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Alexander McCall Smith has urged parents to encourage their youngsters to read gruesome stories instead of "highly sexualised" children's literature.

The Edinburgh-based author told online book dealer abebooks: "Kids love fantasy and Roald Dahl is perhaps the best example.

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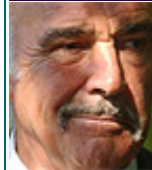
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