Ten Favorites, an Annotated List

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The Children's Book Review is written by people interested in children's literature. Their monthly discussions of books produced a new idea for the 1985-86 issues of the Children's Book Review. We want to share our favorite books with you so each issue will feature a list of ten favorite books. This month's favorites are the choices of Carol Oaks, a librarian for the Orem City Library.

**TEN FAVORITES**  
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Unloved children, used to being shuffled from one temporary home to another, feel and react like pinballs until they roll into an adoptive family where things are different.

Green Knowe, ancient castle home of many generations in an English family, is haunted by the lovely ghosts of children who lived there.

The Bagthorpe family and their unique arrangements and relationships make hilarious fun.

Tell the story of a family in its four different generations, whose ruling passion was to create things of lasting value and quality. Each little book is, in itself, simply beautiful.

A transcendent, fantastic story of good and evil.

A love story of two intelligent and idealistic youngsters which might well be an example for intelligent and idealistic youngsters.

An unforgettable story of gleaming love and lack of trust.

A wonderful picture book representing the pecking order, guaranteed to produce laughter.

This girl actually didn't, and the story of her struggle to make a place for herself in her unloving family is unforgettable.

The first volume of White's *The Once and Future King*, published separately for young people, tells of the stretching experiences young Arthur's mentor Merlin gave him, to create in him a king. White's wonderful intellect, humor, and vigorous style make this a lovely "read-aloud".