Chapter Summary

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Chapter 1

We are introduced to some of the characters in the story, including the main character Charlie and the people he lives with. We also learn how poor Charlie's family is as their house only has two rooms and one bed. We learn that Charlie loves chocolate and they live within sight of Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

Chapter 2

In this chapter, Grandpa Joe tells Charlie stories about Willy Wonka and his chocolate factory.

Chapter 3

This chapter begins with Charlie being told a story about Willy Wonka and an Indian prince who wanted a palace built entirely out of chocolate. Grandpa Joe also tells Charlie that you never see any workers coming in or out of the factory.

Chapter 4

In this chapter, Grandpa Joe tells Charlie that Mr Wonka had told all the workers to leave his factory because spies were stealing some of his secret recipes. The factory was shut for months then reopened but no one knows who is working there now. We learn at the end of the chapter that the factory is going to be opened at last to a lucky few.

Chapter 5

This chapter begins with a newspaper article telling readers that five children who find a golden ticket in a Wonka chocolate bar will have a personal tour of the factory and enough chocolate and sweets to last a lifetime. Grandpa George points out that Charlie would never get one as they can only afford to buy him a chocolate bar once a year on his birthday.

Chapter 6

Chapter six tells us about the first two winners of the golden ticket, Augustus Gloop and Veruca Salt.

Chapter 7

It's Charlie's birthday so he gets a bar of Wonka chocolate. He doesn't find a golden ticket.

Chapter 8

This chapter tells us about two more golden tickets that have been found by Violet Beauregarde and Mike Teavee.

Chapter 9

Grandpa Joe decides to take a gamble and use some savings to buy Charlie another chocolate bar but there is no golden ticket inside.

Chapter 10

Mr Bucket, Charlie's dad, lost his job at the toothpaste factory and the family became really cold and hungry. One afternoon, as Charlie was walking home, he spotted fifty pence and decided to buy one bar of chocolate and give the rest of the money to his mother.

Chapter 11

The chapter begins with Charlie entering the sweet shop to buy a bar of chocolate. He ate one then couldn't resist buying another. This bar had a golden ticket inside.

Chapter 12

Charlie rushes home to tell his family the wonderful news. He reads the letter from Mr Wonka. Charlie's dad decides Grandpa Joe should go with him.

Chapter 13

Charlie and Grandpa Joe head to the chocolate factory. There were crowds of people there including the other four children with the golden tickets with their parents. They waited for Mr Wonka.

Chapter 14

Mr Wonka appears and the children introduce themselves. They enter the factory. They head underground to the Chocolate Room.

Chapter 15

They all enter the chocolate room. They spot the little people and Mr Wonka tells them they are called Oompa-Loompas.

Chapter 16

Mr Wonka begins by telling the children that the Oompa-Loompas are from Loompaland and how they had a horrible life until he asked them to work in his factory. Veruca Salt and Augustus Gloop show an unpleasant side to themselves.

Chapter 17

This chapter begins with Mr Wonka telling Augustus not to drink the chocolate. He comes to a sticky end.

Chapter 18

The next part of the adventure sees the children going for a ride down the chocolate river by boat. Veruca insists she wants a boat like this.

Chapter 19

This chapter begins with everyone getting off the boat and entering the Inventing room – the most important room in the factory. They are warned by Mr Wonka not to touch or taste anything. Here they experience everlasting gobstoppers and hair-toffee.

Chapter 20

The children are shown a gigantic machine in the inventing room that makes gum.

Chapter 21

Mr Wonka introduces the gum as a meal in itself. The gum has different flavours of different foods. Violet Beauregarde grabbed a piece of gum although Mr Wonka warned her that it wasn't ready to eat.

Chapter 22

They all followed Mr Wonka back along the pink corridors past rooms labelled with different inventions on them.

Chapter 23

They continue past rooms with 'square sweets that look round' and hear the Oompa Loompas laughing after drinking Butterscotch and Buttergin.

Chapter 24

They passed a room called The Nut Room where squirrels were used to take the nuts out of walnuts. They are warned by Mr Wonka not to go in but Veruca Salt entered the room. She comes to a sticky end.

Chapter 25

As they continued their tour, Mike Teavee says he is tired and wants to watch television. They went in a glass lift with lots of different buttons that could take them to different rooms. Mike Teavee spotted a television room and after an exciting ride in the glass elevator they came to the Television Chocolate Room.

Chapter 26

This chapter starts with Mr Wonka telling them about Television Chocolate.

Chapter 27

At the beginning of the chapter, Mike Teavee wants to know if you could send a person in the same way. Mr Wonka warned him not to but Mike Teavee ignored him and comes to a sticky end.

Chapter 28

Charlie is the only child left. Mr Wonka congratulates him. He takes them in his glass lift. Charlie wonders about the button that says 'up and out.' Mr Wonka presses it and they go right through the factory roof and up into the sky.

Chapter 29

At the beginning of the chapter they are still in the glass lift and they can see the other children going home from the factory. They are all ok but maybe have been taught a lesson.

Chapter 30

Willy Wonka tells Charlie that he can have the factory when he is old enough. He tells Charlie he wants to leave it to a child who is good and who he can tell all his sweet making secrets to. Charlie realises that was why Mr Wonka gave out the golden tickets. They take the lift to Charlie's family home, crash into it and collect the rest of the family to take them back to the factory.