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## Summary

## S1-S5 Book Reports

## Personal Response



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Mrs. J. Tsang	1Ju	Pang Wai Kuen	4Fa	Chung Lui On
Ms. S. Chan	1Wi	Chan Ka Hei	4Ho	Chu Yung Kwan
Mr. B. Tay	1Co	Chak Ho Ming	4Ch	Wong Ping Kong
Ms. O. N. Tang	2Fa	Lai Ko Ting	4Ch	Chung Kwan Leong
Ms. Y. Y. Lui	2Ho	Chan Edwin Sheung Yau	4Ju	Kwan Chun Long
Mr. T. J. Whelan	2Ch	Matsuoka Tatsuki	4Wi	Ho Tsz Ho
Mr. G. Chong	2Ju	Tam Nok Hang	5Fa	Siu Yau Kuen
Mr. F. S. Keung	2Wi	Hung Kwan Lam	5Ho	Chau Yun Nam
Mrs. Rao	2Co	Ng Chi Keung	5Ch	Tsui Kwai Kuen
Mr. A. Lee	3Fa	Chu Kiu Sum	5Ch	Cheng Yu Shing
Ms. D. Yiu	3Ho	Lo Yu Ming	5Ju	Liu Siu Kwan
Mr. K. M. Li	3Ch	Chen Chun Fung	5Wi	Chau Chi Kit

# Words from our Vice-Principal

Reading can make a difference; and keep doing it once or twice a day and it will broaden your horizons. The reward will come when you've got an interview or discussion, because you can speak with confidence and you can show a common sense that everyone else doesn't have.



I believe reading and writing go hand in hand. They are both important means through which you can elevate your language standard. Our school attaches great importance to enhancing students' literacy in English through reading and writing. This issue is a collection of book reports contributed by the students of SJA. It offers an incentive to write whereby your writing skills grow with practice. I am sure you will emulate your peers in such a learning process.

I would like to thank all students and colleagues for their contributions to the writing and compiling of book reports for this issue. With a collective effort, we work as devoted gardeners, knowing for sure one day the garden will blossom.

Choi Lai Wai-yin  
Vice-Principal  
Feb. 2008

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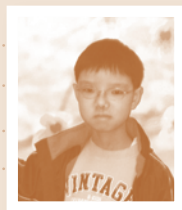


**Name: Jacky Lok**

**Class: 1 Faith**

**Title: Surfer!**

**Author: Paul Harvey**



Nick wanted to go to Australia, but his father and mother did not want him to go at this time. They wanted Nick to study more before leaving. There was a surfing competition coming up soon. Nick wanted to win the competition, and the prize for the winner was a thousand pounds! If Nick won, he could go to Australia.

This book was an action book, and when it talked about surfing, it was very exciting. I learned many new words about surfing and the beach. I think all students would enjoy reading it. If you want to know what happens to Nick, you will have to read it yourself. I got this book from my class library, and now I am ready to start reading another book.

Name: Yuen Chun Kit

Class: 1 Hope

Title: Tales from Hans Anderson

Author: Christian Anderson



## A letter to a book character

**Write a letter to a character / author in the book that you have read!**

30th November 2007

Dear Hans,

After reading your book, I would really like to write a letter to you. You introduced five stories from "Tales from Hans Anderson", which helped us to read other stories more easily. The most special thing was that you have added some questions and new words that help us to read the stories. There were also some attractive pictures amongst the stories that will help me not to feel bored when reading. Also, you tried to group a lot of stories together in the book.

I have read three of the stories before; they were The Ugly Duckling, The Emperor's New Clothes and Thumbelina. However, your presentation was much more interesting and really made me laugh. I was impressed!

I found that the King in the story was very stupid because the King believed the two businessmen that he never met before and totally trusted them and wore nothing in the street. I can really learn a lot from reading your books. Please write more stories so that I can really enjoy reading them. Thanks!

Best Wishes,

*Yuen Chun Kit*

**Name: Chiu Wing Him**

**Class: 1 Charity**

**Title: Ask Me Again**

**Author: Elizabeth Laird**



**The Main Characters: Captain Armstrong, Amanda Harvey, Miss Harvey and Amanda Harvey's Mum**

### **The Story:**

After Amanda had an accident, her mother told her that she could not walk or dance again.

One day, Amanda went to a ball. She met a handsome man named Captain Armstrong and they fell in love with each other. When Captain Armstrong asked her to marry him, Amanda said, "No!" This was because she was afraid that she could not recover from her injury. When she later found out that her mother had lied to her, she was determined to be strong and hoped that Captain Armstrong would ask her to marry him again.

### **Personal Response:**

I think Amanda was very wretched since her mum told her that she could not walk or dance for the rest of her life. It made her refuse to get married with Captain Armstrong even though they loved each other.

**Name: Chow Ching Fung**

**Class: 1 Justice**

**Title: It's an Airplane!**

**Author: Jeanne Bendick**



Write a letter to a character or a real person from a book you read.

Dear Orville and Wilbur Wright,

After reading your story, I like your airplanes very much. They are very nice.

How are you? Why do you want to make airplanes? How do you build airplanes? I think you had doubt about your abilities to build the world's very first airplane. I really admire your ability to create. I have learned the basic knowledge of engines and mechanics from you.

