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[Dirty Beasts Penguin UK](#)

Recounts Dahl's life as a young man from his employment with the Shell Company in Tanzania through his service in the Royal Air Force during World War II

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From the author of *The BFG*, *Matilda*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, and many more beloved classics—a whimsical, witty, and revealing collection of the legendary children's author and writer Roald Dahl's letters written to his mother, from early childhood through Dahl's travels to Africa, his career in the Royal Air Force, his work in post-war Washington, D.C., and Hollywood, and the books that made him a literary star. Roald Dahl penned his first letter to his mother, Sofie Magdalene, when he was just nine years old. The origins of a brilliantly funny, subversive, creative mind were evident in boarding school, and as he entered adulthood, his penchant for storytelling emerged in his missives home from Africa, where he was

stationed by Shell Oil, and then the desert camps of the Royal Air Force. His skills were sharpened after a plane crash in Egypt landed him in Washington, D.C., where his cheery letters home were cover for his work in the British Secret Service, along with gossipy updates on his spontaneous rise in Hollywood and his budding New York literary career. His mother was, in many ways, Dahl's first reader, and without her correspondence he might never have become a writer. Sofie Magdalene kept every letter her son wrote to her (sadly, her own side of the correspondence did not survive). It was she who encouraged him to tell stories and nourished his desire to fabricate, exaggerate, and entertain. In these letters, Dahl began practicing his craft, developing the dark sense of humor and fantastical imagination that would later produce his timeless tales. The author of *James and the Giant Peach*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, and *The BFG*, Dahl is known by millions the world over today. But, writing candidly to the person who knew him best, Dahl was as singular a character as any he created on paper. Assembled by Dahl's authorized biographer Donald Sturrock, *Love from Boy* is a remarkable collection of never-before-published writing that spans four decades and chronicles the remarkable, unpredictable life of its author. While

Dahl's books remain bestselling favorites for all ages, *Love from Boy* provides an unprecedented glimpse of the author through his own eyes—a life punctuated by tragedy, creative stagnation, unexpected fame, and fantastic adventure.

The Life of Roald Dahl: A Marvellous Adventure Penguin

"In this warm, wise, and witty overview, Jonathan Rauch combines evidence and experience to show his fellow adults that the best is yet to come." —Steven Pinker, bestselling author of *Enlightenment Now* This book will change your life by showing you how life changes. Why does happiness get harder in your 40s? Why do you feel in a slump when you're successful? Where does this malaise come from? And, most importantly, will it ever end? Drawing on cutting-edge research, award-winning journalist Jonathan Rauch answers all these questions. He shows that from our 20s into our 40s, happiness follows a U-shaped trajectory, a "happiness curve," declining from the optimism of youth into what's often a long, low slump in middle age, before starting to rise again in our 50s. This isn't a midlife crisis, though. Rauch reveals that this slump is instead a natural stage of life—and an essential one. By shifting

priorities away from competition and toward compassion, it equips you with new tools for wisdom and gratitude to win the third period of life. And Rauch can testify to this personally because it was his own slump, despite acclaim as a journalist and commentator that compelled him to investigate the happiness curve. His own story and the stories of many others from all walks of life—from a steelworker and a limo driver to a telecoms executive and a philanthropist—show how the ordeal of midlife malaise reboots our values and even our brains for a rebirth of gratitude. Full of insights and data and featuring many ways to endure the slump and avoid its perils and traps, *The Happiness Curve* doesn't just show you the dark forest of midlife, it helps you find a path through the trees. It also demonstrates how we can—and why we must—do more to help each other through the woods. Midlife is a journey we mustn't walk alone.

The boy who talked with animals Penguin UK

Perfect for fans of the classic *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, this adventurous and endearing picture book follows a little boy searching high and low for his missing bear. Features a surprise ending! Where is Bear? Is Bear in the dresser? Is Bear in the bathroom? Is Bear on the

swing? It ' s almost bedtime, and a little boy can ' t seem to find his beloved Bear! Children will love joining in the irresistible search for Bear and finding where he is on every page . . . and they will love the surprise ending even more!

More About Boy Simon and Schuster

As a young man working in East Africa for the Shell Company, Roald Dahl recounts his adventures living in the jungle and later flying a fighter plane in World War II.

Penguin Readers Level 4: Going Solo (ELT Graded Reader) Penguin

Roald Dahl's life was as bizarre, frightening, exciting and funny as the stories he wrote. Now you can read the whole of his extraordinary autobiography in one volume.

Roald Dahl Penguin UK

A best-selling account describes the intelligence operations of allied forces during World War II as experienced by wounded RAF pilot Roald Dahl, a patriot who infiltrated the upper reaches of Georgetown society and worked with such figures as Churchill, Roosevelt, and spy chief William Stephenson to influence U.S. policy in favor of England. Reprint.

