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

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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!