Where do you live? I live in Hong Kong, which is a beautiful city. I think you may want to visit Hong Kong sometime in the future.

Thank you for your marvelous invention!

Your Reader,

*Chow Ching Fung*

**Name: Chan Sheung Yau**

**Class: 2 Hope**

**Title: Robin Hood**

**Author: Unknown**



This story is set in England and it all started when Robert and Marian were marrying in a church. While they were marrying, some soldiers came and caught Robin Hood but Robin jumped through a glass window and escaped into Sherwood Forest.

In the forest, there were many poor people. Robin would invite the people for dinner and make the rich pay for the poor.

One day, Robin's friend Will was caught by Prince John but Robin saved Will. After that, Robin fought a war with Prince John's army. When Robin was about to lose the war, King Richard came and helped him. King Richard got his kingdom back and returned Robin's land to him.

I like the part when King Richard came to save Robin and the archery contest between Robin Hood and the Captain. The part where Robin saved Will was also interesting and exciting.

Robin Hood was a brave, considerate, helpful and loyal person and he was good at fighting. Robin saved Will and fought bravely with Prince John. Clive, my classmate, is also helpful. Sometimes I need him to help me with Maths and he helps me but he is always sleeping in class. I guess I need to help him by encouraging him to pay attention and get good grades.

After reading this story, I learned to be helpful. I'm going to join the Boy Scouts to help old people.

*By Chan Sheung Yau, Edwin (2 HO)*



Name: Mo Ka Yu Class: 2 Charity

Title: The Little Red Hat

Author: Daniel Postgate



12th Dec., 07

Dear Mr. Wolf,

After reading your story, I think you are silly. You are a wolf. You aren't a human being, but I think Little Red Hat is sillier than you. She doesn't know that you're pretending to be her grandma. The strangest thing is that you can carry a woman! You are strong! I am strong too, but I can't carry a woman!

*Mo*

**Name: Raymond Fong**

**Class: 2 Wisdom**

**Title: The Happy Prince**

**Author: Oscar Wilde**



If I could be a character from this book, I would choose to be the Happy Prince for this reason: he is kind. He shared his things with other people. He was not selfish and he wouldn't ask the people to do things for him when he gave them sapphires, rubies and gold.

The two words that I would use to describe this character are great and kind. This is because he used his sapphires, rubies and gold to help the poor. This allowed the poor to buy something to drink and to eat.

**Name: Cheung Siu Wing**

**Class: 2 Courage**

**Title: Charlie And The Chocolate Factory**

**Director: Tim Burton**



Today, I would like to introduce a very funny movie. It is called “Charlie And The Chocolate Factory”.

The movie is about Willy Wonka, who left his father because his father did not let him eat chocolate. Later, he opened a chocolate factory. He put five golden tickets in five chocolate bars to be sold all over the world. Those who got a golden ticket could visit the factory.

From the movie, I learned to love my family. I hope my friends can see this movie, too. I liked this movie because it was very educational.

**Name: Sam Chu**      **Class: 3 Faith**

**Title: Jonathan Livingston Seagull**

**Author: Richard Bach**



Good Morning Principal, teachers and fellow students, my name is Sam Chu from 3 Faith. I am here today to talk about a very famous book from the 1970's. It is called Jonathan Livingston Seagull, and it was written by Richard Bach. The book is about a seagull named Jonathan, and he is a very unusual seagull. This is because the only thing that matters to him is flying. For the other seagulls, the only thing that matters is eating. They fly to land to get food, and then they fly back to the sea. However, Jonathan is different. He spends all of his time practicing his flying skills. He practices high-speed flying, low speed flying, rolling and other skills day in and day out. He was not successful at first, but he did not stop trying. He kept trying over and over again until he made it. Although he was abandoned by his flock because of his unusual behavior, he didn't give up. He didn't regret his actions. Finally, he flew to heaven and continued to fly happily.

In my opinion, Jonathan has a very good attitude. He is not afraid of difficulties or failure. He had to face these problems alone after he was outcast, but he held on to his faith. This is the most important lesson; sometimes others may not appreciate our work, but we must hold on to our beliefs and strive to reach our goals. If you let others influence you, you will never finish anything.

So, this book was meaningful, touching and also easy to read. The words were not too difficult, and I am sure most of us can understand them. I like a book that is entertaining and makes me think. Jonathan Livingston Seagull is such a book. Thank you for listening...

**Name: Wilson Chan**

**Class: 3 Faith**

**Title: The Recruit**

**Author: Robert Muchamore**



Good morning Principal, teachers and fellow students, my name is Wilson Chan and I am from 3 Faith. I am here today to talk about a book that was written for young adults. It is called The Recruit, and it was written by Robert Muchamore. In the book, the hero is James Choke. He is 11 years old, and as the book begins, we see that James gets into a lot of trouble both in and out of school. He is very clever, but is not interested in school. He gets into fights with others, and he is very angry at the world. Then one day, his life takes a sudden turn; he finds himself at a secret school that trains kids to become spies. James and his new friends must spend 100 days in basic training, and in the book we follow the new recruits. When James is finished, we follow him on his first mission as a secret agent. The action in the book is really exciting; you really believe that this young man and his friends can travel around the world to fight against all sorts of bad guys.

