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THE WALKER BOOKS GROUP

EARLY READERS

A child's very first chapter book – and one they will always remember.

KATIE CHAPPELL AND
HELEN STEPHENS

Salty Dog and Pals

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Join Salty Dog and his pals on their adventures by the sea in a cosy new chapter book series co-authored by two (human) best pals

Salty is a Sea Dog who lives in a little upside-down boat hut with his best friends – Kitty, a fun-loving (and slightly naughty) cat and Bernard, a grumpy Francophile duck who loves to be cosy. Between howling storms, wild bubble baths, daring kite flying and one too-big jumper, life on the island is certainly never dull!

64 pages • April 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books

BOOK 2 TO FOLLOW



KATIE CLAPHAM

INDIE in Disguise

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illustrated by Emma Farrarons

Meet Indie, a girl loves to dress up! More than that, though, she loves imaginary play. A sparky new series from two emerging talents

Indie is a little girl with a big personality – and quite the flair for the dramatics! In these stories, Indie takes on four very important jobs: a librarian, a cleaner, a dentist, and even a stylist ... star-shaped sunglasses at the ready! Funny and perfectly true to the way children roleplay, this is an inviting collection of four stories for newly independent readers.

64 pages • June 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books

BOOK 2 FEBRUARY 2027



PATRICIA TOHT

Vicky and June

Vicky and June: Friends at Play

illustrated by Hoang Giang

Meet Vicky and June – the very best of friends – in this warm-hearted new chapter book series from a beloved picture book writer

Vicky likes games that are loud and fast, like Follow the Leader (and she's *always* the leader). June prefers to read, or play *quiet* games like Hide and Seek. But Vicky thinks June is a little too good at hiding! Even though they may sometimes differ, Vicky and June are always best friends – and best friends are something very special. Vicky and June explore, play and laugh together across four charming chapters in the first book in this exciting new series for emerging readers. Perfect to read aloud, these beautifully illustrated stories are full of warmth, humour and sweet, treasured moments.

64 pages • September 2025 • Rights sold: Italian • Walker Books

BOOK 2 MARCH 2026



KATE DiCAMILLO

ORRIS AND TIMBLE

Orris and Timble: Star Stories

illustrated by Carmen Mok

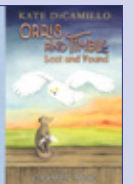
In a soaring conclusion to a moving trilogy, national treasure Kate DiCamillo shows how friendship, trust, and stories – lived and shared – transform us

Orris the rat and Timble the owl are friends. One night, the owl asks the rat, "Why don't you ever leave the barn?" Timble invites Orris to ride on his back and see the world. But Orris thinks he already has everything he needs: his books, the moon and the stars above, and Timble's nightly visits. Will he find the courage to trust his friend and journey out into the world?

80 pages • April 2026 • Rights sold: Greek, Romanian, Simplified Chinese, Spanish (US)
Candlewick Press

"Twice a Newbery medalist, DiCamillo knows how to tap into readers' hearts, no matter their age."

Booklist



BUCK & EARS

PIRATE DETECTIVES



JENNIFER BELL

**Buck & Ears Pirate Detectives:
The Case of the Missing Mer-Chef**

illustrated by Sarah Horne

Buck and his faithful rabbit, Ears, set out to be pirate detectives in this wacky adventure from the bestselling author of the Uncommonsers series, highly illustrated in black and white

Buck and his loyal rabbit, Ears, are officially the worst pirates on the Seventy Seas! After a chance encounter with the terrifying Captain Bloodfang, they must follow the clues to find a missing chef or else be turned into pirate stew! Can they and their misfit crew prove themselves to be cunning pirate detectives? And can readers solve the mystery before Buck and Ears?

226 pages • May 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books



BOOK 2
NOVEMBER 2026

BOOK 3
AUGUST 2027

CLAIRE POWELL



Marty Moose: The Great Stamp-ede

The second adventure in a brilliantly funny and charming two-colour series from a bestselling illustrator

It's the day of the annual Fastest Feathers race in Little Ditch, but Marty Moose can't stop to join in the fun – he's got a very important parcel to deliver: The prize is a beautiful shining golden egg, and it's got to reach the finish line before the contestants do!

