

ERADICATED BOOKS SHOPS STRUGGLE TO SUBSIST

There are less than 1000 independent bookshops left throughout the U.K. The decline has many book enthusiasts apprehensive. The pleasure of reading has been devastated due to large online book companies: 85% of the world online population has made a purchase of books via the internet.

We asked the head of our English Department about the decline in bookshops. "How do you feel about the decrease in the number of bookshops?"

"I feel very sad about it!"

We then asked if she thinks bookshops will be around in 100 years. She replied that she doesn't know and that lots of people would like them to be around. We also enquired:

"Does online books shopping have anything to do with the price of books?"

"Oh yes, definitely! Independent bookshops just can't sell books at the price of chains..."

We also got a great opportunity to interview a



member of a growing book company's employee about the dwindling number of bookshops. "How

do you feel about bookshops shutting down due to large online book chains?"

"As a company we are expanding into new branches, we are not closing down any stores, we are



increasing them, we are fighting back against online book companies!"

"Do you think advances in technology have had anything to do with bookshops shutting down?"

"We have managed to maintain our book sales to a high standard although technology does have a huge impact of the amount of sales we get."

Some book companies have trusts to help children read and hold a proper book in their own hands.

How can you donate to help these children



from online book shopping? Trusts like these show us how much independent book sellers care about reading and the future of books.

From what we've heard today, bookshops decreasing numbers are upsetting bookshop fanatics. We have to face the ghastly fact that bookshops are diminishing in numbers due to outsized chains. The most emotional question we asked is whether bookshops will be around in 100 years. A topic which we also raised was whether conventional paperback books will still exist in the years to come. It is a question we must contemplate to begin in the preservation of bookshops. Ask yourself, do you think readers turning to electronic devices are affecting independent book sellers as well as the opportunity for the future generation to read and hold a traditional paperback book?

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