I liked this book very much. I liked the action most, but the book also made me think. There are a lot of boys like James in school, boys who are naughty or lazy or who always get in trouble. But these boys sometimes are very clever, and if they find themselves in the right place at the right time, then they can be successful. Another thing I liked about this book is that it is the first in a series. Like the Harry Potter books, each book in The Recruit series has the same characters, but in new adventures. And while Harry Potter ended after 7 books, The Recruit already has 10 books with more to come! So if you have ever thought about being a spy, or you like to read exciting books, you should try to read The Recruit. I think you will enjoy it. Thank you for listening...

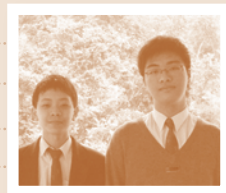


**Name: Chan Yat Long &  
Tsang Wai Kit**

**Class: 3 Hope**

**Title: Matilda**

**Author: Roald Dahl**



The book that I would like to recommend today is “Matilda”. The author of the book is Roald Dahl. The main characters are Matilda, Mr. Wormwood, Mrs. Wormwood, Miss Honey and Miss Trunchbull.

The story was about a clever girl, Matilda, and her terrible parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood. In the story, her parents did not like Matilda and did not care about her feelings and interest in reading. When she went to school, she met a very bad and violent head teacher, Miss Trunchbull. She always used violence to deal with students. Luckily, Matilda’s class teacher, Miss Honey was very kind. She requested her parents to give her support for her studies. However, it was useless. One day Matilda started moving things with her eyes, and she was never afraid of anybody.

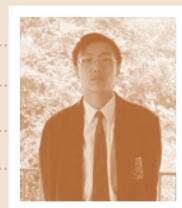
I liked the book “Matilda” because the story was wonderful and the characters were interesting. I would like to have a sister like Matilda as she is intelligent and beautiful. I hope that she and I can read books together and learn from each other so as to acquire more knowledge through reading.

**Name: Li Kin Ting**

**Class: 3 Justice**

**Title: The Dark Tower**

**Author: Sharon Stewart**



## **The Dark Tower**

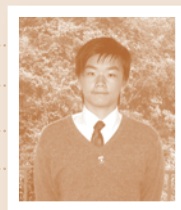
My favourite book for teen readers is The Dark Tower. The Dark Tower is about a young girl, Marie, who is the daughter of Louis XVI, the King of France in the late 1700's. The novel is written as if it were Marie's diary. It tells the story of her life and of how the revolution in France takes her away from the fabulous life she is used to, and puts her and her family into a life of poverty. Over the course of the novel, her family gets killed until only she is left. Then as she is the only one left, Marie gets locked up in a tower where she is forced to live alone. This story is a great account of what life would have been like for her, and while enjoying the book, you learn about the history of this time period. This is an excellent novel.

Name: Cheung Ka Wing

Class: 3 Justice

Title: Matilda

Author: Roald Dahl



### A. Surf the internet and do some research about Roald Dahl

#### 1. Background

Roald Dahl was born at Villa Marie, Fair Water Road, Llandaff, Wales on 13 September 1916 and died on 23 November 1990 at Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, England.

#### 2. Other books he wrote

The Magic Finger; the Minpins; The Twits, The Vicar of Nibbleswicke; The Witches; and The Gremlins.

#### 3. Any other information

He was named after the polar explorer Roald Amundsen, a national hero in Norway at that time.

### B. Questions about the book:

#### 1. How many children did Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood have?

They have two children, Michael and Matilda.

#### 2. What is the adjective that the author used to describe Matilda?

The author used 'clever' to describe Matilda.

#### 3. What present did Matilda ask her father to give her?

She asked her father to give her a book.

#### 4. Where did Matilda go to get her books?

She went to the library to get her books.

#### 5. Why was Mrs. Phelps surprised and excited?

Because Mrs. Phelps saw a little girl, Matilda, reading a very difficult book.

### C. Opinion: getting an answer:

Would you like to have a sister like Matilda?

I would like to have a sister like Matilda because I always forget what words mean. She could help me to know all the words. She is very smart and nice.

I would like to play with her very much. She would always do some funny things to make me happy.

**Name:** Leo Chung      **Class:** 4 Faith

**Title:** A Christmas Carol

**Author:** Charles Dickens



**Theme:**

Ebenezer Scrooge, the miser in the classic ‘A Christmas Carol’, experiences a big change after the visit of three Christmas spirits and the spirit of his business partner, Marley, who was in heavy chains after death due to his unkind deeds in life.

**Brief plot:**

On one Christmas Eve, the main character, Scrooge, is visited by his dead friend Marley. After their meeting, Marley brings him The Spirit of Christmas Past, The Spirit of Christmas Present and The Spirit of Christmas Yet To Come. Scrooge then realizes if he does not turn over a new leaf, all the nightmares will come true. Towards the end of the story, Scrooge learns about the significance and true meaning of life. He reckons that life should be celebrated with love and care in order to gain happiness. In short, being merciful, warm and charitable is the essence of life.

**Afterthoughts:**

After reading the story, I have learnt a great moral. Our world is our home and we ought to treat people like brothers and sisters to maintain a harmonious community. It is both enjoyable to love and to be loved, to care and to be cared for. Being cocky, picky and nasty can only bring arguments, fights and wars. Frankly speaking, no one wants to be an isolated island like the old Scrooge. Then why don’t we celebrate life with kindness?

