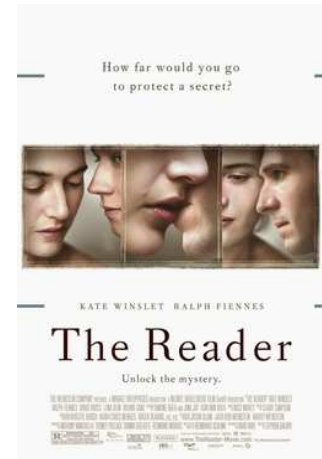


The Reader

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How far would you go to protect a secret?

Michael is a teenage boy in 1950s Germany who is helped by and then has a passionate affair with an older woman. Years later Michael looks back on their secret love and on the terrible secret that she has kept hidden from him. And he relives the moment when he must choose to save her or stay silent and do nothing as many of his countrymen did before him.

"What we feel is unimportant," a professor tells him. "What is important is what we do."

Vocabulary and expressions:

Not be bothered (to do sth.): Not have the desire or wish (to do sth.)

I couldn't even be bothered to read.

Would rather do sth.: Would prefer to do sth

Do you want to read?

I'd rather listen to you.

To rephrase: To say again using different words

I'll rephrase my question.

To dispatch sb. or sth.: To send to a place for a particular reason

She often chose the weak, the sick; then she dispatched them.

A gallop: A very fast run

My daughter says in the book: 'Less a death march, more a death gallop.'

To overrule a person or decision: Decide that a decision is incorrect or not valid

I will not be overruled in my own court.

To skip (work/school/classes etc.): To stop doing sth you normally do or should do

You've been skipping seminars

To disclose sth (e.g. a secret, some information): To make public; to reveal

You have a moral obligation to disclose it to the court.

The outcome: The result

The sentencing: The making of the sentence, of the punishment

This information is favorable to the defendant, can help her case. It may even affect outcome, certainly the sentencing.

Utterly: Completely

It's utterly unimportant.

To aid and abet: To help and encourage sb. in (usually) a criminal activity

The defendant: The person in court who is on trial

The accused: The person said to be responsible for a criminal act; the defendant

The prosecutor: The state lawyer who argues the case against the defendant/accused

To hold (yourself) together: To maintain control of yourself in difficult situations

To let (yourself) go: Not hold yourself together; lose control of yourself

For a long time, Hannah held herself together... In the last few years she's different. She's let herself go.

To last: To endure or be successful through time

The marriage didn't last.

To be intrigued: To be very interested in a curious way

I was intrigued by your letter.

Be willing to do sth.: Be disposed to do sth; be agreeable to do sth.

That's something I'm neither willing nor in a position to grant.

As you see fit: As you wish; do what you think is best

Shall I do it in Hannah's name?

As you see fit.

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