Boy Heinemann Educational Publishers

In a story of warmth and surprise, Allen Say explores the origins of artistic inspiration. Elegant illustrations portray the journey of a child who discovers that creativity ultimately comes from within.

Three Days Till EOC Turtleback

'Human beans is not really believing in giants, is they? Human beans is not thinking we exist.' On a dark, silvery moonlit night, Sophie is snatched from her bed by a giant. Luckily it is the Big Friendly Giant, the BFG, who only eats snozzcumpers and glugs frobscottle. But there are other giants in Giant Country. Fifty foot brutes who gallop far and wide every night to find human beans to eat. Can Sophie and her friend the BFG stop them?

Going Solo Thomas Dunne Books

In Giamaica un'enorme tartaruga marina

viene catturata da un pescatore, che vuole ucciderla per vendere la carne e il carapace. Il piccolo David, per ò , colto da un'irrefrenabile crisi isterica, riesce a far liberare l'animale, convincendo suo padre a pagare per la sua salvezza. Ormai fra l'animale e David è nato un legame che nessuno potr à pi ù sciogliere e che li porter à assai lontano... Il testo, in lingua originale, è arricchito da: • Glossari con la traduzione delle parole pi ù interessanti o difficili; • Note su strutture della lingua, forme idiomatiche o familiari, registri espressivi, phrasal verbs...; • Reading Comprehension Exercises.

Over to You Rathole Books

Combining copious and meticulous research with original letters, interviews, personal recollections and anecdotes, Tim Bazzett tells Bill Porteous's story with compassion, insight and humor. His narrative conveys a contagious and obvious delight in discovering how we are all connected. Here is a homespun history lesson about the nearly forgotten polio plague years and our fathers' and grandfathers' war, presented in a way that manages to bridge the gap between generations and even allows us to laugh a little as we learn of such serious matters. Perhaps in the end, however, Love, War & Polio is a simple and universal tale - one of faith, hope, and the healing power of love.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Penguin UK

Still Life: Sketches from a Tunbridge Wells

Childhood (the sub-title is important) was first published in 1984. It won the J.R. Ackerley Prize for Literary Biography in that year. It is a classic among middle-class memoirs. In twenty-one short chapters the town is vividly anatomized. So too are its residents: meet Dr Ranking and, best of all, meet the Limbury-Buses living a life of contented ossification. 'Cobb remembers, and that, as well as his redeeming freedom from all conventional standards of dignity and relevance, is what makes this offbeat, capricious book a rare treasure'. John Carey, Sunday Times 'A

remarkable feat of making purest autobiography part of a general, social history... Cobb has broken one of the strangest silences in English social commentary; on the missing history of the English bourgeoisie'. Michael Neve, Times Literary Supplement

Roald Dahl's Marvellous Medicine Penguin UK

Originally published: London: Puffin Books, 2008.

Going Solo Random House Books for Young Readers

A New York Times Notable Book: A revealing look at the famous twentieth-century children's author who brought us *The BFG* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Few writers have had the enduring cultural influence of Roald Dahl, who inspired generations of loyal readers.

Acclaimed biographer Jeremy Treglown cuts no corners in humanizing this longstanding immortal of juvenile fiction. Roald Dahl explores this master of children's literature from childhood—focusing a tight lens on the relationship between Dahl and his mother, who lovingly referred to him as

“Apple” —through to his death. Treglown deftly navigates Dahl's time as a fighter pilot in the Royal Air Force, exploring how the experience transformed many of the beliefs that influenced the English writer's work, including *The Gremlins*, which was commissioned by Walt Disney. A former editor of the Times Literary Supplement, Treglown discusses many of Dahl's most famous works, such as *James and the Giant Peach* and *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, while also delving into his marriage to actress Patricia Neal, combing through letters and archives to show a man who could be both comic and vitriolic, thoughtful yet manipulative and irascible. Treglown highlights many of

Dahl's literary achievements as well as his breakdowns and shortcomings, presenting a very personal and telling picture of the author and the inner turmoil that crippled him.

Separating the man from the myth, Treglown's frank, intimate portrait of Dahl illuminates the contradictions within the mind of this beloved author, a man who could be both a monster and a hero. It is required reading for book lovers and film buffs alike.

