

Ripping Reads No 53 May 2025



Ladybird Books
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I was interested to read the article by Jilly Day in the February Ripping Reads as I also love Ladybird books and have a collection of about 350.

I owned several as a child and always enjoyed the history series. Some of my favourites from childhood were *The Story of the First Queen Elizabeth* and the ones about Henry the Eighth, Francis Drake and Walter Raleigh as I was always fascinated by Tudor history. I remember using them when writing a school project at primary school.

Another favourite was *Ballet* as I have always loved ballet. I enjoyed the fairy tales series, especially *Cinderella*. I always loved the illustrations of her beautiful pink, blue and silver dresses. I really wanted the pink one when I was little! The nature books were also very interesting

as I was a junior RSPB member and my little friends and I were always bird watching or trying to find unusual plants and insects.

I haven't got many of my original books as I think they were given away to various school jumble sales as I got older, as were my original Chalet School books! I have been collecting them for many years now and have replaced all my childhood favourites. Plus I've bought many others I didn't have as a child. Most of them come from charity shops or National Trust bookshops, though they are becoming harder to find now.

I always read any new additions so have found out lots of things I didn't know much about, such as science subjects, transport and sports. They certainly are a good way to give you a basic understanding about many different topics.

I have recently found out that there are new Ladybird books being published. I

