

Roald Dahl Quotes

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If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.

~Roald Dahl

'My dear young fellow,' the Old-Green-Grasshopper said gently, 'there are a whole lot of things in this world of ours you haven't started wondering about yet.'

~Roald Dahl

Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.

~Roald Dahl

I think probably kindness is my number one attribute in a human being. I'll put it before any of the things like courage or bravery or generosity or anything else.

~Roald Dahl

Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world.

~Roald Dahl

And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.

~Roald Dahl

I shot down some German planes and I got shot down myself, crashing in a burst of flames and crawling out, getting rescued by brave soldiers.

~Roald Dahl

I was a fighter pilot, flying Hurricanes all round the Mediterranean. I flew in the Western Desert of Libya, in Greece, in Syria, in Iraq and in Egypt.

~Roald Dahl

The writer walks out of his workroom in a daze. He wants a drink. He needs it.

~Roald Dahl

Do you know what breakfast cereal is made of? It's made of all those little curly wooden shavings you find in pencil sharpeners!

~Roald Dahl

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~Roald Dahl

We make realities out of our dreams and dreams out of our realities. We are the dreamers of the dream.

~Roald Dahl

A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men.

~Roald Dahl

A life is made up of a great number of small incidents, and a small number of great ones.

~Roald Dahl

It's impossible to make your eyes twinkle if you aren't feeling twinkly yourself

~Roald Dahl

Kindness - that simple word. To be kind - it covers everything, to my mind. If you're kind that's it.

~Roald Dahl

So, please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install, a lovely bookcase on the wall.

~Roald Dahl

My father was a Norwegian who came from a small town near Oslo. He broke his arm at the elbow when he was 14, and they amputated it.

~Roald Dahl

A person is a fool to become a writer. His only compensation is absolute freedom.

~Roald Dahl

Mr. Twit was a twit. He was born a twit. And, now at the age of sixty, he was a bigger twit than ever.

~Roald Dahl

It's a funny thing about mothers and fathers. Even when their own child is the most disgusting little blister you could ever imagine, they still think that he or she is wonderful.

~Roald Dahl

It doesn't matter who you are or what you look like, so long as somebody loves you.

~Roald Dahl

The Alexander Technique works... I recommend it enthusiastically to anyone who has neck pains or back pain.

~Roald Dahl

We have so much time and so little to do. Strike that, reverse it.

~Roald Dahl

The more risks you allow your children to make, the better they learn to look after themselves.

~Roald Dahl

I do have a blurred memory of sitting on the stairs and trying over and over again to tie one of my shoelaces, but that is all that comes back to

me of school itself.

~Roald Dahl

The greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places.

~Roald Dahl

You'll never get anywhere if you go about what-iffing like that.

~Roald Dahl

There is no life I know to compare with pure imagination. Living there, you'll be free if you truly wish to be.

~Roald Dahl

Two wrongs don't make a right.

~Roald Dahl

Grown ups are complicated creatures, full of quirks and secrets.

~Roald Dahl

Some children are spoiled and it is not their fault, it is their parents.

~Roald Dahl

No book ever ends, when it's full of your friends.

~Roald Dahl

There's nothin' you can get from a book that you can't get from a television fastah!" -Harry Wormwood

~Roald Dahl

A BOOK?! WHAT D'YOU WANNA FLAMING BOOK FOR?...WE'VE GOT A LOVELY TELLY WITH A 12-INCH SCREEN AND NOW YA WANNA BOOK!

~Roald Dahl

Having power is not nearly as important as what you choose to do with it.

~Roald Dahl

Good writing is essentially rewriting.

~Roald Dahl

If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead.

~Roald Dahl

Whipped cream isn't whipped cream at all if it hasn't been whipped with whips, just like poached eggs isn't poached eggs unless it's been stolen in the dead of the night.

~Roald Dahl

A little magic can take you a long way.

~Roald Dahl

All through my school life I was appalled by the fact that masters and senior boys were allowed quite literally to wound other boys, and sometimes very severely.

~Roald Dahl

The walls were wet and sticky, and peach juice was dripping from the ceiling. James opened his mouth and caught some of it on his tongue. It tasted delicious.

~Roald Dahl

The writer has to force himself to work. He has to make his own hours and if he doesn't go to his desk at all there is nobody to scold him.

~Roald Dahl

And don't worry about the bits you can't understand. Sit back and allow

the words to wash around you, like music.

~Roald Dahl

I cannot for the life of me understand why small children take so long to grow up. I think they do it deliberately, just to annoy me.

~Roald Dahl

If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books.

~Roald Dahl

I am the maker of music, the dreamer of dreams!

~Roald Dahl

I understand what you're saying, and your comments are valuable, but I'm gonna ignore your advice.

~Roald Dahl

If I were a headmaster, I would get rid of the history teacher and get a chocolate teacher instead and my pupils would study a subject that affected all of them.

~Roald Dahl

The secret of life', he said, 'is to become very very good at somethin' that's very very 'ard to do.

~Roald Dahl

Pear Drops were exciting because they had a dangerous taste. All of us were warned against eating them, and the result was that we ate them more than ever.

