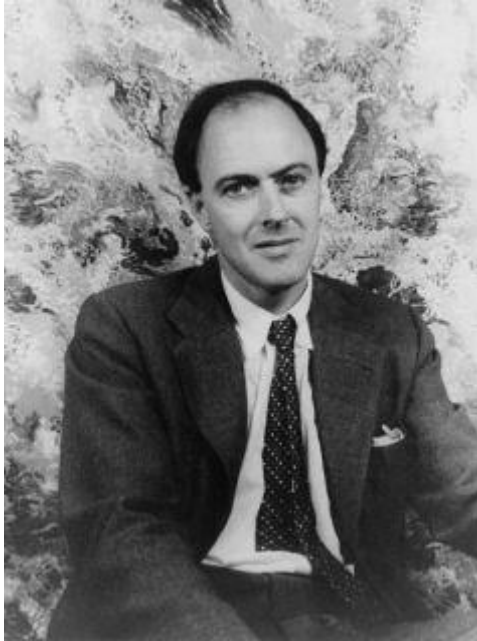




Roald Dahl



Roald Dahl was born in Wales on 13th September 1916 to Norwegian parents. His father dies when he is 3 years old. When is 9 years old he goes to a boarding school and when he 13 to another school near Derby. He has an unhappy time at school with bad teachers and he is badly treated by other boys. He writes about that experience in some of his stories.

After leaving school he works for the Shell Oil Company in Africa until the outbreak of World War II, when he signs up with the Royal Air Force. Unfortunately he is injured in action and he returns home as an invalid. He is then sent to Washington to work as an attaché where he starts his writing career.

In 1943 he writes his first children's book: The Gremlins. Then he starts to write stories for his own children: James and the Giant Peach and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. He goes on to write 21 children's books including Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, The BFG, Matilda, and The Witches, all of which have been made into films. Roald Dahl dies on 23rd November 1990.

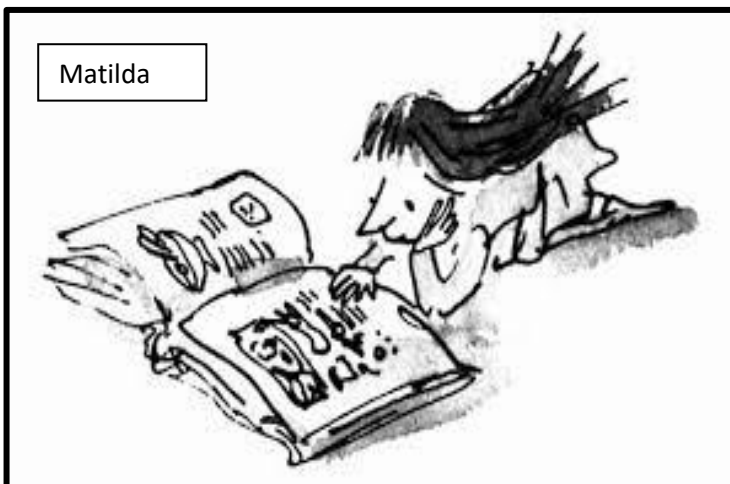
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Matilda



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