

All the Books

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A tribute to Debbie Ridpath Ohi's *I Want to Read All the Books*

Everyone has an ambition
And I'd like to tell you mine.
It's not to be a magician
Who turns Pepsi into wine,
Be a famous baseball batter
Or get hold of Sauron's Ring.
Such obsessions do not matter.
No, I just wish for one thing.

Refrain:

I want to read all the books,
It's not as hard as it looks.
The ones about maids and cooks,
The ones about cops and crooks,
Where armored knights yell "Gadzooks"
While wading through babbling brooks.
I want to sit down and read every one of the books.

I'll dive into every story
And give every tale a chance,
Read adventures grim and gory,
Fluffy fantasy romance.
Books from every time and region
On my queue will all be hurled.
I'll learn Hindi and Norwegian,
Every language in the world.

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Scoffers claim that I can't do it,
There is far too much to read,
But I say there's nothing to it,
Lots of time is all I need.
I will build a replicator,
Make myself a thousand clones.
We will dig a great big crater,
Fill it up with lib'ry loans.

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