



## SO WHAT HAPPENS IN JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH?

James Henry Trotter had a happy life until his parents were eaten up by an enormous rhinoceros in broad daylight!

His house by the sea had to be sold and James had to go and live with his horribly hideous aunts with the strange names of Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker. They lived in a ramshackle house on a hill surrounded by a

desolate garden with the exception of a clump of old laurel bushes. James would often gaze wistfully toward the sea.

Then a strange thing happened. James found a giant peach that grew and grew until it was the size of a small house. He found a secret path into the heart of the peach where he met a shorthorned grasshopper, a

spider, a ladybug, an earthworm, a centipede, a glowworm and a silkworm.

Together they leave the hillside and begin a great adventure which ends 1,250 feet up in the air on the top of the Empire State Building in New York City.

WE HOPE YOU'LL COME AND CHECK OUT A2CT'S PERFORMANCES OF  
 JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH  
 ON MARCH 24-27, 2011 AT WCC'S COLLEGE THEATRE  
 AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE STORY!

WHO WROTE  
JAMES AND THE  
GIANT PEACH?



## ROALD DAHL

### HIS FAVORITE THINGS:

#### PAINTING

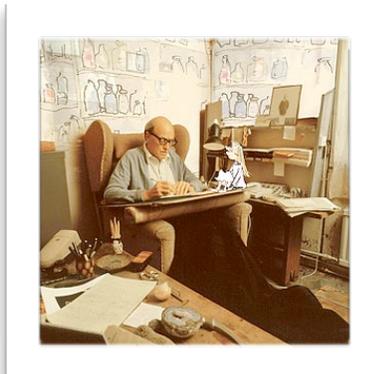
"I have very good pictures."

#### CHOCOLATE

"I tell you -  
there is nothing like it."

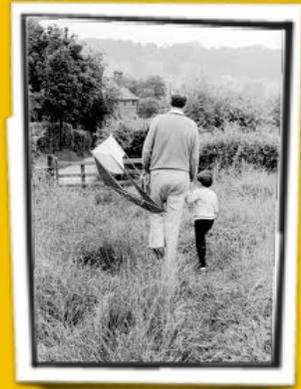
#### ORCHIDS

"At first, the excitement  
is watching them flower."



### HIS LIFE:

Roald Dahl was a man who enjoyed long walks, rich chocolate, nature around him, and of course words! Roald Dahl started playing with words at the age of 8 in a secret diary that he kept. By the time he was 74 years old, he had written more than 34 works and had established himself as a successful children's author.



## LIFE

SEPTEMBER 13, 1916 -  
NOVEMBER 23, 1990

## BEST KNOWN WORKS

CHARLIE AND THE  
CHOCOLATE FACTORY

MATILDA

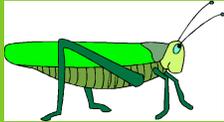
JAMES & THE GIANT  
PEACH

FANTASTIC MR. FOX

IF YOU HAD TO WRITE A  
STORY OR A POEM, WHAT  
WOULD YOU WRITE  
ABOUT?

OR IF YOU LIKE TO PAINT  
OR DRAW, WHAT WOULD  
YOU CREATE NEXT?

# FUN FACTS



Did you know that spiders cannot physically die of natural causes? If kept safe, a spider can continue to live and grow larger for a theoretically unlimited amount of time. In fact, in China there exists a collection of 'holy' spiders, hatched some 2,800 years ago still alive today!



The weight of all Americans is less than one fiftieth of the insects, earthworms, and spiders in the United States.

Ladybugs make a chemical that smells and tastes terrible so that birds and other predators won't eat them.

Nectarines are just peaches without the fuzz!



There are more than 800,000 species of insects on earth, more than all the other plants and animals combined.

In 2001, NASA sent over 300 spiders into space and they found that, instead of traditional flat webs, they created 3D silk tunnels!

The peach is a member of the rose family and should have a pleasingly sweet fragrance. You should never squeeze peaches; they bruise easily.



Beetles range in size from less than a millimeter (1/100 of an inch) to tropical giants over six inches long.

The largest spider ever observed by scientists was over 8 feet long and weighed in at 530 pounds!



WHAT ARE SPECIAL  
THEATRE WORDS YOU  
SHOULD KNOW?

ON STAGE  
OFF STAGE

CHOREOGRAPHY  
BLOCKING

PROPS  
COSTUMES  
SET

DIRECTOR  
PRODUCER  
CHOREOGRAPHER  
STAGE MANAGER

WHAT KIND OF  
BUG  
WOULD YOU BE?

DRAW A  
PICTURE  
OF IT!

## CHARACTERS IN OUR PLAY:

JAMES TROTTER  
MRS. TROTTER  
MR. TROTTER

RHINOCEROS  
REPORTERS\*

AUNT SPONGE  
AUNT SPIKER  
AUNT SMUDGE\*

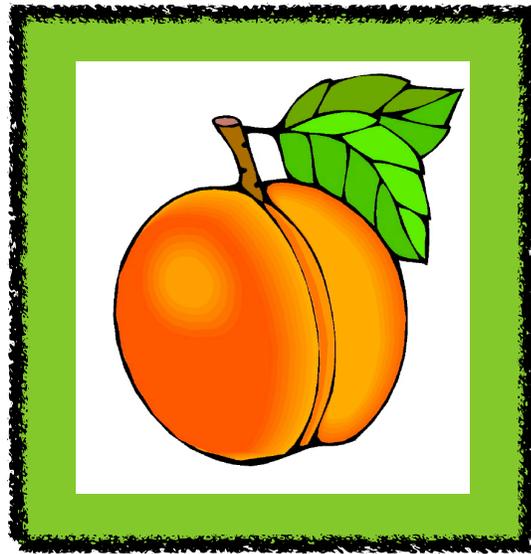
OLD MAN  
OLD WOMAN  
MAGIC CREATURES

GRASSHOPPER  
SILKWORM  
CENTIPEDES\*  
SPIDER  
LADY BUG  
EARTH WORM  
GLOW WORM

SHARKS  
SEA CREATURES\*  
BIRDS  
CLOUD MEN

CAPTAIN  
OFFICERS

\*A2CT SURPRISES



## PEACH COBBLER RECIPE

### Ingredients:

- 6 cups of fresh peaches sliced (or canned peaches, drained)
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon of corn starch
- ½ teaspoon of nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons of almond extract
- 2 cups of Bisquick
- 3 tablespoons of sugar
- ½ cup of milk

### Directions:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine the peaches, corn starch, and brown sugar in a sauce pan.
3. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium low heat until the peaches are soft, about ten minutes.
4. While the mixture is cooking, combine the Bisquick sugar in a large bowl.
5. Gradually add the milk to the Bisquick and sugar, mixing well after each addition. Just as it turns into soft dough, set aside.
6. Remove the peaches from the stove, and add the almond extract, butter, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
7. Spray your baking dish with a non stick cooking spray.
8. Pour the peach mixture into the baking dish and spread evenly.
9. Drop spoonfuls of the Bisquick mixture over the top of the peaches.
10. Bake for thirty five to forty minutes, or until the topping is browned and the cobbler is bubble.
11. Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE  
PART OF THE BOOK, PLAY,  
OR MOVIE?

HOW WOULD YOU ACT  
THAT PART OUT WITH YOUR  
FRIENDS?

WHAT CHARACTER WOULD  
YOU BE?