But that's not the only twist in the tail: Marty and Nibbles have to contend with ferret bandits who want the prize for themselves, and a pair of cheating ducks in a terrible case of *fowl play*.

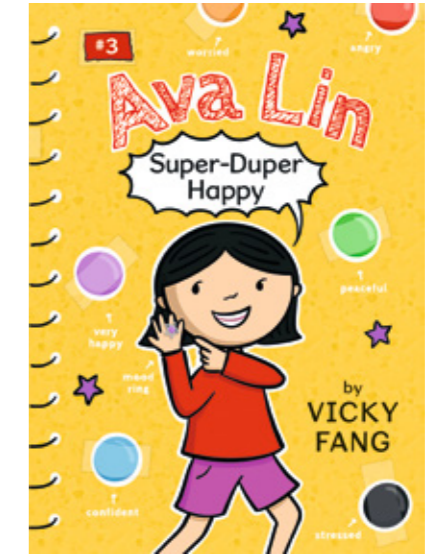
144 pages • September 2025 • Rights sold: Dutch, Hungarian, Italian, Simplified Chinese, Spanish • Walker Books

“Charm, friendship, wit, and a LOT of mayhem; Marty Moose has it all – a first class stamp of approval from me!”

Laura Ellen Anderson

BOOK 3 FEBRUARY 2026 • BOOK 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

VICKY FANG



Ava Lin, Super-Duper Happy

Six-year-old Ava's week has SUPER potential – with just a few snags along the way – in the third adventure in this oh-so-relatable warm, funny chapter book series, highly illustrated in black and white

Ava Lin thinks this is going to be the BEST WEEK EVER. First, her popo – Chinese for grandmother – is coming to visit, and second, this Sunday is the school walkathon. If Ava and her best friend, Kushi, manage to walk twenty-five laps, they will each earn a gold medal! But things don't go exactly to plan – like when Popo mistakes Ava's treasures for trash, or when Ava discovers that fundraising for a walkathon is not quite as easy as she had hoped.

96 pages • June 2025 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

BOOK 4 TO FOLLOW

LOUIE STOWELL



Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Causing Chaos

Loki's fifth doodle-packed diary in the number one bestselling, award-winning comedy series

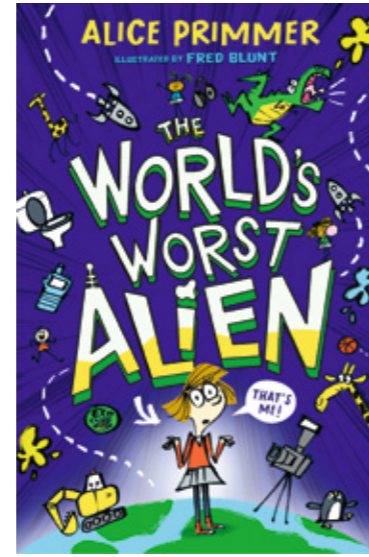
Vinir the elf is staying in Midgard disguised as a school boy. To preserve the peace and prevent him from trying to murder Loki (again), Odin sends the goddess Freyja to pose as Vinir's guardian. Soon Thor starts receiving mysterious fan mail, Valerie and Georgina start bickering and, worst of all, Hyrrokkin seems to have taken against Loki! It's up to Loki and a suspiciously besotted Vinir to figure out what mischief is afoot...

272 pages • September 2025 • Rights sold: Albanian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, Georgian, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Serbian, Simplified Chinese, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian • Walker Books

Over half a million English language copies sold worldwide.

BOOK 6 SEPTEMBER 2026 • BOOK 7 SEPTEMBER 2027

ALICE PRIMMER



The World's Worst Alien

illustrated by Fred Blunt

Hilarious observational humour and witty social commentary combine in this comic alien adventure packed with illustrations, from a brand-new writing talent and beloved artist

When alien "Sky" creates planet Earth as part of a school project, she's delighted by her success. Those dinosaurs roaming about the place are top-mark material! Then humans sweep in and it's farewell dinosaurs, hello destruction. This disappointing evolutionary twist calls for drastic measures: Sky, the laziest student in class, will have to go down to Earth herself to fix humanity...

