



ROALD DAHL



"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

EARLY LIFE

Born: 13 September 1916

Died: 23 November 1990

Roald Dahl was born in 1916, in Wales to Norwegian immigrant parents. During his life he was an ace fighter pilot, a spy, a chocolate historian and a medical inventor. Dahl didn't start writing until after he was married with children when he wrote 17 children's novels and 20 books for children plus some for adults too. Gobblefunk is his own language, the words are found across his literature and explain meaning when Dahl's dream world transcends normal adjectives. Often in Dahl's work he gives the message that children are often more intelligent than they are given credit for.

FAMOUS WORKS

MATILDA

Matilda Wormwood is an intelligent little girl. Unfortunately, Matilda is misunderstood by her family because she is very different from their ways of life. As time passes, Matilda finally starts school that has a kindly teacher, loyal friends and a mean headteacher. As she gets fed up with the constant cruelty, Matilda begins to realise that she has a special gift. After some days of practice, Matilda suddenly turns the tables to stand up to her parents and outwit the headteacher.

BOY AND GOING SOLO

These are Roald Dahl's autobiographical tales of his childhood and school days (Boy) and his time as fighter pilot in the RAF (Going Solo).

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

The story is all about chocolates and a boy call Charlie who is from a poor family. He wins a tour through the most magnificent chocolate factory with other children. Willy Wonka decides to let five children into the chocolate factory, he decides to release five golden tickets in five separate chocolate bars.

INTERESTING FACT

During his years at school Cadbury, the chocolate company, would occasionally send boxes of new chocolates to the school to be tested by the pupils. Dahl would dream of inventing a new chocolate bar that would win the praise of Mr Cadbury himself, and this proved inspiration for him to write his third children's book, Charlie and the Chocolate factory.



FAMOUS QUOTES

“A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.”

Roald Dahl, *The Twits*

“Meanings is not important,” said the BFG. “I cannot be right all the time. Quite often I is left instead of right.”

Roald Dahl, *The BFG*

“So Matilda’s strong young mind continued to grow, nurtured by the voices of all those authors who had sent their books out into the world like ships on the sea. These books gave Matilda a hopeful and comforting message: You are not alone.”

Roald Dahl, *Matilda*

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. Where was Roald born?
2. What did Dahl dream of doing?
3. How many children’s novels did he write?
4. Which country were his parents from?
5. What year was Dahl born?
6. What is his own language called?
7. What year did he die?
8. Choose two professions Dahl had during his life?