

How to Read More!

My Top 7 Tips

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Hi there! I'm Holly Davis, author of [A Diamond Bright and Broken](#), my debut YA epic fantasy novel releasing November 5, 2024 with Inimitable Books. It's so nice to meet you! 😊 My love of writing stems from my love of reading, and I'm happy to say it has only grown over time. When I made the conscious effort to read more, at first I started with 30 books read in 2015. By implementing the top 7 tips I'll share with you, I now read 95-100+ books every year! 🐼

How It Started



How It's Going



Reading over 100 books in a year sounds like a lot, but these strategies will help you reach any goal you make on Goodreads or in a reading journal. Speaking of Goodreads, I'd love to add you as a friend there! You can follow my author profile [here](#) to stay up-to-date on book news and add [A Diamond Bright and Broken](#) to your TBR (available for preorder on all major platforms)! I'd love for my book to help towards your reading goal. 😊

I hope you enjoy my top 7 tips to read more and crush your bookish goals. Happy reading!!

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#1 Listen to audiobooks

This has been one of the godsend in allowing me to read more books every year. There are many different platforms with a wide range of selections, including:

- Everand (formerly Scribd)
- Audible
- Libby
- Hoopla
- Libro.fm

Audiobooks can be hard to get used to at first, especially if you're a multi-tasker, so start with just sitting and listening to the narrator before you start getting into other tasks simultaneously. Overall, they are a great way to read no matter what you're doing!

Listen to your audiobook while:

- Driving or commuting on the bus/train
- Doing chores
- Walking your dog
- Getting ready in the morning (doing your hair, packing lunch, etc.)
- Working out
- Cooking
- Anything else you can think of!

#2 Switch up your physical copy

You don't have to lug around a huge book wherever you go in the hopes you can read. Don't forget about e-books! E-books are a great way for you to read on the go. Just take your phone or e-reader with you and 'flip' open that book whenever you can. It's easier to take out and put away if you're short on time. Plus, e-books are markedly cheaper than physical copies, which allows you to get even more books read if you're on a budget.

#3 Schedule your reading time

Too often have I said, 'I'll read today' or 'I'll read before bed', but I never truly plan it out and end up collapsing in bed at night without reading a word. We've all been there. Scheduling your reading time is crucial to getting more books read. Maybe you spend 10 minutes every morning reading with your cup of joe, or perhaps you set an alarm at night to hop into bed and read for 30 minutes before you eventually pass out. Find where you have the time, get in the habit, and build a routine!

#4 fit it in

What if you find that you really don't have the time to read? Well, then fit it in! You know you're going to be waiting at the doctor's for at least 10 minutes? Instead of browsing on your phone, pull out your book or e-book, or even pop in your earbuds and listen to an audiobook! Going grocery shopping or standing in a long line? Reading time! Find moments throughout the day when you're idle and use them to your advantage. You'd be amazed how much it adds up!

#5 Make a Goodreads goal

Making a reading goal is the perfect way to set your intentions and stick to them. The cool thing about this is that you can change this goal at any point throughout the year! Try to read at least one book more than the year before to 'set a new record'. It's a fun challenge to compete against yourself to read more and more. Having a certain number in the back of your head of how many books you should be reading each month also gives you that push you need to keep up!

#6 Don't sweat if money's tight

If money is an issue and you're unable to afford your book obsession, ask for books as gifts on your wish list for your birthday, Christmas, and other holidays. You can also visit your local library and check out tons of books for free (Libby is the library's free version for audiobooks). Many cities have Little Free Libraries set up in neighborhoods where you can take a book for free (and leave a book if you want)!

#7 Join an online book club

You can find like-minded bookworms online, whether on BookTube (YouTube), Bookstagram (Instagram), BookTok (TikTok), or on Goodreads groups and forums. Most groups have a certain book they read each month, then they talk about it at the end! This is a great way not only to network with other book lovers but to also find new books to read. Sometimes they even host 24-hour read-a-thons, which is for the masochists, but I'll leave that decision up to you.

If you want to read more books by BIPOC authors, I'm the host of the [Diversity is Lit Book Club](#) on Goodreads, where we read one book by a BIPOC author every month and discuss it on my [YouTube channel](#), @writehollydavis. Search us in the Goodreads groups and subscribe to my Authortube/Booktube channel—we'd love to have you!

I hope you found these tips helpful. Happy reading!

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