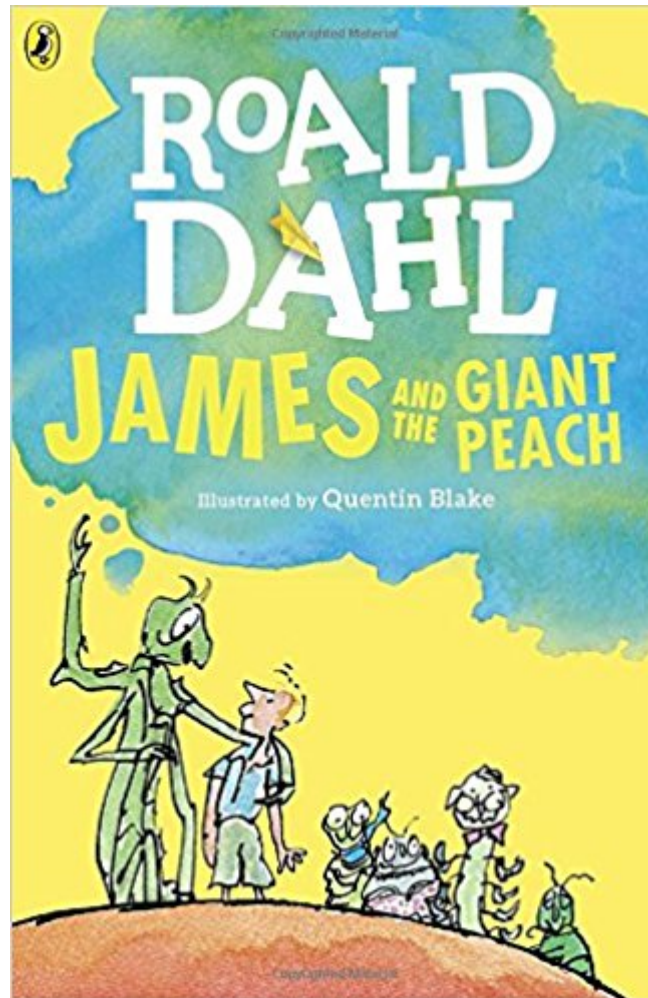




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# James And The Giant Peach



## Synopsis

From the bestselling author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The BFG*! After James Henry Trotter's parents are tragically eaten by a rhinoceros, he goes to live with his two horrible aunts, Spiker and Sponge. Life there is no fun, until James accidentally drops some magic crystals by the old peach tree and strange things start to happen. The peach at the top of the tree begins to grow, and before long it's as big as a house. Inside, James meets a bunch of oversized friends—Grasshopper, Centipede, Ladybug, and more. With a snip of the stem, the peach starts rolling away, and the great adventure begins!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

When poor James Henry Trotter loses his parents in a horrible rhinoceros accident, he is forced to live with his two wicked aunts, Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker. After three years he becomes "the saddest and loneliest boy you could find." Then one day, a wizened old man in a dark-green suit gives James a bag of magic crystals that promise to reverse his misery forever. When James accidentally spills the crystals on his aunts' withered peach tree, he sets the adventure in motion. From the old tree a single peach grows, and grows, and grows some more, until finally James climbs inside the giant fruit and rolls away from his despicable aunts to a whole new life. James befriends an assortment of hilarious characters, including Grasshopper, Earthworm, Miss Spider,

and Centipede--each with his or her own song to sing. Roald Dahl's rich imagery and amusing characters ensure that parents will not tire of reading this classic aloud, which they will no doubt be called to do over and over again! With the addition of witty black and white pencil drawings by Lane Smith (of *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* and *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* fame), upon which the animation for the Disney movie was based, this classic, now in paperback, is bursting with renewed vigor. We'll just come right out and say it: *James and the Giant Peach* is one of the finest children's books ever written. (Ages 9 to 12) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Lane Smith trades stinky cheese for fantastic fruit with his black-and-white illustrations for Roald Dahl's classic 1961 novel, *James and the Giant Peach*. The reissue is timed to coincide with the release of the Disney animated motion picture based on Smith's suitably subversive visual interpretation. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Loved this book! Fast, entertaining read! I'm 31, and even I enjoyed it!

Please do not judge this book by the movie of the same title! The book is fun and imaginative and just quirky enough for kids to love it. My daughter and I read it together and loved it. The only caution is that there is some language in the very first (where the wicked aunts are verbally abusing the boy) that could be offensive. Personally, I was reading aloud to my daughter and simply changed those words to something I considered appropriate. We had a great time with this book

Loved sharing it with my son. Brought back great memories of reading it as a kid. Plus I loved seeing his face when I read the word "asses." LOL!

Typically, I'm not much of a "re-reader," but this one is an exception for me as it connects back to a few of the last truly happy childhood memories that I have. This was one of the first books I picked up for my new Kindle Fire late last year when it featured a few of Ronald Dahl's books. I'm really glad I picked it up and re-read this one. It was a bit of bright spot for me right now. Ronald Dahl has a very wry and whimsical writing style that won't appeal to all adults. *James and the Giant Peach* requires the ability to suspend disbelief and just enjoy the outrageous situations, unlikely "critter" traveling companions, and over-the-top villains. If you can suspend adult thinking and just take the

story as-it-comes, it's a grand adventure and a lot of fun. I'm really glad I decided to re-read this, even though I don't often re-read books. For parents, yes, in "Dahl fashion" there is a bit of colorful language in this book. Read it first. Or better yet, read it with your kids and use it as an opportunity for discussion. If your child is younger, and you're reading to them, you could always substitute words, I suppose. Kids hear a lot worse in "real life" on network tv nowadays, so don't let that hinder the enjoyment you could get out of the story.

One of his best stories ever. Love! Please read this to your children aloud. You will be glad you made the effort, trust me...

After reading some of the descriptions of Roald Dahl's books and a few reviews, I ordered two books by him as a birthday present for my nine-year-old nephew and had them mailed to him. He actually wrote me a thank-you note saying "Thank you so much for my present. I love them so much. I read the books all the time. I love them so much!" "Danny, the Champion of the World" was the title of one and the other was "James and the Giant Peach." Books like this spark a child's imagination and help develop a love of reading.

My daughter really enjoyed the book!

I liked it because it was action packed I recommend this to those who like action The bad thing is there is cussing

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