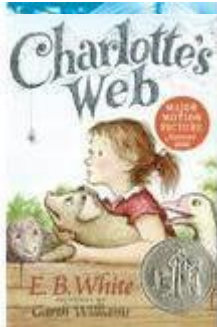


13 BOOKS YOU SHOULD READ

BEFORE TURNING 13

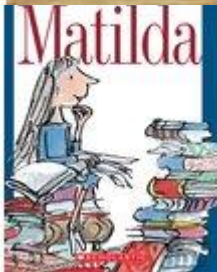
With so many books to choose from, it can be tough to find the best of the best. Here are 13 books a child should read before age 13. Please be aware that not all books will be suitable for all children, so if you need more guidance or have any concerns, please contact your child's class teacher.



Charlotte's Web

by **E. B. White** Illustrated by **Garth Williams**

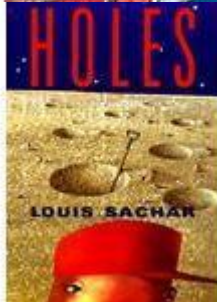
American prose stylist E.B. White presents one of the best-loved stories of all time. And a heart-warming portrait of one of the best-loved pigs of all time.



Matilda

by **Roald Dahl** Illustrated by **Quentin Blake**

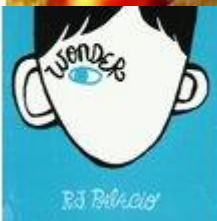
"The Trunchbull" is no match for Matilda!



Holes

by **Louis Sachar**

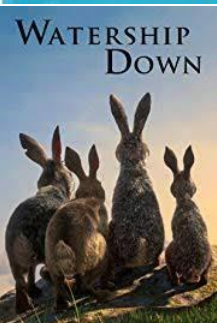
This winner of the Newbery Medal and the National Book Award features Stanley Yelnats, a kid who is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats.



Wonder

by **R. J. Palacio**

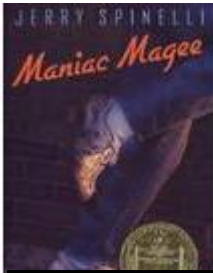
August Pullman is not an ordinary ten-year-old kid. Sure, he's a huge Star Wars fan, he loves his dog, and he's got a pretty good sense of humor. But August was born with a craniofacial abnormality, a genetic defect that caused his facial features to be severely deformed.



Watership Down

by **Richard Adams**

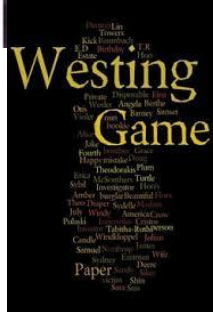
Set in England's Downs, a once idyllic rural landscape, this stirring tale of adventure, courage and survival follows a band of very special creatures on their flight from the intrusion of man and the certain destruction of their home.



Maniac Magee

by Jerry Spinelli

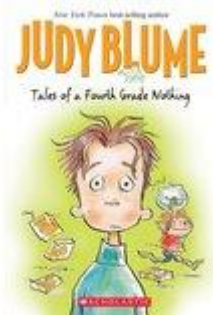
He wasn't born with the name Maniac Magee. He came into this world named Jeffrey Lionel Magee, but when his parents died and his life changed, so did his name. And Maniac Magee became a legend.



Westing Game, The

by Ellen Raskin

When sixteen people are called together for the reading of wealthy Sam Westing's will, they are surprised to learn that the will is actually a contest in which they are all to participate.

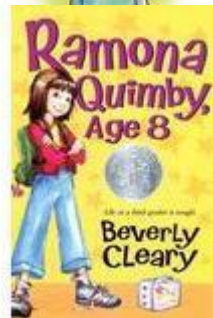


Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Series: Fudge

by Judy Blume

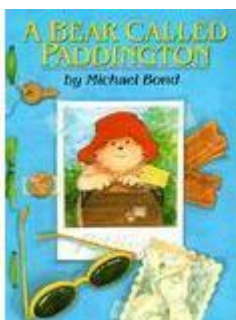
Life with his little brother, two-year-old Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing.



Ramona Quimby, Age 8

by Beverly Cleary Illustrated by Alan Tiegreen

With Mr. Quimby going to college and Mrs. Quimby going to work, it's a good thing Ramona is big enough to ride the bus to her new school all by herself. Unfortunately, after school she has to stay with Grandmother Kemp until her moody big sister Beezus comes to pick her up.

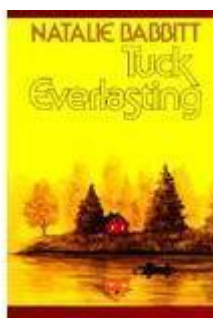


Bear Called Paddington, A

Series: Paddington Bear

by Michael Bond Illustrated by Peggy Fortnum

Paddington, the most endearing bear from Darkest Peru, first charmed American audiences forty years ago. Now a new generation will surely be won over by Paddington's particular brand of preposterous humour and gentle satire.



Tuck Everlasting

by Natalie Babbitt

Time drags by for Winnie Foster, an eleven-year-old girl who lives in a house bordering the woods owned by her family. Winnie spends her summer days under the watchful eye of her grandmother.



Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The

Series: The Chronicles of Narnia

by **C. S. Lewis**

Air-raids over London during WWII compel four siblings — Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy — to be sent away from the city to the house of a kindly but remote Professor "who lived in the heart of the country." There is much to discover in the country: woods, mountains, owls, eagles, maybe even hawks.