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MEGAN McDONALD



Bunny and Clyde

illustrated by Scott Nash

Two *New York Times* best-selling creators team up for a droll comedy for early readers about an endearingly inept pair of outlaws

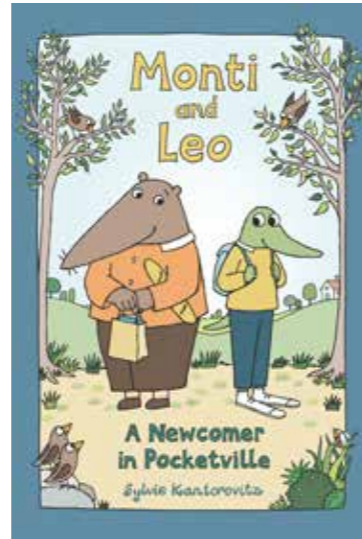
Get ready for a wild ride with Bunny and Clyde! These by-the-rules buddies, a rabbit and a chipmunk, are sick and tired of being good. For once, they want to know what it's like to be baddies – rotten to the core! They want thrills and excitement! But to get really good at being bad, they're going to need some experience. Author Megan McDonald brings her quick wit and ear for dialogue, matched by Scott Nash's deft black-and-white animal characterizations, to a hilarious caper of criminal intentions gone awry.

128 pages • March 2024

World rights available • Candlewick Press



SYLVIE KANTOROVITZ



A charming early reader in full-colour graphic form draws on the classic theme of friendship to show that being new – or different – doesn't have to mean being lonely

Monti and Leo: A Newcomer in Pocketville

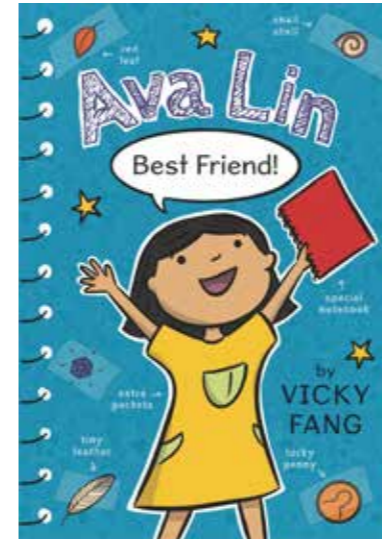
Pocketville is a small town, set in its ways, and the arrival of a stranger causes a stir. Monti the mole is stunned one morning to find Leo the crocodile hogging his special reading rock. When Monti visits the bakery and the library, he learns that the last cinnamon roll has been purchased, and the book he was waiting for has been checked out. When Monti confronts Leo, the newcomer turns out to be agreeable in the extreme, and friendship is a given. This reassuring tale of friendship against the odds draws on the author's experiences as an immigrant and will appeal to anyone who has struggled to fit in a new place.

80 pages • April 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books US

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN MARCH 2025



VICKY FANG



Brand-new first grader Ava Lin is determined to find a best friend – even if she's a bit unclear on how to go about it – in this launch of a funny, super relatable chapter-book series

Ava Lin, Best Friend!

Ava Lin is six and a half years old, and tomorrow is her first day of first grade! Which means she gets a new backpack, new pencils and a new lunch box. But what she really wants to get in first grade is a best friend, which isn't as easy as she thought. Ava's quest has her navigating some confusing social rules, with unintentionally comical results – but she always manages to wriggle out of her mishaps in ways young readers will find very familiar. With an engaging text, humorous graphic panels, and black-and-white illustrations, Vicky Fang draws on her family's experience to create a heroine kids will instantly love.

96 pages • June 2024 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2024



A. R. CAPETTA



From an award-winning author comes a new first-chapter-book series delivering plenty of puppies, magic, and charm, in full-colour

Hocus and Pocus and the Spell for Home

illustrated by Charlene Chua

Puppies Hocus and Pocus are *still* waiting to be adopted from the Shelter for Slightly Magical Pets. Even though Hocus can see two minutes into the future and Pocus can turn bad feelings into bubbles, nobody seems to want them. When Jinx the witch uses a "spell for home" potion to help a colour-changing tortoise find his match, the puppies know what to do: sneak both their hairs into the potion to ensure they get adopted together. But with these two, anything can happen – from a shrinking spell to giant bees! Can the puppies fix the magical mess and finally find a home?

96 pages • May 2024 • World rights available
Candlewick Press

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN MARCH 2024



MICHAEL ROSEN



The Incredible Adventures of Gaston le Dog

illustrated by Viviane Schwarz

A celebration of friendship with an ecological message from the beloved former Children's Laureate

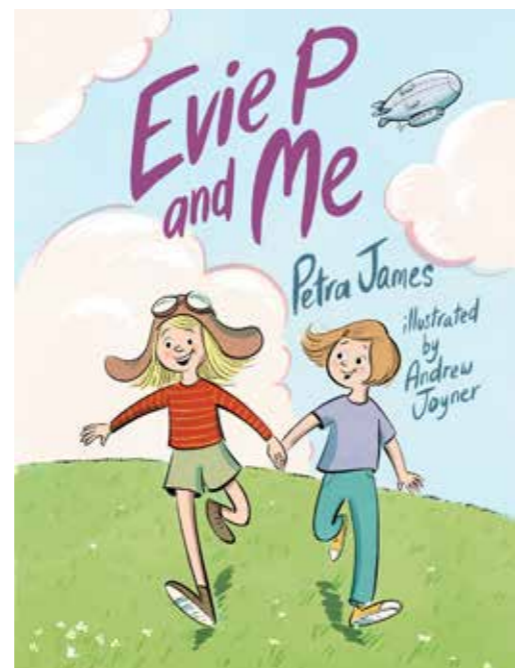
Gaston the dog longs to revisit the beautiful beach he remembers from years ago, so he leaves his barn and sets off on an adventure. With the help of an eclectic group of animal friends, he overcomes the mysterious obstacles on his journey – but back at the beach, all is not as he imagined it would be. This tour de force, loosely inspired by the Odyssey and sprinkled with elements of fairy tale and farce, is illustrated with humour and energy by a Kate Greenaway Medal nominee.

