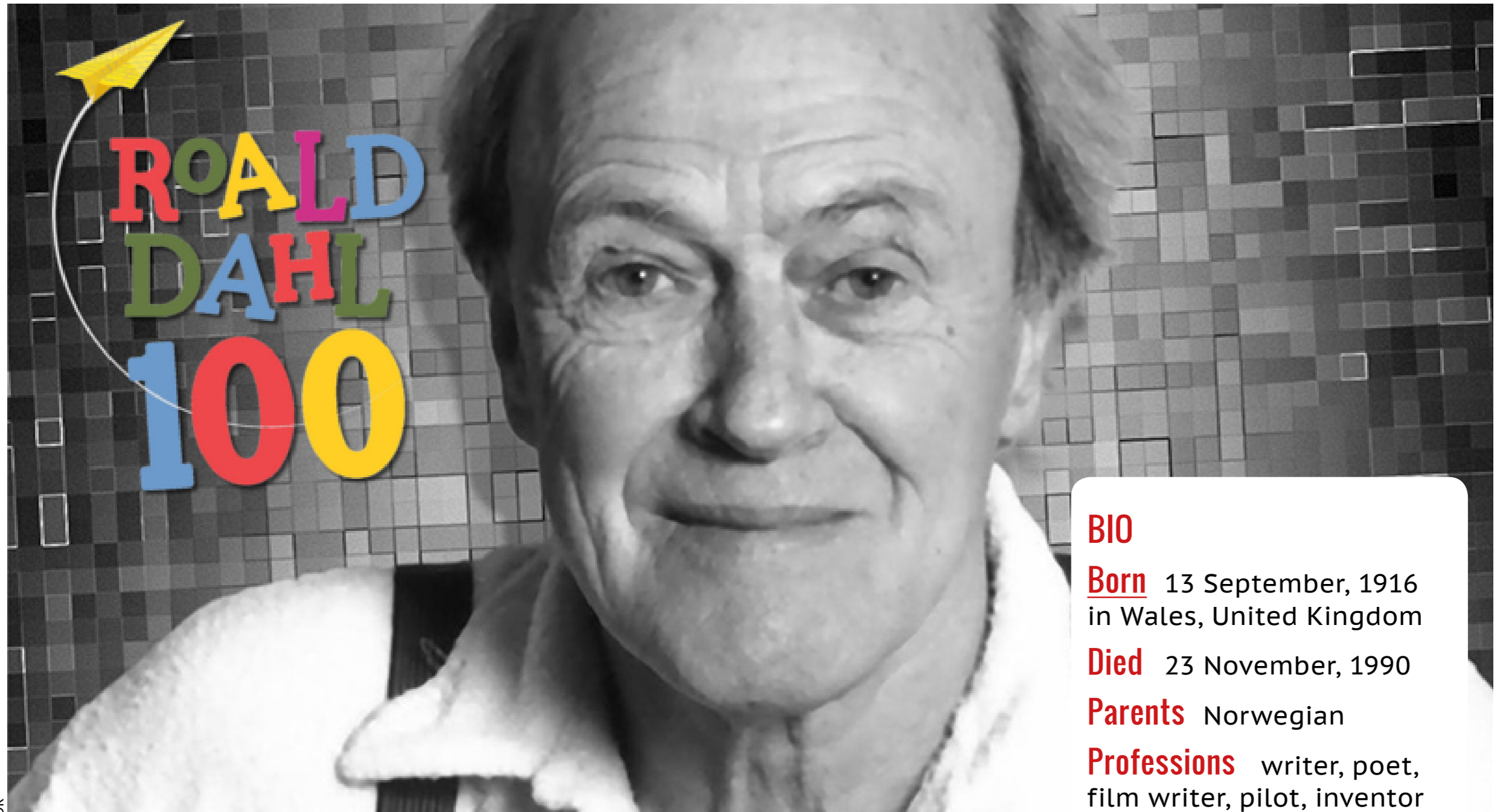


Roald Dahl Centenary A1+



BIO

Born 13 September, 1916
in Wales, United Kingdom

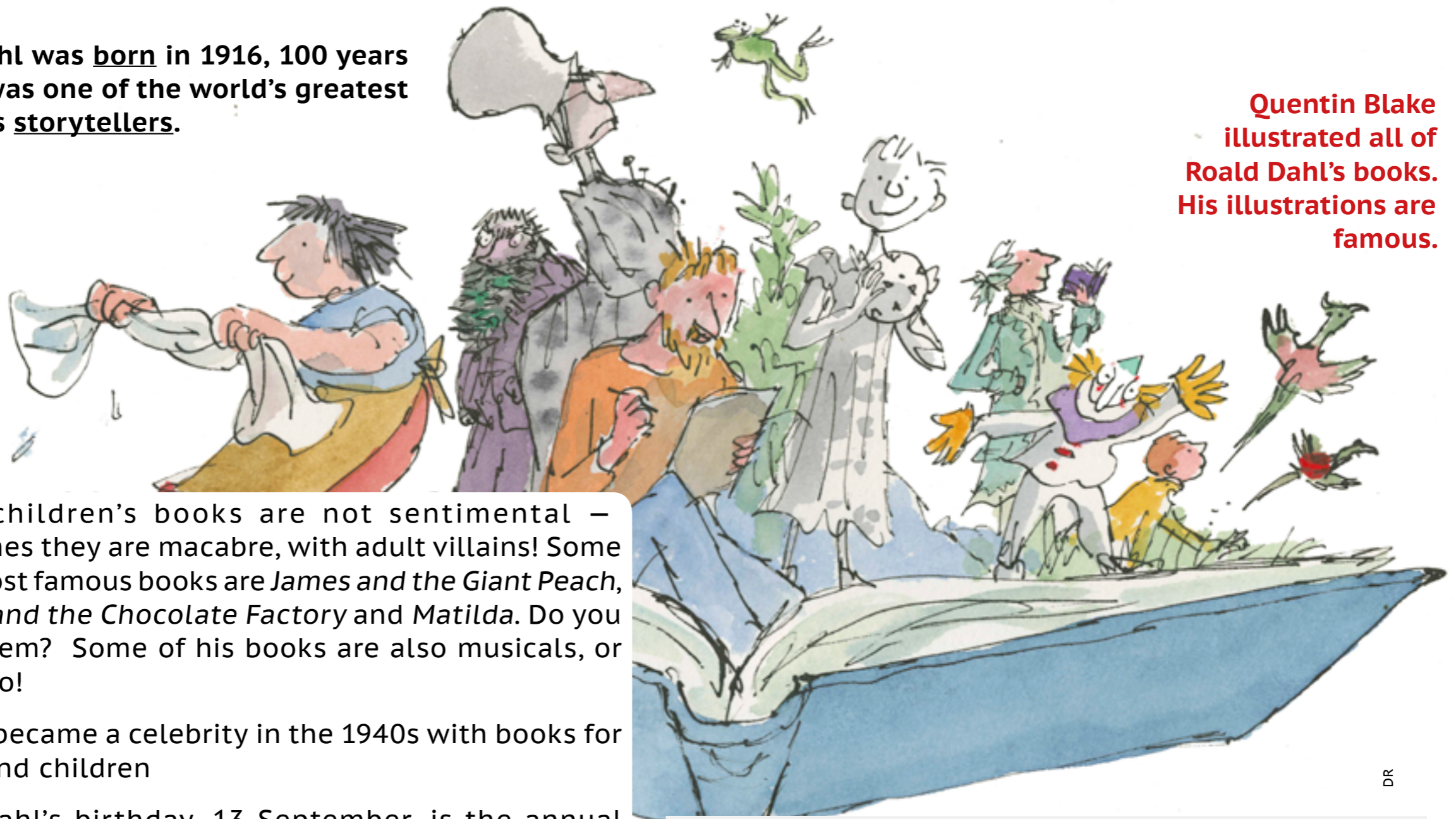
Died 23 November, 1990

Parents Norwegian

Professions writer, poet,
film writer, pilot, inventor

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Roald Dahl was **born** in 1916, 100 years ago. He was one of the world's greatest children's **storytellers**.



Quentin Blake illustrated all of Roald Dahl's books. His illustrations are famous.

Dahl's children's books are not sentimental – sometimes they are macabre, with adult villains! Some of his most famous books are *James and the Giant Peach*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Matilda*. Do you know them? Some of his books are also musicals, or films, too!

He first became a celebrity in the 1940s with books for adults and children

Roald Dahl's birthday, 13 September, is the annual Roald Dahl Day. Fans of his stories wear costumes of their favourite **characters**.

In 2016 in Wales, where he was born, there are fabulous celebrations to honour this marvellous man!

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born (V, pret.) I am 13. I was born in 2003.

character (n) fictional person in a book, film, etc

storyteller (n) A person who tells or writes stories. The Brothers Grimm were famous storytellers.



courtesy RSC

Matilda is a super-intelligent little girl. She loves reading and she has psychic ability. *Matilda the Musical* started in the theatre in London in 2011. It is a spectacular success and it continues today. The musical is in London, New York and Sydney.

