

The Author (Author's name, D.O.B, genre of writer, works that have gone further into the media (movies etc) into the book/s that you have just read by the author.) Roald Dahl is a popular children's author that many generations have fallen in love with. He was born on September 13, 1916, in Llandaff, South Wales. In 1953, he published the best-selling story collection *Someone Like You*. Since 1953 he published many more exciting children's books that have gone on to reach world wide acclaim. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Fantastic Mr Fox*, *The Witches*, *James and the Giant Peach* and *Matilda* have all been made into movies. Not to mention the many audio books, online sites, musicals and other works that have been adapted for different media.

### Early Life & Private Life (childhood, schooling, marriage, children.)

The young Dahl received his earliest education at Llandaff Cathedral School. When the principal gave him a harsh beating for playing a practical joke, Dahl's mother decided to enroll her rambunctious and mischievous child at St. Peter's, a British boarding school, as had been her husband's wish. Dahl married actress Patricia Neil in 1959 (after releasing his first book), in Oxford England. They had five children together (one who tragically died in 1962.)

### Personal Opinion (Why I like this author. What inspires me about their work.)

Roald Dahl's masterpieces bring a sense of comfort and joy whenever I read them. It does not matter how many times I have read them, it's like visiting an old, familiar friend. This inspiring author helps me to think creatively about my own work in class. When I am given a narrative or play script to write I always think of the wonderful words and phrases that Dahl uses to captivate his reader. His use of descriptive words to help the reader visualise any character, paint a picture in my mind of what they look like and this helps me with my own writing.

Relating to Characters in the Story (does one of the character's traits reminds you of yourself or someone you know. How does it? Favourite character. Why?) In the book that I have recently read in *'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'* I have related quite well to the character of Charlie. Particularly because my friend Masango was poor in Africa before coming to Australia. Which reminds me of Charlie's homelife. Charlie also reminds me of Masango because he is kind, respectful and works hard for what he is given. My favourite character would have to be bossy and annoying Violet Beauregarde. Her character I can picture in my mind perfectly. She would be such a pain in real life and the way Dahl describes her in his books is soooooo realistic!

### Three Interesting Words (choose three words that you didn't understand before reading this book.)

I discovered a new word called 'reliquished' a word which means- to give something over, even if you don't want to. A phrase that was brought to my attention was 'casing the joint' which means- observing a particular location in order to formulate a plan.

'Despondent' is another word which here means- a heavy sadness.

### Conclusion (Death (if applicable)-or where they now live and work, Number of books written to date. Wrap up with personal opinion of the author..)

Over Dahl's career he wrote 19 children's books. He sadly passed away on November 23 in Oxford, England. He was a creative genius that people of all ages still love to read today. Whether you are a small child reading your first novel or a Grandparent sharing in the wonders and adventures that are the Roald Dahl classics, I'm sure many people would agree that he is still one of the most favourite and well loved children's authors that has ever lived.