



Marbellas Youngest Entrepreneur

Johanna Jonnson has opened her first bookstore in Marbella, aged 11 years old. Churchill Books offers a diverse selection of novels aimed at young readers. In this interview, we find out about her love of the legendary author, Stephen King, writing her first novel and hopefully inspiring the next generation.

My interest in books began... when I moved to Marbella aged 5. This was mainly down to the great teachers at Swans. I also have a love of writing. I spend most evenings working on my first novel, before reading one of Steven Kings books, who is my favourite author or anything to do with psychology.

I decide to open a bookshop in Marbella because... I thought it would be a good way to encourage kids and teenagers like me to read. Whenever my family and I travelled, I would love to visit the local bookshops. It was during a trip to London visiting Daunt, a breathtakingly beautiful bookstore, that I had the idea to open my own shop.

Churchill Books is aimed at teenagers, but I do still hope that they bring their parents with them, as I am sure they would find something that caters to their tastes.

I named the store Churchill Books because... in Steven Kings book Pet Sematary, there is a cat called Church, (short for Winston

Churchill.) Also, when I was living in New York, the closest bookshop to us was Chartweel Bookstore, which is dedicated solely to Winston Churchill. Now, I think it's too much of a coincidence that the cat in my favourite book and the nearest bookstore to my house had the same name to just let it slide.

The feedback has been... really positive. Okay, let's be honest, an eleven year old opening a bookstore isn't the most normal thing in the world. Yet, instead of people telling me I'm too young to be running a business, they think it's impressive.

My friends have been really supportive. They are always coming up with ideas for the store or asking me for book recommendations. I am forever grateful for them.

What I love about Steven King is...the way he describes things, especially his surroundings. The plots of are so well thought out, it's never your basic adventure in the forest, action kind of book. He fills you with fear, creating tension and suspense throughout.

My personal philosophy is... that there a book for everyone. It's important to read, as it improves your vocabulary. It's good to explore different authors, as it can help you gain a vast understanding of the English language.

I am currently... writing a book and I hope to get it published in the next year or so.

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