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Book Review: Boy: Tales of Childhood (non-fiction)

Boy: Tales of Childhood is the first autobiography of the British writer, Roald Dahl. It describes his life from birth to leaving school.

Roald Dahl's father, Harald Dahl, and mother, Sofie Magdalene, were Norwegians who lived in Cardiff, Wales. Harald was considerably older than his wife. When Roald was born in 1916, his father was already 53. Unfortunately, a tragedy happened - his elder sister died at the age of seven and his father died of pneumonia several weeks later. Affected by these tragedies, he wrote a lot about his family in his autobiography.

Also, Roald wrote much about confectionery such as his love of sweets, his fascination with the local candy shop, particularly about the free samples of Cadbury chocolate bars given to him and his classmates for evaluation when he was a student at Reton. Young Roald even had dreamt of working as an inventor for Cadbury, which inspired him to write the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

After reading the book, I have learnt a lot about Roald Dahl. His books are children's literature and fantasies and the main characters are kids. I think the most fantastic plots he created derived from his childhood. He made use of imagination and creativity to write vivid stories. Therefore, it is undeniable that he is a genius writer.