224 pages • June 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

Dry humour meets social conscience in this laugh-out-loud school comedy perfect for fans of the Loki series.

BOOK 2 FEBRUARY 2026



A strange magical substance has seeped into a pet food warehouse, and now dogs, cats, bunnies and fish all have freaky superpowers – whether they want them or not! The newly-formed Mighty Mega Pets are determined to get to the bottom of the pet food mystery in order to . . . no pressure . . . save the world!



224 pages • February 2026 • Rights sold: Bulgarian, German • Walker Books



A BRAND-NEW ACTION-PACKED GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES BY THE KING OF COMICS
GARY NORTHFIELD

MEGAN McDONALD

FAIRY DOOR DIARIES

Eliza and the Hobgoblins

Fairy Door Diaries: Eliza and the Hobgoblins

illustrated by Lenny Wen

The second in a sparkling series of chapter books about a girl who is transported to different magical realms by way of an enchanted door

The low door in her bedroom looks like an ordinary entrance to a crawl space under the stairs, but to Eliza, it's the door to a secret hideout all her own. And in that hideout is another door, a teeny-tiny one that can transport a believer like Eliza to a world of tangerine sun and lemon-pudding sky – a land where the fragrant flower fairies are fading and need Eliza's help!

96 pages • February 2026 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

Pure magic: that's what you get when you pair easy-to-read text by Megan McDonald with jewel-toned illustrations by Lenny Wen.

BOOK 3 SEPTEMBER 2026 • BOOK 4 SEPTEMBER 2027



RACHEL CHIVERS KHOO

FINDERS OF SILVERTHORN FOREST

THE FARAWAY ADVENTURE

Finders of Silverthorn Forest: The Faraway Adventure

illustrated by Laura Catalán

The second book in this enchanting series, perfect for fans of secret worlds and magical creatures



When Tuft, a young Finder of Silverthorn Forest, wakes early from hibernation, he decides to set out on an adventure to find the legendary Faraway Forest. He joins his friend Max on a trip to the New Forest, where he believes they'll uncover the homeland of the Finders. But with a severe storm approaching, things soon turns perilous, and Tuft and Max must act quickly if they are to save the new Finders they have befriended.

224 pages • February 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books

Beautifully illustrated in black and white, this enchanting story will appeal to fans of The Borrowers and The Magic Faraway Tree.

CHRISSIE SAINS



Beastopia

illustrated by Jenny Taylor

Step into a world of magical creatures! Three children must pass three challenges to become Apprentice Guardians of Beastopia in the first adventure in an exciting new series

Everybody knows one thing about Digby Griffin: wherever you might find him, you'll also find his pet mouse, Cheddar. Unfortunately, The Curse of the Tenth Birthday is about to strike. Family pets ALWAYS disappear when their owners turn ten. Will Digby lose Cheddar? And where do all these lost animals go? Join Digby, Mog and Tao to discover the magic of Beastopia...

192 pages • October 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

Brand-new wildly imaginative magical adventure series from the author of An Alien in the Jam Factory, illustrated in black and white.

BOOK 2 OCTOBER 2026

JUDY MOODY



Celebrating 25 years of JUDY MOODY, STINK, and the fun of reading!

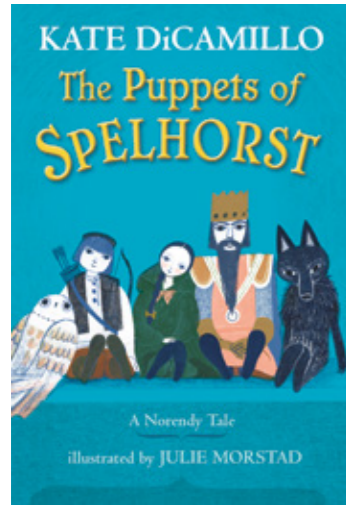


Megan McDonald's bestselling series, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds, has been dazzling readers – 43 MILLION books in print and counting! – since its debut in 2000.

