### **Author, Author: Would You Could You?**

Roald Dahl was a British novelist, short story writer, poet, screenwriter, and playwright. He is best known for his children's books, which are characterised by their dark humour, vivid imagination, and memorable characters.

Dahl was born in Llandaff, Wales, in 1916. His father was a Norwegian shipbroker and his mother was a Norwegian-Irish writer. Dahl had four sisters and one brother. His father died when Dahl was three years old, and his mother remarried a few years later. Dahl did not get along with his stepfather, and he was sent to boarding school at the age of nine.

Dahl's experiences at boarding school were unhappy. He was bullied by the other boys, and he developed a lifelong hatred of authority. After graduating from boarding school, Dahl worked for a short time as a journalist and then as a pilot in the Royal Air Force during World War II.



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After the war, Dahl began writing for children. His first children's book, "James and the Giant Peach," was published in 1961. The book was a

critical and commercial success, and it launched Dahl's career as a children's author.

Dahl went on to write many other successful children's books, including "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (1964), "Matilda" (1988), "The BFG" (1982), and "The Witches" (1983). Dahl's books have been translated into more than 50 languages and have sold more than 250 million copies worldwide.

Dahl's books are known for their dark humour, vivid imagination, and memorable characters. Dahl's characters are often children who are faced with difficult challenges, but who ultimately triumph over adversity. Dahl's books also explore important themes such as friendship, family, and the importance of imagination.

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In addition to his children's books, Dahl also wrote short stories, poetry, screenplays, and plays for adults. His work has been praised for its wit, darkness, and originality. Dahl is considered one of the masters of the macabre, and his stories often explore the darker side of human nature.

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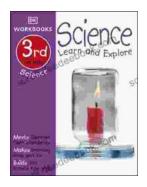
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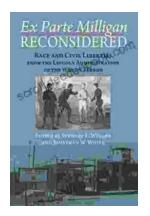
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