

Lockett & Wilde: The Ghosts of the Library

Shared Reading Questions

1. Why do you think it's so important to Matilda that the other children at school think she is "proper and normal"?
2. How would you describe the friendship between Matilda and Edgar?
3. Would you like to visit a library like the one in the Old Tower?
4. What are your first impressions of Matilda's teachers, Miss Quail and Professor Gorgon?
5. Why do you think Matilda feels uncomfortable about Aunt Evelyn and Uncle Barnabus teaching at her school?
6. Who do you think the "ghosts of the library" might be? What might they want?
7. Can you spot any details in the illustrations that could be possible CLUES?
8. Why do you think Matilda feels emotional about the ghost cat?
9. What sort of activities does Uncle Barnabus do with Edgar in the illustrated chapter and why do you think Matilda suggested them?
10. The end of this story is the end of the Lockett & Wilde trilogy. What did you like about the ending? How else might the story have ended?

Suggested Activities

- Choose a book with a friend that you can read and discuss together, just like Matilda and Florence (it might be handy to have two copies!).
- Write a story about a child who has a ghostly friend. What sorts of things might they get up to? Spooky adventures? Solving mysteries?
- Design your own cover for *The Ghosts of the Library* or draw an illustration of a favourite moment.

