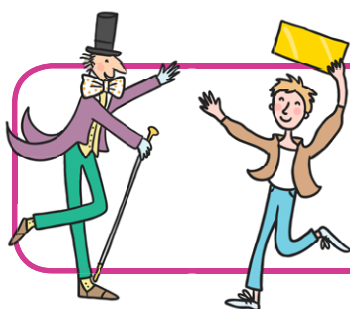


ROALD DAHL

Roald Dahl was born on September 13th 1916. He was born in Wales. Dahl isn't a Welsh name - both of his parents were from Norway. Roald's father died when he was four years old.



Did you know?

Roald Dahl could not find anyone to publish Charlie and the Chocolate Factory for years.

He used to get in trouble at school and was told off a lot. Some people think that he based the character of Mrs Trunchbull in Matilda on one of his old teachers. He didn't enjoy school. He didn't like following rules and wanted to travel to other countries instead.

After finishing school, he went to many different places like Canada and Africa. He flew planes in the Second World War and was badly injured in a crash in Egypt.

After the crash, he moved to America and started writing. When he started, he didn't write children's books. He wrote stories for newspapers and magazines. At this time, he married his wife, Patricia Neal.

Did you know?

Roald Dahl helped to write the film, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.



Roald Dahl loved telling his children bedtime stories and these bedtime stories gave him the ideas for his children's books. His first published children's book was *James and the Giant Peach*, which was published in 1961. After this, every book he wrote was successful. Most of his books have been made into films.

Roald Dahl sadly died on the 12th of November in 1990. He was 74 years old when he died. In his lifetime, he wrote 19 children's books.

