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***ゼミタイトル Seminar Title**

An in-depth analysis and discussion of Roald Dahl's autobiography— "*Boy: Tales of Childhood.*"

***授業概要 Outline of the contents**

Roald Dahl is one of Britain's favourite authors. He is especially famous for the children's novels that he wrote from the 1960's to the 1980's. Some of them, including *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, and *The BFG* have recently been made into movies.

"*Boy: Tales of Childhood*" is an autobiography—a collection of childhood incidents that had a big impact on Roald Dahl's life. It begins with Dahl entering Elementary School and finishes with him graduating from High School. Along the way, we can see how Roald Dahl got the inspiration for some of his greatest tales. We can see how his job as 'chocolate taster' inspired him to write *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. We can also see how his Norwegian background resurfaces in *The Witches*—the children's novel that will be read during the 2nd Semester of this seminar.

***授業の形式 How the class is conducted**

During the 1st Semester, we will read *Boy: Tales of Childhood*. It is a collection of funny, interesting incidents written especially for children. Through these readings, students will come to appreciate Dahl's humour, as well as gain an understanding of British culture and its system of schooling.

Each week, students will read a chapter of the book and answer questions from an assigned reading sheet. Students will also be expected to discuss their readings in class each week.

During the 2nd Semester, we will read *The Witches*—a novel set in both Norway (where Dahl's parents were born) and Britain (where Dahl was born and raised).

***課題・成績評価基準 Requirements and Assessment**

- in-class discussions
- weekly reading worksheets