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Season 5 Episode 1:

Celebrating 5 Years of Read Return Repeat

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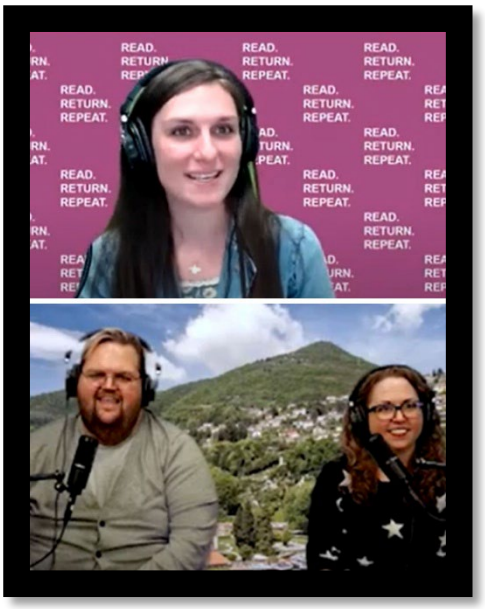

In this episode

Host Daniel kicks off season 5 with a retrospective looking at the past five years of Read Return Repeat and some new changes coming. Joining him are past podcast hosts Sara McNeil and Sara Dixon, who talk about their time on the podcast, their favorite guests, how the show has changed and what (and who) they would like to see on the podcast in the future.

Topics discussed in this episode (with timestamps)

- What's new for the Read Return Repeat Podcast 0:30
- Introducing previous podcast hosts Sara Dixon and Sara McNeil 1:30
- How Read Return Repeat got started 2:50
- Sara McNeil's favorite guests from season 1 6:00
- How the podcast shifted from featuring local guests to higher-profile authors 11:30
- Sara Dixon's experience interviewing one of her favorite authors 21:15
- Sara Dixon's departure from the podcast 26:00
- Shout out to behind-the-scenes people 27:42
- Guests they would like to see appear on the podcast in the future 29:30
- Favorite podcasts to listen to 32:23

- Would they do another podcast? 35:07
- Tips for starting your own podcast 38:23
- Hopes for the future (of the podcast) 39:45

Previous *Read Return Repeat* episodes mentioned

- Season 1 Episode 3: Birds of a Feather (with Todd Volkmann)
- Season 1 Episode 4: The Peerless Princess of the Plains (with Jami Frazier Tracy)
- Season 1 Episode 5: Free to Read What I Want (with Deborah-Caldwell Stone)
- Season 1 Episode 9: Planting Seeds of Change (with Dr. Catherine John)
- Season 3 Episode 7: Legends, Librarians and Lattes (with Travis Baldree)
- Season 2 Episode 7: Banned Books Week Live with Sherman Alexie, Sarah Bagby and Jaime Nix
- Season 4: Episode 5: Sara Fangirls, but Not Too Hard (with N.K. Jemisin)

Books, films & other media mentioned in this episode

Legends and Lattes by Travis Baldree

Bookshops and Bonedust by Travis Baldree

The Broken Earth series by N.K. Jemisin

The Great Cities duology by N.K. Jemisin

Anita de Monte Laughs Last by Xóchitl González

Even Cowgirls Get the Blues (novel by Tom Robbins and 1993 feature film)

Hot Ones (YouTube series)

Your Mom's House with Christina P. and Tom Segura

Team Coco

Theo Von

Relevant links to topics mentioned in this episode

ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom

N.K. Jemisin's 2018 Hugo Award Best Novel Acceptance Speech

Mac Barnett (National Ambassador for Young People's Literature for 2025-2026)

Link to episode transcript

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