160 pages • November 2023 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

“Rosen’s impact on language, literature and literacy is remarkable.”

Raymond Antrobus, judge of the 2023 PEN Pinter Prize

PETRA JAMES



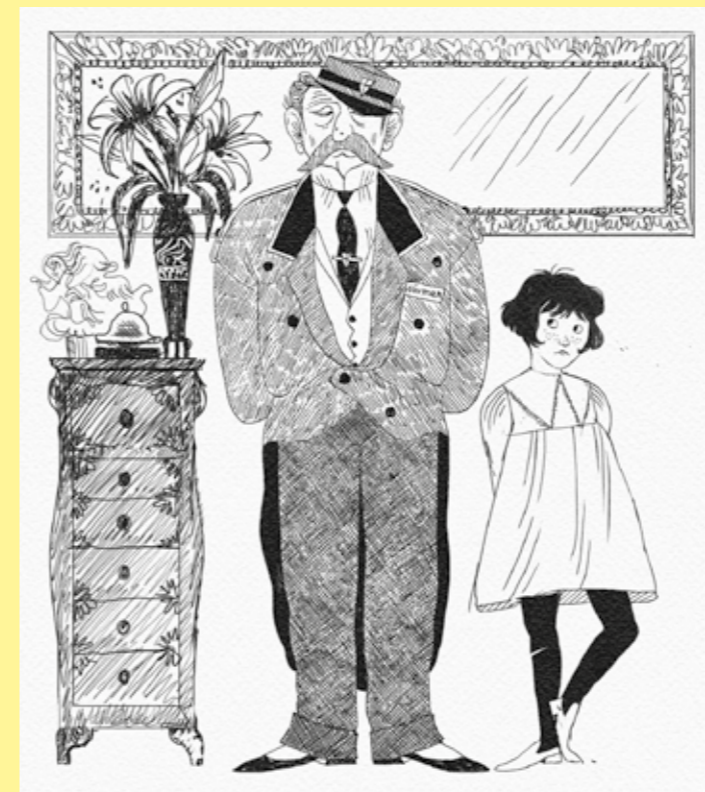
Evie P and Me

illustrated by Andrew Joyner

A story filled with imagination and adventure, with sparky, timeless illustrations

Evie P, the air-explorer, has arrived for her first day at school! Her unusual life spent in an air balloon has left her bereft of “ordinary” experiences like classrooms and friends, but she is full of quirk, adventure, and above all, inspiration. This story celebrates imagination, language, the joy of finding a brand-new friend, and the art of play.

144 pages • September 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books Australia



The Norendy Tales: The Hotel Balzaar

illustrated by Júlia Sardà

Marta lives a quiet life with her mother at the Hotel Balzaar, dreaming of her missing father's return. One day, a countess arrives and promises to tell Marta seven stories, and as they unfold, Marta begins to wonder – could the secret to her father's disappearance lie in the countess's tales?

October 2024 • Rights sold: Brazilian Portuguese, Dutch, Complex Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Simplified Chinese, US Spanish
Candlewick Press

BOOK 3 FOLLOWING IN SEPTEMBER 2025

“Kate DiCamillo’s books made my world a better place They changed my life.”

Ann Patchett, New York Times bestselling author

KATE DICAMILLO



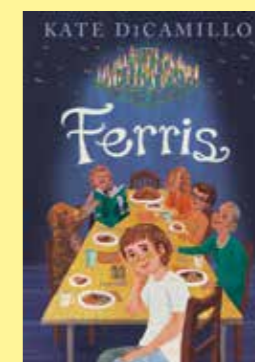
Orris and Timble: The Beginning

illustrated by Carmen Mok

From beloved storyteller Kate DiCamillo comes the first book in a warm and funny early-reader trilogy about a misanthropic rat and a naive owl – and the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

80 pages • April 2024 • Rights sold: Greek, Romanian • Candlewick Press

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN MARCH 2025



Ferris

The masterful Kate DiCamillo has outdone herself with a hilarious and achingly real love story about a girl, a ghost, a grandmother, and growing up

It's the summer before fifth grade, and for Ferris Wilkey, it is a summer of sheer pandemonium: her little sister, Pinky, has vowed to become an outlaw. Uncle Ted has left Aunt Shirley and, to Ferris's mother's chagrin, is holed up in the Wilkey basement to paint a history of the world. And Charisse, Ferris's grandmother, has started seeing a ghost at the threshold of her room, which seems like an alarming omen given that she is also feeling unwell. But the ghost is not there to usher Charisse to the Great Beyond. Rather, she has other plans – wild, impractical, illuminating plans. How can Ferris satisfy a spectre with Pinky terrorizing the town, Uncle Ted sending Ferris to spy on her aunt, and her father battling an invasion of raccoons? As Charisse likes to say, “Every good story is a love story,” and Kate DiCamillo has written one for the ages: emotionally resonant and healing, showing the two-time Newbery Medalist at her most playful, universal, and profound.

