Quentin Blake

What Does Quentin Blake Create?

Quentin Blake is a famous British illustrator, author, and cartoonist.
He is best known for creating:

- Funny, lively **illustrations for children's books**
- Artwork that brings stories to life with **loose, energetic lines**
- Drawings for famous books by **Roald Dahl**, like *Matilda*, *The BFG*, and *The Twits*
- His own picture books, such as *Clown*, *Zagazoo*, and *Mrs Armitage on Wheels*
- Illustrations for hospitals, schools, galleries, and even walls!



Childhood

- Born on **16 December 1932** in Sidcup, Kent, England
- Loved drawing from a very young age
- Sent his first drawing to **Punch** magazine when he was just 16
- Grew up during World War II and was evacuated as a child
- Enjoyed reading and drawing cartoons

Education

- Studied English at **Downing College, Cambridge**
- Attended **Chelsea School of Art**
- Studied at **Camberwell School of Art**
- Gained a teaching diploma from **Institute of Education, London**
- Took life drawing classes to improve his artistic skills

Career

- First drawings published in **Punch magazine** at age 16
- Illustrated his first children's book in 1960 (*A Drink of Water* by John Yeoman)
- Became the **illustrator for Roald Dahl's books** starting in the 1970s

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- Wrote and illustrated many of his **own books**
- Taught for over 20 years at the **Royal College of Art**, where he also became head of the illustration department
- Appointed the **first Children's Laureate** in the UK (1999–2001)
- Knighted in 2013 for services to illustration
- Created public art for **Great Ormond Street Hospital**, **St Pancras Station**, and more

Quotes

“I don’t think I ever really decided to be an illustrator – it just happened.”

“I’m interested in the kind of things children get up to… That’s where I get ideas.”

“When you draw something, you should feel that you’re inside it.”

“Drawing is not just a way of making pictures, it’s a way of thinking.”

Art



Matilda



BFG



Willy Wonka

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