

Roald Dahl's Heroes and Villains

During his writing career, Roald Dahl created some truly **memorable** characters including many **courageous** heroes and wicked villains. Read on to find out more about some of Dahl's most loved (and hated) characters.

Heroes of Dahl's Creation

Charlie Bucket from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

Charlie Bucket lives with his mother, father and four grandparents in a **shabby** house near to the world-famous Wonka Chocolate Factory. His family are very poor and struggling to survive.

Charlie just loves chocolate... especially Wonka chocolate! His favourite bar is the Whipple-Scrumptious Fudgemallow Delight and it is inside one of these bars that he finds the **precious** Golden Ticket. It is then that his magical adventures begin. Yet throughout these adventures, little Charlie stays **level-headed** and as Grandpa George says Charlie is 'a fine little fellow'.



Sophie from 'The BFG'

One night, Sophie is kidnapped from her bedroom at the **orphanage** by The Big Friendly Giant. Sophie may be only a tiny little girl, but she is tough and brave. She finds herself travelling to Giant Country clutched in the palm of The BFG's hand.

Once she realises The BFG is not going to eat her, they quickly become friends and it's not long before she is eating snozzcumbers and drinking frobscottle. It is Sophie who thinks of a smart idea to stop all the other **foul** Giants who would rather eat human 'beans' than snozzcumbers.

James Trotter from 'James and the Giant Peach'

James Trotter is a lonely boy living with his two aunts, Spiker and Sponge. At the beginning of the story, poor James is orphaned when his parents are killed by a mad rhinoceros. His aunts are extremely cruel because they make James do all the cleaning and never let him away from the house to meet other children. James's luck starts to change when he meets a strange old man who hands him a special gift that will change his life. He is then introduced to some of the most unusual friends a young boy could ever have.



Villains of Dahl's Creation

Mr and Mrs Twit from 'The Twits'

Mr Twit is one half of a horrible couple called The Twits. He and his wife spend most of their time teasing each other with nasty tricks and terrifying children and animals, such as the poor Muggle-Wump Monkeys.

Mr Twit has a horrible, hairy, **bristly** beard that he never washes. Because of this, his beard is full of all sorts of disgusting scraps from Mr Twit's meals including stilton cheese, cornflakes and tinned sardines.

His wife, Mrs Twit, is just as evil and twice as ugly. She was once quite beautiful, but her beauty was **transformed** by thinking so many horrible thoughts over the years.



Farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean from 'Fantastic Mr. Fox'

Boggis is one of three farmers that appear in Fantastic Mr Fox. Along with Bunce and Bean, he makes it his business to do all he can to prevent Mr Fox from taking any more of his **livestock**. From shooting at him to starving the Fox family out of their home, they'll do anything to stop sly Mr Fox.

Together, they think of many different tricks and plans to defeat the **cunning** Mr Fox, but they continue to be **infuriated** by Mr Fox's night-time raids on their farms. Unfortunately for them, Mr Fox is a clever fellow who quickly finds a solution to the problem the farmers put him in.

Miss Trunchbull from 'Matilda'

One of Dahl's most evil characters, Miss Agatha Trunchbull, is the '**formidable** female' headmistress of Crunchem Hall Primary School, attended by Matilda and her friends. A former Olympic hammer-thrower with a hatred of children, Dahl describes her as 'a fierce **tyrannical** monster who frightened the life out of pupils and teachers alike'. She's certainly not the sort of woman you'd expect to find as headmistress of a school as she treats her students so badly. She throws boys out of windows and girls across the playground by their pigtails. However with a little help from Matilda, though, Miss Trunchbull faces punishment for her evil deeds.

