Noun Clauses

A clause is part of a complex sentence, except when it is an independent clause. A complex sentence uses one main clause and adds one or more dependent clauses; dependent clauses are noun, adverb, or adjective clauses.

Noun Clauses:
A noun clause is a dependent clause; it is a clause used as the Subject or the Object of a verb. As such, it plays the same role as a noun. Noun clauses are regularly introduced by pronouns such as whatever, whichever, who, whom, whoever, whomever, that, what, etc.

You must be able to ask the question, who or what? and the response should be a clause.

Examples:
You can eat whatever bread is in my refrigerator (Object).
Whoever leaves last turns off the lights (Subject).
That you came on time today is an exception to the rule (Subject).
What he says is totally unacceptable (Subject).
I need whoever is willing to work with me (Object).

Practice:
My favorite kinds of books are the ones that ________________________________.

Whoever ________________________________ is going to get the best grade!

The best professors are the ones who ________________________________.

The worst professors are the ones who ________________________________.

The fact that ________________________________ makes me happy.

What ________________________________ is making me cry!