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Magical Matilda

Roald Dahl's book Matilda is about a little girl with magical powers. Matilda is a very sweet and intelligent five year old. Unfortunately, she has terrible parents who do not care about her. At school she becomes friends with Miss Honey. Miss Honey is a kind teacher who all the students love. She is very different from Miss Trunchbull, the cruel and terrible headmistress. Matilda is a wonderful book because Matilda is an admirable character. She is brave and smart and helps Miss Honey at the end of the story.

Matilda is a genius. She teaches herself how to read and can do all kinds of difficult multiplication in her head. At school, Matilda discovers that she can move things with just her mind. Later, Matilda learns that Miss Trunchbull stole Miss Honey's money and house. Matilda devises a plan and uses her magical powers to help Miss Honey get back her home.

Even though Matilda is a little girl, she is very clever and brave. For example, Matilda decides to get back at her father. Matilda has a mean and dishonest father. He thinks girls are stupid even though Matilda is a genius. After Matilda's dad calls her a liar for doing math in her head, she decides to teach her father a lesson. Matilda puts her mother's hair dye into her father's hair dye. His hair turns from black to yellow! Her plan is both

smart and funny. Another example is when Matilda tricks Miss **Trunchball**¹. While in class, she uses her mind to write on the chalkboard. She pretends to be the ghost of Miss Honey's father. Miss **Trunchball**² gets scared and gives Miss Honey back her house and money. Matilda comes up with many ideas to get back at bad people in the story. She is never afraid to use her brain power.

Another reason why Matilda is admirable is because she does not show off her powers. She only uses her powers against bad people. In fact, even though her classmates know Matilda is clever, she still has lots of friends. She is kind and does not brag about being smart. While all the other kids are learning, Matilda sits quietly and reads textbooks that Miss Honey gives her. You would not know that Matilda was an extraordinary girl if you talked to her. If Matilda was a show off or bothered other students, no one would like her. Also, when Matilda hears Miss Honey's story, she wants to help. She does not tell Miss Honey her plan and surprises her in class. In the end, she helps Miss Honey get back her house and gets rid of Miss Trunchbull for good. She is a hero! She also gets to live with Miss Honey happily ever after.

This book is a lot of fun to read because Matilda is an amazing character I like. I cheered for Matilda when I read this book. I want to be smart like Matilda. She only uses her powers to teach evil adults a lesson. In the end, Matilda loses her power to move things, but she is still very

¹ Spelling.

² Spelling

clever and brave. I think all young girls would like this book, especially if they have mean parents like Matilda's or a mean principal like Miss Trunchbull. I think teachers should read this book too. Miss Honey is a kind teacher any child would love to have. I enjoyed this book by Roald Dahl very much.