

NEVER GROW UP



INSPIRED BY THE MISCHIEF AND MAGIC OF

ROALD DAHL

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In the days when I was illustrating his books, I came to know Roald Dahl well, and so I have a sense of how much he must have enjoyed inventing the phrase “never grow up, always down”. Of course, first of all it’s a joke with words, but it means more than that – even if you get bigger and more important, you still have to keep lively and imaginative. That is what this book is about, and I am sure it’s just the sort of thing that Roald would have approved of. I hope he would have liked the drawings too.

Quentin Blake



Are you a child who’s “good as gold”?
Do you do everything you’re told?

For if you are then I’m afraid . . .

... A terrible mistake's been made!



I know you're only on page two
(And I'm sorry if you bought it new)

But this is **NOT** the book for you.
Please close it.

Right now!



Go on!

SHOO!!



But look!
YOUR sticky little paw
Turned directly to page four,
Which leads me to suspect you're *not*
A pure angelic type of tot.



No.

YOU'RE a more unusual child,
The kind who's mischievous and wild.

Who eats too many sweets,
and then . . .



Throws most of them back up again!



Brushes their teeth
with superglue . . .

Then has to pull out one or two!