

As the outcome of a unit of work on biographical writing, children were asked to compile a biography of their favourite author. They were encouraged to do their own research and writing is completely independent.

A biography on Roald Dahl

The life story of an award winning world famous author, Roald Dahl.
Do you want to read the stuff that gave ideas to Roald Dahl
or are you his biggest fan? Why not read his biography!

Roald Dahl's parents came from ^{Norway} but moved to Wales. They had
Roald in 1916. He had 5 siblings and he was the
oldest. His family went on holiday in the summer holidays, to
a Norwegian island.

Roald's father died when Roald was 4 years, leaving his mother
to care for 6 children and organise the summer holidays alone.

He went to St. Peter's Primary school, it was a boarding school, and
he was always homesick. All the letters he sent home were controlled
by the headmaster. When he went to Repton Public school, he had to wear a
horrible uniform, a waist coat, braces, a top hat, which were all covered
with buttons and were black.

After school Roald decided not to go to university but applied
for a job at the Shell company. He applied for the job because he was
sure they would send him abroad, they did, to East Africa, where he
had what he wanted, heat, animals and safaris. His house was in
the jungle, so he learned to speak Swahili and also suffered from
Malaria.

When the 1st World War broke out in 1934, he went to Nairobi,
where he joined the Royal Air force. He survived the war

which was a great achievement.

i In 1943 he got his first book published with Walt Disney called the Gremlins. Soon after he got married to an actress, Patricia Neal, it was an unhappy marriage. All the children they had together died, sadly. In 1983 they got divorced and he married Felicity Crossland.

His collections of short stories have been translated into many into many languages and have been best sellers all over the world. Roald has written 21 children books, as well as some grown up books. "Roald is the most popular childrens book author in our generation" quoted the times -

He died in November in 1990. Did you enjoy the biography of Roald Dahl, hope so. He is definitely an award winning author!