

EDITORIAL

Being creatively inclined is the best.

The ability to do things in your image as opposed to extending a template, creating pieces of work that have a piece of you in it, is an unbeatable feeling. Getting paid to do work like this, that's just the best, right?

Or is it?

While there are well trodden paths when it comes to careers in the creative world, in arts, in writing, in music, the roads are still treacherous. Almost every artist I know, every writer I work with, and even musicians pursue the thing they do the best as an afterthought, often working soul crushing jobs to support themselves. While we know why our society prefers utilitarian professions over ones derived from passion, I think this can still change.

Instead of treating creative work as something that can "never" pay well, I think we could start by pointing out to young individuals the avenues that do exist if they wish to make a living from it. If more people took that option, the roads will eventually widen. Maybe then, this simple choice wouldn't be something daring for generations of the future.

– Azmin Azran, Sub-editor, SHOUT



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Book Vlogs for Bookaholics

SABIBA HOSSAIN

Watching book reviewers describe their daily lives and getting lost in the sea of tranquillity is a strange addiction. It draws you into another world and often lets you experience a lazy stroll on the streets of Paris, browsing books in an antique store in Seoul, or trying out vintage clothing that you admire so much.

That's why I watch book vlogs.

They make book reviews more interesting and let you feel you're discussing books with your friend and not just some critic on the internet.

Here are four magical book review channels on YouTube that'll give you a taste of escapism from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

CARI CAN READ

This channel hosts lively discussions about books and tv shows, and bits and pieces of Cari's daily life in Seoul. She mainly gives recommendations on young adult fantasy and contemporary books, and sometimes on new adult books.

Cari is very interactive with her subscribers. She often takes book recommendations from them and shares her thoughts. If you want calm-yet-chaotic reviews of the books that are in trend, check this channel out. To experience life in South Korea, head over to her second channel, *Cari Cakes*.

* E M M I E *

If you're looking for something aesthetically pleasing, * e m m i e * is the right place to start. Emma is a university student studying in Canada who weaves book reviews into her life stories like attending online classes, doing assignments, buying worn-out books from the market, and so on. Emma mainly reviews classics and books of foreign literature.

If you want to read unique books that

aren't popular within the YA community, check out her channel. ASMR sounds, brilliant videography, and Emma's soothing voice will give you a sense of peace and serenity. Besides book reviews, you will find study vlogs and literary and fashion discussions on her channel.

WITHCINDY

We all have that eccentric friend who talks nonstop, cracks jokes and makes us feel blissful when we're having a hard day. Watching *withcindy* is like that.

Cindy lives in the US and likes to move around a lot. She describes it as flexing her nomadic adventures on the internet so that she can use them for tax deductions. Cindy cooks and talks about books, watches movies and roasts the characters, or does something creative and comical at times.

Of all the content creators mentioned above, Cindy interacts the most with her fans. She reads almost every comment and replies to them. However, the most notable feature of her channel is probably her reading and roasting of Sarah J. Mass's books.

When you feel frustrated at the absurdity of the things that happen in YA books, feel free to visit her channels. Her snorts, scoffs, and sarcastic remarks will make your day better.

THE BOOK LEO

Want to go on a book shopping date in Amsterdam? If so, *The Book Leo* is the perfect channel for you. Leoni mainly reviews contemporary books but recently she has been reviewing books that are popular on TikTok. If you're unsure whether to buy that book that pops on your feed every time you open TikTok or don't know where to begin as a reader because there are so many books, go over to her channel. I guarantee you'll find the perfect book for you.

TITLE OF YOUR MIXTAPE



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Viva La Vida
Coldplay

Who Says
Selena Gomez

Absolutely Smitten
dodie

Coronado
Lovejoy

B

Sweet Marie
The Walters

I Love You Baby
Parekh & Singh

Just Another Girl
The Killers

Rupkotha
Warfaze

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