



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

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)



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!

According 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** 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

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 to do. It helps that she has super strength. Pippi is for anyone fighting to be themselves!

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

Let's go down the

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!



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK?

WHAT
does Bilbo Baggins have to do?

WHO
is the hero of Where the Wild Things Are?

WHERE
did Antoine de Saint-Exupery crash his plane?

WHEN
was Alice's Adventures in Wonderland written?

WHY
is it hard to tell Pippi Longstocking what to do?

HOW
does Where the Wild Things Are end?

1 CHECK YOUR FACTS

Make sure you have all the facts before you start your investigation. Can you answer these questions?

2 KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

Can you remember what these keywords mean? Match the word to the correct meaning.

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3 LOOK AT ALL SIDES

There's always more than one side to every story. How might the people involved feel about the story?

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| <input type="radio"/> Alice in Wonderland fans | <input type="radio"/> Children who prefer TV |

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| | Calm | | Excited |
| | Surprised | | Angry |
| | Scared | | Bored |
| | Disgusted | | Confused |

4 DISCUSS THE QUESTION

Which is your favourite book?

What do you think? Use the speaking prompts here to help you get started.

I disagree with...

I agree with...

I'm not sure about...

I'd like to know more about...

I think that...

I don't think that...



5 REPORT BACK

Write, present or record a report that communicates your view. Share this with your class, family and friends. What's their opinion?