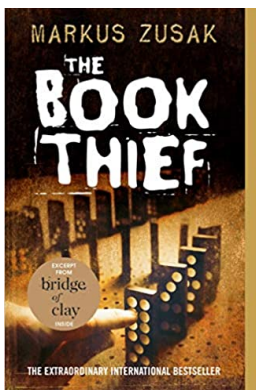


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The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

When Death has a story to tell, you listen.

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still.

Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time.

Who Wrote It?

Markus Zusak is the author of five books, including the international bestseller, *The Book Thief*, which spent more than a decade on the New York Times bestseller list, and is translated into more than forty languages – establishing Zusak as one of the most successful authors to come out of Australia. His books have been awarded numerous honours ranging from literary prizes to readers choice awards to prizes



voted on by booksellers. Markus Zusak grew up in Sydney, Australia, and still lives there with his wife and two children.

AR Reading Level: 5.1

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I want to read this book: YES / NO

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