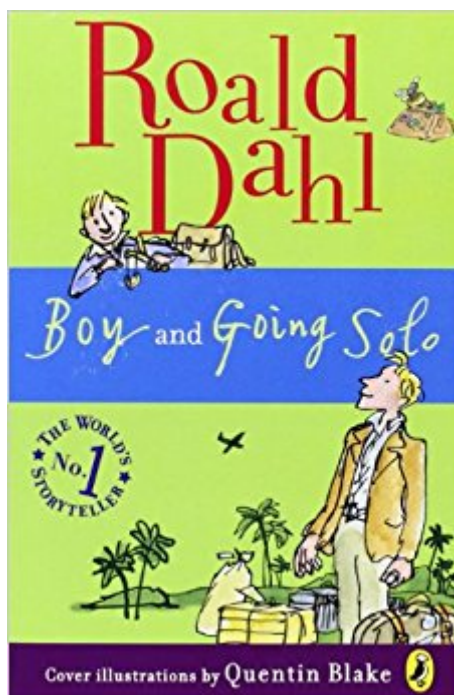


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# Boy And Going Solo



## Synopsis

Roald Dahl's personal stories together in one edition! Where did Roald Dahl get all of his wonderful ideas for stories? From his own life, of course! *Boy* includes tales of sweetshops and chocolate, mean old ladies, and the Great Mouse Plot. And then *Going Solo* tells of how, when he grew up, Roald Dahl left England for Africa and later went flying with the Royal Air Force.

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## Customer Reviews

Roald Dahl (1916-1990) was born in Wales of Norwegian parents. He spent his childhood in England and, at age eighteen, went to work for the Shell Oil Company in Africa. When World War II broke out, he joined the Royal Air Force and became a fighter pilot. At the age of twenty-six he moved to Washington, D.C., and it was there he began to write. His first short story, which recounted his adventures in the war, was bought by *The Saturday Evening Post*, and so began a long and illustrious career. After establishing himself as a writer for adults, Roald Dahl began writing children's stories in 1960 while living in England with his family. His first stories were written as entertainment for his own children, to whom many of his books are dedicated. Roald Dahl is now considered one of the most beloved storytellers of our time. Although he passed away in 1990, his popularity continues to increase as his fantastic novels, including *James and the Giant Peach*, *Matilda*, *The BFG*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, delight an

ever-growing legion of fans. Learn more about Roald Dahl on the official Roald Dahl Web site: [www.roalddahl.com](http://www.roalddahl.com)

No wonder Dahl wrote such wonderfully awful characters as Ms. Trunchbull (sp?)--he had real-life inspiration! I read his account of getting his tonsils out to my 6th grade students each year to sell them on this book: with no anesthetic, his doctor said, "Open your mouth," and when Dahl did, he darted in with a scalpel and snick-snick, Dahl spit out two globs of flesh and a lot of blood. Well-ah, a tonsillectomy! And the scene of his sister taking the family for a drive in their first car! Oh my god! She didn't know how to turn it or stop it, but she let the little kids persuade her to go faster and faster! Bones are broken! It's nuts! And his teachers. Wow. Corporal punishment with a cane. I like to read the description of being whipped with a cane to my 6th graders when they complain about how strict we are on them so they can realize how good they actually have it. They're so aghast that they argue over who gets to read the whole book. Music to my ears.

My daughter loves this book so much she sent it to her cousin for her birthday.

I'm of a generation somewhat younger (by about 30 years) than Roald Dahl, but memories of a British childhood still rang true for me. He evidently led quite a charmed life after leaving school, and saw a lot of the world. Stories from his early career in the far-flung British Empire are often hilarious, especially that of the fake dandruff, and the woman who told him, quite matter-of-fact, that he would go mad, just like her and everybody else who shipped out. His wartime experience as a flyer makes you wonder how the British even survived World War II. All in all, a very readable book.

Lovely wonderful read..... Roald Dahl in his own words....the stories of his life.xo

Bought this for my older teenage son. We are Roald Dahl fans, and after reading the hilarious "Boy," I knew I had to get him a copy. He will love it.

My 5th grade daughter has to read a biography for school. She has enjoyed so many Roald Dahl books that I thought she might be able to get through this autobiography without too much resistance. She really enjoyed it (and she isn't a voracious reader). She still talks about some of the interesting things that happened in his life and inspired some of his books. She says she plans to read More About Boy someday, too.

Great book about Dahl's life, gives the reader a slice of growing up in Great Britain in the early part of the 20th century and the air war in the Mediterranean in WW2 from an individual's perspective. A great read aloud to the family (with minimal filtering).

Roald Dahl is the best writer ever. I love his work!

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