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Q Your favourite reading spot?
The balcony outside my bedroom, of my house in the hills, overlooking the Himalayas, with the clouds below me and the smell of pine all around me.

Q Books you are reading at present?
Raise High The Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour by J.D. Salinger.

Q Your favourite Indian writers?
Other than myself?... That would be Bhagwati Charan Verma.

Q Your favourite novelists?
P.G. Wodehouse, Albert Camus, J.D. Salinger and Horace McCoy.

Q Your favourite children's books?
All of Enid Blyton series and the *Jake* series by Ken Spillman.

Q The most under-rated book?
Whitney, My Love by Judith McNaught.

Q Classics you want to read?
Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë and *Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.

Q Your favourite literary character?
Bond, James Bond:) And then of course it is my very own Iqbal and Col. Anbu from the *Lashkar* series.

Q The book that changed your life?
Chitralkha by Bhagwati Charan Verma and *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* by Horace McCoy.

Q The funniest book you have read?
All of *Jeeves* and *Bertie Wooster*, by P.G. Wodehouse.

Q The most erotic book you have read?
The Kama Sutra.

Q The book you wanted never to end?
The Kama Sutra...:) and *Gone With The Wind* by Margaret Mitchell.

Q Book you would make must read?
My *Lashkar* series, of course:)

Q Which school/college text did you enjoy the most?
Err... NONE... Because education and I are kind of mutually exclusive commodities. I have a lot of respect for it, but always gave it a wide berth.

Writer's BLOCK

Whitney, My Love by Judith McNaught is the most under-rated book