240 pages • March 2024 • Rights sold: Simplified Chinese • Candlewick Press



RICHARD AYOADE

The Fairy Tale Fan Club

illustrated by David Roberts

**Think you know fairy tales?
Think again...**

A collection of *Legendary Letters* from kid fans with awkward questions for fairy-tale “idols”, including a Red Riding Hood with a freakishly hairy grandmother; a less-than-genius naked Emperor; a wellness-empire Sleeping Beauty; a badly parented Hansel and Gretel; and a couple of handsome but henpecked Prince Charmings. Illustrated in spoof-gothic splendour by David Roberts, this hilarious book will have the Brothers Grimm in a spin!

128 pages • September 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

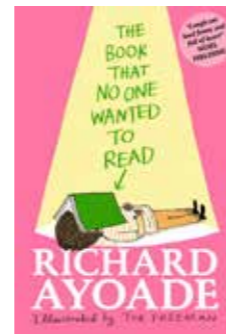


The Book That No One Wanted to Read

illustrated by Tor Freeman

What is it that makes YOU want to read a book? Richard Ayoade's children's debut gives you all the answers in a way that's silly, funny, and thoroughly beguiling.

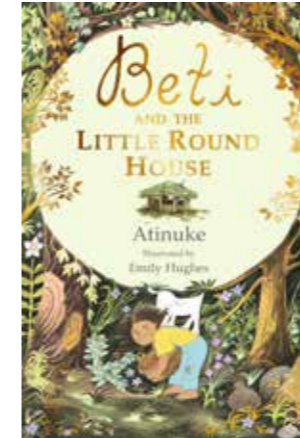
128 pages • October 2022 • Rights sold: Dutch, French, Simplified Chinese • Walker Books UK



Praise for *The Book That No One Wanted to Read*

“Packed with wit, warmth and wisdom – a hilarious but heartfelt guide to the power of the imagination in every child.” Piers Torday

ATINUKE



An exciting new direction for Atinuke, beloved author of the *Anna Hibiscus*, *Number 1 Car Spotter* and *Too Small Tola* series.



Beti and the Little Round House

illustrated by Emily Hughes

From an award-winning storyteller comes a gorgeous new book featuring charming illustrations from a highly acclaimed artist

Children will treasure this collection of stories about brave, big-hearted Beti, who lives in a cosy little round house in the green woods beside the mountains. Beti loves the little round house. She loves looking after the animals, especially her little goat, Naughty. She loves munching on the edible plants that grow in the woods and the garden. And, best of all, Beti loves the adventures she has each new season – especially when her three best friends join in.

128 pages • May 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

JUST PUBLISHED

OWEN SHEERS



Drew, Moo and Bunny, Too

illustrated by Helen Stephens

A beautifully imagined tale of a little boy on a big adventure with his best friends Bunny and Moo.

80 pages • September 2023

World rights available • Walker Books UK

JASBINDER BILAN



Anya's Quest

illustrated by Jane Ray

Inspired by Hindu mythology, *Anya's Quest* is an enchanting tale of a young girl's journey to protect the planet, from a Costa-winning author and a renowned illustrator

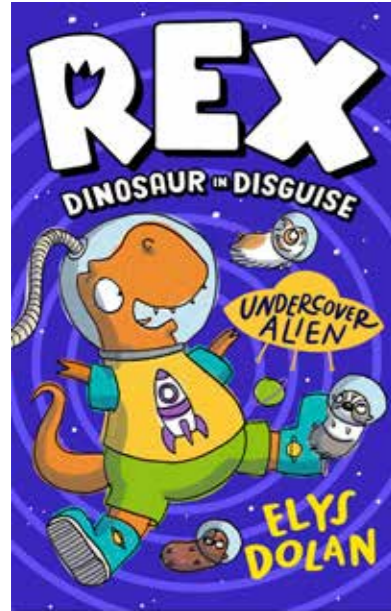
Anya and Mahi live in the icy Himalaya and they couldn't be more different. But the goddess Ganga has chosen them both to help her on an important mission. Flying on her dragon Makara, Ganga sweeps the girls on an epic journey to reconnect with their spirit animals and spread their song of healing across the earth. With lavish illustrations and captivating prose, this is a hopeful celebration of our planet.

128 pages • October 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

Praise for *Jasbinder Bilan*

“A hugely talented rising star of children's books.”
Fiona Noble, *The Bookseller*

ELYS DOLAN



Rex goes on an intergalactic guinea pig rescue mission in his second wacky adventure, highly illustrated in stylish two-colour



Rex Dinosaur in Disguise: Undercover Alien

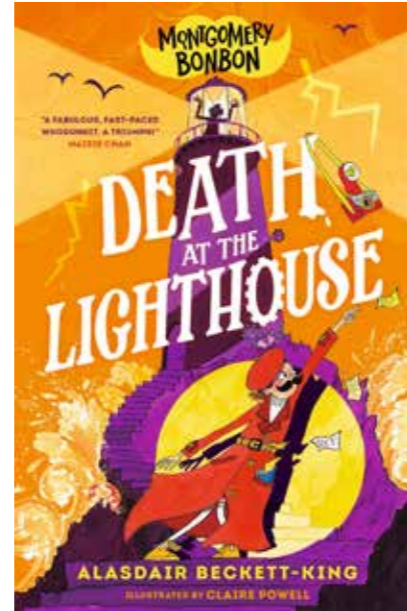
Life is going well for Rex until the school's guinea pigs suddenly vanish from the pet show. As a dinosaur-turned-PE teacher, Rex immediately gets the blame. Determined to prove he hasn't eaten any beloved pets, Rex – along with his friends Sandra, Anish and Bigfoot – sets out to solve the guinea pig mystery. First they have to face up to the shifty city mayor, Jimmy Prigg, and then Rex must go undercover on a daring intergalactic rescue mission.

