

Unit 8

Listening script [1.09]

Presenter

Welcome to today's *Book Hour* programme. This week the results of the recent survey to find the nation's favourite 100 children's books were announced. The book voted number one was *Winnie the Pooh*, by A. A. Milne. Thousands of you voted for the loveable bear and his friends who live in the Hundred Acre Wood, and whose adventures have been exciting children since 1926.

Many of the stories we read when we are young stay with us for life, and we all have different likes and dislikes. Here are just a few of the other books that made it onto the list.

Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is in the top ten books and has been adapted more than once for the cinema. The most recent film was directed by Tim Burton and starred Johnny Depp as the amazing Willy Wonka. Although all of Dahl's books for children are very popular, this is the only one to have been listed in the top 100 titles.

Many of the books are about animals, and Pooh bear isn't the only bear to appear. Michael Bond's *Paddington*, with his coat and hat and his marmalade sandwiches, is at number eight. Julia Donaldson's *The Gruffalo*, about a brave young mouse in the forest, is at number nine, and Judith Kerr's book *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* is at number seventeen.

Many of the books have been adapted for television and film and Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* was, and still is, loved by many of you. The book was written over 150 years ago, but is still as popular as ever. The 2010 film adaptation starred Helena Bonham Carter as the Red Queen and received awards for its special effects.

There are so many different stories with amazing characters that you'll never forget. From adventure and mystery stories to fantasy and graphic novels, there is something for everyone. So next time you're feeling bored, why not read a book?