

I do plan to write a book someday most likely on the subject of transportation and logistics, says Vineet Agarwal



What are you reading at the moment? What did you recently finish reading? What have you learnt from it?

One of my philosophies is that if a person, on an average, reads two books a month with an active reading life of 60 years, he would have read only 1440 books in his lifetime! I, therefore, do some research on reviews and ratings of books before I start reading them. The last book I read in fiction was R.K. Narayan's *The Guide*, which was made into a very successful movie as well. In the non-fiction category, I recently read *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson which was good rendition of his personality.

The one book all leaders must read... and why?

Vedanta Treatise by Swami Parthasarthy as the book is timeless in providing guidance on the way of life.

One book everyone in your sector should pick up... and why?

The Box by Marc Levinson is the story of containerisation and how it has significantly changed the logistics industry and accelerated the global economy.

What kind of books would you normally buy while travelling?

I try to avoid buying books while travelling as I usually have a couple of books always with me. When visiting old book stores in different cities, I try to look for rare titles.

Have you written any books?

Yes, I do plan to write someday most likely on the subject of transportation and logistics.

The books you grew up with? What did you like most about it?

I grew with all kinds of books and comics from reading the entire *Hardy Boys* and other such series to *Amar Chitra Kathas* and *Tintin*. One of the classics that I really enjoyed was *The Three Musketeers* by Alexander Dumas.

Your book shelf consists of...

I probably have about 500 books including Indian literary fiction, classics, contemporary literature and some thrillers. In non-fiction, I have books on management and biographies; science books are more prominent.

Where do you shop for books?

Mostly at our neighbourhood book stores in Vasant Vihar(New Delhi) and some times online.

Have your reading habits changed in the past four or five years?

Yes my reading habits have changed, now I don't find enough time to read. I try to read for at least 15 minutes before going to bed.