

Book Report on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Are you a chocoholic? Have you ever dreamed about a place where you could enjoy tons and tons of chocolate and the latest candies invented? If you are, Wonka's chocolate factory, from the following book I'm introducing, is exactly what you are looking for.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, one of my favourite novels, is an interesting children's fantasy written by Roald Dahl in 1964. It is about the special adventure of an ordinary boy, Charlie Bucket, inside Willy Wonka's large chocolate factory. The book has also won the Blue Peter Book Award in 2000 and is known as a children's classic.

As the story opens, the factory has been shut for almost fifteen years, so it is very mysterious to the public. One day, Mr. Willy Wonka, the owner, decides to allow five children to visit the factory in order to choose one of them to take over his business some day. To win the chance, children needed to find one of the five "golden tickets" hidden in random Wonka bars. People then start to shop for Wonka bars, crazily searching for "golden tickets". Augustus, Veruca, Violet and Mike, four kids from wealthy families, find the tickets easily with great help from the parents' "power", and Charlie, who was born in an extremely poor family, also got a chance, perhaps because of his destiny, perhaps because of luck.

During the guided tour, the kids got into trouble: Augustus falls into a big chocolate lake and was sucked into a pipe. In the end, becomes very thin and is still covered in chocolate; Violet tries some of Wonka's experimental gum without Wonka's permission, turning her into a large blueberry. Although the juice is drained later, her face will forever remain purple. At last, all the kids, except Charlie, fail to win the ownership of the factory because of their gluttony, self-righteousness, greed or addiction to television.

Charlie, being the only one who wasn't tempted by any enticement, is chosen, and gets the ultimate prize—to one day take over Willy Wonka's huge grand chocolate factory. As for the other four, they still get a lifetime supply of chocolate and sweets from Wonka, though they all paid a price.

You may think that it is just another typical children book (and wondering why I love it so much). But if you do think so, you're totally wrong.

Although the book is very simply written, it does teach people meaningful lessons. One of the main themes of the story is the great disparity between the rich and the poor: Dahl describes Charlie as a boy who lived in extreme poverty: the boy rarely has enough food for meals, and he sleeps on the floor with his parents every night. In contrast, Veruca, one of the other kids on the tour, is absolutely wealthy. Her father uses a lot of money to secure Veruca a golden ticket, just to satisfy his lovely spoiled daughter's request. Just from this example, we can see the contrast between the poor and the rich so clearly. In my opinion, money is something very dangerous. It draws you into a big trap, making you blindly run after it forever. It's even more horrible when you start to use it unscrupulously. Veruca's family falls into such a trap. They are living a luxurious

life, but, does that mean they will be happier than the poorer ones? I bet not. Instead, because of their wealth, they will never be satisfied. So, is that how things should be? Money seems to be very powerful. However, it can't buy us happiness, nor health, wisdom, nor any of much more important things in life. Even if you're poor, you can still enjoy your life; even if you're rich, you may not be happy.

Besides, the novel also teaches us that what goes around comes around. As we can see from the story, the four kids, all receive painful punishments for their behaviour. Charlie, the good boy, is also "rewarded". After all the hard days he had, he finally gets the chance to visit the factory and even wins ownership of it at the end.

Although, in real life, things may not be as straightforward as stories, the story is still inspiring and worth thinking over. Sometimes when we make wrong choices in our lives, bad consequence may not be seen immediately, but that doesn't mean that it will our actions will not come back to haunt us. Life is so unexpected and we never know what will happen next. Look at Charlie, do you think he ever imagined that he could get the chance of visiting the world's biggest chocolate factory, not to mention even winning the ownership of it? No! However, he didn't get all of these because of luck, but because of his good behaviour. What he gets in the end is what he deserves.

In my opinion, to live a good life, we should always be true to our hearts and be nice to people, so that we will not feel sorry and regret. We should never do things going against our sense of ethics it is just not worth it. Dahl brought the whole idea out in a very simple way to let his children readers understand it, which is something I really appreciate indeed.

Dahl's story is very well-written. It's simple, but deep in meaning. The messages are very clear. Even small kids can get what Dahl wants to tell. To me, the book is not only something to read as a story, but something to learn as a lesson.

Above all, I sincerely recommend all of you to take time and read this wonderful inspiring novel, and I'm sure that you won't regret it if you do so!