

Boy: Tales of Childhood, by Roald Dahl.

Important Information

Plot:

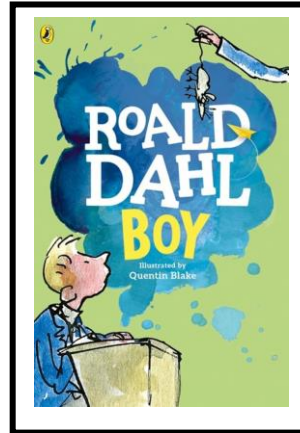
Roald Dahl recounts his days as a child growing up in England. From his years as a prankster at boarding school to his envious position as a chocolate tester for Cadbury's, Roald Dahl's boyhood was as full of excitement and the unexpected as are his world-famous, best-selling books.

Themes

Nostalgia and positivity and resilience.

Setting

Wales, England and Norway.



Name of Book: Boy: Tales of Childhood

Date Published: 1984

Author: Roald Dahl

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Genre: Autobiography

Context – Written in 1984, 'Boy: Tales of childhood' is an autobiography by Roald Dahl describing his life from birth to leaving school, Wales and England in the 1920s and 1930s. It focuses on the violence of the Public school system and ends with his first job.

What Can the Book Teach Us?

Think about what qualities allow people to survive in difficult circumstances.

Quotes

"At any time she liked, the Matron could send you down in your pyjamas and dressing-gown to report to this **merciless** giant"

"I was **frightened** of that cane. There is no small boy in the world who wouldn't be."

"I **wonder** though, what you would think if some doctor did that to you today."

"But the **authorities** did not like me, I was not to be trusted. I did not like rules."

Key Vocabulary

Autobiography	Life story written by the person themselves.
Caning	Old punishment of hitting students with a thin stick.
Shell shock	World War 1 and 2 way of describing post-traumatic stress after fighting in battle.
Boazer	A school prefect in the higher school years who had authority to punish younger students.

Characters

Mrs Pratchett	Evil: fiendish/nefarious/hideous/wicked
Matron	Bossy: dictatorial/despotic/tyrannical
Headmaster	Dangerous: threatening/intimidating/ominous
Captain Hardcastle	Stuck-up: arrogant/superior/haughty
Thwaites	Knowledgeable: know-all/informed/educated