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IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW

This may be the best creation in the history of book-related inventions yet completely enabling bookworm readers to execute their daily activities while never putting down that beautiful book at some annoying cliffhanger. I present to you, there reader, the Automatic Text Reader or ATR for short - an electronic gadget with the ability to scan, analyse and read out books, newspapers, memorandum - anything really – to its users through clear and powerful speakers or its accompanying headphones which come in various colours.

To the average person, it looks like a regular book stand – a thin podium-like structure made of recyclable steel. Upon looking closely, one may notice the shiny square button at the bottom of the scanner activator. You would simply have to place the document of book on the slant of the ATR, press the silver button and have the content of the book downloaded onto the system of the machine. The scanner activator button sits next to the voice recorder – a gold button with the image of a microphone on it. It recives vocal instruction from the user; varying from volume change and bookmarking to the accent and speed of the in-built reader voice. There are corresponding buttons on the headphones that come in all colours of the rainbow.

This ATR cannot only read the typed-out books but also handwritten pieces. However, all write-outs must be in legible handwriting and have the language written at the bottom left or right of the document. The ATR also has the ability to translate from one language to the other. This feature is especially helpful in a situation where one receives an instruction manual for a product in another language.

Going through with this project would be quite easy due to the availability of its major constituents – steel, plastic and lead. All of these are also easily recyclable in case of an event in which the ATR is no longer needed, so these materials which would otherwise be pollutants will not be wasted.

The main advantage of this product is that it improves readers' efficiency in getting things done without the expense of their enjoyment and pleasure. It could also serve as a way of reading books to others without ever using your voice.

As soon as the ATR is actually released, the announcements will cover the front pages of every newspaper and the headlines of all news stations. Given the opportunity, if I really could invent this, I would.