~Roald Dahl

Rainbow drops - suck them and you can spit in six different colours.

~Roald Dahl

A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly.

~Roald Dahl

I've always said to myself that if a little pocket calculator can do it why shouldn't I?

~Roald Dahl

I've heard tell that what you imagine sometimes comes true. -Grandpa Joe

~Roald Dahl

I never get any protests from children. All you get are giggles of mirth and squirms of delight. I know what children like.

~Roald Dahl

All the reading she had done had given her a view of life that they had never seen.

~Roald Dahl

Matilda said, "Never do anything by halves if you want to get away with it. Be outrageous. Go the whole hog. Make sure everything you do is so completely crazy it's unbelievable.

~Roald Dahl

Pain was something we were expected to endure. But I doubt very much if you would be entirely happy today if a doctor threw a towel in your face and jumped on you with a knife.

~Roald Dahl

It is most unlikely. But--here comes the big "but"--not impossible.

~Roald Dahl

... and when he put his mind to it, he could make his words coil themselves around and around the listener until they held her in some

sort of a mild hypnotic spell.

~Roald Dahl

What I mean and what I say is two different things," the BFG announced rather grandly.

~Roald Dahl

I began to realize how simple life could be if one had a regular routine to follow with fixed hours, a fixed salary, and very little original thinking to do.

~Roald Dahl

I don't care if a reader hates one of my stories, just as long as he finishes the book.

~Roald Dahl

Two hours of writing fiction leaves this writer completely drained. For those two hours he has been in a different place with totally different people.

~Roald Dahl

Don't gobblefunk around with words.

~Roald Dahl

Life is more fun if you play games.

~Roald Dahl

Nobody gets a nervous breakdown or a heart attack from selling kerosene to gentle country folk from the back of a tanker in Somerset.

~Roald Dahl

Prayers were held in Assembly Hall. We all perched in rows on wooden benches while teachers sat up on the platform in armchairs, facing us.

~Roald Dahl

Though my father was Norwegian, he always wrote his diaries in perfect English.

~Roald Dahl

A writer of fiction lives in fear. Each new day demands new ideas and he can never be sure whether he is going to come up with them or not.

~Roald Dahl

If you are good life is good.

~Roald Dahl

Words," he said, "is oh such a twitch-tickling problem to me all my life.

~Roald Dahl

The cuss am I? Are you cussing with me?

~Roald Dahl

To shipbrokers, coal was black gold.

~Roald Dahl

Give us strength, oh Lord, to let our children starve.

~Roald Dahl

I'm wondering what to read next." Matilda said. "I've finished all the children's books.

~Roald Dahl

It is preferable to incur a mild punishment than to perform an onerous task.

~Roald Dahl

The Bristol Channel was always my guide, and I was always able to draw an imaginary line from my bed to our house over in Wales. It was a great comfort.

~Roald Dahl

When I was 2, we moved into an imposing country mansion 8 miles west of Cardiff, Wales.

~Roald Dahl

Unless you have been to boarding-school when you are very young, it is absolutely impossible to appreciate the delights of living at home.

~Roald Dahl

You seemed so far away," Miss Honey whispered, awestruck. "Oh, I was. I was flying past the stars on silver wings," Matilda said. "It was wonderful.

~Roald Dahl

Poor Earthworm,' the Ladybird said, whispering in James's ear. 'He loves to make everything into a disaster. He hates to be happy. He is only happy when he is gloomy.

~Roald Dahl

For me, the pleasure of writing comes with inventing stories.

~Roald Dahl

Then suddenly, he was struck by a powerful but simple little truth, and it was this: that English grammar is governed by rules that are almost mathematical in their strictness!

~Roald Dahl

Meanings is not important, said the BFG. I cannot be right all the time. Quite often I is left instead of right.

~Roald Dahl

The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives.

~Roald Dahl

Nowadays you can go anywhere in the world in a few hours, and nothing is fabulous any more.

~Roald Dahl

An autobiography is a book a person writes about his own life and it is usually full of all sorts of boring details.

~Roald Dahl

The reason I collect good ideas is because plots themselves are very difficult indeed to come by.

~Roald Dahl

The matter with human beans," the BFG went on, "is that they is absolutely refusing to believe in anything unless they is actually seeing it right in front of their own schnozzles.

~Roald Dahl

I am suspicious of both facility and speed.

~Roald Dahl

You is getting nosier than a parker.

~Roald Dahl

It was slowly beginning to dawn upon Henry that nothing is any fun if you can get as much of it as you want. Especially money.

~Roald Dahl

If my books can help children become readers then I feel I have accomplished something important.

~Roald Dahl

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~Roald Dahl

The life of a writer is absolute hell compared to the life of a businessman.

~Roald Dahl

All you do is to look / At a page in this book / Because that's where we always will be. / No book ever ends / When it's full of your friends / The Giraffe and the Pelly and me.

~Roald Dahl

Hooray!" said the Chief of the Army. "Let's blow everyone up!
Bang-bang! Bang-bang!

~Roald Dahl

When I walked to school in the mornings I would start out alone but would pick up four other boys along the way. We would set out together after school across the village green.

~Roald Dahl

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