192 pages • March 2024 • Rights sold: Korean, Simplified Chinese, Slovak
Walker Books UK

BOOK 3 FOLLOWING IN SPRING 2025



ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING



The second instalment in a brilliantly clever and funny murder mystery series



Montgomery Bonbon: Death at the Lighthouse illustrated by Claire Powell

Bonnie Montgomery is finally getting a holiday from cracking cases as her alter-ego, Montgomery Bonbon, when something terribly fishy happens the moment she and Grampa Banks arrive on Odde Island – and it's not just the smell of the harbour. There's been a mysterious death at the lighthouse, and what everyone assumed was an accident is setting Bonbon's moustache all a-quiver: something is Highly Suspicious. When a second death takes place, Bonnie is sure the two are connected. But can she solve this case alone, or will she need double the detectives to solve double the murder?

304 pages • October 2023 • Rights sold: French, Greek, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Turkish, Ukrainian • Walker Books UK

BOOK 3 FOLLOWING IN JULY 2024

“For any readers who LOVE whodunnits, Montgomery Bonbon is the book to read! The funniest detectives in children’s fiction – I loved it so much.” Maisie Chan



LUCY STRANGE & PAM SMY



Lockett and Wilde's Dreadfully Haunting Mysteries: The Ghost of the Folly

The first in a spirited series of cosy gothic mysteries set in the 1930s starring supernatural sleuths

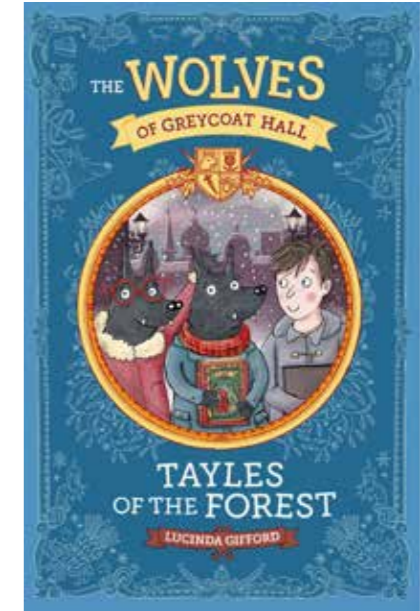
Matilda Lockett is used to playing the role of *Poor Dead Edna the Orphan* on stage with her spirit-medium aunt Evelyn and thespian uncle Barnabus – but when they all decamp to Beauchamp Manor to deal with a *most dreadful haunting*, she discovers she *really* can see ghosts! There she meets ghost boy Edgar Wilde, who shares her love of snooping, and together they set about unravelling the case of the *Ghost of the Folly*.

224 pages • October 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

Two internationally acclaimed creatives come together in an exciting new partnership.

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN APRIL 2025

LUCINDA GIFFORD



The Wolves of Greycoat Hall: Tayles of the Forest

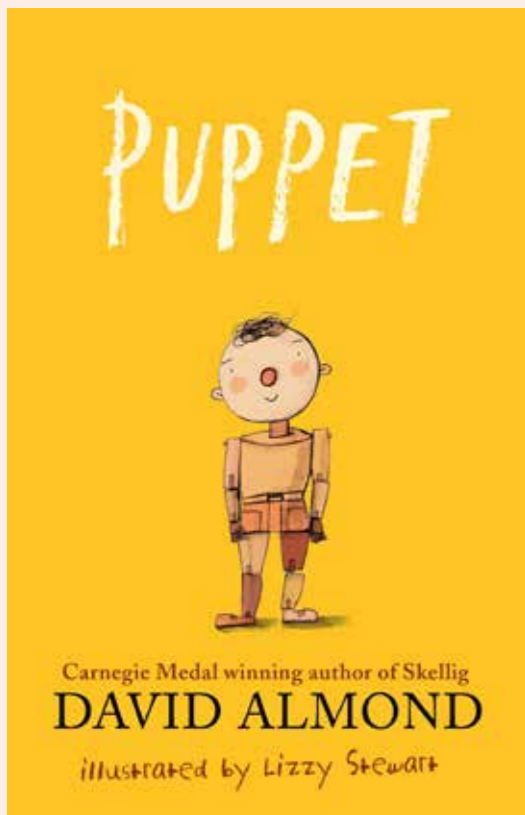
The third and final instalment in this hilarious series is a romp of a read with an ingenious mystery to solve

Boris is a thoughtful young wolf who likes art galleries, cheese and building snow forts with fancy battlements. When Boris finds a rare copy of *Tayles of the Forest* in an antique shop, strange things begin to happen. With his friends Pierre, Lotta and Freddie visiting for the holidays, however, he is soon on the case.

224 pages • May 2024 • Rights sold: Russian • Walker Books Australia



Praise for
The Wolves of Greycoat Hall
“An absolute winner, teeming with humour, whimsy and warmth.”
Sydney Morning Herald



DAVID ALMOND

Puppet

illustrated by Lizzy Stewart

From the Hans Christian Andersen Medal winning author comes a heart-warming story that shows anything is possible with imagination and trust

What should a puppet master do when he's old and alone, and all his puppets are gone? Sylvester makes one last puppet. But this one is different. When the old man speaks to him, Puppet speaks back. And then he walks... While Sylvester shows Puppet the town, the playground and the wonders the world holds, Puppet in turn helps Sylvester to make a new friend, and share his puppet-making skills with the next generation. A wonder-filled story of creation and the circle of life punctuated by poignant graphic novel sequences by an award-winning artist.

