

TO CHANGE THE WORLD IT TAKES A LITTLE GENIUS.



MEET MATILDA THE MUSICAL

IN A WORLD where most parents believe that their children are precious miracles, Matilda Wormwood's parents think that she is nothing more than a "lousy little worm." How wrong they are! Brilliant, brainy, bold and brave, Matilda really is the most special and miraculous kid imaginable.

Bullied mercilessly by her father and her dance-obsessed mother, Matilda still stands up for what she believes is right, even if that means breaking the rules and being "naughty." Though Matilda is little in a world ruled by adults, she doesn't let that deter her from exercising her own brand of justice. As she tells us, "you mustn't let a little thing like little stop you...if it's not right, you have to put it right!"

Neglected by her greedy, scheming, vulgar parents, Matilda is left to fend for herself, spending her days in the library, hungrily reading everything she can. Here she is drawn into an imaginary world, weaving fantastical tales of her own that keep Mrs. Phelps, the story-loving librarian, on the edge of her seat.

While Matilda yearns to attend school and escape her awful parents, she soon learns that Crunchem Hall Elementary is no better than home. Under the iron fist of Miss Trunchbull, a child-hating, hammer-throwing headmistress, school turns out to be a terrifying place where children are punished by being thrown in the "Chokey," a dark, narrow cupboard with spikes in the walls and nails sticking up from the floor.

Matilda's one solace amidst all of this terribleness, besides her books and stories, is her teacher, Miss Honey, who recognizes how truly special and gifted Matilda is.

Though Matilda may be little, we soon come to learn that she is far from powerless, and with the help of her schoolmates and Miss Honey's courageous support, Matilda discovers that she has a remarkable power with which to fight back. Will she be vanquished? It could go either way!

GLOSSARY

TELLY

Shorthand for television, Mr. Wormwood's favorite pastime

KNACKERED

Exhausted or severely damaged, like the cars Mr. Wormwood sells

HEADMISTRESS

The principal of Crunchem Hall, Miss Agatha Trunchbull

PHYS-ED

Physical Education, Miss Trunchbull's favorite class and preferred method of exhausting children

THE CHOKEY

A narrow cupboard with spikes on the walls and nails sticking up from the floor; where Miss Trunchbull sends students for detention

NEWT

An aquatic, lizard-like amphibian

