When I was little, I used to read. I used to read folk tales and legends, and many different cartoon books that were translate from different languages to Amharic. At one point, I remembered that I read every book at home that I can read at least twice. I was able to recite many of the stories that I read. Sadly this did not continue for long. When I entered primary school I started to read less, but still quite a bit on the weekends. My parents frowned upon me for reading Amharic books because English becomes very important, and that marked the drastic decline in my reading.

I was simply not interested to read anymore, I only read the very simple books that my primary school allowed me to read, due to my poor English skills. During this time, writing anything was like trying to draw water out of a rock. Whenever I was asked to write a creative essay, I would always get stuck on figuring out what to write about, because I never liked writing ideas from other sources, but at the same time, I couldn’t think of anything interesting. It was pretty obvious that because of the amount that I read, even my writing skill was effected.

When I was in high school, I got a book that boosts my reading appetite again. It was one of the first book that I read that I was really invested in. It was able to relight my interest in books for a bit. I wanted to look for the sequel and prequel for this book, and along the way, I also discovered some other books that I wanted to read.

This boost in ready also didn’t last. When I started to study to get into selective schools, the books which I read steadily declined. Luckily this time, it wasn’t as bad as the instance before, however my writing was improving at a visibly slower rate than when I read somewhat regularly.

When I got to preparaory, it was the beginning of something very different. Everyone was so much more competitive in everything. So, I was initiated to read both educational and recreational books. This brings us to where I am now. Despite my attempt to start reading again, I still don’t read quite enough, but reading is like a rocket for me, it takes a while to ignite but it will get going fast.