

# For Our Futures! Hayao Miyazaki's 50 favorite children's books

Born in 1941, Hayao Miyazaki grew up in post-World War II Japan as a self-described “physically weak” child. He would go on to steer the helm of some of the world’s most endearing animated masterpieces; *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind* (1984), *Castle in the Sky* (1986), *My Neighbor Totoro* (1988), *Princess Mononoke* (1997), and the magical *Spirited Away* (2001) which holds the honor of being the first Japanese film to win the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

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