240 pages • April 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

A note from David . . .

“This is a story about the joy of creativity. I loved being with Sylvester in his attic as he created his strange and lovely little puppet. I felt that I was making a puppet myself, out of words and sentences and punctuation. And now here he is, between covers, stepping out into the world. I hope he’s happy there.”



“It is impossible not to be swept up in the power of his storytelling.”

Daily Telegraph

JOSEPH COELHO



Relic Hamilton, Genie Hunter I

The gripping first instalment in a new middle-grade trilogy written by the current UK Children’s Laureate

Relic lives with his grandfather above their old antiques shop in Chinatown. One day, Relic is polishing a mysterious brass lamp, when something extraordinary happens – he unleashes a genie! An EVIL genie that feeds on the hope that people feel when they make a wish. Relic soon finds himself at the centre of an underground community ... of archaeologists! Together, they hunt rogue genies before they can wreak havoc on the world...

256 pages • September 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

Genies grant wishes! That’s all anyone ever cares about. They forget that genies were imprisoned in those lamps for a reason...

BOOK 2 FOLLOWING IN MARCH 2025

RACHEL CHIVERS KHOO



The Magician Next Door

illustrated by Alice McKinley

Where will the magic take you? When Magician Winnifred's enchanted house gets stuck upside down in ten-year-old Callie's garden, the pair strike up an unlikely friendship – until Winnifred realizes it is Callie's intense homesickness that is causing her magic to malfunction. Now all of Winnifred's most precious magical possessions are unprotected. Can Callie and Winnifred restore the Wanderdust before malicious pixies and dangerous giants steal everything?

240 pages • March 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

Praise for *The Wishkeeper's Apprentice*

“I’m often asked to recommend books for young Harry Potter fans and this sweet, funny fantasy adventure with age-appropriate peril is perfect.”

Irish Independent

ZANNI LOUISE



Cora Seen and Heard

Being the new kid is hard enough, without your secret thoughts being put on display for all to see

Shy, library-lurking Cora Lane moves to a small town, where her parents have bought an old theatre to renovate. After discovering the secret letters of a famous local performer, Cora writes back, using her imaginary penpal to share all her secrets and worries. When her letters accidentally go public, Cora thinks her life is over – but no one would ever suspect the writer is the quiet new kid ... would they?

304 pages • May 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books Australia

A celebration of community, music and the power of friendship.

PÁDRAIG KENNY



Stitch

An atmospheric, beautifully written Frankenstein-inspired adventure by an award-winning Irish author

Stitch and his friend Henry Oaf were brought to life by the genius Professor Hardacre. But when the Professor's wicked nephew takes over the laboratory, they soon discover that his sights are set on Henry as his next experiment. Can Stitch and Henry escape his clutches and make their way in a world they were never built for – and which may only ever see them as monsters? Literary yet accessible, warm-hearted yet chillingly gothic, this beautiful short novel explores themes of life and death, friendship and acceptance – all through a page-turning adventure about what it means to be human.

208 pages • January 2024 • Rights sold: Turkish • Walker Books UK

From the bestselling author of Tin and The Monsters of Rookhaven and twice winner of the Children's Books Ireland Honour Award for Fiction.

THOMAS TAYLOR

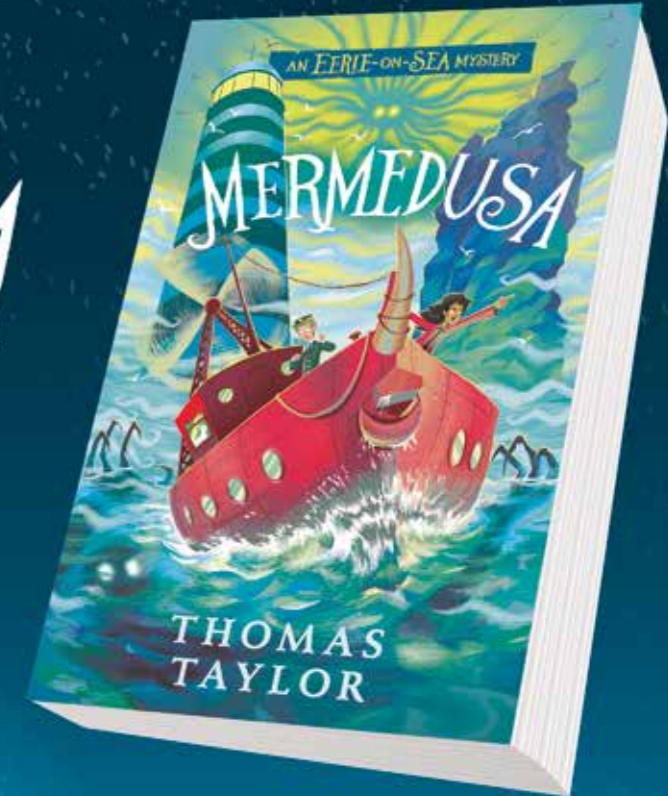
AN EERIE-ON-SEA MYSTERY

MERMEDUSA

Herbie and Violet's fifth gripping adventure brings this internationally bestselling series to a heart-stopping climax

It is midwinter once again, and the hosts of a paranormal podcast have descended on Eerie-on-Sea eager for a sighting of the legendary malamander. Meanwhile, Herbert Lemon is plagued by unsettling dreams, and the head-splitting "Eerie Hum" that is reverberating through the town. Something is dreadfully wrong, and it seems to be emanating from Eerie's very core. Herbie and Violet will need all their courage as they head deep below the town to seek answers. And perhaps here they will finally discover the Deepest Secret of Eerie-on-Sea.

