

Roald Dahl

- 1961 - James and the Giant Peach
- 1964 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- 1966 - The Magic Finger
- 1970 - Fantastic Mr Fox
- 1972 - Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator
- 1975 - Danny the Champion of the World
- 1978 - The Enormous Crocodile
- 1980 - The Twits
- 1981 - George's Marvellous Medicine
- 1982 - Revolting Rhymes
- 1982 - The BFG
- 1983 - The Witches
- 1983 - Dirty Beasts
- 1984 - Boy: Tales of Childhood
- 1985 - The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me
- 1986 - Going Solo
- 1988 - Matilda
- 1990 - Esio Trot

Early Life

Roald Dahl was born in Llandaff in South Wales on 13th September 1916. His parents were Norwegian and named him after the famous Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen. In his autobiography called 'Boy: Tales of Childhood', Roald tells many tales of his early mischief, including hiding a mouse in a jar of sweets at the local shop!



"I have a passion

for teaching kids to become readers,

to become comfortable with a book, not daunted.

Books shouldn't be daunting,

they should be funny,

exciting

and wonderful;

and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

- Roald Dahl



Education and Family

Roald went to Repton School for Boys in Derbyshire from the age of 13. The best thing about this school was that the pupils were regularly asked to test new chocolate bars for the Cadbury factory! Many people think this may have given Roald the idea of writing about the world of Willy Wonka.

In 1939, Roald became a pilot in the Royal Air Force, which is also known as the RAF. Unfortunately, he had a bad accident which made it too dangerous for him to fly. He left the RAF and took a position as a British Intelligence Officer, which is a spy!

Famous Works

Roald Dahl's first novel for children was 'James and the Giant Peach'. It was almost a very different book as Roald's original idea was about a giant cherry that floated down a stream, rather than a flying peach! Roald went on to write many other well-loved titles, including 'Matilda', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', 'The Twits' and 'George's Marvellous Medicine'.



Legacy

Roald lived to age 74 and spent the last 30 years of his life in Great Missenden. Today, it is the home of the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre, which opened in 2005. The popular stage version of Matilda, called 'Matilda The Musical', has been running for many years and new film adaptations of his books are always very successful. His books are enjoyed by millions of people; they have been translated into 68 different languages and are loved across the globe.

Dictionary of Dahlisms

Gobblefunk: The name given to words invented by Roald Dahl.

Frobscottle: A green fizzy drink

Gunzleswiped: To be caught red-handed in the act of doing something.

Svollop: To destroy something.

Phizz-whizzing: Another word for excellent.

Oompa Loompa: A small person.

Snozzcumber: An unpleasant vegetable found only in Giant Country.

Scrumdiddlyumptious: Something delicious to eat.

Splatch-winkling: To be rushing or dashing around.

1. Where was Roald Dahl born? Tick one.

- Norway
- Llandaff
- Derbyshire
- Great Missenden

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- Roald goes to the Repton School for Boys.
- 'James and the Giant Peach' is released.
- Roald joins the Royal Air Force.
- The Roald Dahl Museum opens.

3. Draw **four** lines and match the corresponding information.

Boy: Tales of Childhood	Royal Air Force
British Intelligence Officer	Roald's first children's novel
RAF	Roald's autobiography
James and the Giant Peach	a spy

4. Underline one word in the quotation below that suggests that Roald's books were popular.

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5. Look at the section called **Legacy**.

Find and copy one word which means 'something has been changed for a different use'.

6. Name two books written by Roald Dahl.

1. _____

2. _____

7. Why do you think Roald Dahl's books are so popular?
