time, someone who needs to read every single day. It might not always be a full length novel, but I have to read something. Sometimes it is a book. Reading fiction helps me understand others and sometimes helps me to escape reality for just a little while. Other times it may be a news article. I am someone who finds it very important to be aware of what is going on in the world around me. As a teacher, my reading will often consist of work my students have created. The type of reading changes daily, but you can bet that I am reading something every single day.

Toward the end of last school year, I set several goals for my summer reading. One was to read at least one classic, and at that, I failed. A few too many realistic fiction and dystopian titles seemed far more appealing, so I went with those instead. This helped me to reach another goal, which was to keep up with Young Adult fiction so that I'd have titles to recommend to students upon returning to school. While I did not read as many titles as I would have liked, I did come across some keepers. Sometimes, life gets in the way and prevents me from finding quality reading time. Other times, I just want to kick back and binge on a TV series.