Rights sold: Arabic, Georgian, Greek, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian

KATE DiCAMILLO

The New York Times Bestselling Norendy Tales



Return to the magical land of Norendy in *Lost Evangeline*, the third original fairy tale by renowned storyteller **Kate DiCamillo**.

The Norendy Tales

illustrated by Julie Morstad, Júlia Sardà and Sophie Blackall

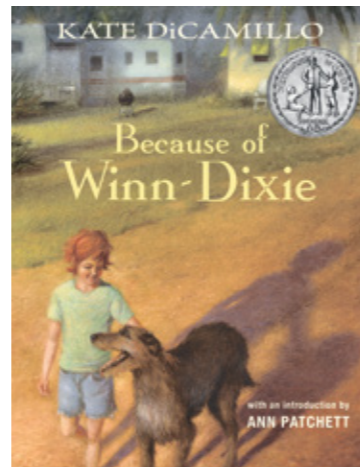
160 pages • Rights sold: Catalan, Complex Chinese, Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Romanian, Simplified Chinese, Spanish (EU, Latin America, US), Turkish • Candlewick Press

“DiCamillo has carved out a distinct place as one of her generation’s most beloved writers.”

Chicago Tribune

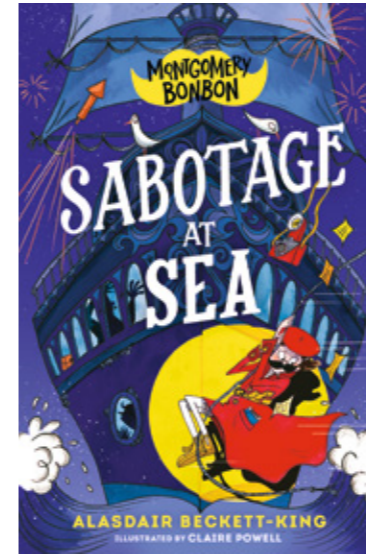
Celebrating 25 years of Because-of Winn Dixie

Kate DiCamillo’s debut novel continues to touch the hearts of readers of all ages, boasting 14 million copies in print worldwide.



SEPTEMBER 2025 PUBLICATION

ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING



Montgomery Bonbon: Sabotage at Sea

illustrated by Claire Powell

The world’s greatest detective is back in the fourth instalment in a brilliantly clever, funny and highly illustrated murder mystery series

Trouble is once again afoot in Widdlington, and this time it’s on board a galleon ship moored in the town harbour. Bonnie Montgomery and Grampa Banks are on board as guests, but when a fog rolls in and a terrible cry is heard over the crash of the waves, it turns out the captain has met a watery end. Bonnie’s fishy-o-meter is off the charts and she quickly transforms into Montgomery Bonbon, before laying anchor on her prime suspects...

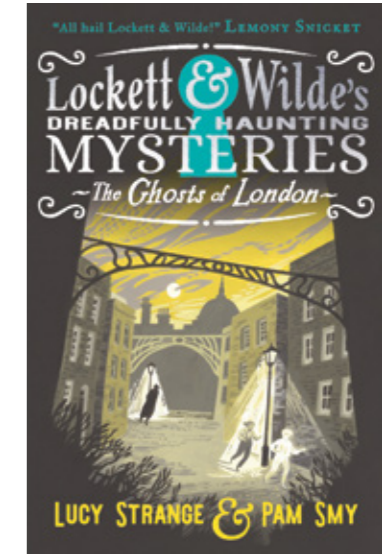
288 pages • June 2025 • Rights sold: Bulgarian, Catalan, French, Greek, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (EU), Sinhala, Spanish (World), Turkish, Ukrainian
Walker Books

“Brilliant, hilarious shenanigans, and lots of them ... their most bonkers adventure yet.”

