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# March is Reading Month: Jennifer Granholm

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Jennifer Granholm, Michigan governor

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has fond memories of sitting under her father's curled arm in her pajamas as he read thick books of children's stories on their living room couch.

She has cherished reading to her own three children.

"I read to Jack every single night, at least a half-hour," Granholm says. "We are currently on book five of the Harry Potter series."

- **Favorite books as a child:** Trixie Belden series about a strong, smart tomboy solving mysteries.

- **Favorite book of all time:** "Profiles in Courage" by John F. Kennedy.

- **Latest books:** "I just finished reading 'Angels and Demons' by Dan Brown and am currently reading 'A Call to Conscience,' a compilation of Dr. Martin Luther King speeches."

- **Why reading is important:** "It stretches one's imagination; it introduces one's mind to ideas never formed and places never visited, to treasures waiting to be discovered and hopes to be fulfilled."

"Trixie Belden helped me believe that girls could be strong and independent and smart. Ramona Quimby gave me laughter; Old Yeller gave me tears; Helen Keller let me experience incredible determination in the face of wrenching adversity.

"What could be more important for a child's future than to learn a love of books?"

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