

A Biography of Roald Dahl

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Roald Dahl was a world-famous story writer. Till this day, his innovative stories still attract a lot of children and adults.

Roald Dahl was born in Llandaff, Wales in 1916. He lived a happy life with his family. However, his sister died when he was three and his dad died when he was four. When Dahl attended Llandaff Cathedral School, an English school, he experienced some unfortunate adventures there. Dahl's mother moved him to St. Peter's Boarding School and later to Repton, an excellent private school after he and several students were seriously beaten by the principal for placing a dead mouse in a storekeeper's candy jar.

After Roald Dahl graduated from Repton, he worked for the Shell Oil Company in Africa. In 1939 he joined the Royal Air Force in Kenya, serving as a fighter pilot in the Mediterranean. However, Dahl crash-landed his fighter plane in Egypt and was seriously injured, especially the skull, spine and hip.

To recover, he was sent to Washington D.C. While in Washington, Dahl met another author called C.S. Forrester, who encouraged him to start writing. He wrote his first children story, the Gremlins, in 1953. He told his children nightly bedtime stories that inspired his future career as a children's writer. Although his first stories were written to entertain his children, all children loved his stories as his popularity spread.

Roald Dahl published a story filled with suspense and adventure called

‘James and the Giant Peach’ in 1961. His bestselling book was ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’, which was released in 1964. My favourite Roald Dahl’s book is ‘Matilda’, a story involving imagination and fantasy. This book was published in 1988 and was made into a movie that year!

Nowadays, people still like reading Roald Dahl’s books because his characters stand out from the crowd. Moreover, his stories are hilarious and unexpected. Last but not least, his stories are full of engaging and creative plots that grab the readers’ attention.

Best of all, he received ‘Children’s Author of the Year’ in 1990! Roald Dahl never gave up achieving his dream. His perseverance made him a great success. His life example teaches us not to give up, not matter how difficult it is.