

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BOOKS?



Books. Books. Books. They're everywhere. They come in all sizes, colors and languages. They hold histories, mysteries, secrets and dreams and just about every person in the world, including yourself, wants to write one.

But how well do you know this coveted item? Take the quiz below to test your familiarity with the basic parts of a book.



1. The top of a book is called...
 - a) The head.
 - b) The looker.
 - c) The summit.

2. The back of the book (seen on a shelf) is called...
 - a) The hinge.
 - b) The show-off.
 - c) The spine.

3. The front and back covers are called...
 - a) The crutch.
 - b) The board.
 - c) The façade.

4. The fore edge is...
 - a) The side edge of the pages.
 - b) The top edge of the pages.
 - c) The bottom edge of the pages.

5. The gutter is...
 - a) A groove on the front cover.
 - b) The inside crack between pages.
 - c) The place where perverts live.

6. The first page of a book is referred to as...
 - a) The endsheet.
 - b) The blurb jacket.
 - c) The flyleaf.

7. The bottom of a book is referred to as...
 - a) The crash.
 - b) The tail.
 - c) The rump.



- 1) a - The head.
- 2) c - The spine.
- 3) b - The board.
- 4) a - The side edge of the pages.
- 5) b - The inside crack between pages.
- 6) c - The flyleaf.
- 7) b - The tail.

Wow, that's more information than you thought you'd ever need, huh?

But now that it's lodged securely within the brain, you might as well use it when you attend your book signings. Not only will you dazzle the crowd with your written words, you'll baffle them with your oral trivia.

Go get 'em!

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