

# Author of the Week

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## Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl was a spy, ace fighter pilot, chocolate historian and medical inventor. His first moment of inspiration came when he was at boarding school, when a local chocolate factory invited pupils to trial new chocolate bars - 35 years later, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was published.

Dahl went on to write many more stories, including *Matilda*, *James and the Giant Peach* and *Fantastic Mr Fox*, all from a hut in his back garden in Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. By the time he published *The Minpins*, he had written a total of 16 stories for children, which have been translated into 68 languages and read all over the world. His books have sold more than 300 million copies worldwide.

The book *Never Grow up* is inspired by the work of Roald Dahl. The picture book is a guide to growing up and is a celebration of all the tremendous things children have in store - from adventure to inventions, chocolate cakes to rhino poo - along with a reminder that the very best grown ups are those who hold on tight to the kid inside.

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