

Book Report

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Roald Dahl was born on 13th of December 1912 in Norway. He uncovered his boyhood to us in this book. There was fright, pain, suffering, loneliness but at the same time, there was happiness, joyfulness and thankfulness.

Roald would be always protected by his family. As a small boy, Roald loved to visit the lovely sweet shop near his home with his friends. The shopkeeper was a horrid lady who was mean to everyone. Roald played a trick on her by putting a dead mouse in one of her candy jars and he was reported to his school headmaster. The headmaster punished him and he ended up with scarlet stripes with deep blue bruising on his bottom. That night, his mother found out Roald's bottom was injured. She did not hesitate, she went straight to the school and argued with his headmaster but all she got was a ratty response. Roald's mother was angry and she made an immediate decision to leave Norway with the family and find a new school. Her decision to leave was an act of love because Roald's mother didn't accept such savage methods for punishing her son. She only wanted to protect her son from getting insulted again. Although Roald suffered in pain, he had a mom who was willing to stand up for him no matter what and in any situation. Family can turn suffering into thankfulness.

Roald would never be alone. Although Roald's father died when Roald was three years old, he had made important decisions for the family. He insisted that his children study in England. Sadly, Roald's father could not be around for them but he gave the best for this family. When Roald was preparing for boarding school, he felt worried and thought that he was going to miss his family very much. Yet, his mom prepared everything for him. Moreover, she worried that he would get hungry, so she also put some little snacks in the parcel that she posted to him every week. The parcel was filled with love so Roald was not alone. His parents would always care about him every single minute of every day. Family can turn loneliness to joyfulness.

Roald was always happy with his mother around. Once, Roald's sister drove the family in a car. She was very confident to drive fast. Everyone trusted her and got

excited. However, the car crashed. Miraculously, everyone was safe except for Roald whose nose had been almost cut from his face. Roald's mother disentangled herself from the wreckage and grabbed a handkerchief from her purse. She clapped the dangling nose back into place fast and held it there. His brothers and sisters felt worried about him. Fortunately, Roald's nose was stitched back on to his face by a doctor. Roald's mum didn't check herself to see if she was injured. When the car crash happened, she was even more panicked than Roald. However, she cared more about Roald than herself. Roald was frightened and scared but he was happy that he had a mother who was more concerned about him than herself, and brothers and sisters who loved him. Family can turn fright into happiness.

This book is very inspiring. From reading it, I've learnt that family love is very important and most of our problems that we've been through wouldn't have been solved if our family hadn't supported us. Sometimes, we face a lot of problems. We don't know where to find a solution or to seek help. Yet, when family backs us, we are not afraid to face the problem. Therefore, pain is cured, sadness is comforted and desperation turns into energy that pushes us forward.

Family always helps you go through many problems, but some lucky people sometimes take their family's support for granted. If their families do not help them, they argue with them. However, family support is totally out of family love which is not automatically apparent. We should be thankful for everything that our family does for us and cherish their support.

With gratitude, love will always be within our family.

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