

Book review

Title: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Author: Roald Dahl

Genre: Fantasy



Plot:

Charlie is a small boy that lives together with his parents, Mrs. and Mr. Bucket. They all share their house with Charlie's grandparents, Mrs. Bucket parents Grandpa Jo and Grandma Josephine. And Mr. Bucket parents Grandpa George and Grandma Georgina.

There nearest neighbor is a big chocolate factory called Willy Wonka, and this factory is famous for its world's best chocolate. Nobody has ever seen inside the factory, and the factory had been closed for a very long time. One day something strange happened, it began coming smoke from the pipes. People wonder how Mr. Wonka could do this, because nobody ever saw workers there.

Suddenly Mr. Wonka arranges a contest for children;

"The first five children who find the golden tickets, that is hidden in five Wonka chocolate-bars, gets the chance to visit my factory, and will get unlimited with sweets"

Only one day in the year does Charlie taste chocolate, and that is when he has birthday. Charlie was very frustrated when he didn't find the golden ticket in his birthday present. Suddenly one day

Charlie finds some money, and his greediness takes over, so Charlie runs into the nearest shop and buys a chocolate bar, and he didn't find the golden ticket, and therefore buys Charlie another chocolate-bar. And in guess what he finds? He finds the last golden ticket. Suddenly within 5 minutes Charlie was the luckiest child in the world.

Grandpa Jo, is the lucky grownup how gets the chance to follow Charlie at a day in Willy Wonkas factory. Charlie thinks that the other finders are terrible. One by one gets into trouble, and needs to quit the tour with Mr. Wonka. And when Charlie is the only child left, Wonka tells Charlie the reason why he invited 5 children to his factory. And the reason was because Mr. Wonka need a descendant to takeover the factory after Mr. Willy Wonka. And since Charlie was the only child left, does that mean that Charlie won, and will be the new factory owner.



Characters:

Charlie Bucket:

Charlie is very clever compared to other children on his own age. As a person he is hard-working, intelligent and kind. Charlie is not spoilt, rather grateful. His parents does nearly not own so much money, and has hardly anything to eat. Charlie is called a loser at school, but he never complains.

Willy Wonka:

Mr. Wonka is very eccentric. He is small of height, he always wears his plum colored suit, with a top hat. As a reader it is difficult to

understand what “side” he is on, he is sympathetic and unsympathetic at the same time.

Grandpa Joe

Grandpa Jo has spent much of his life lying in a together with the three other grandparents. As e person he is lively and positive and a good second hand for Charlie.



Environment:

The story finds its place in a small town in Great Britain and at Mr. Wonkas chocolate factory.

Writer:

Roald Dahl was born in Llandaff, South Wales on September 13th 1916. His parents were Norwegian. He went to Repton school, in Derbyshire, and left school in 1933.

His first job was in Africa, with the Shell Oil Company.

In the second world war he fought as a fighter pilot, and was badly injured when his plane crashed. After the war he worked in America, and soon started writing stories.

His very first children's book, written in 1943 was called The Gremlins. Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of the President of the USA liked it so much he was invited to the White House and became friends with the President, Franklin D Roosevelt.

From 1945 until his death, he lived at Gipsy House, in Buckinghamshire, where he wrote his famous children's books. He died in hospital in Oxford, on November 23rd, 1990.

My opinion of the book:

I liked the book pretty much ,it was hard to leave the book. Roald Dahl is a very good writer and holds the red line at every page. This book got me interested in other books, so I think I will continue to read books. Special thanks to Roald Dahl!

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