

1. CHARLOTTE'S WEB by E.B. White (HarperCollins). Some pig, indeed. Monica Edinger, fourth-grade teacher and author of *Using Beloved Classics to Deepen Reading Comprehension*, calls *Charlotte's Web* "the great American children's novel...beginning with that remarkable first sentence 'Where's Papa going with that ax?'"

2. BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA by Katherine Paterson (HarperCollins).

3. HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE by J.K. Rowling (Scholastic). When the NEA surveyed teachers on kids' books in 1999, Harry Potter had yet to cast a spell. Now the whole world is hooked!

4. THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE by C.S. Lewis (HarperCollins).

5. HOLES by Louis Sachar (FSG).

6. THE GIVER by Lois Lowry (Random House), makes kids think. "It's wonderful for discussing politics," says brave teacher Jennifer Kopp.

7. BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick).



8. TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING by Judy Blume (Penguin).

9. A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L'Engle (FSG). Jennifer Roy, author of *Yellow Star*, says her childhood fave "makes math, science, and philosophy appealing." Really.

10. FRINDLE by Andrew Clements (Simon & Schuster).

11. CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY by Roald Dahl (Random House).

12. JUNIE B., FIRST GRADER (AT LAST!!) by Barbara Park (Random House).

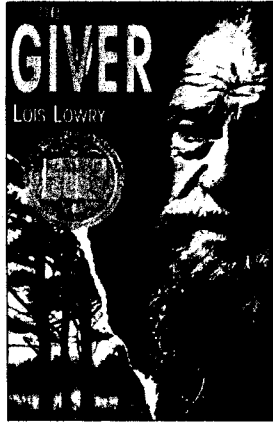
13. WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS by Wilson Rawls (Random House).

14. TUCK EVERLASTING by Natalie Babbitt (FSG). Snag this idea from Jane Yolen: "I use the opening in writing classes as an example of sheer beauty."

15. HARRIET THE SPY by Louise Fitzhugh (Random House).

16. RAMONA QUIMBY, AGE 8 by Beverly Cleary (HarperCollins).

17. LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE by Laura Ingalls Wilder (HarperCollins).



18. FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER by E.L. Konigsburg (Simon & Schuster).

19. MANIAC MAGEE by Jerry Spinelli (Little, Brown).

20. THE SECRET GARDEN by Frances Burnett.

21. RUBY HOLLER by Sharon Creech (HarperCollins).

22. ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY by Mildred D. Taylor (Penguin).

23. ANNE OF GREEN GABLES by L.M. Montgomery.

24. FREAK THE MIGHTY by Rodman Philbrick (Scholastic).

25. A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS by Lemony Snicket (HarperCollins). We can't believe it's over either.

TOP 25 CHAPTER BOOKS

"I can never read the chapter where Charlotte dies," second-grade teacher Jennifer Kopp admits. "I use a recording of E.B. White reading that part."