Thomas Taylor

BOOK 5 JUNE 2026

LUCY STRANGE



Lockett & Wilde: The Ghosts of London

illustrated by Pam Smy

The second gloriously gothic mystery starring two supernatural sleuths, stylishly illustrated in two-colour

Matilda and Edgar are in London’s haunted theatre-land, rehearsing the all-new Signora Valentina show. Spooks are everywhere in this city, and it isn’t long before Lockett & Wilde are called upon to investigate strange happenings at a local curiosity shop. Soon they are drawn into the unsolved case of the infamous gold thief, Bullion Bill, and Matilda finds herself investigating the story of her own parents’ death. The ghosts of London know the truth, and Lockett & Wilde won’t rest until they find it out!

208 pages • September 2025 • Rights sold: Danish, Dutch, Spanish • Walker Books

“All hail Lockett & Wilde!”

Lemony Snicket

“A brilliant new series of spooky mysteries.”

Ben Miller

BOOK 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

JAMIE RUSSELL

**Mech Brigade**

An exciting science fiction adventure about a boy and his rebellious giant battle mech fighting alien spiders on a distant planet, from the author of the hugely popular SkyWake trilogy

On his thirteenth birthday, Miles joins the war against alien Spinners. As a child soldier piloting a mech robot, he's humanity's last hope. But Miles is no ordinary recruit – he's the son of Professor Riley, the missing genius behind the mechs. Now, Miles must master a rogue mech called Ironclad, find his father and save the world. Some birthday.

320 pages • June 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

“A brilliantly imagined universe of space battles, aliens and mech so perfectly drawn that I felt like I was there. An absolute winner!”

Jennifer Killick

ALLAN WOLF

**Junius Leak and the Spiraling Vortex of Doom**

Part mystery, part fantasy-adventure, part riveting real-life disaster, this deft tale-within-a-tale blends the history of the 1980 Lake Peigneur drilling accident with a fateful quest for pirate treasure

When thirteen-year-old Junius arrives at Lake Peigneur, the truth assails him: he may love waterbodies, but that doesn't mean they love him back. He's doomed to ten days of awkwardness and boredom on a houseboat with a relative he doesn't know while his parents “work on” their marriage. When disaster strikes, Junius must dive deep within to emerge an unlikely hero. Alternating viewpoints spin the perceptions of a Highly Sensitive Person into an inventive tale of sunken treasure anchored by a dramatic true event.

528 pages • July 2025 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

Ingeniously ties a real-life natural disaster with a highly fantastical mystery of buried treasure and pirates.

FEAR FILES

HIDE and SEEK

CHRISTOPHER EDGE

Fear Files Book 1: Hide and Seek

The first title in a thrilling new middle-grade horror series: *Goosebumps* for a new generation

Nobody knows who started the Darkive. It's a database filled with first-hand accounts of strange, unexplained experiences. Ghosts; paranormal entities; weird anomalies. Each one is stored with a bank of evidence to prove the story. Are you ready to dive in?

An immersive reading experience from the bestselling, award-winning Christopher Edge, with mixed media accompanying each story in the series. *Goosebumps* meets *The X-Files* meets *Black Mirror*.

192 pages • October 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

Praise for Christopher Edge

“A writer of genuine originality.”

The Guardian

BOOK 2 OCTOBER 2026 • BOOK 3 OCTOBER 2027



A HILARIOUS NEW FANTASY ADVENTURE SERIES
FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE
HOUSE AT THE EDGE OF MAGIC*

THE UNCHOSSEN ONE

When the Wisest of the Wise Witches proclaims that Tassie is the Chosen One, she's far from thrilled. Tassie has always dreamt of a life of adventure, not being kept under lock and key in order to fulfil a prophecy. Deciding she can't possibly take on the role, Tassie resolves to find an alternative Chosen One. Along with her best friend, a griffin called Spin, she embarks on an epic quest through magical lands in a race against time.

240 pages • May 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books

Accessible prose with lots of dialogue and humour, as well as subversion of common fantasy tropes, makes this new series hugely appealing to readers.