**Some more personal reflections:**

I would like to recommend this book to my peers. There are indeed many ‘goodies’ to be learned from it – not only for teens like us but also adults.

**Name:** Chu Yung Kwan

**Class:** 4 Hope

**Title:** Frankenstein

**Author:** Mary Shelley



Victor Frankenstein was very interested in natural philosophy and chemistry and basically tried to play God by creating life. When he found the secret of activating dead flesh, he created a superhuman being composed of rotted corpses. What he did was considered unthinkable, and he was haunted by his own creation. When the monster escaped, Frankenstein knew that he had to deal with the consequences of what the monster might do. Frankenstein received a letter one day, which informed him of his younger brother William's murder, and immediately suspected that he was responsible, for he was the creator of the hideous monster. A friend of the family named Justine Moritz was the presumed murderer, and Frankenstein was determined to prove her innocent. Circumstantial evidence, however, led the courts to believe Justine guilty, because found in her pocket was a photograph which had belonged to William. Justine had been put to death, and Frankenstein had yet to find his creation. Finally, upon their meeting, the monster confessed to his creator of what he had been through, how he was rejected by society, and finally, how he had come to kill William. When William had revealed his name to the monster, the monster immediately figured that by killing the young boy, he would have revenge on Frankenstein for giving him life. The monster did not understand the concept of right and wrong, and he especially didn't mean to kill anybody. His expression of anger ended up being violent, even fatal to the victim, and it just worked out that he killed people. As the monster's story continued, he demanded of Frankenstein a female mate who he could be with until his end, and he promised to live away from society. Frankenstein, meanwhile, tried to restore the monster's demented mind so he could live a normal life. Although at first Frankenstein agreed to create a friend for the monster, he changed his mind for fear that between the two of them, his life, as well as the lives of many others, would be in danger. The creature wanted revenge, and so everything important in Frankenstein's life ended up being destroyed, including his wife and best friend.



Name: Leslie Wong

Class: 4 Charity

Title: A Christmas Carol

Author: Charles Dickens



30th November, 2007

Dear Mr. Scrooge,

Hello! How are you? I am Leslie Wong. Do you know why I am writing this letter to you? It is because I want to tell you what my personal feelings are about your experience. First, I didn't like you at the very beginning, for you were a mean and cold man after your partner, Jacob Marley, died. You didn't like Christmas or people. You only liked money. However, after you saw the three Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, you changed your personality and destiny. You became a kind and optimistic man. I tell you that I have experienced a similar life as yours.

When I was in Primary Three, one of my classmates wanted to borrow a pen from me. I refused him and he didn't want to be friend with me anymore. Then I became lonely. One evening, I dreamed of a special person who told me not to be so mean. If I wanted to have more friends, I should help my classmates when they are in need. Next morning, I lent a pen to my classmate. He made friends with me again and I became very happy.

I learned lots of knowledge about the communication between people from you. If you make a smile to others, then others will also make a beautiful and marvelous smile to you. However, the others will intensely hate you if you show a stubborn and pessimistic behavior. It will be the other way around.

Yours,  
Leslie

**Name: Jason Ho**

**Class: 4 Wisdom**

**Title: Dragon Heart**

**Author: Adriana Gabriel**



“I’m going up to the stars, dear Bowen, to all my dragon friends in the stars”, a dragon called Draco said. Then the dragon changed to starlight and flew up into the sky.

Why did the dragon die? A long time ago there was a country where dragons and knights lived. Unfortunately, King Fregre and his son Einon were cruel dictators!


After the war between the king and the peasants, the King was killed and the young Prince Einon was dying. His mother requested Draco to help. Draco predicted Einon would become a good king, so he saved his life. But very soon after this, Einon forgot all the things he had promised.

Einon had let Draco and Sir Bowen, a knight, down with his bad behaviour. They wanted to help the peasants and they built up an army and fought against Einon.

Eventually, Draco won!

The author of this book, Adriana Gabriel, isn’t a famous author. But her stories are extremely exciting and interesting! The storyline in this story is pretty good. Also, there are lots of comparisons between personalities such as Einon and Bowen.

Einon was a cruel person. He not only savaged the peasants but also wanted to kill all the dragons. He always looked down on the poor people. He is very different from Bowen who was good and honest. He and Draco always protect the needy people.



This brought my memory back to 2005, the year in which WTO Conference took place in Hong Kong. The Korean peasants demonstrated against the WTO. It was just like Einon and Bowen. Korean peasants wanted to fight for their rights just like Bowen

Nowadays, the Hong Kong Government cares about the economy more than the needy. A few weeks ago, something happened in Tin Shiu Wai. A family committed suicide due to money problems. From my point of view, the government should make poverty the top priority on its problem-solving list.

The Hong Kong Government and the other governments should learn from Einon, Bowen and Draco. Be good leaders and change the world to be a beautiful, peaceful place.

**Name: Tom Hung**

**Class: 5 Faith**

**Title: Forrest Gump**

**Author: Winston Groom**



Good Morning Principal, teachers, and fellow schoolmates, my name is Tom Hung, from 5 Faith. I am here this morning to share with you a book I read a year ago.

