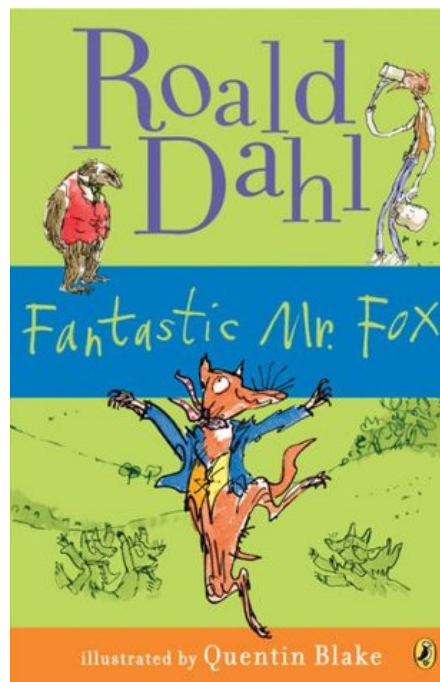




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Nobody outfoxes Fantastic Mr. Fox!

Someone's been stealing from the three meanest farmers around, and they know the identity of the thief-it's Fantastic Mr. Fox! Working alone they could never catch hi; but now fat Boggis, squat Bunce, and skinny Bean have joined forces, and they have Mr. Fox and his family surrounded. What they don't know is that they're not dealing with just any fox-Mr. Fox would rather die than surrender. Only the most fantastic plan can save him now.

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James says

Roald Dahl at his best - an oft overlooked story (at least until the film adaptation) this is lots of fun. A great story by Dahl with the usual wonderful accompanying illustrations by Quentin Blake.

Not to be missed.

Agir(???) says

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Calista says

I am a huge Roald Dahl fan. I love foxes and I loved having a main character that is a fox. It is such a snappy and witty book. This is a great one and I think the movie was wonderful as well. Roald does well on screen. Of course the fox will win.

Trish says

This morning two new Roald Dahl books arrived and this one was an instant must-read. From a young age on I always adored stories about forest animals (which is why it's even more incomprehensible and outrageous that I have missed out on such a classic until now)!

The book is very thin but the story inside is full of wit, fun and excitement!

Roald Dahl tells the story of Mr. Fox, his wife and children and their tranquil life. However, there are 3 farmers with very bad intentions and since Mr. Fox is trying to save his family, he must be very clever indeed and come up with a fantastic plan - which he does.

The story unfolds in a very thrilling way (not too bloody though, clearly because it's meant for smaller children too) and the author managed to put some moral concepts even in here (in this case it's about stealing and catch & release).

What I especially love is that the author shows a clever fox but not a malicious one. His characterization is entirely amiable (which is not always the case with stories about foxes).

As with the other volumes, this one also features lots and lots of illustrations by Quentin Blake and I think they will never lose their magic.

So if the three farmers haven't died, they are still waiting! *lol*

Miranda Reads says

Three stars for the questionable morals and implications for the animal society.

Mr. Fox stole from local farmers for years and the farmers are fed up. They decide to wipe out the entire Fox family. These are talking animals - *this is murder*.

Instead of trying to negotiate (or even *work for a living*), the Fox family makes a run for it and they end up **endangering all the animal families** that live in the hill, the Badgers, the Weasels, the Moles, the Rabbits, etc. Their homes and children are at risk.

So, all the underground dwelling animals **get together for a heist**. They end up making permanent tunnels to and from the farmer's stores...and creating a completely underground town so they can always live and mooch off the farmers.

Why was the solution to stealing more stealing?

Now, in a world where all the animals can talk, think and reason, how can they justify **feeding carrots to the Rabbit family** while **gnawing on the chickens and geese?** Aren't rabbits and moles prey for foxes?

I feel like their ideal society is shortly approaching their apocalypse...

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karen says

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GREG!!! YOU ARE OLD!!!!

greg's birthday is today, so i am floating this now to remind you that you still have time to shower him with presents!

it is **greg's birthday!!!** and as a treat for him, i am going to create a book review in which i use plenty of

pictures of foxes!!! they are his favorite!!

first, a sleepy fox:

a grouchy fox:

a defiant fox:

a hide-y fox:

fox and friends:

bad fox:

chilly fox:

charming fox:

suspicious fox:

mischievous fox:

meditating fox:

super-orange fox:

fox in a tube:

smiling fox:

stretchy fox:

sharp-nailed fox:

log-fox:

hypnotic killer foxes:

and just to keep this relevant:

fantastic mr fox.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GREG!!!

come to my blog!

Quirkyreader says

This short book was a laugh riot. Especially with the way Dahl described the human characters.

☆ Ashley ☆ says

☆ 4 Stars ☆

My first introduction to Mr. Fox occurred while heading up to 15,000ft sitting on the floor of a puddle-jumper, wondering when in hell I decided jumping out of an airplane might be the bravest or *stupidest* thing

I've ever done in my entire life. I was psyching myself out that in mere moments the door would open and **I would die**.

...OR as the plan was, I would freefall for 60 seconds prior to my parachute successfully opening, float over Lake Taupo, and safely land back on solid ground with everything intact—including my sanity.

While still in that situation (mentally and physically), I was strapped to a **crazy**-blue-eyed-curly-haired-good-smelling-completely-attractive Kiwi who was on his "29th or so" jump of the day and the SOB had the **audacity** to read *Fantastic Mr. Fox* **on my shoulder**. I hadn't decided if this was infuriatingly insulting or heartwarmingly calming when... *The door opened*

...and eight years later I finally read the little book that's seared into memory, and it was, well, fantastic of course!