BOOK 2 SPRING 2027 • BOOK 3 SPRING 2028

AMY SPARKES

Praise for the House
at the Edge of Magic series

**“It’s Terry Pratchett
meets Diana
Wynne Jones.”**

LOUIE STOWELL



DEE BARRAGRY



The Moon Seeker

A magical fantasy caper from a sparkling new voice in middle-grade fiction

Meet Lampwick the Lighthouse Keeper: astronomer and guardian of the lamp at the top of the world. When the moon disappears, he and his sheepdog Humphrey are pulled onto a quest to find it. Their night evolves into a smorgasbord of strangeness as they meet a herd of mystical sea horses, embark on a stomach-churning flight with Witchway Airlines and encounter some seriously revolting slime. It will take wits, magic and the help of unexpected friends to find the Moon and return it to the sky. And all in time for breakfast.

240 pages • July 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

Dee is the winner of the inaugural Staróg Prize for Irish writers of children’s fiction, judged by Walker Books, PaperCuts Literary Consultancy Ltd and the Sunday Independent.

ALEX HORNE



The Last Pebble

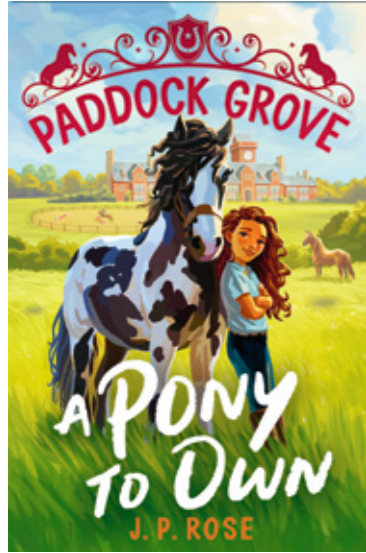
A beautifully told story of a young boy’s connection with his grandpa – and a mystery that may come between them

Trader and his grandpa have combed the beach of Bognor Regis for as long as he can remember, and every time they find a beautiful or special stone, it’s added to the treasure collection. But when Trader finds a particularly special pebble, he stumbles on a secret that was supposed to be kept forever... Can Trader and his new friend Charlotte unravel the mystery of this treasure, and return it to its rightful home?

240 pages • July 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

A warm, atmospheric story of friendship, family and the joy of special interests.

J. P. ROSE



Paddock Grove: A Pony to Own

A brand-new pony series about the trials and triumphs of students at an equestrian boarding school

Georgia has a scholarship to attend Paddock Grove, an exclusive equestrian boarding school. The only issue is that she doesn't have a horse of her own – until her parents surprise her with a pony. But chunky, scruffy Bear is a world away from the well-bred warmbloods of her classmates, and it seems he's more of a problem than a solution. How can Georgia hope to fit in when everything about Bear stands out?

224 pages • July 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

Modern-day Mallory Towers meets the Saddle Club, focusing on a different lead character with each story for maximum pony appeal!

BOOK 2 NOVEMBER 2025 • BOOK 3 JANUARY 2026 • BOOK 4 APRIL 2026

KARA THOM



Sweet, Tart

After witnessing the tragic death of a racehorse, eleven-year-old Halle finds herself caring for the horse's best friend, a grieving pony named Rocky. A heart-tugging story of patience, love and hope

Halle thinks starting a new school might help her forget about what happened to Carver D'esprit at the racetrack. When Halle learns Carver came from a nearby stable, she goes and meets his best friend, a pony named Rocky. Rocky is standoffish at first, but as Halle cares for him, they both begin to open up. When Halle finds out the stables are about to be sold to a developer, she feels everything slipping out from under her – what will happen to the horses, to Rocky, and to the memory of Carver?

352 pages • September 2025 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

This story has something for everyone: ponies, sisters, dogs, friendship, poetry and, most important of all, hope.

SUPRIYA KELKAR

Off the Cuff

Off the Cuff

illustrated by Ani Bushry

In this uplifting graphic novel, an Indian American girl finds the confidence to be her best standout self

It's the start of middle school and Priya vows to reinvent herself – by being like everyone else. But as conformity becomes more and more uncomfortable, will Priya find the strength to be herself – an Indian-American girl with thick, frizzy hair that smells like coconut oil – and prove that a potluck is better than a melting pot? Inspired by the author's own childhood, this moving graphic novel tackles big themes with compassion and gentle humor.

