AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

Roald Dahl

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

34 books · 1 series · List updated November 14, 2026

- ☐ 1943 *The Gremlins*
  Children's book
  His first book, written for Walt Disney about the creatures RAF pilots blamed for mechanical failures.
- ☐ 1946 *Over to You: Ten Stories of Flyers and Flying*
  Story collection
  Stories drawn from the war.
- ☐ 1948 *Sometime Never: A Fable for Supermen*
  Novel
  His first novel for adults.
- ☐ 1953 *Someone Like You*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1960 *Kiss Kiss*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1961 *James and the Giant Peach*
  Children's book
  His first children's novel.

Charlie Bucket

Series · 2 books · 1964–1972

- ☐ 1964 *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
  Book 1 · Children's book
- ☐ 1972 *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*
  Book 2 · Children's book

- ☐ 1966 *The Magic Finger*
  Children's book
- ☐ 1970 *Fantastic Mr Fox*
  Children's book
  Inspired by the Chiltern countryside near his home.
- ☐ 1974 *Switch Bitch*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1975 *Danny, the Champion of the World*
  Children's book

- [ ] 1977 *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar and Six More*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1978 *The Enormous Crocodile*
  Children's book
  A picture book.
- [ ] 1979 *My Uncle Oswald*
  Novel
  A novel for adults.
- [ ] 1980 *The Twits*
  Children's book
- [ ] 1981 *George's Marvellous Medicine*
  Children's book
- [ ] 1982 *Revolting Rhymes*
  Poetry
- [ ] 1982 *The BFG*
  Children's book
- [ ] 1983 *Dirty Beasts*
  Poetry
- [ ] 1983 *The Witches*
  Children's book
  Won the 1983 Whitbread Award for children's novel.
- [ ] 1984 *Boy: Tales of Childhood*
  Memoir
  His childhood, up to leaving school.
- [ ] 1985 *The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me*
  Children's book
- [ ] 1986 *Going Solo*
  Memoir
  His years in Africa and in the RAF.
- [ ] 1986 *Two Fables*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1988 *Matilda*
  Children's book
- [ ] 1989 *Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1989 *Rhyme Stew*
  Poetry
- [ ] 1990 *Esio Trot*
  Children's book

- [ ] 1991 *Memories with Food at Gipsy House*
  Nonfiction
  A cookbook, written with his wife.
- [ ] 1991 *The Minpins*
  Children's book
  Published after his death.
- [ ] 1991 *The Vicar of Nibbleswicke*
  Children's book
  Published after his death.
- [ ] 1993 *My Year*
  Memoir
- [ ] 1999 *The Mildenhall Treasure*
  Nonfiction