

## **A Spider Named Charlotte** (2017)

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The spider is a lowly creature that frightens many but in a children's book titled *Charlotte's Web*, written by American author E. B. White and illustrated by Garth Williams, it becomes a hero. Spinning words into its webbing it saves the life of a small piglet. Of course this is an impossible thing but it makes for a fascinating story that has become a classic. The personification story of Charlotte was so loved that in 1973 it became an animated film created by Hanna-Barbera Productions.

In this small 6x6 acrylic painting the spider known as Charlotte is seen suspended by her web between rows of barbed wire. Although it has woven the word "Welcome" into its webbing I find spiders too creepy to trust.

