

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Roald Dahl

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is a fiction novel by Roald Dahl, who has once been given the title of “The World’s No. 1 Storyteller”. Charlie Bucket, the protagonist of the story, lives in a family of seven where he is the only child. He lives with all four of his grandparents who are bedridden and his two parents, Mrs. and Mr. Bucket. This family is a very poor family who struggle to ensure a square meal for each other, especially for Charlie. The young boy however dreams and yearns for chocolate. Everyday as he walks to and back from school, he passes the wondrous and extravagant but locked chocolate factory of Willy Wonka, a renowned inventor who is known for his delightful and new creations of chocolates and candies. One day, Mr. Wonka decides to send five golden tickets all around the world. These five special tickets give the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to the beholder of the ticket to visit Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory and tour it with Mr Wonka himself! The world now goes on a rage to find these invaluable, precious tickets. Charlie happens to find the last golden ticket in the world and enters Mr. Wonka’s factory with his Grandpa Joe, only to find himself in the most breathtaking, astonishing, and extraordinary factory he has ever been in. The four other kids who have also gotten the opportunity to tour Mr. Wonka’s factory showcase extreme flaws such as being spoiled, watching T.V. constantly, eating way too much, and most specifically, chewing gum

constantly. As the tour progresses, these four kids get into sorts of trouble which makes it unable for them to continue in the tour. In the end, Charlie and his grandfather end up being only intact guests. Mr. Wonka then leaves his entire factory and inventions to Charlie whom he has made the sole heir of the factory. This vanishes the extreme and severe poverty of Charlie and his family and they all have a happy ending.

I really loved Dahl's way of putting his thoughts into words in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. I enjoyed the eccentric and amusing tone in this novel because it made the entire book really delightful and entertaining. Reading about the four other kids and their flaws and how they learned their mistakes (in the hard way) was really funny to read about. The age group that is most appropriate for this book are ages 8-11.

I got this book as a Christmas present from one of my very close friends many years back and I have re-read it over and over again for years. I have loved and cherished *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* for many years even though I am of fifteen years currently. I would definitely recommend buying this book as a gift because it is a book that one would keep with herself/himself forever. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is a classic novel that everyone young and old should read. Its ageless exquisiteness will shine on for years and years to come.

Book Recommendations:

Matilda by Roald Dahl

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

The BFG by Roald Dahl

