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The Enormous Crocodile is a horrid greedy grumpious 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!

The Enormous Crocodile Details

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Marnie Krüger says

I love Roald Dahl
His imagination is just out of this world!

Bradley says

My four year old loved it! Especially the bits where the croc is going to eat and munch all those sweet juicy children. :) NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM.

I think this is just one of those things natural to all children who already feel like prey with all these nasty adults hanging around. All of them want to eat you in a child's eyes. It's only natural because they see the adults getting eaten by jobs and spouses and the death of their dreams, so why not just imagine getting eaten by crocodiles, too? It's NATURAL!

That being said, this croc plays lots of nasty and cruel tricks in order to fill his belly, but fortunately, he happens to piss off most of the jungle creatures on his way to his playground meal ticket.

Alas! Poor stupid croc! And because this is A dahl tale, it gets really weird. :) Let's alter reality and turn it into an urban fantasy that winds up as a space opera, shall we? Right-On!

I love BBQ.

So does my daughter, it seems!

Sara Kamjou says

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Stephanie ((Strazzybooks)) says

Fun, classic Dahl and good to teach river/jungle animals.

Amina says

That was a funny one, the enormous crocodile isn't as clever as he thought he was :D he should've kept his mouth shut instead of bragging about his plans, so he ended up barbecued :D

Trish says

It's the beginning of the year and somehow I find this the right time for some of Roald Dahl's stories. Also, I have quite some catching up to do since I missed out on them when I was a child.

The story is the titular enormous crocodile who is a very nasty and evil croc that likes to eat children. The animal-lover in me doesn't like that very much because crocs, much like sharks, have far too bad a reputation which is why many are endangered. Nevertheless, this story is pretty old for one, and I think the main reason the author chose a crocodile was it's outer appearance (suitable for many disguises to get close to the unsuspecting children) anyway.

The story is about bullies and their ways of approaching victims and how watchful eyes and compassion from others can save the day - not to mention that the bad croc gets what it deserves.

As usual, the story had the signature illustrations by Quentin Blake, only in this version they were coloured in (not used to that, my other books have the original black-and-white ones that I actually prefer).

It is clear that Roald Dahl is one of THE master storytellers for children and I always enjoy his stories very much, no matter how short they are!

Matt says

Another short tale by the famous children's author, Roald Dahl, has me eager to review and spread the word. This would be an ideal story for the likes of many children, including Neo, who loves a good bit of humour. While lazing around one day in Africa, the Enormous Crocodile tells his not so large friend that he yearns for some children to eat. He is dismissed and told that there is no way he will be able to score such a delectable treat. Off goes the Enormous Crocodile, into the African jungles, where he encounters many other animals and tells them of his fiendish plan. Again, he is dismissed, but more out of a worry for the innocent children. From there, it is up to the Enormous Crocodile to concoct the perfect plan to get these children into his belly. Armed with the knowledge of the Enormous Crocodile's plan, the jungle animals do all they can to foil it, but will they be too late?! A wonderfully amusing read for children and adults alike that keeps the reader on their toes throughout.

Dahl is a wonderful storyteller, even if the tales can sometimes flirt with the edge of the macabre. He utilises some of the wonderful things that children know about their surroundings and injects just enough 'spook' to keep children guessing. Will the child be saved or has the Enormous Crocodile found a way to win again? Delightfully simple with a quiver full of laughable moments, Roald Dahl level of writing is surely missed in modern children's storytelling.

Kudos, Mr. Dahl for another wonderful story. I hope to keep reading a collection of your work and finding new gems about which I can be proud.

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<http://pecheyponderings.wordpress.com/>

Bonnie says

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Paul says

My middle daughter recommended I read this book, and I can see why. The jumble of entertaining adjectives makes this great fun for an imaginative 7-year-old – and a less imaginative 35-year-old. The end was a little abrupt, but overall this is classic Dahl: fun, witty and a little dangerous.

Mariah says

My year of Roald Dahl is still going!

The Enormous Crocodile loves to eat plump, juicy little child, and he wants to eat as many as he can. But when the other animals in the jungle join together to put an end to this, the Enormous Crocodile learns a lesson he won't soon forget.

Jeanette "Astute Crabbist" says

The Enormous Croc is not as smart as he thinks he is. He has all kinds of clever plans to catch a juicy child or two for his lunch. But on his way to the town, he's stupid enough to tell every creature he meets where he is going and why. So when he tries all his ruses to fool the children, Humpy-Rumpy the Hippo and Trunky the Elephant and Muggle-Wump the Monkey and the Roly-Poly Bird rush to the rescue and foil his plans before he can snatch any kids. Finally, Trunky winds him up and sends him rocketing off into space, where he crashes into the sun and gets sizzled up like a sausage. Sssssssssss. No more Enormous Crocodile. Boo hoo.

Normally I don't care much for Quentin Blake's illustrations, but the ones in this book are in color and add a lot of fun to the story.

Miranda Reads says

This big crocodile is hungry for some children and has the perfect plan to get them - or does he? He makes several other jungle animals very angry with him and they attempt to thwart his child-eating ways.

This just goes to show, if you are planning something evil, do **not** monologue!

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Harriet Dismorr says

The Enormous Crocodile is not a nice fellow as he has a nasty plan up his sleeve, and will NOT let any other animal in his way to stop him from gobbling up a nice, juicy fat child. Roald Dahl, with the help of Quentin Blake, transports the reader to the depths of the jungle, using a brilliant choice of words, illustrations and quirky characters which allows you to be entranced in this story. This book is great to be read to children or quietly to yourself, and can teach young readers the importance of descriptive writing as well as alternative words-something which is important for young budding writers.

Alyssa says

I don't think I've ever read anything by Roald Dahl that I didn't like. I am thrilled that my soon to be 4 year old daughter is now old enough to hear his stories at bedtime. We started with the Enormous Crocodile because it was short, illustrated, and new to us (the parents). It was a great read-aloud book! Our daughter wanted to know what would happen next and really enjoyed the story of the wicked crocodile on the hunt to eat up small children. A solid introduction to quirky stories and great writing!

Karla says

The story grew repetitive after awhile as the crocodile's plans and tricks always get thwarted at the last minute, and that last scene is a real killer (literally!), but Stephen Fry's exuberant narration definitely made it worth sitting through.
