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## First Chapters of Best Books

### 1 *Hoot* by Carl Hiaason 4 min

1. Who is the Main Character?
2. Why did he notice the running boy?
3. What is the setting for this scene?
4. What was so surprising?

### 2 *A Week in the Woods* by Clements 4 mins

1. Who is the Main Character?
2. What program is he preparing for?

3. What one word best describes the main character? Why?

4. What was coming from 275 miles south and west of the school?

### 3 *Journey to the River Sea* by Ibbotson 7 mins

1. Where does the story take place?
2. When does the story take place?

3. What is the lesson about?

4. Why did the girl (Mia) have a right to chew on her pigtail?

5. Where do the Carter's live?

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**4 Loser Spinelli** 2 mins

1. "You grow up." What are some examples?

2. What is the name of the kid?

3. What kind of person is "that kid?"

**5 Saffy's Angel McKay** 4 mins

1. Who is the main character?

2. What is she studying?

3. What is the mother good at?

4. "I can't find me." Why do you **guess** that she isn't on the chart?

**6 Coraline Gaiman** 6 mins

1. music intro- "*You are not my mother, and I want to go home.*"  
How do you **guess** this applies to the story?

2. written intro- "*Dragons can be beaten.*"  
How do you **guess** this applies to the story?

3. The door is discovered. How do you **guess** this applies to the story?

4. What else did she find while exploring?

**7 Beloved Dearly Cooney** 4 mins

1. What is the book report about?

2. What did Ernie do at lunch time?

3. Why did he get in trouble?

4. What is Ernie always thinking about?

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**8 *Midnight for Charlie Bone* Nimmo** 6 mins

1. Who is it that lived in the North
2. What is it we must never forget?
3. What happened to Charlie Bone?
4. What didn't Charlie know that he was connected to?
5. What is in front of his house (#9)?

**9 *Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism* Byng** 5 mins

1. Where is Molly?
2. Molly imagines that her legs will change like "the ugly duckling of Hans Christian Anderson." How do you **guess** this applies to the story?

3. When would she "feel different?"
4. Why is she in trouble?

**10 *United States of America* Danzinger** 5 mins

1. "My first day has just about finished me." How do you **guess** this applies to the story?
2. What is her nickname?
3. Why did the school name change to Biddle Middle?
4. What did the strange boys pretend to be on the bus?

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## Teachers Page First Chapters of Best Books

Be sure to read loudly, or have a tape player of the book on tape version that plays loudly.

Reading the questions before listening is recommended. Sometimes two answers are heard in close proximity. Slow writers might not be able to listen to the next answer

You won't be able to keep these books on the shelf! Try to have them available.

### 1 *Hoot* by Carl Hiaison 4 min

1. Who is the Main Character?
2. Why did he notice the running boy?
3. What is the setting for this scene?
4. What was so surprising?

Answers

- 1 Roy
2. Because he was being beat up on the school bus
- 3 School Bus
4. A boy that was running, without shoes, faster than a dog and not going to school.

### 2 *A Week in the Woods* by Clements

1. Who is the Main Character?
2. What program is he preparing for?
3. What one word best describes the main character?
4. What was coming from 275 miles south and west of the school?

Answers

1. Mr. Maxwell; the teacher
2. A Week in the Woods (camp)
3. Organized

### 4. Trouble

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Answers

1. School
2. 1910
3. Rivers of England; geography
4. Her guardian was bringing news about her (Mia's) future. Because her parents died in a train crash in Egypt.
5. Amazon river, Brazil, Jungle

### 4 *Loser* Spinelli 2 mins

1. "You grow up." What are some examples?
2. What is the name of the kid?
3. What kind of person is "that kid?"

Answers

1. see-saw, sledding,
2. Zinkoff
3. a person in your neighborhood; an acquaintance.

### 5 *Saffy's Angel* McKay 4 mins

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3. What is the mother good at?
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Answers

1. Saffron
2. A Color Chart
3. Naming her children
- 4.

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2. written intro- “Dragons can be beaten.”

How do you **guess** this applies to the story?

3. The door is discovered.

How do you **guess** this applies to the story?

4. She went exploring. What did she find?

Answers

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. a well.

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includes

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2. What did Ernie do at lunch time?
3. Why did he get in trouble?
4. What is Ernie always thinking about?

Answers

1. Ben Franklin
2. Sell cheese burgers
3. Because the burgers made a mess (and selling is bad)
4. Money.

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Answers

1. a Red King 5 good children, 5 bad children, 3 leopard counts
2. The counts
3. He received powers from the Red King
4. The smoke from a fire
5. tree

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3. When would she “feel different?”
4. Why is she in trouble?

Answers

1. in the bath, under the water, at orphanage, flying in space
- 2.
3. when she is floating/daydreaming -- ends up in trouble
4. she used 4 times the allowed water

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Answers

1. everything is different, new teachers, wrong name, bigger, no routine
2. S'kate
3. to get the principal to leave
4. ducks

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