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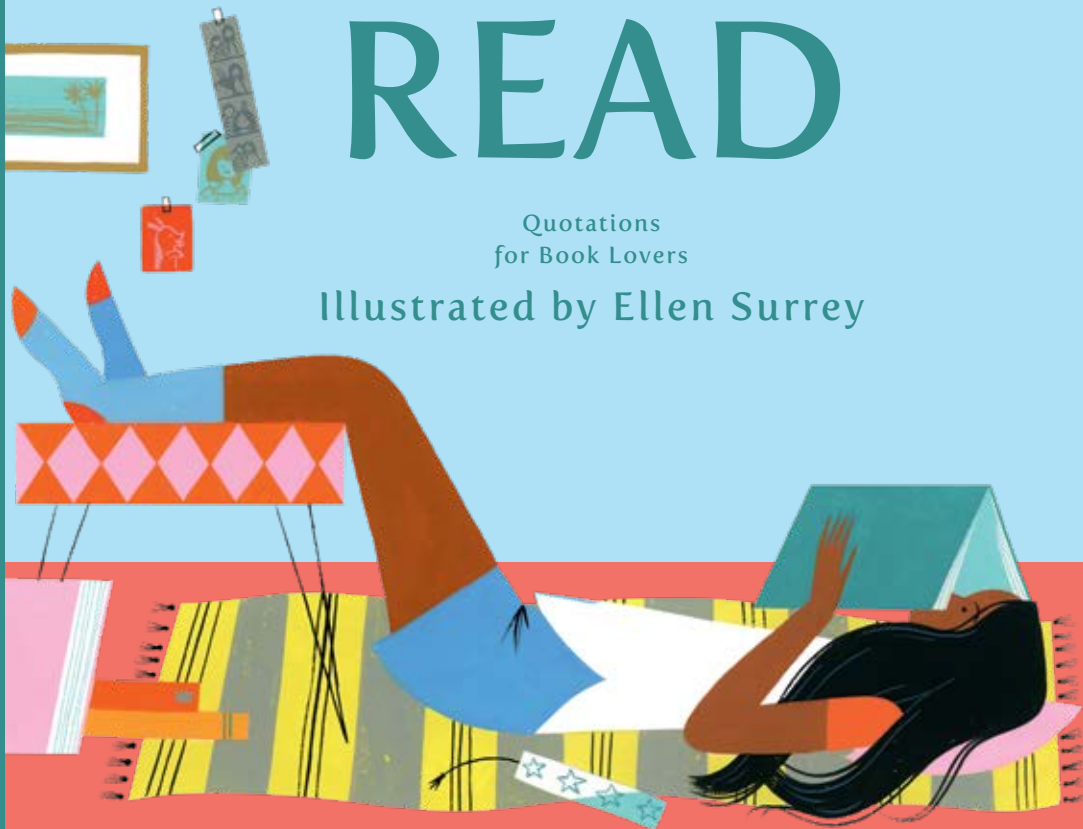
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Quotations  
for Book Lovers

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She went on olden-day sailing ships with Joseph Conrad. She went to Africa with Ernest Hemingway and to India with Rudyard Kipling. She travelled all over the world while sitting in her little room in an English village.

Roald Dahl  
(Matilda)

I have always imagined that  
Paradise will be a kind of library.

Jorge Luis Borges





You can never  
get a cup of tea large  
enough or a  
book long enough to suit me.

C. S. Lewis



If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking.

Haruki Murakami  
(Norwegian Wood)



Reading is to the  
mind what exercise  
is to the body.

Richard Steele



After nourishment,  
shelter and companionship,  
stories are the thing we need  
most in the world.

