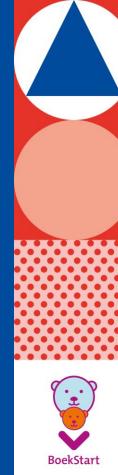


Reading fiction and empathy: in search of the relation







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## Meta-analysis (Mumper & Gerrig, 2016)

- Searching correlations between reading & empathy
- 30 studies
- Relation for fiction > non-fiction







## Meta-analysis (Dodell-Feder & Tamir, 2018)

- Searching causation reading -> empathy
- 14 studies
- Small effect for fiction: 0.15-0.16







#### Other factors

- Transportation: mediating variable
- Literary features: moderating variable
- Complex characters: moderating variabele







# Reliability & validity Eyes in Mind Test

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doubtful

affectionate



playful

aghast





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### **Conclusion & discussion**

- Causal relation reading -> empathy
- Reading -> transportation -> empathy
- Relation mainly exists for (literary) fiction
- Reciprocality to be studied
- How to measure empathy in a reliable and valid way?