336 pages • September 2023 • Rights sold: Czech, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian • Walker Books UK



Praise for *Malamander*

"Wonderfully imaginative and atmospheric, rich in myth and legend and with a delicious gothic edge."

The Bookseller



MAGICALIA

Feel the magic. Conjure the impossible.

JENNIFER BELL

Pokémon meets *Inside Out* in this spectacular new fantasy series inspired by astronomy and the science of energy, from the internationally bestselling author of the *Uncommoners* series and *Wonderscape*

When her dad is kidnapped, Bitsy and best friend Kosh are swept into a secret world of ancient meteorites and strange beasts called magicores, each conjured using a different emotion. Using a powerful bestiary called *Magicalia*, the friends must quickly become conjurers themselves, before following a trail of clues that will take them from London to India to Paris in a race to rescue Bitsy's dad from a mysterious villain...

352 pages • May 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

“One of the most exciting writers.”

Elle McNicoll

COMING SOON: THE NEXT ADVENTURES IN THIS SPELLBINDING FANTASY SERIES

BOOK 2 • SPRING 2025

BOOK 3 • AUTUMN 2025

BOOK 4 • SUMMER 2026



M. G. LEONARD



“The best adventure stories I have written so far.”
M.G. Leonard

Feather

The final unputdownable adventure in the bestselling birdwatching detective series

On a school trip to a natural history museum, Ava is caught at the centre of a heist when hundreds of invaluable bird of paradise skins from the Alfred Wallace Collection are stolen! The Twitchers decide to investigate in a mystery that leads them to a secretive girl with a pet Raven called Caliban, and a dangerous ring of thieves and smugglers...

320 pages • February 2024 • Rights sold: Dutch, German • Walker Books UK



KEKLA MAGOON



The Secret Library

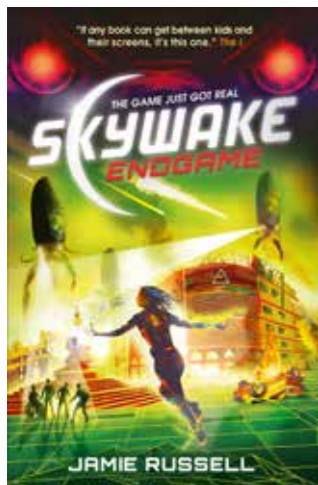
Travel through time with a National Book Award Finalist in this page-turning fantasy adventure

When eleven-year-old Dally's beloved grandfather dies, he leaves her a secret message and a map. Dally follows it (of course), and discovers The Secret Library, an ancient vault where the volumes to be checked out are not merely books, but portals to adventure. Equal parts mystery and adventure – with a biracial child puzzling out her identity alongside the legacy of the past – this masterful middle-grade fantasy rivets with crackling prose, playful plot twists, and timeless themes.

384 pages • May 2024 • Rights sold: German, Italian • Candlewick Press

Kindred meets When You Reach Me – a time travel fantasy exploring identity, family secrets, and a call to adventure that no young reader will be able to resist.

JAMIE RUSSELL



The gripping final instalment in an exciting and original sci-fi adventure trilogy for the gaming generation

SkyWake Endgame

Catapulted forward four years, Casey and her teammates have landed on a very different Earth from the one they left only a few days before. The Red Eye aliens have taken over, leaving carnage in their wake as they ruthlessly search for the key to intergalactic domination. Determined to free their families and stop the Red Eyes from discovering the final piece in the puzzle, the gamers team up with a rag-tag bunch of teenagers who call themselves the Resistance. Casey still has the powers conferred on her by the wise and ancient Squids. But will it be enough?

288 pages • August 2023 • World rights available • Walker Books UK



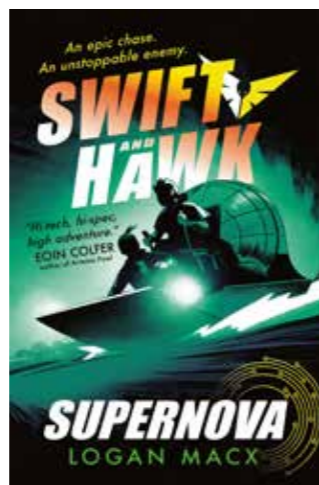
Praise for *SkyWake Invasion*
“If any book can get between kids and their screens, it’s this one.”

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ALEX RIDER GRAPHIC NOVELS



LOGAN MACX



Swift and Hawk are on the run in the third mission in the unputdownable high-octane spy series for fans of Alex Rider and Young Bond

Swift and Hawk: Supernova

An epic chase. An unstoppable enemy. On a breakneck mission to rescue their AI from evil organization Razor, Swift and Hawk uncover a lead that could help them take down Razor for good. But with only a location and the word “Supernova” to follow, Swift and Hawk must use every spy trick they have in a relentless race across America. Only someone else is chasing them – and they’ll stop at nothing until Swift is dead...

352 pages • May 2024 • Rights sold: French, German • Walker Books UK



“Hi-tech, hi-spec and high adventure. This is the next generation of super spies. I loved it!”

