

Budding Writer



R. Sahana of 7B of PSBB T. Nagar enjoys writing book reviews and the same are being published regularly in "The Hindu-In School".

Witches and wit

The one book that had an unexpected ending was "The Witches" by Roald Dahl. This story starts with a boy who lives with his grandma in London after his parents die in a car accident. His grandma was an old witch-hunter who tells him a lot about witches.

They go on a holiday to Bourne-mouth. There, the boy sees the Grand High Witch as she meets with the witches from different countries. He hears about their evil plans and tries to escape but is caught by the witch and turned into a mouse. But, in the end he somehow kills the witches and stops their evil plans.

In this story, even though the protagonist turns into a mouse, he manages to fulfil his mission in a unique and funny way. I liked the way in which the author ends the story.

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On a philosophical note



I love the memoir of Swami Vivekananda who is one of the most inspiring spiritual speakers and preachers of all time. I love to read his memoir very much because he has shared many of his interesting encounters and his personal experiences. Many of his stories have inspired me and taught me a lot about life's philosophies.

All his stories have a hidden moral in them which helps me understand the real essence of his stories. I am sure his memoir will be an inspiration for every single child in the world like me. I will surely follow his advice and philosophies throughout my life.
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To the stars

The memoir I liked the most is Scott Kelly's "My Journey To The Stars".

Scott Kelly did not know what he wanted to be when he was older. He battled in school and regularly crossed paths with his twin sibling, Mark.

One day, Scott found a book about aircraft testers and space travellers that set him on another path. This became his passion that drove him to initially become a pilot and later, a space explorer alongside his sibling. However, his most noteworthy achievement is spending a year in space aboard the International Space Station which set the standard for the longest spaceflight.

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Malgudi dreams

The one fictional place from literature that I would love to move to is Malgudi, the fictional town created by R.K. Narayan. He is a famous Indian author who is known for his novel "Swami and Friends". The town of Malgudi is a wonderful town with the River Sarayu running near it. Its groves, grasslands, old houses and small shops add more mysticity to this delightful place.

Abu Lane, Kabir Street, Trunk Road, Market Road and Nallappa's Grove are some of the unforgettable landmarks of Malgudi. Each and every nook of this town was described by R.K. Narayan so well that I felt attracted to the peace and serenity of this place. Even if I cannot move to this fictional place in reality, it will always remain in my dreams forever.

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Bond and Murty

The two books that I take with me whenever I travel are "How To Be a Writer" by Ruskin Bond and "The Magic of The Lost Temple" by Sudha Murty. I take the Bond's book with me because its inspiring and motivating to me. It includes the author's personal writing experiences, funny moments, and advice. My ambition is to become a writer so I take this book whenever I travel and read it as and when I get time. "The Magic of The Lost Temple" makes me feel adventurous and thrilled when I read it. It taught me a lot about the fun of exploring and the happiness in finding treasure. I have read many other books by Bond and Murty books, but these two books will always remain special for me.

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Learn to accept oneself

From my favourite animation movie 'Luca', I learnt that one should always be proud of his identity and never hide it no matter what people say. The movie Luca is about a sea monster named Luca who makes friends with Alberto who is also a sea monster. They run away from their underworld homes and reach a town where they enter a triathlon to win a Vespa. Along the way, they befriend Giulia and learn new things. With Luca's parents after them and their identities almost discovered, will they win the competition and reveal the truth is what forms the plot.

This story was very inspirational and moving and almost brought me to tears in the end. I suggest this movie for all children so that every single child understands the concept of equality and friendship.

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