The title of the book is Forrest Gump. It was written by Winston Groom and the total number of pages in the book is 125.

To start with, I am going to give you a brief summary.

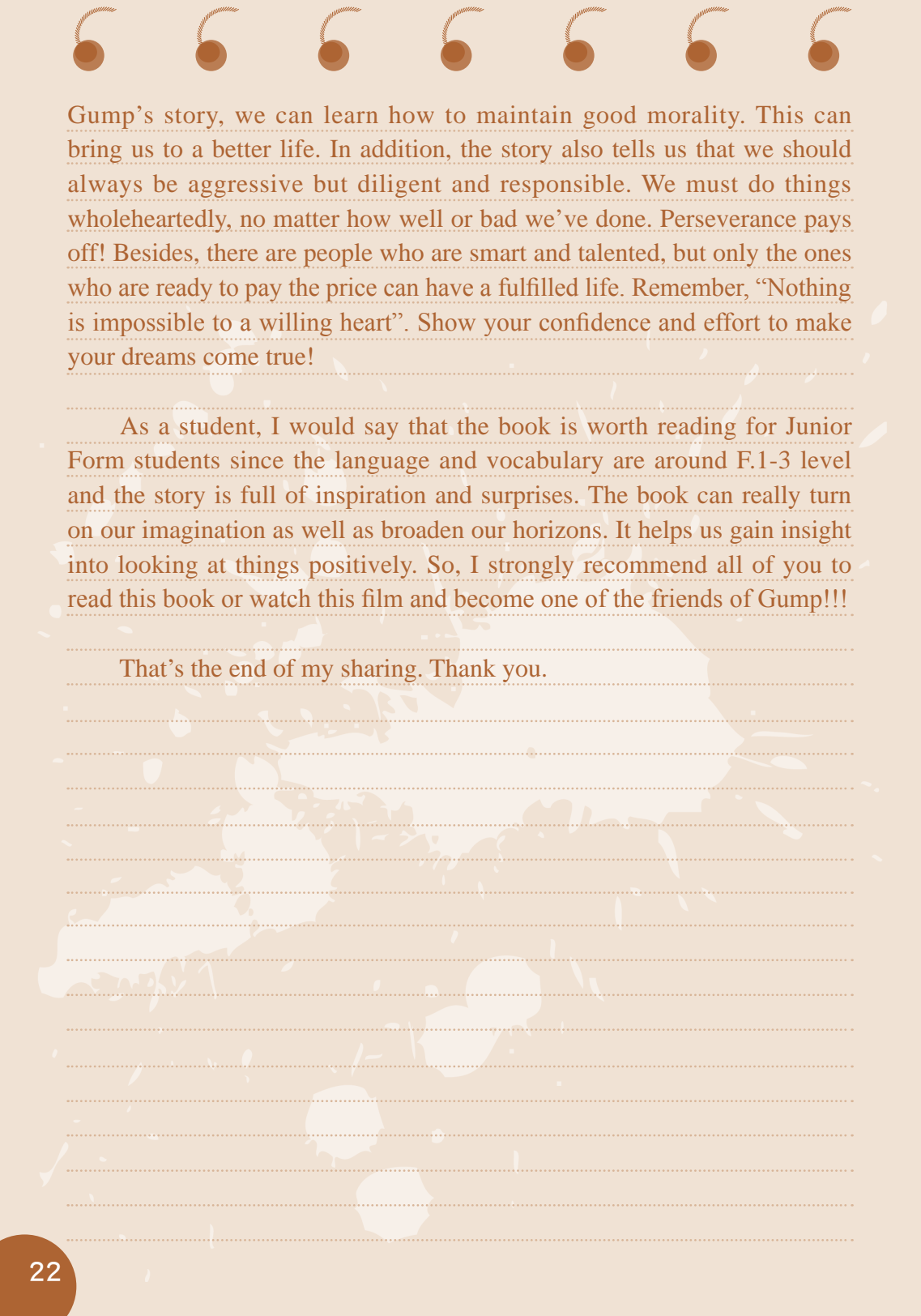
The lead character is Forrest Gump. The IQ of Gump was only 70, but he was innocent, sincere and righteous. The story begins when Gump became the leader in a table tennis activity and a hero in the Vietnam War. People started to accept him. Because of his brilliant deeds, he had made a U-turn in his life.

So, do you want to know more about Gump?

He was a simple man but with good intentions, which means although people kept teasing and ignoring him, he was still being friendly, and also, working on his motto, "Never Give Up". That's why he is one who can improve from failure.

In this book, we can see there are lots of interesting scenes. But, I would like to describe one of them to you. The most impressive scene is that when Gump joined the army for service in Vietnam, he was chosen to be the doctor. During the Vietnam War, he tried his best to rescue his companion. Once, someone shot at his legs, and he suffered from severe pain, but he still kept doing his duty. Eventually, he became a HERO!

In fact, the story conveys some important messages. There are always failures in our life. The importance is that we mustn't drop out. Through



Gump's story, we can learn how to maintain good morality. This can bring us to a better life. In addition, the story also tells us that we should always be aggressive but diligent and responsible. We must do things wholeheartedly, no matter how well or bad we've done. Perseverance pays off! Besides, there are people who are smart and talented, but only the ones who are ready to pay the price can have a fulfilled life. Remember, "Nothing is impossible to a willing heart". Show your confidence and effort to make your dreams come true!

