AHRC Wave 2
Sample Size: 2,186 GB Adults

| Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Working status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Base | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | North | Midands | East | London | South | England | Wales | Scotland | $\underset{\text { Working full }}{\text { time }}$ time | Working part time | ALL WORKERS (NET) | Full time student | Retired | Unemployed | Not working/ Other |

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books in the 21st Century. To what extent do you agree
or disagree with each of the following statements?
(Please select one option on each row)

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relevance regardless of their format (i.e. paper or
electronic)

| Unweighted base | 2186 | 1065 | 1121 | 163 | 269 | 384 | 389 | 981 | 552 | 371 | 196 | 208 | 533 | 1860 | 115 | 211 | 918 | 315 | 1233 | 85 | 583 | 72 | 213 |
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| Base: All GB adults | 2186 | 1060 | 1126 | 260 | 308 | 405 | 357 | 856 | 538 | 359 | 210 | 280 | 501 | 1887 | 109 | 190 | 948 | 315 | 1262 | 115 | 505 | 82 | 221 |
| Strongly agree | 39\% | 36\% | 41\% | 32\% | 36\% | 37\% | 37\% | 44\% | 39\% | 35\% | 39\% | 43\% | 39\% | 39\% | 36\% | 39\% | 37\% | 37\% | 37\% | 37\% | 44\% | 35\% | 38\% |
| Tend to agree | 40\% | 43\% | 38\% | 39\% | 36\% | 39\% | 42\% | 42\% | 39\% | 42\% | 42\% | 36\% | 41\% | 40\% | 40\% | 42\% | 41\% | 40\% | 41\% | 41\% | 42\% | 35\% | 34\% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 12\% | 13\% | 11\% | 15\% | 15\% | 16\% | 14\% | 8\% | 14\% | 15\% | 11\% | 10\% | 11\% | 12\% | 13\% | 11\% | 13\% | 15\% | 14\% | 11\% | 7\% | 14\% | 17\% |
| Tend to disagree | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% |
| Strongly disagree | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | - | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | - |
| Don't know | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 9\% | 7\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 6\% | 2\% | 8\% | 7\% |
| Net: Agree | 79\% | 79\% | 79\% | 71\% | 72\% | 76\% | 79\% | 86\% | 78\% | 77\% | 81\% | 79\% | 80\% | 79\% | 76\% | 81\% | 78\% | 77\% | 78\% | 78\% | 86\% | 71\% | 73\% |
| Net: Disagree | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% | 6\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 3\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% | $3 \%$ |

For the following question, please imagine you could
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Which ONE, if any, of the following types of book would
this be? (If your answer is not shown in the list below,
save any book please select the 'Not applicable' option)

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| Base: All GB adults | 2186 | 1060 | 1126 | 260 | 308 | 405 | 357 | 856 | 538 | 359 | 210 | 280 | 501 | 1887 | 109 | 190 | 948 | 315 | 1262 | 115 | 505 | 82 | 221 |
| A novel | 21\% | 16\% | 25\% | 35\% | 32\% | 22\% | 20\% | 13\% | 22\% | 19\% | 18\% | 28\% | 18\% | 21\% | 23\% | 22\% | 23\% | 23\% | 23\% | 42\% | 12\% | 20\% | 17\% |
| A work of non-fiction | 9\% | 10\% | 8\% | 7\% | 10\% | 9\% | 11\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 6\% | 12\% | 9\% | 9\% | 8\% | 11\% | 8\% | 10\% | 9\% | 8\% | 9\% | 8\% |
| A religious or sacred text | 14\% | 14\% | 15\% | 13\% | 11\% | 11\% | 14\% | 18\% | 12\% | 15\% | 18\% | 18\% | 14\% | 15\% | 13\% | 15\% | 12\% | 18\% | 14\% | 9\% | 17\% | 19\% | 15\% |
| A reference book (e.g. a dictionary, an encyclopedia etc.) | 32\% | 37\% | 27\% | 21\% | 23\% | 29\% | 32\% | 39\% | 33\% | 33\% | 32\% | 28\% | 33\% | 32\% | 26\% | 31\% | 31\% | 28\% | 30\% | 19\% | 41\% | 25\% | 28\% |
| Other | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | - | 1\% | 2\% | 4\% | 4\% | 2\% | 2\% | 5\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 5\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | - | 4\% | 1\% | 4\% |
| Don't know | 15\% | 14\% | 16\% | 15\% | 17\% | 18\% | 16\% | 13\% | 16\% | 16\% | 11\% | 16\% | 15\% | 15\% | 17\% | 13\% | 14\% | 17\% | 15\% | 17\% | 13\% | 16\% | 19\% |
| Not applicable - I wouldn't save any book | 6\% | 6\% | 5\% | 9\% | 6\% | 8\% | 3\% | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 8\% | 3\% | 5\% | 5\% | 11\% | 7\% | 6\% | 4\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% | 9\% | 9\% |


| Total | Marital Status |  |  |  |  | Which ONE, if any, of the following formats do you read books in most often? (Please select the option that best applies. If you never read books, please select the 'Not applicable' option) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Base | Married/ Civil Partnership | Living as married | Separated/ Divorced | Widowed | Never Married | Electronic (i.e. ebooks) | Hardback | Paperback | Don't know/ can't recall | Not applicable - I never read books | Physical |

