

ROALD DAHL ON FILM

The top five films you didn't know were based on Roald Dahl stories

Many Roald Dahl stories have been turned into family film favourites that we know and love, but did you know there's more than just the books? Roald Dahl is responsible for a number of classic screenplays and storylines that we wouldn't normally associate him with. Here's five of our favourites, which you can enjoy once again on the big screen as part of [Roald Dahl on Film](http://filmhubwales.org/roalddahlonfilm):

1. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Roald Dahl was responsible for the screenplay of this truly magical, musical film. In fact, it was Roald Dahl that added in the Child Catcher as an extra character – so he's responsible for giving us all those nightmares when we were small!

2. 36 hours

This war movie released in 1965 was based on the short story 'Beware of the Dog' by Roald Dahl, which was first published in Harper's Magazine in 1946. The story was also said to have influenced television series, The Prisoner.

3. You Only Live Twice

The screenplay of this James Bond classic was another of Roald Dahl's after he was approached by James Bond producers, Harry Saltzman and Albert Broccoli. The screenplay was the first to stray from Ian Fleming's original story, as Roald Dahl famously said that the original wasn't Fleming's best work.

4. Gremlins

The 1984 Steven Spielberg film Gremlins features characters developed from one of Roald Dahl's earliest books, The Gremlins. In fact, there's every chance that it was Roald Dahl's first ever book for children! It impressed his bosses at the British Embassy so much that they sent it to Walt Disney to make into a feature film. Though the idea was shelved, the story was still released as a book by Walt Disney and Random House.

5. Four Rooms

The 1995 comedy is split into four segments, each with a different director. Quentin Tarantino's section, 'The Man from Hollywood' was formed from the basis of another of Roald Dahl's short stories, 'The Man from the South', originally published in 1948.

To celebrate Roald Dahl 100 - the centenary year of Roald Dahl's birth, Film Hub Wales and Chapter as Film Hub Lead Organisation, have developed a family-friendly film programme that will celebrate the world's number one storyteller, who was born in Cardiff in 1916. Find a screening near you here <http://filmhubwales.org/roalddahlonfilm/whatson>

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