

The Pitcher & The Catcher

(taken directly from *How to Read a Book* by Charles Van Doren and Mortimer Adler.)

Think of it this way:

The author is the pitcher,

When you read a book,
you want to catch the meaning.



The reader is the catcher.

the catcher has to be
active and exert the right
amount of *effort* at the
right time to catch the
meaning of what the author
is saying.



Make sure you keep your eyes on the ball!

If you are daydreaming, you are going to be in trouble!