Philip Pullman





*We are of opinion that instead  
of letting books grow moldy  
behind an iron grating, far from  
the vulgar gaze, it is better to let  
them wear out by being read.*

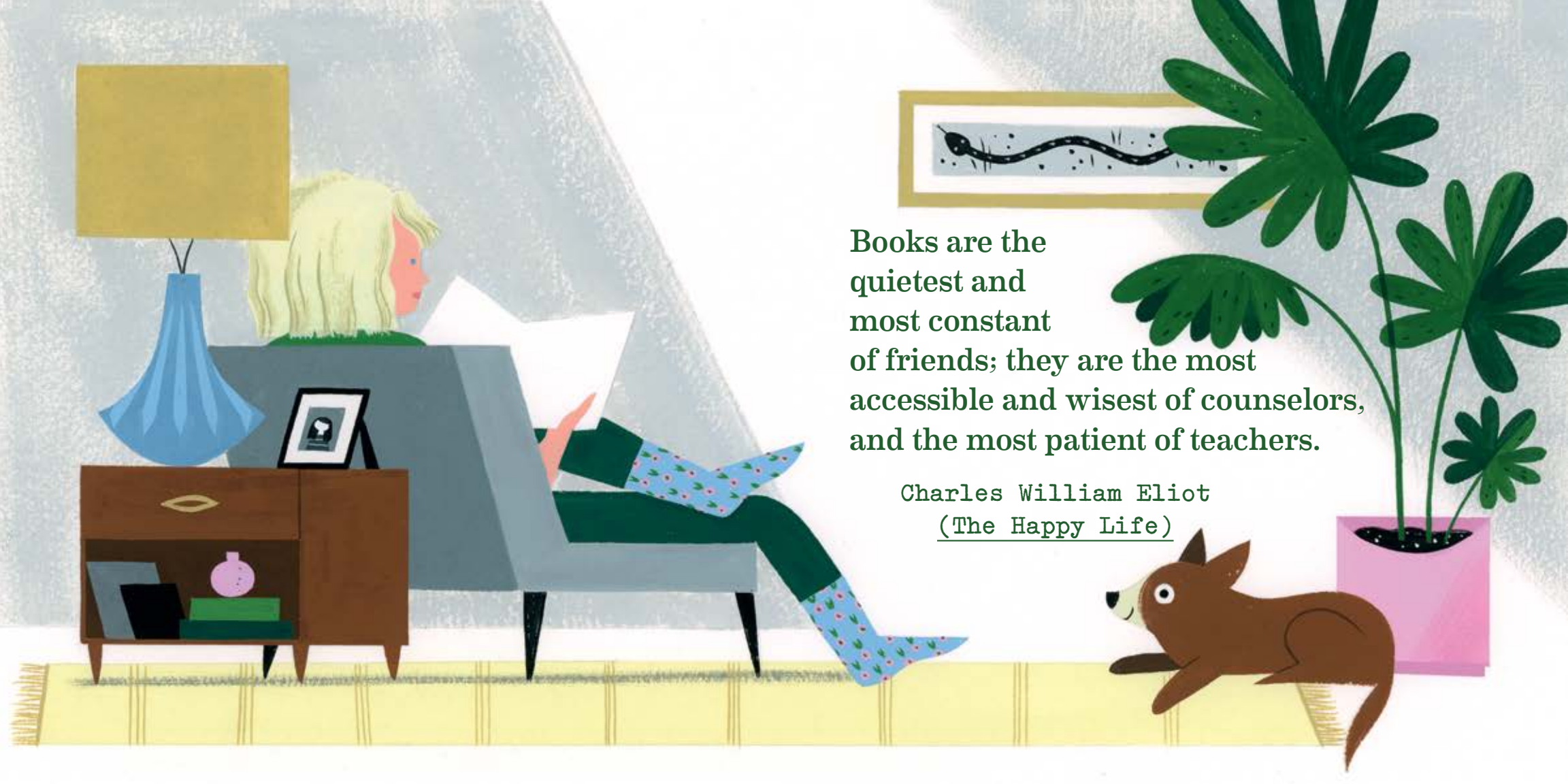
Jules Verne  
(Journey to the Center of the Earth)





If you want your children  
to be intelligent, read them  
fairy tales.

Albert Einstein



Books are the  
quietest and  
most constant  
of friends; they are the most  
accessible and wisest of counselors,  
and the most patient of teachers.

Charles William Eliot  
(The Happy Life)