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The greatest children's books ever written

KEYWORDS

Poll: A gathering of different opinions

- **Heist:** A theft
- Timeless: Never goes out of style
- **Victorian:** From the time of England's Queen Victoria (1837 - 1901)

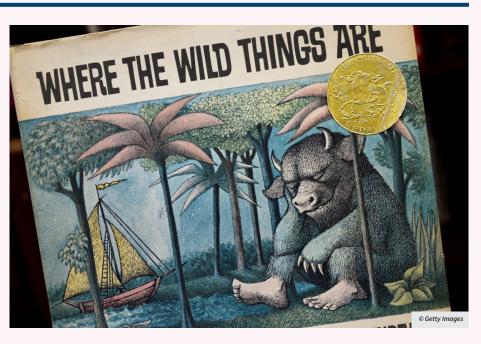
ccording to a **poll**, these are the top five children's books of all time.

5. The Hobbit — JRR Tolkien (1937)

Bilbo Baggins lives happily in his hobbit hole, until he's dragged on an adventure! Our hobbit hero has to rob an evil dragon. His epic **heist** to do. It helps that she has has stolen the hearts of countless readers.

4. The Little Prince — Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (1943)

This French classic draws on its author's experience of Let's go down the



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Thursday 7 March is World Book Day! Children in more than 100 countries have taken part in World Book Day every year since 1995. The founders of World Book Day wanted people to know that reading is for everyone — and it can be fun too!

crashing his plane in the Sahara. It's the magical story of a prince from another world visiting this one.

3. Pippi Longstocking — Astrid Lindgren (1945)

Pippi is a nine-year-old girl who can't be told what super strength. Pippi is for anyone fighting to be themselves!

2. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis **Carroll** (1865)

rabbit hole! This **timeless** Victorian fantasy about a girl lost in a magic kingdom is full of unforgettable characters. Meet the Mad Hatter and prepare to have your world turned upside down!

1. Where the Wild Things Are — Maurice Sendak (1963)

After being sent to bed, Max escapes to a kingdom even wilder than he is. But will he stay with the wild things forever? You'll have to read it to find out!

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