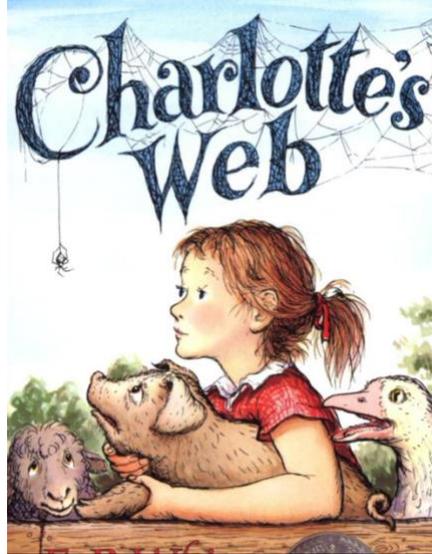


**Curative Reading**  
**Charlotte's Web, By E. B. White**  
**Questions**  
**(Forward By Kate DiCamillo, Chapters 1-3)**



**Special Note For Answering Questions:** *One of the many benefits of reading, and especially reading aloud, is that it calms our central nervous system and activates our parasympathetic healing mode enabling us to return to a state of rest and restore. Practice reading aloud and see how it feels to you. How does your body feel before, during and after reading aloud? These questions are meant to sharpen your recall and bring you into a curative relationship with the story to enhance your health and wellbeing. Your answers do not have to be shared with the group and can remain just for you.*

**Forward**

The author of this forward, Kate DiCamillo, says that she never read Charlotte's Web as a child because the cover made her nervous. Look at the cover in the photo above and study it. Write a line or two about how it might have made you feel as a child, or how it makes you feel as an adult?

“We can bear it all by loving it all.” What does this line mean to you? Does it bring up any thoughts in relation to your own life or the world at large? If so, write a line or two about that.

### **Chapter 1, Before Breakfast**

We learn that one of the pigs on the farm where Fern and her family live has just been born a runt. Have you ever come across a runt in the animal world or do you have any thoughts or memories associated with this word? If so, write a line or two about this.

Find a line or phrase from this chapter that brings up a memory, sentiment or feeling. Write the phrase down and then write a line or two about why you selected it.

### **Chapter Two – Wilbur**

What season does this chapter take place in? Write down a sentence that indicates the season. Do you have a favorite season? If so, describe a few things about that season that you like.

Every day was a happy one and every night was peaceful. Who is feeling this way in this chapter and why?

### **Chapter Three – Escape**

Describe some things about the barn where Wilbur has moved to that stand out in your mind's eye and are appealing to you after reading the opening two paragraphs of this chapter. Then take a moment to reflect on why these things stand out to you. Are any of these elements in your life now, memories from your past, or things you would like to have or experience in your future?

Wilbur wants to break out of his pen because he feels bored and pent up. Can you recall a time when you felt this way and wanted to break out of place or situation? If so, write a line or two about this.

Pg 23 “An hour of freedom is worth a barrel of slops?” What does freedom mean to you right now?

Pg. 24 Wilbur has just been fed and praised by Mr. Zuckerman and Lurvy. He feels “peaceful and happy and sleepy.” Can you recall a time when you felt any of these things? If so, write a line or two about that feeling and what brought it about.

After reading these three chapters of *Charlotte’s Web*, has the experience been restorative or curative for you in any way? If so, write a line or two about that.

Write down a question you might like to ask someone else to prompt a curative discussion about this story.