Tilly and the Time Machine HarperCollins UK

In 1918, the RAF was established as the world's first independent air force. To mark the 100th anniversary of its creation, Penguin are publishing the Centenary Collection, a series of six classic books highlighting the skill, heroism esprit de corps that have characterised the Royal Air Force throughout its first century. 'They didn't think for one moment that they would find anything but a burnt-out fuselage and a charred skeleton; and they were apparently astounded when they came upon my still-breathing body, lying in the sand near by.' In 1938 Roald Dahl was fresh out of school and bound for his first job in Africa, hoping to find adventure far from home. However, he got far more excitement than he bargained for when the outbreak of the Second World War led him to join the RAF. His account of his experiences in Africa, crashing a plane in the Western Desert, rescue and recovery from his horrific injuries in Alexandria, and many other daring deeds, recreates a world as bizarre and unnerving as any he wrote about in his fiction. The Centenary Collection: 1. *The Last Enemy* by Richard Hillary 2. *Tumult in the Clouds* by James Goodson 3. *Going Solo* by Roald Dahl 4. *First Light* by Geoffrey Wellum 5. *Tornado Down* by John Peters & John Nichol 6. *Immediate Response* by Mark Hammond *Fantastic Mr Dahl* Liverpool University Press PERFECT for fans of Roald Dahl. Think you know Dahl? Think again. There's still a whole world of Dahl to discover in a newly collected book of his deliciously dark tales for adults . . . In

war, are we at our heroic best or our cowardly worst? Featuring the autobiographical stories from Roald Dahl's time as a fighter pilot in the Second World War as well as seven other tales of conflict and strife, Dahl reveals the human side of our most inhumane activity. Among other stories, you'll read about the pilot shot down in the Libyan desert, the fighter plane that vanishes inside a mysterious thick white cloud and the soldier who returns from war but has been shockingly changed by his experiences. Featuring extraordinary cover art by Charming Baker, whose paintings echo the dark and twisted world of Dahl's short stories. Roald Dahl reveals even more about the darker side of human nature in seven other centenary editions: Lust, Madness, Cruelty, Deception, Trickery, Innocence and Fear.

The BFG (Colour Edition) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Boy and Going Solo is the whole of Roald Dahl's extraordinary autobiography in one volume. Roald Dahl wasn't always a writer. Once he was just a schoolboy. Have you ever wondered what he was like growing up? In BOY you'll find out why he and his friends took revenge on the beastly Mrs Pratchett who ran the sweet shop. He remembers what it was like taste-testing chocolate for Cadbury's and he even reveals how his nose was nearly sliced off. Then in GOING SOLO you'll read stories of whizzing through the air in a Tiger Moth Plane, encounters with hungry lions, and the terrible crash that led him to storytelling. Roald Dahl tells his story in his own words - and it's all TRUE. And now you can listen to all of Roald Dahl's novels for children on Roald Dahl Audiobooks read by some very famous voices, including Kate Winslet, David Walliams and Steven Fry - plus there are added squelchy soundeffects from Pinewood Studios! Also look out for new Roald Dahl

apps in the App store and Google Play- including the disgusting TWIT OR MISS! and HOUSE OF TWITS inspired by the revolting Twits.

Going Solo Penguin UK

Most people know Roald Dahl as a famous writer of children's books and adult short stories, but few are aware of his fascination with medicine. Right from his earliest days to the end of his life, Dahl was intrigued by what doctors do, and why they do it. During his lifetime, he and his family suffered some terrible medical tragedies: Dahl nearly died when his fighter plane went down in World War II; his son had severe brain injury in an accident; and his daughter died of measles infection of the brain. But he also had some medical triumphs: he dragged himself back to health after the plane crash, despite a skull fracture, back injuries, and blindness; he was responsible for inventing a medical device (the Wade-Dahl-Till valve) to treat his son's hydrocephalus (water on the brain), and he taught his first wife Patricia to talk again after a devastating stroke. His medical interactions clearly influenced some of his writing – for example the explosive potions in George's Marvellous Medicine. And sometimes his writing impacted on events in his life – for example the research on neuroanatomy he did for his short story William and Mary later helped him design the valve for treating hydrocephalus. In this unique book, Professor Tom Solomon, who looked after Dahl towards the end of his life, examines Dahl's fascination with medicine. Taking examples from Dahl's life, and illustrated with excerpts from his writing, the book uses Dahl's medical interactions as a starting point to explore some extraordinary areas of medical science. Solomon is an award-winning science communicator, and he effortlessly explains the medical concepts underpinning the stories, in language that everyone can understand. The book is also peppered with anecdotes from Dahl's late night hospital discussions with Solomon, which give new insights into this

remarkable man ' s thinking as his life came to an end.

Love, War & Polio Open Road Media

This is the true story of Second World War fighter pilot, Richard Hillary. After being shot down in September 1940, Hillary spent several months in hospital, undergoing numerous operations; a member of Archibald McIndoe's 'Guinea Pig Club'. Originally published in 1942, just months before he died in a second crash, *The Last Enemy* recounts the struggles and successes of a young man in the Royal Air Force. Told through Hillary's eyes, this incredible story shows that even in our darkest moments there is a glimmer of enduring hope.

War Penguin UK

Secrets and surprises from Roald Dahl! Feast your eyes on a secret! Between these covers is a long-lost chapter—and the original ending—from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and other delicious never-before-seen tidbits from Mr. Wonka's factory. Then slip into some tasty tales from Roald Dahl's life to discover more about the world's No. 1 storyteller. No Roald Dahl collection is complete without this splendiferous treat!