

ELPL Lit Kits Jr.



BFG by Roald Dahl

On a dark, silvery moonlit night, Sophie is snatched from her bed by a giant. Luckily it is the Big Friendly Giant, the BFG, who only eats snozzcumbers and glugs frobscottle. But there are other giants in Giant Country. Fifty foot brutes who gallop far and wide every night to find human beans to eat. Can Sophie and her friend the BFG stop them?

About the Author: Roald Dahl was born on September 13, 1916, in Llandaff, South Wales. In 1953, he published the best-selling story collection *Someone Like You* and married actress Patricia Neil. He published the popular book *James and the Giant Peach* in 1961. In 1964, he released another highly successfully work, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which was later adapted for two films. Over his decades-long writing career, Dahl wrote 19 children's books. He died on November 23, 1990, in Oxford, England.

Discussion Questions:

1. Roald Dahl uses some very strange words in his book. Here are a few: but-teryflies, scumdidlyumptious, frobscottle, scrumplet. What other strange words does he use? What do they mean? Why do you think he uses strange words?
2. What can you tell about Sophie's life from the story? Where do you think she might live?
3. What does the witching hour make you think of? Have you ever experienced this time of night? What do you imagine might happen at this time based on the author's descriptions.
4. What can you tell about the mysterious stranger? What is the trumpet for?
5. Do you think the BFG will ever let Sophie? Why or why not?

6. The BFG is bullied by the other giants because he is smaller and different than the other giants? What would you do if someone in your class was being bullied for the same reasons as the BFG was being bullied?
7. What kind of dream would you like the BFG to give to you? Explain the dream you would like to have.
8. Do you think the Queen will believe Sophie and the BFG and try to stop the giants? How do you think she will do it?
9. Would you like to travel with the BFG? Where would you like to go? Why?
10. Sophie was very excited to meet the Queen of England? If you could meet any ONE person in the world who would it be? Why?
11. Did you like the ending of the book? Why or why not?
12. Did the giants get the punishment they deserved? What punishment do you think should have happened?