True story? I'll let you decide... but Mr. Fox's story seems plausible enough ;)

Patrick says

My impressions in a single word: Meh.

I recently read this to my little boy, and I have to admit I really didn't care for it.

Don't get me wrong. It's not a *terrible* book. There's nothing hideously wrong with it. (See my review of *Esio Trot*, if you want to see me go off on a Dahl book I hated.)

But there wasn't much right with it either. The simple fact was Mr. Fox was not, in fact, very fantastic.

The plot centers around some farmers that try to kill Mr. Fox. They try to dig him out of his hole. Fox's clever solution? Dig down so they can't reach him.

But then the farmers dig *faster*.

Fox's clever solution? They should dig away faster.

Eventually they try to starve Mr. Fox and his family out of the hole.

Fox's clever solution? Dig even farther and steal some food.

And that's pretty much the whole book. (Spoiler alert.)

I like my books to have some cleverness in them. If you have a book where the main character is a Fox, and people are going to praise him for being fantastic, he better... y'know... do something if not fantastic, then at least interesting.

If your clever solution to *every* problem is "Dig more" you're kinda just phoning it in.

Also some mild sexism in here. Nothing horrifying like in *Esio Trot*, but why read a meh book with mild sexism to your kids? There's better stuff out there. Much better.

Tijana says

"Fantasti?ni gospodin Lisac" je možda najbolja po?etna ta?ka za upoznavanje de?jih ?italaca s Dalom: nema grozomornih detalja, nema mu?nih nagoveštaja, a humor ipak samo pršti, i knjiga (pripovetka, u suštini) oblikovana je kao avion, svrsishodno i aerodinami?no. I na kraju lisice nadmudre zle lovce (nije da smo iznena?eni).

Alex says

This book encourages stealing, underage drinking, and living in an underground bunker so you never have to face sunlight again. Recommended!

C.G. Drews says

I assume you're supposed to read these when you're...eight? Or ten? BUT WHATEVER. I read all of the Roald Dahl books when I was 14-15 and this is the only one I could never find. So now I have consumed it and I feel like my life is very complete with Roald Dahlness.

(Plus I had seen the movie years ago. There is a *lot* more in the movie than in the book. I definitely saw Mr. Fox as George Clooney though. Just sayin'.)

Aaaanyway. This is not my favourite Roald Dahl book (I'll always pick Matilda or Danny the Champion of the World, I think.) But I quite enjoyed the illustrations and I can't WAIT until my nephew is old enough to appreciate these kinds of books.

What's the moral of the story though? "Farmers are stupid"? or "don't think you can outsmart a fox"? or probably "WHAT DOES THE FOX SAY". <-- I believe it's that one.

Ahmed Ejaz says

Fantastic Mr. Fox is an amazing book for children. Even I, myself, loved Mr. Fox. He is soo clever and determined.

Mr. Fox steels food from three farms own by nasty owners. He steels to keep his family alive. But one day the owners finally decide to kill him once and for all. But Mr. Fox is too clever for them.

His optimism is amazing. I love optimistic characters. I didn't wanna read it. Had to read it for my younger cousin's school work.

Now I am happy that I read it. I highly recommend this book to everyone. Especially children.

August 4, 2017

Greg says

Mr. Fox steals food nightly from one of the three disgusting and gluttonous farmers who have more than they need. The farmers get mad and set out to kill Mr. Fox. They have a hard time catching him, they destroy the earth trying to get him out of his hole, they waste many man-hours by making their workers surround the woods with weapons and ultimately Mr. Fox with the help of other underground animals find another way into the farms and go about their stealing in peace while the farmers sit endlessly waiting to kill the fox and any other animals that pop up from the ground.

This book teaches you that stealing is ok, as long as it is done against evil and wicked people. That's a fine message and one that kids probably won't be exposed to for the first time by reading this book. Basically Robin Hood is that message too, although this seems a little bit more anarchic in its presentation, maybe it's the drawings, or all the fun the fox has in stealing that makes it seem like a revolution going on that you can dance to.

But is it ok to tell kids that stealing is alright? Yes it is. Children will be taught eventually in school that stealing is perfectly fine, but they will be taught it under the more civilized and devastating guise of capitalism, the rights of corporations over people and the other legalized theft that our society holds up as the makings of success. But am I saying that kids should go out and steal? No they shouldn't. First because most of them are really bad at it and if you are bad at stealing you will get caught, or at least noticed and that's not a good thing. Second because stealing for the sake of stealing isn't good. Stealing can be political and it can be used as a very very weak brick against the wall of capitalism (but really it's more like throwing a feather into a tornado, it's not going to do shit), but it can also just be selfish and unnecessary. I was going to write more, but I'm running out of time before I go to work and see if I can spy any shoplifters, who I will try to have get caught because a) they make my life more difficult, in that I need to then remember what books have numbers off so they can be ordered manually, and a.2) mean that it gives reason for me to get yelled at by some idiot who can't understand just because the computer says we have something doesn't mean we really do (we don't have computers that know when someone has stolen something without our noticing it). And b) because the publishing industry has enough problems right now with money, and it's not as if books aren't available for free at libraries. Go there and get the book for free and read it, B&N might be a big corporation, but as Ralph Nader said, (not an exact quote) "they sell books, and books are a good thing".

So if you're going to go steal, go to some Wal-Mart or something, but watch out they have a wall of video screens in the back room with a small army watching them, just waiting to see you pocket some of their items.

Holden (malfunctions without books) says

This is such a cute little book! A quick, funny and very enjoyable read. Highly recommend it if you want to dive back into your childhood for an hour or so.

Roald Dahl is famous for a reason!
