

Danny the Champion of The World

Roald Dahl

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Imagine life living in a one-room caravan with only a father. Imagine barely making a living as a mechanic who owns a small filling station. Imagine a perfect father, with one major secret. This is the world that Danny lives in in the book, *Danny the Champion of the World*. When Danny is 9, his father lets him in on the biggest secret of his life: poaching, the dangerous sport of stealing pheasants from a forest in the dead of night. Now, Danny creates a plan to poach over 200 pheasants from the despised Mr. Hazell's wood. Full of action and humor, this is a book for all ages to read.

Roald Dahl pushes his creative talents to the limit with this story. He invents characters who are full of life and humor. Danny, his father, Doc Spencer, and many others are all miraculous in the way that they all could be real and believable. Also, Dahl incorporates parts of his other stories into this one, like *The BFG*. Danny's father tells him a story about the BFG, a great way to incorporate other stories into your own. Also, another positive aspect of the story is the comedy. Danny's trials are riddled with hilarious misfortune and events. However, the book does have some negative aspects. For one, it has very little plot and can get boring at times. Also, it skips in places so readers are confused about when and why a scene is happening.

This book should be read by any aged reader. It has easy vocabulary and yet witty humor that adults would find funny. If you were to buy this book, buy it as a gift. It is a classic that can be read over and over again. Overall, this was an amazing book that is well suited for all ages.

Recommended Titles:

The BFG, by Roald Dahl

James and the Giant Peach, by Roald Dahl

The Witches, by Roald Dahl

The Mysterious Benedict Society, by Roald Dahl

The Sisters Grimm, by Roald Dahl