

Book Title: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

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Charlie Bucket lives with his parents and grandparents in a town that boasts the famous Wonka's Chocolate Factory, owned by the extraordinary chocolate maker Willy Wonka. Although the workings inside the factory are highly secretive and its iron gates are closed to outsiders, one day Willy Wonka presents an opportunity for five lucky children to visit his factory. In order to win this rare opportunity, one must find a Golden Ticket, which is hidden inside a chocolate bar. When Charlie becomes one of the lucky winners, he and his Grandpa Joe venture inside Wonka's Chocolate Factory with the other Golden Ticket winners. Inside, the visitors are exposed to the secrets of the factory, encounter breathtaking sights, and undergo astonishing experiences.

The creative world inside Wonka's Chocolate Factory is astounding! The unusual phenomena that occur within the factory walls make it impossible to put the book down. The events are unpredictable, keeping readers on their toes until the very last chapter. I especially like the Oompa Loompas and their witty rhyming songs, which add personality and humor to their characters. The satisfying ending of the book answers many of the readers' questions and leaves them yearning to read more about Charlie's adventures.

I especially recommend this book for students in grades 3 – 5 (ages 8 – 10). The book is not too long, making it a great read in the library or at home. There are also some advanced vocabulary words that students can learn throughout the chapters, and the plethora of imagery and descriptive language is a great example that they can use to write their own narratives and stories. In addition, the book teaches important lessons about the negative consequences resulting from selfishness and greed. Overall, Dahl does a phenomenal job of creating a world where every child's chocolate dream can come true.

Other Recommended Books:

Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator by Roald Dahl

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

The BFG by Roald Dahl

Matilda by Roald Dahl