

ROALD DAHL ON FILM

My Dream Factory

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I've loved reading since I was a kid. I've read a lot of books for children and for adults and I haven't thought that there is an educational book for children. But, a few weeks ago I found out I was wrong. I still haven't read the book, but I watched a movie which was brilliant and I think the book is even better. The name of this movie is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory".

The main idea is that the children should not be greedy, spoiled and addicted to television. They should be good and they should have good manners too. There are many characters who symbolize human weakness: overeating, greed, addiction to television... Even the children's parents are negative characters. They do not pay attention to their children until they get into trouble. And in the end – they're all punished. Charlie and his grandfather are the only characters who symbolize pure goodness and thanks to it, Charlie is chosen to be Wonka's successor. It is like some kind of karma.

The other idea is that the imagination and creativity are important. Without imagination, Wonka would never create a factory as he did. It would be "ordinary" and without creativity, he would never find out how to choose a right successor. Watching this movie helped me to find my own factory of dreams and imagination deep inside myself.

Whenever you notice that your child is watching some stupid reality show, show him this film and say: "You should be like Charlie, not like people on television!" and you'll be sure that your child is going to be a good person.

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