Unlucky Bean Thirteen

This is a game for two people.

**Goal:**
Find a strategy so you don’t get stuck with unlucky “Bean Thirteen.”

**You will need:**
- Thirteen beans or counters
- Two players

**How to play:**
Arrange the thirteen beans in a line or a stack.
Decide who will go first.
You may take one, two, or three beans on your turn.
Alternate turns.
You may not skip a turn.
The winner of the game is the person who does not get stuck taking the last bean.

**Questions:**
Is there a strategy that will always allow you to win?

Inspired by the book *Bean Thirteen* by Matthew McElligott