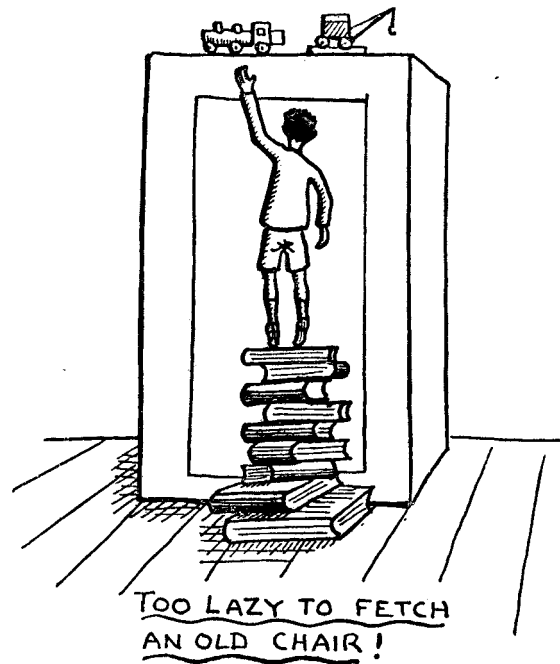


# HOW TO TREAT BOOKS

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Books are our best friends, and if we treat them well they will give us pleasure all our lives, and then give pleasure to others who come after us. Little children are very rough with books because they do not know any better, but sometimes an older child is not so careful as he might be. At school he may use many books he hates - his Latin Grammar, for instance - and besides writing in this and turning down the pages to save remembering the number of his homework exercise, he often throws it at the heads of his enemies, and uses it to stand on when he wants to reach something on a high shelf.

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<sup>1</sup> From *The World of the Children* (Caxton, 1948)