240 pages • May 2026 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

For fans of New Kid by Jerry Craft and Sunny Rolls the Dice by Jennifer L. Holm.



TANYA LANDMAN



Tomorrow's Ghost

A pacy historical time-slip adventure for middle-grade readers from a Carnegie Medal-winning author

1976: Twelve-year-old Anna, bored and lonely away from her friends for the summer, finds herself dreaming about a girl from 1919 – a neglected and lonely girl living in a mansion with an austere and unloving grandfather. As Anna's dreams grow more vivid, she realizes that the girl from the past is calling out to her... and that Anna must cross time to save her from an untimely death.

240 pages • September 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

"Landman is a natural storyteller, always engrossing."
The Times



BACKLIST OPPORTUNITIES

KEVIN CROSSLEY-HOLLAND



Kata and Tor

A sweeping historical tale of honour, love and loyalty set during a thrilling, violent period of history, from a multi-award-winning storyteller

Tor is the youngest son of the King of Norway and leader of the Viking fleet, whose prowess is the stuff of legend. Kata knows little of her parents but her heart yearns for something beyond the small world of her Anglo-Saxon village south of the great city of York. When Tor is sent to scout ahead of the Viking fleet after their invasion of Scarborough, he meets Kata, whose fierce nature sets his heart alight. As the eve of battle draws closer, Kata and Tor must question to whom their loyalty lies: heart or home?

256 pages • May 2025 • World rights available • Walker Books

Kevin Crossley-Holland is a widely respected children's author best known for his trilogy about King Arthur, which sold over one million copies worldwide and was translated into 25 languages.

EUGENE YELCHIN



I Wish I Didn't Have to Tell You This

In a stunning sequel to *The Genius Under the Table*, this graphic memoir depicts the author's harrowing path to freedom overseas

No longer a little boy under his grandmother's table, Yevgeny is now pursuing his artistic dreams under the constant threat of the KGB. When a chance encounter with an American woman opens him up to a world of romance and possibility, Yevgeny believes he has found his path to the future – and freedom overseas. But the threat of being drafted into the military and sent to fight in Afghanistan changes everything, and he takes drastic measures to decide his fate, leading to unthinkable consequences in a mental hospital.

432 pages • September 2025

World rights available • Candlewick Press

Offers a poignant, nuanced, and powerfully resonant look at growing up in – and ultimately leaving – Cold War Russia.



REMY LAI

THE DEMON'S PRINCE

The Demon's Prince

illustrated by Lauren Dimaya

An epic fantasy romp in graphic form channels a love story for the ages – alive with revenge, princes, and the paranormal

For the past 250 years, Langya has been seventeen years old – and dead – his spirit imprisoned as one of the Five Demons after being murdered by the heartless crown prince he was sworn to protect. Now Langya must complete one final task: pose as a high schooler and induce the same heartless prince who killed him, now reincarnated as a much-sought-after prom date, to fall in love.

400 pages • September 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books US

The perfect contemporary graphic novel addition for fans of (ill-)fated romance.



WREN JAMES



The Victors

illustrated by Beth Fuller

Classic fantasy meets slice-of-life in a graphic novel about two erstwhile enemies rooming together at university

Saving the world was easy – it's living in it that's hard...

Five years after saving the world from a demon horde, Dirk Earnest is just a normal university student. Or he's trying to be. But life as the poster boy for victory means adoring fans following his every move, untreated PTSD, and crushing loneliness. Cue his new housemate, Medusa De La Nuage, art student, former demon soldier ... and Dirk's nemesis.

240 pages • March 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books

A witty, compassionate and inventive graphic novel from Wren James, who has writing credits on the TV show *Heartstopper*, paired with an exciting debut artist.



