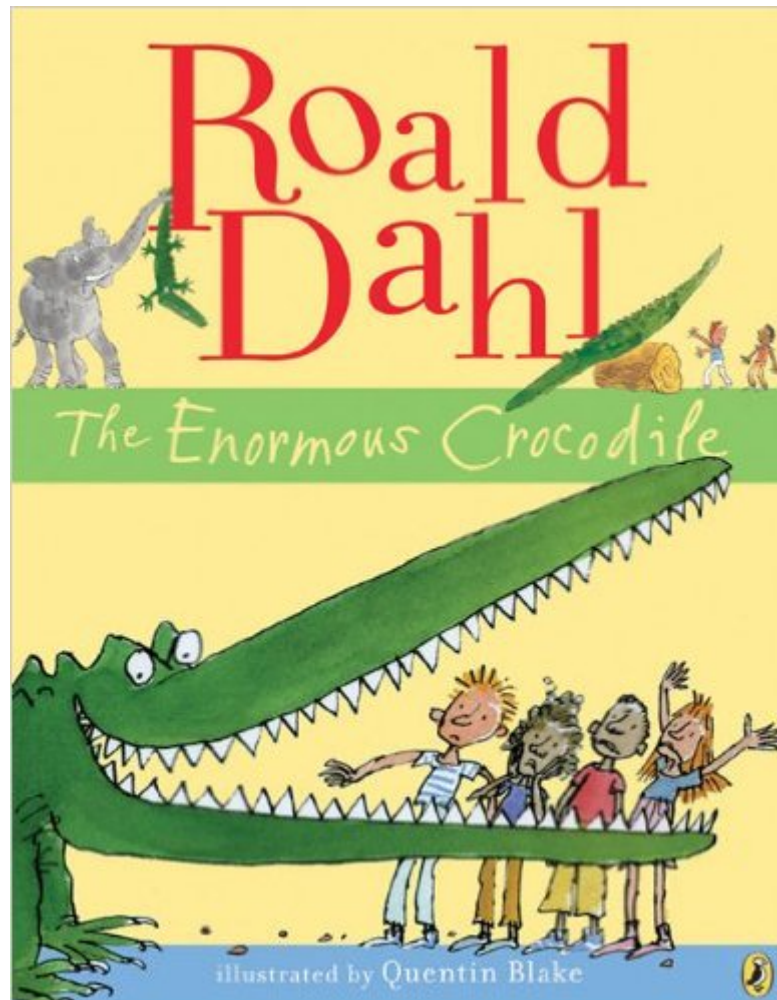


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# The Enormous Crocodile



## Synopsis

From the bestselling author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The BFG!* *The Enormous Crocodile* is a horrid greedy grumpy brute who loves to guzzle up little boys and girls. But the other animals have had enough of his cunning tricks, so they scheme to get the better of this foul fiend, once and for all! This picture book edition has a beautiful full-color interior and large trim to feature Quentin Blake's iconic art.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Roald Dahl out-grimms the Grimms' with this tale of a horrid, hoggish brute of a crocodile who connives to eat small, juicy little children. My little one cringed, squealed and cajoled the villain with each new encounter and as he is thwarted in his "secret plans and clever tricks". This book has everything a child relishes: name-calling, suspense, jungle animals, children in peril and a thoroughly loathsome, yet undeniably silly, villain. Dahl has created a dialogue-driven story with vividly over-the-top characters, making this a wonderful read-aloud book! Abundantly illustrated by Quentin Blake's loopy pen-and-ink cartoons with a watercolor wash, this is a wickedly fun package that only gets better with each read and will please kids and adults alike. Beg, borrow, steal, or even BUY this book if it comes down to that!

Dahl's "The Enormous Crocodile" is a favourite of our 3.5 and 6.5 year olds, but it is the whimsical

dead-on illustrations of Quentin Blake that make this edition outstanding. The story follows the course of an enormous crocodile who wants to eat a little child for lunch, and leaves his muddy river to do so. On his way he encounters a hippopotamus, a monkey, a bird of paradise, and finally an elephant who all are horrified by his "plans and clever tricks" that he has in mind to eat up several juicy children. The crocodile makes his way to a town, and deploys his methods, some of which are indeed clever. It is here where Quentin Blake's strengths come in, as the disguises are both simultaneously all-crocodile, and all disguise: only an outstanding artist like Blake could have pulled it off. My children squealed with delight. Of course, Dahl's sense of humour is of times a bit dark, but make no mistake, the crocodile gets his just deserts even though there are thrills a-plenty on the way. Delightful, but probably best saved until a child is over three years old and recognizes the fun and whimsy implied in the enormous crocodile's horrid mission.

Did you know that a crocodile could be turned into a sausage? This book, "The Enormous Crocodile" is excellent because it showed many unusual disguises that the crocodile had. I think there was a lot of action and adventure like when the Enormous Crocodile wanted to disguise himself as an animal on the carousel. The Enormous Crocodile was always trying to get closer to children to eat them. You will never guess who stepped in his way. I didn't realize just how brave some jungle animals really are. When you see the sun shining extra brightly you know the crocodile sausage is still cooking. I learned that I will never get too close to a crocodile or I might be his dinner.

I really enjoyed "The Enormous Crocodile." It is one heck of a tale. But the abrupt and rather too serious ending leaves me pondering the greatness that could have been. The story follows the exploits of the tittle character as he sets off one morning to find something to eat. He has a hankering for children from the nearby village. He broadcasts his desire to the other creatures of the jungle as he passes them. The only problem is that besides being greedy and ill-intentioned, the crocodile is also nasty to his fellow wild creatures. This comes back to haunt him. The story is a masterpiece of dry humor. Its verbal pacing is darn near flawless. The illustrations are great. Several (especially of the Crocodile's disguises) made me laugh. Outside of the ending, I highly recommend "The Enormous Crocodile."

This book was morbid! It would have given the kids nightmares! Good grief! What has become of children's literature? I returned it and bought books about Lyle the crocodile. Man eating crocs

should be on National Geographic and Animal Planet, not childrens books

The Enormous Crocodile decides he'd like a juicy little child for lunch; and his animal friends are horrified. Nonetheless he proceeds on his plans of trickery and deception, eventually bagging just what he deserves. Kids will want parental assistance or good reading skills to enjoy Enormous Crocodile, a zany, fun story of a crocodile's evil plans.

The Enormous Crocodile is a fun story with animals of all sorts. The Enormous Crocodile plans to get children, but the plans fail because of the animals. It is like a fun mystery. And the story has so much suspense. There is an elephant, a Roly Poly bird, a monkey and a hippo named Humpy Rumpy.

This book is superb! It has shocking but benign language which children really enjoy. The outcome is great in that the villain gets his due in a fun and frivolous manner which is also shocking! The pen strokes of a true literary genius are evident and very enjoyable!

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