Eoin Colfer

RACHAEL DAVIS-FEATHERSTONE OXFORD SLAYS

The first in a series of slick and compelling dark academic thrillers from a brilliant new voice in YA fiction

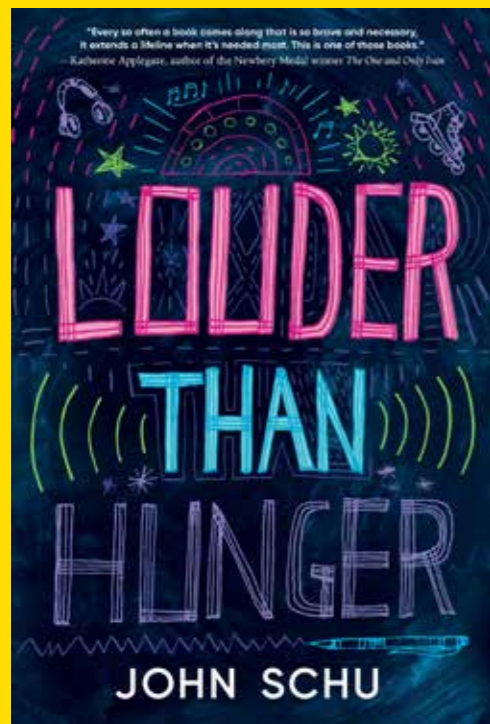
Eva has one dream: to study English at Oxford University. But when Eva and her best friend George are invited to Interview Week, they find themselves part of a kill-or-be-killed competition on the online student forum Oxford Slays. The next morning, Eva finds George dead on the steps of a statue in the college and she knows he’s been murdered – but all eyes are now on her. Can she clear her name, catch the true killer and win her place at Beecham College? Eva has one week to prove her innocence, and Oxford Slays will be watching.

RACHAEL DAVIS-FEATHERSTONE studied Mathematics at Oxford University and then went to work in the cut-throat world of Finance. A few years later, Rachael decided life was too short not to do what you love. She left her job, became a full-time writer, and has never looked back. Rachael writes for adults and children and her debut picture book, *I Am Not a Prince!*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children’s Book Prize 2023.

352 pages • February 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

**BOOK 2
FOLLOWING IN
FEBRUARY
2026**

Ace of Spades meets Babel meets Gossip Girl in this riveting murder mystery thriller exploring themes of privilege, prejudice and identity.



JOHN SCHU

Louder Than Hunger

Revered teacher, librarian, and story ambassador John Schu explores anorexia – and self-expression as an act of survival – in a wrenching and transformative novel-in-verse

Jake volunteers at a nursing home because he likes helping people. He likes skating and singing, playing Bingo and Name That Tune, and reading mysteries and comics aloud to his teachers. He also likes avoiding people his own age, avoiding the cruelty of mirrors, and avoiding food. Jake would do anything to shrink himself down to nothing. But the less he eats, the bigger he feels. How long can Jake punish himself before he truly disappears?

A fictionalized account of the author's experiences and emotions living in residential treatment facilities as a young teen with an eating disorder, *Louder than Hunger* is a triumph of raw honesty. With a deeply personal afterword for context, this much-anticipated verse novel is a powerful model for muffling the destructive voices inside, managing and articulating pain, and embracing self-acceptance, support and love.

528 pages • March 2024 • Rights sold: German • Candlewick Press

“A beautiful, powerful, and emotionally impactful book.”

Jeff Kinney

“John Schu has given us a courageous tale confirming that the voices inside of us – the ones trying to silence our lives – are real, but conquerable. This is a story of triumph.”

Jason Reynolds

“Heartbreakingly honest and unforgettable.”

Kelly Yang

“There are readers whose hearts and minds will be opened by this story. For some, it will save their lives.”

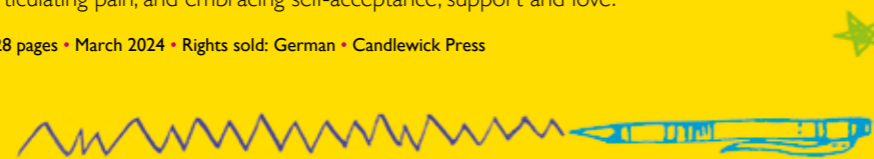
Pam Muñoz Ryan

“Captivating, poignant, graceful, and so important.”

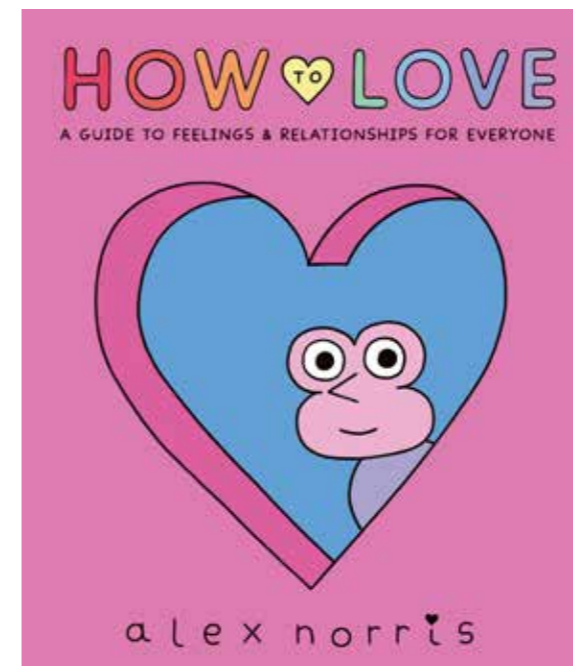
Dav Pilkey

“A powerful and important book, giving readers entry into the world of a sensitive teen, struggling physically and emotionally with crippling anxiety and anorexia.”