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psychic ability (exp) A person with *psychic ability* has strange mental powers.



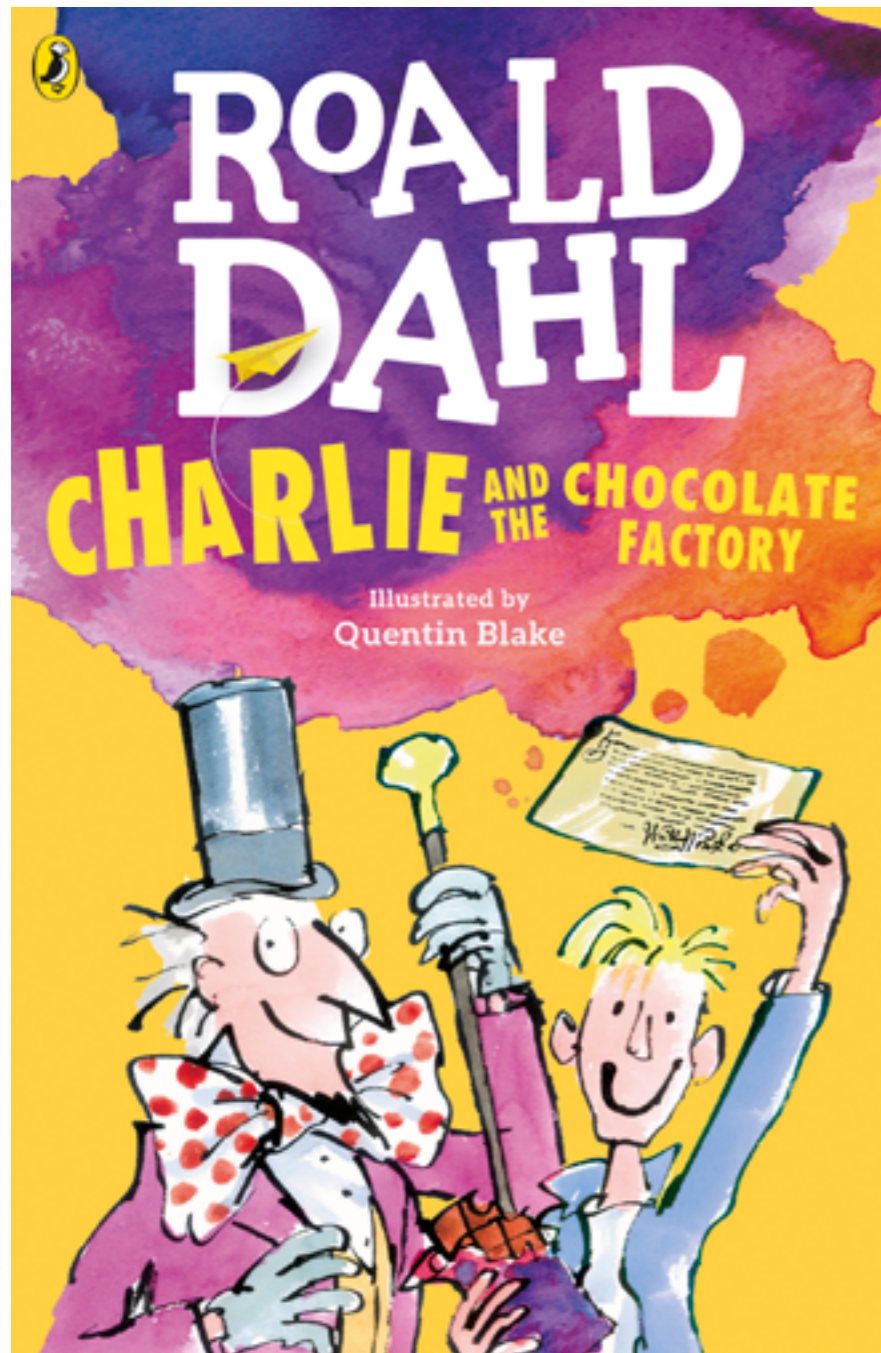
courtesy Metropolitan Film Export

The BFG is the Big Friendly Giant. He collects dreams and gives them to children when they sleep. But one night a girl, Sophie, sees the BFG and he has to capture her. The *BFG* film is by Steven Spielberg.

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dream (n) a story you imagine when you are asleep

friendly (adj) pleasant, agreeable



courtesy Puffin Books

Charlie is very poor. He loves chocolate. He wins a competition to visit Willy Wonka's chocolate factory.



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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is also a musical fantasy film directed by Tim Burton in 2005.

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poor (adj) opposite: rich