5 Questions With…

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Q: What do you read for fun?
My two favourite genres are memoirs and travel adventure. Books about criminal investigations and trials, and politics, also fascinate me. Read three books recently that have stuck with me: *Not My Father’s Son* by Alan Cumming, *The Good Daughter: A Memoir of My Mother’s Hidden Life* by Jasmin Darznik and *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson. Interested in reading *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance next.

Q: What are your hobbies?
Reading, gardening, swimming, camping, cooking/baking, trying out different foreign language tutorials on the internet, and corresponding with family and friends. Used to ski decades ago and would like to do it again some day.

Q: What work do you wish you could read again for the first time?
Brian Fawcett, *Human Happiness*, or Rohinton Mistry’s *A Fine Balance*.

Q: What writer(s), living or dead, would you like to have dinner with?
Living: Michael Palin, mainly because he strikes me as genuine and likeable. Dead: Studs Terkel and/or Charles Dickens.

Q: What book might we be surprised to see on your bookshelf?
*The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand.

Q: What “classic” have you not actually read but maybe occasionally pretend to have read?
*Lord of the Flies*.

Q: What defines “English” for you?
The people that make up this department! But mainly: the language in which I think, feel, dream, express, create, communicate.