Sharon Creech



ALEX NORRIS



How to Love: A Guide to Feelings & Relationships for Everyone

A witty full-colour-illustrated guide to relationships for teens from a beloved webcomic artist with over one million followers online

Isn't it wonderful when love strikes? When you encounter someone beautiful and interesting and suddenly: feelings. But what do you do when that first crush squashes you flat, when sparks fly but fizzle out, when you and your other half just don't click together? Enter *How to Love*! Your funny, wise and very different guide to relationships of all shapes and sizes, covering topics from singlehood to jealousy to happily ever after – all delivered in Alex Norris's clever, accessible and bright graphic style.

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Tackles all the big questions about love and relationships in a highly accessible style and inclusive of all genders and sexualities.

FREJA NICOLE WOOLF



Blame My Virgo Moon

Cat Phillips, astrology aficionado and chaotic teen lesbian, struggles to balance romance, friendship and a star turn onstage in this hilarious second book

Life should be Gucci gooseberry gorgeous for loved-up Cat. And it is ... until her girlfriend, Morgan Delaney, takes on Cat's friend Siobhan Collingdale for the hotly contested spot of Head Girl. With her loyalties put to the test, Cat throws herself into the gender-indifferent school production of *Romeo and Juliet*. But as life imitates art, Cat's left wondering if she (or the school) can survive Collingdale versus Delaney.

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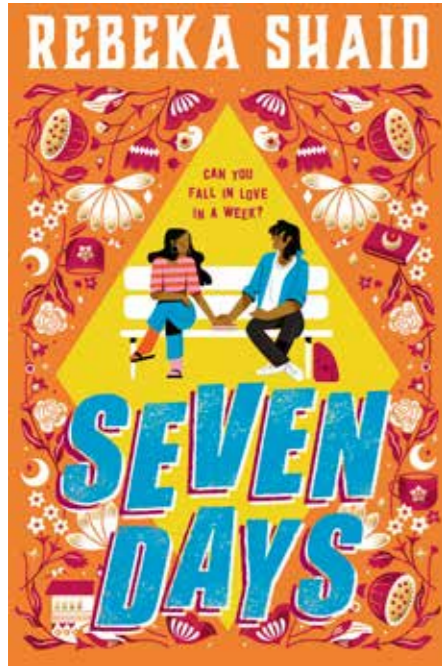
Praise for *Never Trust a Gemini*

“Absolutely packed with hilarity, brilliance, and the dizzying romance of first love.”

Beth Reekles



REBEKA SHAID

**Seven Days**

A beautiful contemporary novel about family, heritage and love after loss, from a stunning new voice in YA fiction

Noori has it all sussed out. She may only be sixteen and a Bollywood fanatic with an incredible lack of foresight, but she knows a thing or two about life and its messy heartaches. When she runs into Aamir, a scruffy desi dude with tea-stained eyes, her confused soul turns upside-down. There is something about him she can't work out. Aamir is trying to escape a misunderstood and painful past. When his world collides with Noori's, life gets even more complicated. Invisible threads connect them. Will they both realize what's at stake, before they run out of time?

304 pages • January 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

ANGOURIE RICE & KATE RICE

**Stuck Up & Stupid**

A modern trans-Pacific twist on *Pride and Prejudice* from a mother-daughter duo

When a party of young Hollywood movie stars and influencers arrive in Australia for the summer, the locals, especially Lily's mum Lydia, are thrilled. Lily finds the visitors superficial and arrogant, especially Dorian, the most famous of them all. This opinion is confirmed by the tales of Dorian's handsome ex-schoolmate Alex. On a holiday to Los Angeles, Lily is shocked when Dorian seeks her out. Could they actually become friends? And what's more, has she been what she hopes never to be ... stupid?

384 pages • November 2023 • World rights available • Walker Books Australia

Angourie Rice is best known for her film and TV credits, including *Mare of Easttown*, *Spider-Man: No Way Home*, *Black Mirror*, *The Last Thing He Told Me* and the upcoming *Mean Girls: The Musical*.

LAUREN JAMES

**Last Seen Online**

A contemporary murder mystery set in sun-drenched LA, inspired by a hugely popular online serialisation by the author

When Delilah meets Sawyer Saffitz (son of *the Anya Saffitz*, aka Hollywood royalty), she becomes hooked on a decade-old scandal. In her quest for the truth, Delilah uncovers blogposts written by the mysterious "gottiewrites" and is soon caught up in a world of greed, fandom conspiracy theories ... and murder. And the deeper Delilah digs, the more dangerous it becomes – because someone is willing to kill to hide the truth.

352 pages • August 2024 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

Praise for Lauren's online serialisation *An Unauthorised Fan Treatise*
"Innovative digital storytelling at its very best. Brava, Lauren! It's a masterpiece."

Sara Barnard

MAGGIE TOKUDA-HALL

**The Siren, the Song and the Spy**

A diverse resistance force fights to topple an empire in this story about freedom, identity and decolonization

In this stirring companion volume to Maggie Tokuda-Hall's bestselling YA debut *The Mermaid, the Witch and the Sea*, resistance to the Emperor's long shadow continues from the shores of Wairuta even into the heart of Nipran. The young allies are readying themselves, cloaked in secrets and hoping to find their chance for a definitive strike. But the Sea continues to lose more and more of her mermaid children to the bloodthirsty conquerors, and perhaps only one, the Siren, can finally help unlock the ancient song of freedom for all who are oppressed.

320 pages • September 2023 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

"I've been in love with Maggie Tokuda-Hall's writing for a long time, and I'm thrilled that you get to fall in love with it, too."

Sara Farizan