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# ZJ CZUPOR'S MYSTERY MINUTE: ON TOUR WITH DEAD WRITERS

## Answer:

British author Roald Dahl (1916-1990) inspired a generation of writers and infused his writing with optimistic notions that dreams, and imagination have power, and that we shouldn't judge others by their appearance—"just being yourself will always be good enough," he once said. He's best known as the author of children's literature. One of his most popular books is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, (Alfred A. Knopf, 1964), which he adapted into the screenplay for "*Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*," (1971). He also wrote short mystery stories and earned three Edgar Awards from the Mystery Writers of America.

Another short story was adapted as an episode (twice) for *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* in 1960 and 1985, and for a segment in a Quentin Tarantino film, *Four Rooms* (1995).

And he adapted Ian Fleming's children's fantasy novel *Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang: The Magical Car* (1964) into the film version *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (1968). Dahl was married to American actress Patricia Neal. They had five children.



**Patricia Neal and Roald Dahl**