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Shardik was Adams's 1974 follow-up to his phenomenally popular debut, *Watership Down*. The title character is a gigantic bear who is the god of the primitive Ortelan people. The hunter Kelderek becomes Shardik's greatest disciple and, eventually, ruler when the bear finally does make its return. On the surface, the book works as a fantasy adventure; on a deeper level, it explores our relationship with the divine. No matter what you want to see in it, *Shardik* is a good read.

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Richard Adams was born in Berkshire, England, in 1920, and studied history at Bradfield and Worcester College, Oxford. He is the author of nineteen books, including the bestselling and award-winning *Watership Down*, his first book.

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