Staff Reader of the Month for November

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What are you reading now?

“The Foundation” by Steve P. Vincent

What was the last book you read?

“The Stuff of Thought” by Steven Pinker
Why do you like reading and/or why do you think it’s important?

I read for two reasons – enjoyment, and learning.

I am curious about the world and everything in it, and in particular I love reading about how language is used to present ideas, manipulate thoughts and shape communities. Steven Pinker’s book really dissects how language is a representation of human nature, and it fascinates me that the words that come out of our mouths and our pens can have such an impact on people.

I read also for the sheer enjoyment of it. I love almost all genres, but in particular enjoy science fiction, fantasy and suspense thrillers. Steve Vincent’s The Foundation combines my love of suspense and intrigue with my love of global politics, and I’m really enjoying it so far.

As far as why I think reading is important, don’t even get me started! Reading is critical to being a citizen of the world. Whether it be fiction or non-fiction, reading widens your horizons, challenges your preconceptions and stereotypes, sparks your imagination and allows you to escape into different worlds and communities without ever leaving your couch. It lets you forget about the stresses of day-to-day work and school, and can help nurture your dreams, your hopes and your aspirations through worlds of possibility.