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## James and the giant peach (Jan 1961)

Review: EBSCONovelist

**Author:** Dahl, Roald

**Illustrator:** Blake, Quentin - ill.



**Description:** A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts **and** embarks on a series of adventures with six **giant** insects he meets inside a **giant peach**.

**Genre:** Fantasy fiction; Page to screen; Classics

**Tone:** Whimsical

**Writing Style:** Attention-grabbing; Witty

**Illustration:**Fanciful

**Min/Max Grade level:**3 - 5

**Lexile:** 870 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG, BL: 4.8, AR Pts: 4

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### **Booklist:**

Books for Youth, For the Young: Gr. 3-5. Because of Disney's film release of the story, Knopf has reissued *James and the Giant Peach* with new pen-and-ink artwork by Lane Smith. The art is pure Smith, lots of geometric shapings and Stinky Cheese Man-style faces. Kids new to the story or fresh from the movie won't mind a bit, but the contemporary artwork may cause a sigh among older readers who are fans of Nancy Burkert's delicate and detailed illustrations. Libraries that buy these may want to hold onto their original copies as well. ((Reviewed May 1, 1996)) -- Ilene Cooper

### **Kirkus:**

This newly illustrated edition of an avowed children's favorite has all the makings of a classic match-up: Milne had Shepard, Carroll had Tenniel, and now Dahl has Smith. Yes, there is a movie tied in to all of this, but more importantly, author and illustrator were made for each other, and it's of little consequence that it took almost 35 years for them to meet. (Kirkus Reviews, March 15, 1996)

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