As a student, I would say that the book is worth reading for Junior Form students since the language and vocabulary are around F.1-3 level and the story is full of inspiration and surprises. The book can really turn on our imagination as well as broaden our horizons. It helps us gain insight into looking at things positively. So, I strongly recommend all of you to read this book or watch this film and become one of the friends of Gump!!!

That's the end of my sharing. Thank you.



**Name: Leung Chak Ming**

**Class: 5 Charity**


**Title: Robinson Crusoe**

**Author: Daniel Defoe**



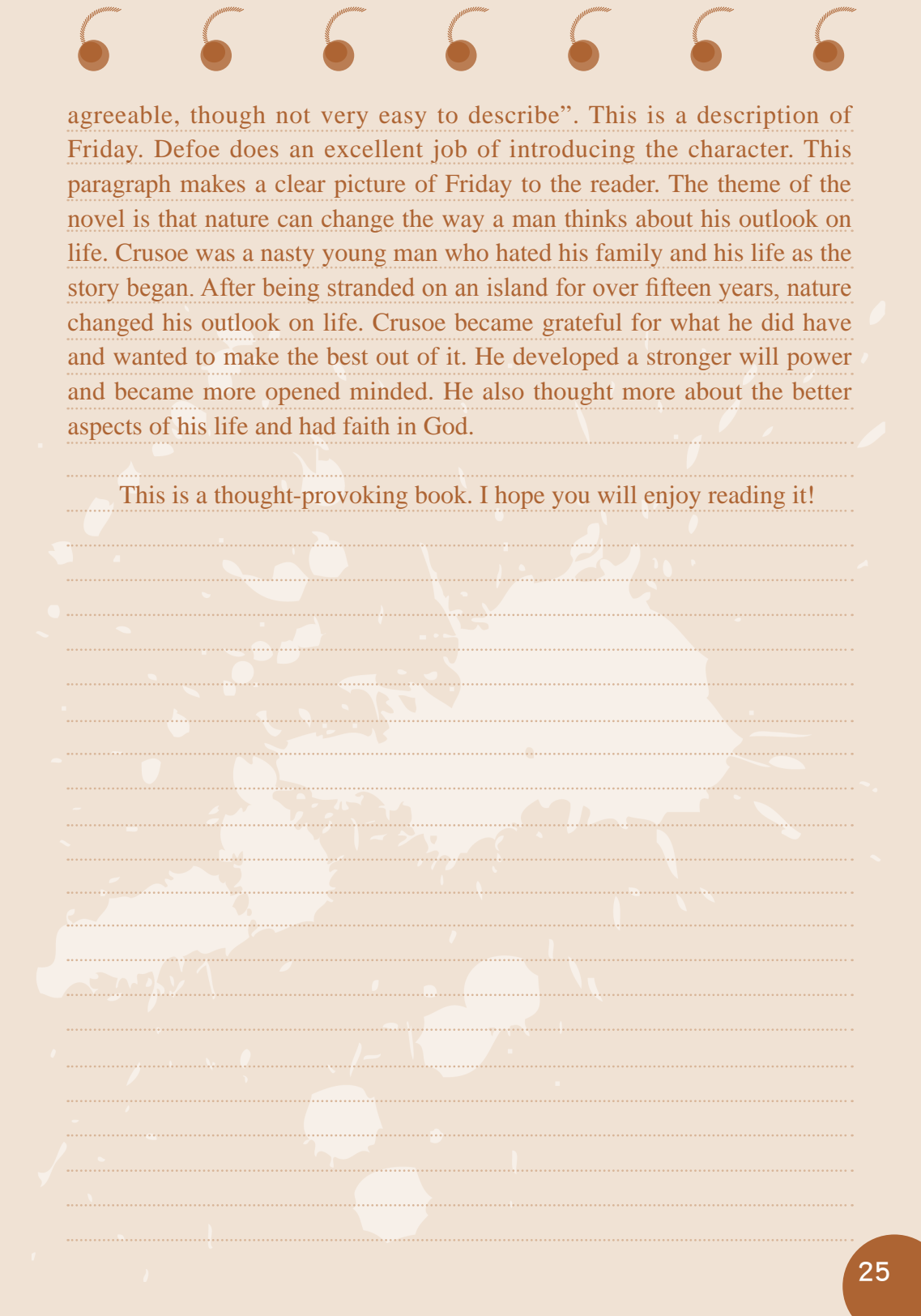
The book I would like to recommend to all of you is called “Robinson Crusoe”. It was written by Daniel Defoe. The novel was first published in 1719. It tells the story of a young explorer who becomes marooned on a deserted island. His experiences on the island change his outlook on life. Daniel Defoe was a short story writer who came from a poor family. Defoe was poor for most of his life and made his living as a butcher and a writer. Defoe mostly wrote short stories and political essays.

