



## **James and the Giant Peach** **Summary**

Travel to the fantasyland of Roald Dahl as the Children's Theatre transforms the stage into his magical world. James is an unappreciated orphan who must contend with living with his Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker in their cruel world. One day, a mysterious man appears with a bag of "magical green things" and tells James he can use them to better himself. With a warning to be careful as to whom or what the "green things" come in contact with, James excitedly bids the old man farewell. James, being a careless boy, runs and swerves through the tall grasses and just as he passes underneath the old peach tree in his aunts' yard, his foot slips and he falls flat on the ground. The paper bag bursts and thousands of tiny "green things" are scattered in all directions. Remembering what the old man had told him about the magical green things, James wonders what might happen to the tree and the insects that lie in the ground below.

Well, the peach tree produces the largest and juiciest peach in the WORLD! It is perfect for the giant insects that live beneath the tree to enjoy and even assume residency!

Do not fret! Roald Dahl doesn't end the story with poor James in his misery. Instead he takes James on an unforgettable adventure! James hops on board as this enormous peach breaks loose and rolls down the hill and splashes into the ocean. His journey to freedom has begun!

Unfortunately, James and the humongous insects encounter setbacks. With the peach being a perfect meal for sharks, the birds must lift it high in the sky using the silk spun by the silkworm to carry it to safety. But, it's not as easy as it sounds! Cloudmen now become their next obstacle. James and his crew continue their flight as the peach soars over New York City. They are proof that life can be better without selfish aunts taking advantage of you! It just goes to show that life can still be "peachy" even if you do end up living in the "pits!"