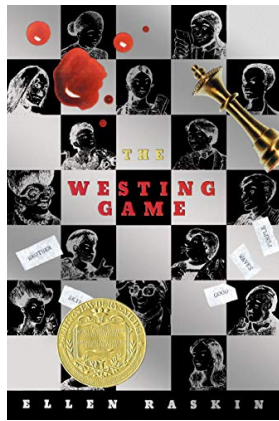


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The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin



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?

A bizarre chain of events begins when sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. And though no one knows why the eccentric, game-loving millionaire has chosen a virtual stranger—and a possible murderer—to inherit his vast fortune, on things for sure: Sam Westing may be dead...but that won't stop him from playing one last game!

"A supersharp mystery...confoundingly clever, and very funny." —Booklist, starred review

Winner of the Newbery Medal
Winner of the Boston Globe/Horn Book Award
An ALA Notable Book

Who Wrote It?

Raskin was born in Milwaukee in 1928 and grew up during the Great Depression. She was educated at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a major in fine art. Raskin was an accomplished graphic artist. In New York City she worked as a commercial artist for about 15 years. Among other things she designed more than 1000 dust jackets for books including the first edition of Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*, the 1963 Newbery Medal winner. Ellen is the author of 16 books and the illustrator for over two dozen more.



Ellen struggled with mental health and died at the age of 56 due to a connective tissue disease.

AR Reading Level: 5.3

Lexile Level: 7500L

I want to read this book: YES / NO



WHAT I THINK



