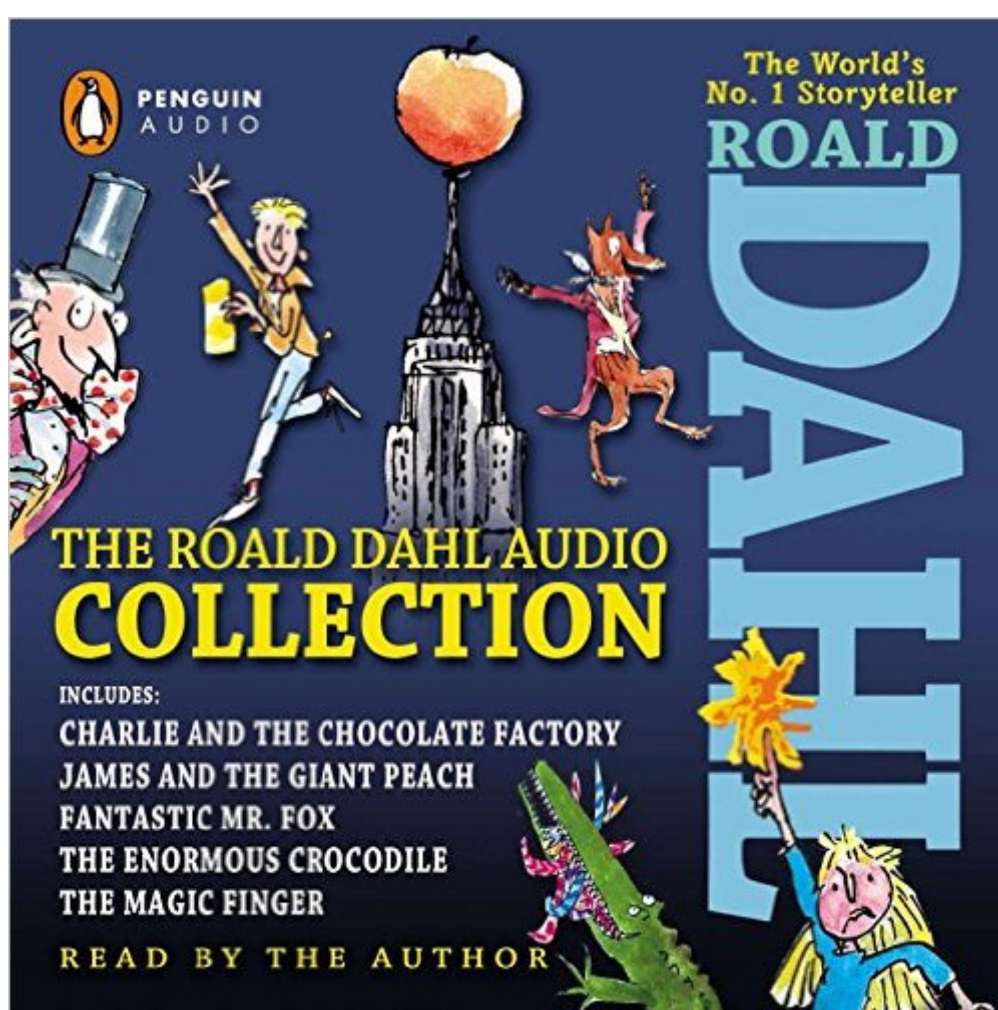


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# The Roald Dahl Audio Collection: Includes Charlie And The Chocolate Factory, James & The Giant Peach, Fantastic M R. Fox, The Enormous Crocodile & The Magic Finger



## Synopsis

Roald Dahl sometimes shared a tonal kinship with Ogden Nash, and he could demonstrate a verbal inventiveness nearly Seussian. "[His] stories work better in audio than in print." "The New York Times Roald Dahl's wickedly funny novels have turned him into the world's number 1 storyteller. In this collection five splendid stories are brought to life by the author himself. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Abridged) Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory is opening at last! James and the Giant Peach (Abridged) A little magic can take you a long way Fantastic Mr. Fox (Unabridged) Nobody outfoxes Fantastic Mr. Fox! The Enormous Crocodile (Unabridged) This greedy crocodile loves to guzzle up little boys and girls The Magic Finger (Unabridged) Horrible neighbors learn their lesson from a little girl with powerful magic!

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## Customer Reviews

There are precious few audio documents of Roald Dahl's own readings, be it his adult or children's stories. However the American Caedmon label recorded 4 audiobook records of Dahl reading his own children's stories. They recorded abridged versions of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and James and the Giant Peach, and unabridged versions of Fantastic Mr Fox, The Enormous Crocodile and The Magic Finger. In addition a British company recorded Dahl's own reading of The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me. For a time Harper Audio (the successor to Caedmon) released the four Dahl Caedmon LPs in one package. However it is good to have them back again in this

Penguin audiobook reissue. Some people might feel upset that Dahl is not dramatic in any way, and some may complain that these recordings of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and James and the Giant Peach are abridged so that each book takes up one LP. However they are excellent recordings and they still manage to sparkle with Dahl's trademark writing and storytelling style. The recording of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory gives us an excellent reading of the book even in an abridged form. In this recording, Dahl might sound tentative at first because this was the first time he was recording his work. This abridged version covers the salient episodes of the book and paces itself very well. In a way this is good. I have tended to feel uneasy that the original book had a bit of padding, and this abridgement, though brief, is very welcome and paces itself better. Some might not be too keen on Dahl's brisk pace, as the producers were obliged to fit this recording onto one LP. However Dahl is still able to adjust his voice and tone for the various situations and emotions.

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