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| Base: All GB adults | 2186 | 1097 | 298 | 142 | 68 | 580 | 457 | 241 | 1234 | 61 | 194 | 1475 |
| Strongly agree | 39\% | 39\% | 44\% | 39\% | 38\% | 37\% | 47\% | 43\% | 40\% | 16\% | 12\% | 41\% |
| Tend to agree | 40\% | 43\% | 32\% | 40\% | 44\% | 39\% | 37\% | 37\% | 43\% | 28\% | 36\% | 42\% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 12\% | 12\% | 18\% | 17\% | 6\% | 11\% | 11\% | 14\% | 9\% | 28\% | 30\% | 10\% |
| Tend to disagree | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 7\% | 6\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% | 8\% | 5\% | 4\% |
| Strongly disagree | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | - | 2\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| Don't know | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 7\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 16\% | 15\% | 3\% |
| Net: Agree | 79\% | 82\% | 76\% | 79\% | 82\% | 76\% | 84\% | 80\% | 83\% | 44\% | 48\% | 83\% |
| Net: Disagree | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 9\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 12\% | 7\% | 5\% |

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| A novel | 21\% | 18\% | 25\% | 18\% | 8\% | 27\% | 22\% | 16\% | 25\% | 3\% | 4\% | 24\% |
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| Other | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% |
| Don't know | 15\% | 14\% | 15\% | 17\% | 17\% | 17\% | 15\% | 13\% | 14\% | 46\% | 17\% | 14\% |
| Not applicable - I wouldn't save any book | 6\% | 6\% | 4\% | 7\% | 3\% | 7\% | 4\% | 0\% | 3\% | 6\% | 36\% | 3\% |
| Net: Know they would save a book | 79\% | 80\% | 81\% | 76\% | 80\% | 76\% | 81\% | 86\% | 83\% | 48\% | 47\% | 84\% |

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| Total |  | ender |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |  | gion |  |  |  |  |  | Wor | king status |  |  |  |
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| Base | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55+ | North | Midands | East | London | South | England | Wales | Scotland | Working full time | Working part time | $\begin{gathered} \text { ALL } \\ \text { WORKERS } \\ \text { (NET) } \end{gathered}$ | Full time student | Retired | Unemployed | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { working/ } \\ \text { Other } \end{gathered}$ |

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| Unweighted base | 2186 | 1065 | 1121 | 163 | 269 | 384 | 389 | 981 | 552 | 371 | 196 | 208 | 533 | 1860 | 115 | 211 | 918 | 315 | 1233 | 85 | 583 | 72 | 213 |
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| Hardback | 11\% | 14\% | 8\% | 6\% | 9\% | 7\% | 13\% | 14\% | 11\% | 9\% | 11\% | 14\% | 10\% | 11\% | 10\% | 12\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 5\% | 13\% | 7\% | 15\% |
| Paperback | 56\% | 50\% | 63\% | 60\% | 59\% | 56\% | 56\% | 55\% | 55\% | 58\% | 60\% | 57\% | 56\% | 57\% | 62\% | 52\% | 55\% | 62\% | 57\% | 76\% | 54\% | 54\% | 51\% |
| Don't know/ can't recall | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 9\% | 3\% |
| Not applicable - I never read books | 9\% | 13\% | 5\% | 11\% | 11\% | 10\% | 8\% | 8\% | 10\% | 8\% | 13\% | 5\% | 9\% | 9\% | 7\% | 7\% | 9\% | 7\% | 9\% | 5\% | 8\% | 11\% | 14\% |
| Net: Physical | 67\% | 64\% | 71\% | 66\% | 68\% | 63\% | 69\% | 69\% | 66\% | 67\% | 71\% | 71\% | 67\% | 68\% | 71\% | 64\% | 65\% | 72\% | 67\% | 81\% | 68\% | 61\% | 67\% |

## You said that you read books in [format]

Which, if any, of the following are your reasons for this?
(Please select all that apply)
Please select all hat apply) Unweighted base
Base: All GB adults who know the formeighted base

