

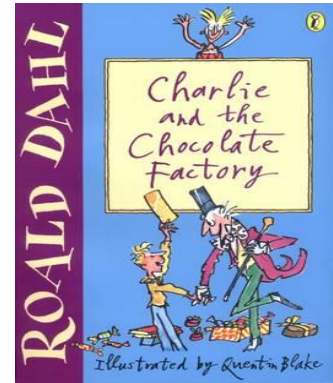
# Junior Form Book Recommendation

## 《Charlie and the Chocolate Factory》

Publisher : Rily Publications Ltd

ISBN : 9781904357018

Author : Roald Dahl



*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is a classic children's novel written by Roald Dahl and first published in 1964. The book is beautifully illustrated by Quentin Blake.

### What is the book about?

This book tells the story of Charlie Bucket, a poor boy who finds a special ticket in a chocolate bar. The ticket lets him explore Willy Wonka's amazing chocolate factory. Charlie and four other children with tickets discover many secrets and magical things in the factory. However, they must be careful to make the right choices otherwise they could face problems.

### Why is it a good book?

The story has several valuable and interesting themes. One of these themes is 'good things come in small packages.' At first Charlie looks small and weak but he has a lot of inner strength. Mr Wonka and the chocolate bar are also small but they each have the power to change Charlie's life and make his dreams come true. 'Poverty versus wealth,' is another theme and it shows us that things are sometimes different from how they look. The story shows us that money can be bad if people do bad things with it. For example, one of the four children's father is very rich and does bad things to get his child a golden ticket. Although Charlie is very poor and does not have enough food, he is good and kind. He only wants enough money to live. In the end his goodness and kindness make him rich.

### Recommendation

I enjoyed reading this book for many reasons. It teaches a lot of important life lessons, such as having kindness and inner strength. These lessons are easy to relate to because we all face different types of tests in life. However, if we are positive, kind and don't give up, things could get better. The book made me laugh when funny things happened to some of the people. The happy ending also made me smile to see good things happening to good people.

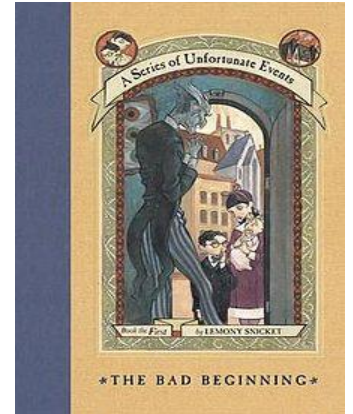
# Senior Form Book Recommendation

## 《The Bad Beginning》

**Publisher : HarperCollins**

**ISBN : 9780061365331**

**Author : Lemony Snickett**



*The Bad Beginning* is the first book of the series *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snickett. There are 13 books in the series.

### What is the book about?

The book tells the story of three children, Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire, who become orphans after a fire destroys their house and kills their parents. They are sent to live with a very distant family member called Count Olaf. Count Olaf treats the children very badly, making them clean his filthy house and cook meals for him and his friends. The children discover that Count Olaf only wants to steal their inheritance (the money left by their parents) and will do anything to get it, even kill.

### Why is it a good book?

It is not a typical children's story that has a happy beginning and ending. The first line says, 'If you are interested in stories with happy endings, you would be better off reading some other book.' However, the sad tone of the story is balanced with lots of comedy. The story is told by a narrator who is also a character in the book. The narrator, Lemony Snickett, is funny and mysterious. He sometimes writes letters to the reader or other people. In his first letter he writes, "In this short book alone, the three youngsters encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune, and cold porridge for breakfast." Messages like this make you want to keep reading. Lemony also frequently explains new words and phrases that the reader may not understand. For example, he tells us that the word "briskly" means "quickly". Therefore, reading this book can be a fun way for readers to improve their vocabulary.

### Recommendation

*The Bad Beginning* is an excellent book because it has a mix of sad, funny and surprising moments and lots of mysteries to keep you guessing. Although it is officially categorized as a children's book, it is popular with readers of all ages. There is even a film and a Netflix show based on the entire book series.