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## BBAW '09, topic #2 (Blogger Q&A)

I signed up to trade an interview with a fellow blogger and was thrilled when I was paired up with someone who was new-to-me! So I scoped out her blog, nosed through some posts and came up with some questions. She was a real sport about it and came up with great responses.

I now give you, Kate, from [The Neverending Shelf](#):

1. You haven't been blogging for very long. Were you a book blog follower before a blog writer? What was the first book blog you remember coming across?

Actually, I was not much of a blog follower before deciding to become a blog writer. I have been a reader for a long time, and so when I started to discover the blogging community it was like a light bulb went off. I just kept thinking-- this would be so much fun to do and I can do this. I did however, do a lot of research before I started my blog. I wanted to make sure I knew what I was getting into, and what was expected of me. I think that has helped me be a better blogger.

I think the first book blog I came across was The Story Siren's. I am not really sure how I ended up there, but I was just fascinated by her site. It is filled with a lot of information for the new blogger, as well as great links to other fabulous blogs.

2. Why do you not read non-fiction or memoirs/biographies?

While those types of books can be interesting, they are just not my cup of tea. I have tried to read this genre in the past, and I usually lose interest. But this is actually kind of strange since I love historical fiction so much.

3. If you were a character in a book, would you rather be a memorable bad girl, or an unremarkable good girl? I would definitely want to be a memorable bad girl. This would be something that is a bit out of the norm for me. So if I am going to be a character, I would love for it to be possibly my antithesis.

4. From your first Branching Out post: "My reading obsession began when I was about 10 with my mother's old romance novels." I, too, began reading adult material at a young age (VC Andrews) and feel it was vital to my growth as a reader. Do you think your reading tastes would be different had you not been introduced to adult material at a young age? Would you prevent your children from reading outside of their age range?

Absolutely. I think that opportunity has helped fuel my passion for reading. It also set me up for advancements in reading and English courses. For example, I remember in about the 6th grade, we had to take reading level tests. When the results came, my parents and teachers were amazed that at my young age I was reading at college level. All in all, I honestly think that if I had not began actively reading at such a young age that I may not be the book lover I am today.

I would never stop my children from reading outside their age range as long as I believe that they are mature enough to read it. I was a very mature child which helped me handle reading about sexual interactions at such a young age. But I think that it is important for each parent to take into