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Dear Roald Dahl,

You seem to be a wonderful author of children's books, and one of my favorites is *Danny the Champion of the World*. I really enjoyed this book, especially the sense of adventure, the daring plot and the creative use of vocabulary.

Throughout this book, I showed interest in one particular character-Dad (William Smith.) He is amazing! The first reason I like Dad is because he is SPARKY! Are you also sparky to your children? This word you created is the accurate definition for this man. Danny really enjoys having a sparky parent like his. Danny describes him as 'the most marvelous and exciting father any boy ever had.'

Dad is my favorite character is because he is loving and caring! According to Danny, his mother died when he was four months old and Dad was left to care for him all by himself. He tells us that "During my early years, I never had a moment of unhappiness or illness." He lovingly tells bedtime stories to Danny every night. He was so thrilled with Danny's marvelous idea that he called him 'The champion of the world'!

He was an extremely ambitious, enthusiastic and supportive person. Dad sent Danny to school two years late, wanting him to first learn more in mechanics. He wanted Danny to learn everything, including to drive a car and dismantle and assemble a vehicle, when he was young.

I like Dad because he is courageous! He never gives up, and he likes challenges. A good example of Dad's courage is shown, when he broke his ankle, and he didn't give up. Even when the keepers tried to haunt him, he kept going.

William is mentally strong. He never lets people rule him. He is firm, even with the frightening Mr. Victor Hazell. He spoke up for his son. "I don't like you speaking like that to my son." He doesn't keep quiet about the things he knows aren't right.

He is creative and full of ideas. He loves to think outside the box, like he did when he thought about capturing the pheasants from Hazell forest so that at Victor's party, there would be no more birds.

After reading this book, I realized nowadays parents don't have time to spend with their children like William did. I'm sure you enjoyed writing about Dad as much as I enjoyed reading about him!