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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Published in **1964** by British author **Roald Dahl**, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* centers on the main character of **Charlie Bucket**, a young boy whose path crosses that of the eccentric chocolate-maker **Willy Wonka**, whom he meets during a tour of his factory. The tour triggers a series of adventures for Charlie, who is accompanied by his grandfather and surrounded by other four children who have been awarded the tour subsequent to finding a golden ticket in a Wonka Bar.

The factory swarms with strange and fairy-like creatures employed by Mr. Wonka as workers, such as the **Oompa-Loompas**, and it also proves to be a trap for the four children surrounding Charlie, who all get ejected from the factory itself in different and hilarious ways as a **comeuppance** for their various forms of greed and selfishness. Charlie, the only one left by the end of the tour, is finally rewarded by Mr. Wonka with... his very factory, of which Charlie is appointed heir to.

A true classic of children's literature, the novel has been adapted into a movie twice – the first time in **1971** by **Mel Stuart** (*Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, starring **Gene Wilder**), the second in **2005** by **Tim Burton** (starring **Johnny Depp**).



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