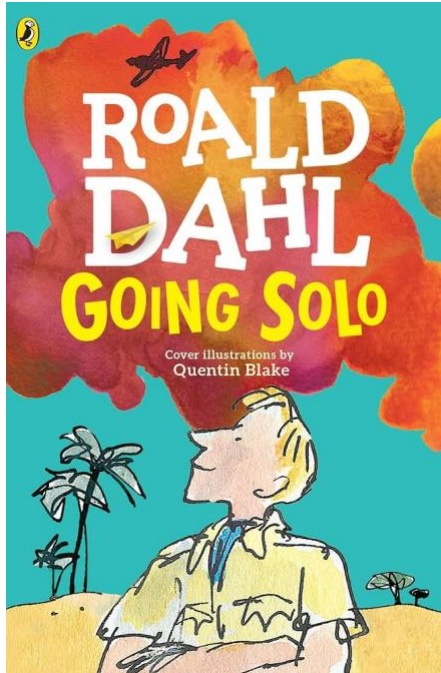




Going Solo

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Going Solo is an autobiography written by Roald Dahl. Dahl is a very well known author, especially for his stories Matilda, The BFG, The Twits, and Charlie and The Chocolate Factory . This is all for a good reason, as his writing manages to encapsulate the childlike wonder of the world. Going Solo is a lesser known book, but it still has the amazing writing and entertaining storyline of his other works. Dahl was born in 1916 in Wales, and his family originates from Norway. He grew up in England, but left in 1938 to go to Africa, where he worked for the Shell Oil Company. He has interesting encounters with wildlife, and takes time to appreciate vast landscapes. That life doesn't last too long, because the second world war breaks out, and he enlists to be a fighter pilot. The rest of the book entails his experiences during and after the war, as well as other facets of his life that he has learned to appreciate.

Dahl's writing has always been some of my favorite, because even when I was young, I could understand and appreciate the language he used when writing. It was elevated, but still understandable for a little kid, so it allowed me to improve my reading skills even at a young age. Going Solo is a great book for anyone ages 8 and up, since his books are generally child appropriate but contain themes of wartime violence, something that can be a heavy subject for younger kids.

Going Solo is 224 pages long with moderately big words, making it a relatively short read. This is a great gift to a kid who is learning to read, and wants to read more difficult books. There is also a book that precedes this one, called “Boy”, that details his early life, which is also full of adventure and funny stories. It is cool to see some of the inspiration that led to his more popular novels, and I’m sure anyone who reads the stories about his life will be equally as entertained.

Recommended Titles:

- Boy
- George’s Marvellous Medicine
- The Willoughbys
- The Witches