Robinson Crusoe was a combination of two short stories. Many believe Defoe used Robinson Crusoe to portray himself in certain ways. The situation was almost identical to his own, because after his wife left him, he felt as if he was marooned on a deserted island. The story takes place in the 1700s on a deserted island somewhere off the coast of Brazil. The island is fairly large in size and has a small shore. The interior of the island has many trees, wild pigs and other small animals and a small cave in which Crusoe stores food.” I walked about the shore lifting up my hands. Looking around, I see nothing but water, a forest, and the remains of my ship. At first, I was afraid of wild animals but after some exploration of the land, the only animals I had seen were wild pigs, squirrels, and some small birds”. The only possessions that Crusoe retrieved from the remains of his ship were a small knife, a box of tobacco, a pipe, and a small book that would later become his journal. Robinson Crusoe was a young and stubborn explorer. He was extremely tall and strong. His stay on the island changed him from a mean, stubborn man to an open-minded protestant.” Standing at six feet, two inches and having my long, thick brown hair back in a ponytail, I felt as if I was eight feet tall. Without the permission of my parents, I was still sailing away from the misery. I held the cargo box in my strong arms, waiting to board my beautiful ship”. Crusoe became a



skilled craftsman and was an extremely religious man due to his stay on the island. Being the only man on the entire island, he established a faith in God. He also became more articulate from writing in a journal daily. Overall, his stay on the island changed Crusoe's life greatly. As the story begins, Robinson Crusoe defies his parents and sets out to sea. Crusoe encounters a series of violent storms at sea and ends up in Africa. He sets out on another voyage and is captured by the Sallee, a group of pirates. Luckily, he manages to escape and board a Portuguese ship and sail to Brazil. While in Brazil, Crusoe purchases a large sugar plantation. After leaving Brazil, he encounters another storm in which his ship is destroyed and he is marooned on an island as the only survivor. On the island, Crusoe gathers food and builds a small shelter. He writes in a journal to keep an account of his stay. Crusoe becomes a skilled craftsman and begins to feel a spiritual connection with God. He also builds a small boat that he uses to sail around the island. After living on the island for fifteen years, Crusoe discovers that savages had landed on the island and that they perform human sacrifices. Crusoe helps a prisoner escape from these savages. He names the prisoner Friday and teaches him English. Together, they build a new boat and attempt to leave the island. However, Friday learns his father is a prisoner of the savages. Crusoe and Friday return and rescue his father and a Spaniard. The four men board a passing boat and gain control of it. Crusoe sails back to his native land to learn his sugar plantation has made him rich. He sells the plantation and marries. As the novel closes, Crusoe is persuaded to take a final voyage, back to the island.

Robinson Crusoe is written using an English dialect. The narration of the novel is simple, informal and extremely easy to understand. However, Defoe uses verbose descriptions for characters:” He was a comely, handsome fellow, perfectly well made, with strong limbs, not too large, tall and well-shaped, and I reckon he was about twenty years of age. The color of his skin was not quite black, but very tawny; and yet not of an ugly, yellow, nauseous tawny, as the Brazilians and Virginians and other natives are; but of a bright kind of a dun olive color that had in it something



agreeable, though not very easy to describe". This is a description of Friday. Defoe does an excellent job of introducing the character. This paragraph makes a clear picture of Friday to the reader. The theme of the novel is that nature can change the way a man thinks about his outlook on life. Crusoe was a nasty young man who hated his family and his life as the story began. After being stranded on an island for over fifteen years, nature changed his outlook on life. Crusoe became grateful for what he did have and wanted to make the best out of it. He developed a stronger will power and became more opened minded. He also thought more about the better aspects of his life and had faith in God.

This is a thought-provoking book. I hope you will enjoy reading it!

**Name:** Liu Siu Kwan      **Class:** 5 Justice

**Title:** The Lord of the Rings –  
The Fellowship of the Ring

**Director:** Peter Jackson



The story is set over decades. There is one ring to rule them. Frodo brings the ring to create a place to destroy it. So, Frodo starts his adventure with his friend but the ring wraiths want to take it back.

It is well written and exciting. This film is the first part of a trilogy. To watch all three movies, it would take around ten hours. You should take the time to watch all three movies. Surprisingly, it is not boring, because all the movies are very exciting.

The main character is Frodo Baggins. He is a teenager. He is very short but he is brave and gentle.

I learnt what brave is. At that time, they should 'Walk' to destroy the ring. The ring wraiths can kill him but he is brave enough to fight back.

I would recommend this film to my friends because it won many prizes at the Oscars. It is a very good movie. The sound effects are great and the story is worth watching.

