



Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl was born in Wales on September 13, 1916. His parents, who were from Norway, gave him the name of a famous explorer from their home country. Dahl himself led an adventurous life, attending boarding school in England, then working in Africa. During World War Two, Dahl served as a pilot in the Royal Air Force, an experience he wrote about in the book *Going Solo*.

After the war Dahl returned to England and became an author. He wrote many different things, including movie scripts, mysteries, plays, and short stories. When he began writing *James and the Giant Peach*, a book for children, he enjoyed it so much that he kept writing children's books, for which he remains best known today. His books include *Matilda*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Revolting Rhymes*, in which "Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf" appears. Dahl died in 1990.