Read It Again

The Reread Journal - for second, third and twentieth readings

Free sample - three real pages: The Reread Method, the First-Read Memory Snapshot, and the Then vs Now spread.

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How to Use This Journal - The Reread Method

1. Shelf it first. When a book starts calling you back, log it on the Books Worth Rereading shelf with the reason it earned a return trip.

2. Snapshot before you reopen. The golden rule of this journal: complete the First-Read Memory Snapshot (each cycle's page 1) BEFORE you open the book again. Memory first, evidence second - the gap between them is the best part.

3. Read with two pens. Mark anything you don't remember planting - clues, lines, whole characters. They go in What I Missed the First Time (cycle page 3).

4. Compare, don't replace. The Then vs Now spread (cycle page 2) never overwrites your first rating. Both stand. Disagreement between past-you and present-you is data, not an error.

5. Close the loop. Finish the cycle with the Ending Revisited page, add one line to your Reread History Index, and let the Annual Reread Review show you your year in returns.

A full cycle takes about ten minutes across the whole reread - two before you start, a few marks while you read, five when you finish. The rule from our other journals applies here too: a journal you keep up beats a beautiful journal you abandon.

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Cycle Page 1 - Why I'm Rereading This

Book:

Author:

This will be read #:

First read (month/year):

Age I was then / Age I am now:

Format then / Format this time:

Start date:

Why this book, why now (tick all that apply):

[ ] Comfort - I need a place I know

[ ] I read it too young

[ ] Missed the clues - going back to catch them

[ ] A sequel/adaptation is coming

[ ] My opinion was extreme (loved/hated) and I no longer trust it

[ ] Book club / buddy reread

[ ] I recommended it and must check I still stand by it

[ ] Pure homesickness for this world

In one sentence, the real reason:

What I hope this reread does for me:

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First-Read Memory Snapshot

DO NOT open the book before finishing this page.

My rating the first time (out of 5):

1	2	3	4	5

Where that rating lives (old review / app / pure memory):

The plot, as I remember it, in four lines:

The ending, as I remember it:

The character I loved most:

The character I couldn't stand:

A scene I can still see clearly:

A line I think I remember (wrong is interesting):

How the book made me feel, in three words:

My honest confidence in this snapshot: It'll be spot on / Mostly right / I suspect past-me is about to embarrass present-me.

Cycle Page 2 - Then vs Now: The Comparison Spread

First read and this read, side by side. Neither column overwrites the other.

	THEN - first read	NOW - this read
Rating		
Three-word feeling		
Favourite character		
Least favourite character		
Favourite scene / chapter		
The line that stayed with me		
What I thought the book was about		
Who I'd recommend it to		
The age / life-stage it hit me at		

The single biggest change between the two columns:

Did the book change, or did I? (be specific):

Rating verdict: Upgraded / Downgraded / Same stars, different reasons / Same stars, same reasons - it's a fixed star in my sky.

This free sample holds three real pages of Read It Again - The Reread Journal (46 pages: reread dashboard, lifetime history index, rereading shelves and queue, five six-page reread cycles, annual review, Changed-Mind Awards and Hall of Fame - US Letter, A4 and tablet editions). Its companion for first reads is The Ultimate Reading Journal Bundle. Both live at pagelyra.vercel.app