Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Important information

Plot

Charlie Bucket was no stronger or faster than anyone else, his family was not rich, powerful or well connected but he was the luckiest boy in the entire world, he just didn't know it yet.

Chocolate factory owner, Willy Wonka, decided to allow 5 children to visit the factory and one of them will win a special prize at the end. The children have to find one of the five golden tickets hidden beneath the Wonka bars. So, Augustus Gloop (a German chocoholic), Verruca Salt (a spoilt English brat), Violet Beauregarde (junior bubblegum champion), Mike Teavee (who hates chocolate) and Charlie Bucket (the luckiest boy in the entire world) win tickets and visit the factory.

"Accidents" happen while on the guided tour, until only Charlie is left. Charlie wins the prize, and is made an offer he cannot refuse.

Themes

Poverty vs wealth, 'what goes around comes around', friendship

What can this book teach us?

- It is important to follow directions and rules
- Be grateful for the little things in life
- The best things in life are worth waiting for
- If you can dream it, you can make it happen! Nothing is impossible!



Writing genres covered

Children's Fantasy

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1964

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Setting

Although the main setting of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is a magical confectionery, it begins in a contemporary industrial area known simply as "a great town."