

ROALD DAHL

Roald Dahl was born on September 13th 1916, in Llandaff, Cardiff. Though he was born in Wales, his name is not Welsh. Both of his parents were from Norway. Roald Dahl used to go on holidays to visit his family in Oslo when he was a child. Unfortunately, his father died when he was only four years old.

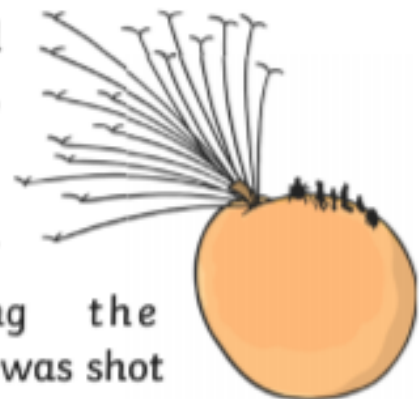


Did you know?

The tree in *Fantastic Mr Fox* is based on one that grew outside his home.

Roald Dahl often found himself in trouble at school as he didn't like the routine or following rules. He was once beaten by his teacher for putting a mouse in a jar of gobstoppers. Roald Dahl never forgot the gobstoppers and they are found in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* as Everlasting Gobstoppers. He moved school and never went to university, choosing to travel the world instead.

As soon as he could leave school, Roald travelled to Canada and soon after that, he chose to work in Tanzania, Africa. His thirst for adventure wasn't satisfied by just travelling. In 1939, he joined the RAF (Royal Air Force) to be a fighter pilot during the Second World War. During a mission, he was shot



Did you know?

Roald Dahl has sold over 200 million copies of his books.

down over Egypt and was badly injured, needing a number of operations that meant he could no longer be a pilot.

As he could no longer take part in the war, he moved to America and started writing for newspapers and magazines. Though he was a good writer, he always wanted to write stories that were more imaginary than real. This was perfect for children's books.

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.



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Answer the following questions using full sentences that give as much detail as possible.

1. Where and when was Roald Dahl born?

2. Why did he not have a Welsh name?

3. Why was he beaten by his teacher?

4. Why did he stop writing for newspapers and magazines?

5. In what year did he join the RAF and what does RAF stand for?

6. What forced him to take up writing?

7. How old was he when died?

8. What is your favourite Roald Dahl book and why?
