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It’s no wonder that he was inspired by his own children, as it has been widely documented that he was influenced by his own childhood experiences. As a father, I see the power of a child’s imagination to help me recover my own.


During his career, Roald Dahl wrote a wide range of material, from short stories for adults to film screenplays to his well-known children's books. He even created numerous works of nonfiction and hosted a television show, Way Out, in the 1960s. He is considered one of Britain’s best storytellers of all time.

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