

## Confidence In Reading

The book that has made the biggest impact on my life is Dan Brown's novel, The Da Vinci Code. I am twenty-five years old and have never really enjoyed reading. It was always such a chore to me. Throughout high school and elementary school, I used to dread having to read books. The Da Vinci Code has opened my eyes to the joys of reading and how entertaining it can be. When I first heard about the Da Vinci Code it sounded interesting. Religion, the supernatural, and science fiction are my favorite types of subjects. The Da Vinci Code is based on religion and religious symbols with the main character Robert Langdon being a scholar in that field. Plus, I had just started a new job where I had a lot of time on my hands to read. So I decided to go out and buy the book.

The first couple of chapters I read were intense and mysterious. I was immediately drawn into the story. Dan Brown's use of religious history, secret societies, and murder mystery is very intriguing. I couldn't wait to turn the next page. I really enjoyed this book. It played out like a movie in my head helping me to escape the factory job that I was trapped in.

Reading this book also stimulated my mind and gave me more confidence in my reading abilities. Before reading this book I was feeling unconfident about returning to college. Every time I would read something I wouldn't be able to remember it. This book helped me realize that I can retain information from reading and motivated me to return. I am currently going on my third semester back in college and I am actually doing well. This time around I feel different about school. I feel like I can actually succeed instead of being a lost cause. This time, with my new reading confidence, I take my time to read the

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materials I'm assigned in class. I use to just give up and try to wing it. I now know that I am able to understand and remember the information so I read everything thoroughly.

This has been the main contribution to my success in college so far. I feel more and more confident with each challenge I meet in college. I feel like I can attain any degree I want.

Who knows, maybe I'll go for a master's degree.