| Unweighted base | 1967 | 916 | 1051 | 142 | 236 | 339 | 353 | 897 | 493 | 336 | 174 | 192 | 475 | 1670 | 103 | 194 | 825 | 289 | 1114 | 79 | 533 | 60 | 181 |
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| e: All GB adults who know the format they most often read books in | 1931 | 885 | 1046 | 223 | 265 | 349 | 321 | 772 | 470 | 317 | 180 | 258 | 437 | 1661 | 97 | 174 | 836 | 284 | 1120 | 106 | 454 | 66 | 184 |
| It's easier/ more enjoyable to read | 43\% | 40\% | 45\% | 47\% | 36\% | 41\% | 41\% | 44\% | 42\% | 46\% | 39\% | 43\% | 43\% | 43\% | 34\% | 42\% | 40\% | 41\% | 41\% | 47\% | 43\% | 51\% | 46\% |
| I prefer the look and feel | 44\% | 43\% | 45\% | 42\% | 41\% | 46\% | 42\% | 46\% | 43\% | 44\% | 47\% | 40\% | 47\% | 44\% | 41\% | 45\% | 44\% | 41\% | 44\% | 38\% | 46\% | 53\% | 43\% |
| A book is meant to be an individual physical item | 25\% | 26\% | 23\% | 25\% | 21\% | 24\% | 25\% | 26\% | 27\% | 27\% | 21\% | 23\% | 25\% | 25\% | 23\% | 22\% | 25\% | 21\% | 24\% | 23\% | 26\% | 27\% | 28\% |
| lt's cheaper for me | 30\% | 31\% | 30\% | 35\% | 29\% | 26\% | 27\% | 32\% | 29\% | 36\% | 28\% | 28\% | 28\% | 30\% | 38\% | 30\% | 27\% | 29\% | 28\% | 34\% | 36\% | 31\% | 28\% |
| The range of choice of titles is better | 12\% | 12\% | 12\% | 5\% | 7\% | 13\% | 10\% | 16\% | 14\% | 13\% | 12\% | 7\% | 12\% | 12\% | 11\% | 13\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 7\% | 19\% | 17\% | 10\% |
| I don't own or use an electronic book reader (e.g. Kindle) | 23\% | 23\% | 23\% | 29\% | 25\% | 22\% | 18\% | 24\% | 19\% | 27\% | 28\% | 28\% | 22\% | 24\% | 21\% | 23\% | 22\% | 23\% | 22\% | 41\% | 25\% | 21\% | 18\% |
| lt's a more convenient format | 43\% | 47\% | 40\% | 36\% | 33\% | 45\% | 42\% | 48\% | 44\% | 46\% | 38\% | 44\% | 43\% | 43\% | 37\% | 43\% | 43\% | 37\% | 42\% | 32\% | 51\% | 42\% | 37\% |
| I feel a stronger connection with the book in this format | 34\% | 31\% | 37\% | 39\% | 32\% | 34\% | 29\% | 36\% | 34\% | 32\% | 34\% | 34\% | 35\% | 34\% | 38\% | 33\% | 31\% | 35\% | 32\% | 39\% | 36\% | 39\% | 35\% |
| It is a longer-lasting format | 18\% | 19\% | 17\% | 18\% | 17\% | 16\% | 15\% | 19\% | 18\% | 16\% | 20\% | 21\% | 17\% | 18\% | 9\% | 18\% | 17\% | 13\% | 16\% | 20\% | 20\% | 17\% | 21\% |
| Some of the value or importance of the book is lost in electronic format | 24\% | 23\% | 25\% | 27\% | 26\% | 21\% | 21\% | 25\% | 22\% | 25\% | 26\% | 22\% | 25\% | 24\% | 26\% | 23\% | 22\% | 25\% | 23\% | 29\% | 26\% | 26\% | 21\% |
| None of the above | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% |
| Don't know | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 5\% | 3\% | - | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% |


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| Base | Married/ Civil Partnership | Living as married | Separated/ Divorced | Widowed | Never Married | Electronic (i.e. ebooks) | Hardback | Paperback | Don't know/ can't recall | Not applicable - I never read books | Physical |

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## You said that you read books in [format]

Which, if any, of the following are your reasons for this?

| Unweighted base | 1967 | 1075 | 257 | 141 | 65 | 429 | 467 | 248 | 1252 | - | - | 1500 |
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| Base: All GB adults who know the format they most often read books in | 1931 | 980 | 265 | 126 | 62 | 498 | 457 | 241 | 1234 | - |  | 1475 |
| It's easier/ more enjoyable to read | 43\% | 42\% | 49\% | 30\% | 46\% | 43\% | 25\% | 36\% | 50\% | - | - | 48\% |
| I prefer the look and feel | 44\% | 43\% | 51\% | 45\% | 51\% | 42\% | 5\% | 55\% | 56\% | - | - | 56\% |
| A book is meant to be an individual physical item | 25\% | 24\% | 26\% | 22\% | 29\% | 26\% | - | 33\% | 32\% | - | - | 32\% |
| It's cheaper for me | 30\% | 29\% | 30\% | 26\% | 28\% | 34\% | 44\% | 5\% | 30\% | - | - | 26\% |
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| lt's a more convenient format | 43\% | 46\% | 42\% | 40\% | 38\% | 38\% | 81\% | 12\% | 35\% | - | - | 31\% |
| I feel a stronger connection with the book in this format | 34\% | 33\% | 38\% | 31\% | 39\% | 34\% | 2\% | 40\% | 45\% | - | - | 44\% |
| It is a longer-lasting format | 18\% | 18\% | 18\% | 14\% | 22\% | 18\% | 10\% | 37\% | 16\% | - | - | 20\% |
| Some of the value or importance of the book is lost in electronic format | 24\% | 22\% | 24\% | 24\% | 27\% | 27\% | - | 33\% | 31\% | - | - | 31\% |
| None of the above | 3\% | 3\% | 5\% | 5\% | - | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | - | - | 3\% |
| Don't know | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | - | - | 2\% |