**Name: Jefferson Wong**

**Class: 5 Wisdom**

**Title: Matilda's Movie Adventures**

**Author: Lucy Dahl**

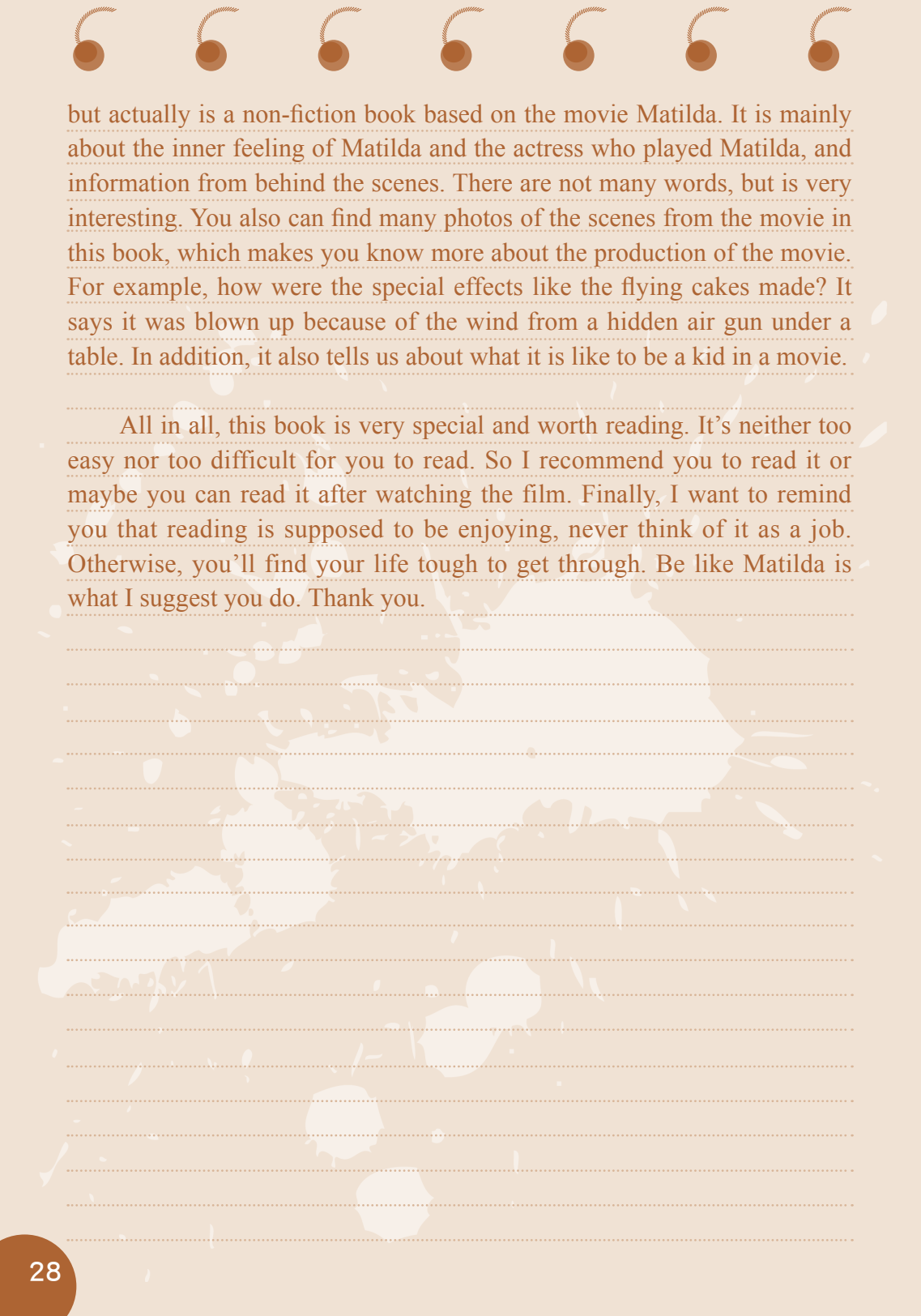


Let me ask you a question first. Have you watched the film or read the book about Matilda before? Because the book that I'm going to share with you today is related to it. Its name is Matilda's Movie Adventures, which was written by Lucy Dahl. I think this book can be found in your classroom-reading box, so I hope that you can borrow it to read after my sharing.

To begin with, I'd like to give you some information about the book Matilda first, since this book is based on that story. There is no doubt that books written by good writers are good, so Matilda must be a high-quality book as the author of the book is Roald Dahl, who is a very well known and respected writer. I too hope you'll read this book later on because you'll enjoy yourself as well as improving your English when reading it.

It was about a little girl named Matilda Wormwood, who could read by the age of four, and who had super powers. Although she was blessed with brilliant talents, she was, unfortunately, born into a family where no one cared for her and even looked down on her. Her father just cared about his so-called car business and would never even know how old his daughter was. Her mother was another story. She was crazily addicted to gambling and believed one day she could become rich by doing that. Not to mention her brother, who was so nasty that he knew nothing except how to tease his little sister. In spite of all the difficult situations, Matilda didn't give up. Instead, she buried herself in the heap of books and entered to where she really belonged. The story went on with Matilda starting her school days. And I shall stop now, as I should leave it to you to read.

Coming back to this book, this book is not an ordinary storybook,



but actually is a non-fiction book based on the movie Matilda. It is mainly about the inner feeling of Matilda and the actress who played Matilda, and information from behind the scenes. There are not many words, but is very interesting. You also can find many photos of the scenes from the movie in this book, which makes you know more about the production of the movie. For example, how were the special effects like the flying cakes made? It says it was blown up because of the wind from a hidden air gun under a table. In addition, it also tells us about what it is like to be a kid in a movie.

All in all, this book is very special and worth reading. It's neither too easy nor too difficult for you to read. So I recommend you to read it or maybe you can read it after watching the film. Finally, I want to remind you that reading is supposed to be enjoying, never think of it as a job. Otherwise, you'll find your life tough to get through. Be like Matilda is what I suggest you do. Thank you.



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*Jefferson Wong S5 Wisdom*



*Tom Hung S5 Faith*



*Howard Tsz S2 Faith*



*Terry Chu S5 Wisdom*



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