AYA DE LEÓN



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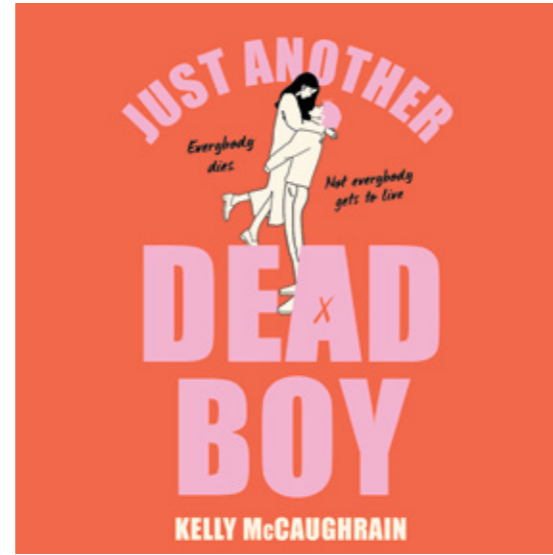
An undercover spy seizes the spotlight to avoid exposure in the gripping third installment of Aya de León’s award-winning *Factory* series

Teen spy Imani Kennedy’s first solo mission seems straightforward: to befriend Danielle and prevent her from blowing an agent’s cover and exposing the Factory – an international organization of spies safeguarding people of colour – to the world. But to get close, Imani will have to step onstage and win a place in Danielle’s band and at the elite summer camp hosting “The Next Teen Sensation” competition. In a riveting companion book to *Undercover Latina* and *Untraceable*, a seasoned suspense writer explores the intersection of the personal and the political with rapid-fire intrigue.

288 pages • October 2025 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

As a plus-size protagonist of colour, Amani faces unique challenges and pressures in the music industry, and these are explored thoughtfully throughout the novel.

KELLY McCAUGHRAIN



Just Another Dead Boy

A heartbreaking high-concept romance which rewrites the tragic love-story: *Romeo and Juliet* meets *They Both Die at the End*, with a dash of *White Lotus*

In a world where everyone knows the date they will die, wild-child Regan works at a luxury resort as a “Juliet”, hired to provide the illusion of star-crossed romance to rich boys on their way out. Over-achieving Jude Daly has rich parents and an imminent Death Date. Neither of them believes in love, but as contempt turns into something else, can they take on Fate together – before Jude’s Death Date catches up with them?

304 pages • May 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books

Praise for *Little Bang*

“A fantastically clever novel.”

Sarah Crossan

S. C. BANDREDDI



The Game of Oaths

The Night Circus meets *The Hunger Games* in this richly imagined YA fantasy by an exceptional new talent

Trapeze artist Falan Sunkara is a contracted performer for Paris’s famous magical circus. Le Cirque is ruled by Jean-Pierre, ringmaster and enchanteur, one of the few magicians in the city legally allowed to use magic for entertainment. But the glamour of the circus is just another illusion. Each year, twelve members must compete in the Game of Oaths, a brutal tournament watched by the city’s elite. Only one will survive. Last year, Falan’s sister was one of the unlucky eleven. This year, Falan is out for revenge.

464 pages • May 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books

Set against the backdrop of the Belle Époque, this is a thrilling story of power, revenge and found family.

CAROLINE O'DONOGHUE



Skipshock

The first in a game-changing, genre-bending YA fantasy duology from a bestselling Irish author

Margo is on a train to a new boarding school when she slips into another dimension, passing from a 24-hour day to one that begins and ends in just six hours. She soon learns that this is a world scarred by uprisings, travel bans and world sealings - and that power is determined by time. Can Margo find a way home, or will she choose to stay where she has found the only person with whom she would spend eternity?

400 pages • June 2025 • Rights sold: German, Ukrainian • Walker Books

From the author of the New York Times bestselling YA novel *All Our Hidden Gifts*, published in 13 languages worldwide, *The Rachel Incident* for adult readers, now published in 17 languages worldwide, and the host and creator of the phenomenally successful *Sentimental Garbage* podcast with six million downloads and a weekly listenership of 60,000 people.

BOOK 2 JUNE 2026