

ROALD DAHL FACT SHEET

Roald Dahl
was born in Cardiff in
1916 and died in 1990.

For the majority of his
adult life, he lived in Gipsy
House, Great Missenden
in Buckinghamshire.

In the UK alone,
in 2005, four million
paperbacks of Roald
Dahl's titles were sold.

His total UK sales to
date exceed 50 million
paperbacks.

He wrote 21 books
for children - including
picture books, novels
and poetry collections
- and over 50 stories for
adults, most famously
collected as *Tales
of the Unexpected*

His favourite
colour was yellow and
he adored spiders!

He loved oxtail soup and his
favourite chocolates were Twix,
Kit Kats, Rolos, Smarties,
Flakes and Maltesers.

But he didn't like going to the
cinema or theatre because his
legs were so long that he
found the seats incredibly
uncomfortable.

*James and the Giant
Peach* was nearly called
*James and the Giant
Cherry!* Eventually, Roald
Dahl decided that a peach
would be prettier, bigger
and squishier - with a
lovely pitted stone
in the middle.

Roald Dahl's work
has inspired movies -
most recently *Charlie and
the Chocolate Factory* starring
Johnny Depp - stage
adaptations, classical
music and opera.

Roald Dahl once put his
first wife's coat in the freezer to
store it through the summer.
His wife was horrified, but the coat
was pretty chilled out!

He used to announce that meals
were ready by shouting, 'Nosebags on!'
or 'Grub's up!'

Roald Dahl wrote
his books in a white hut,
which he got his friend to
build for him with a yellow
front door. He never allowed
anyone inside and never dusted.

Gobblefunk is a collection of
new words that Dahl made
up while writing *The BFG* -
283 in total!