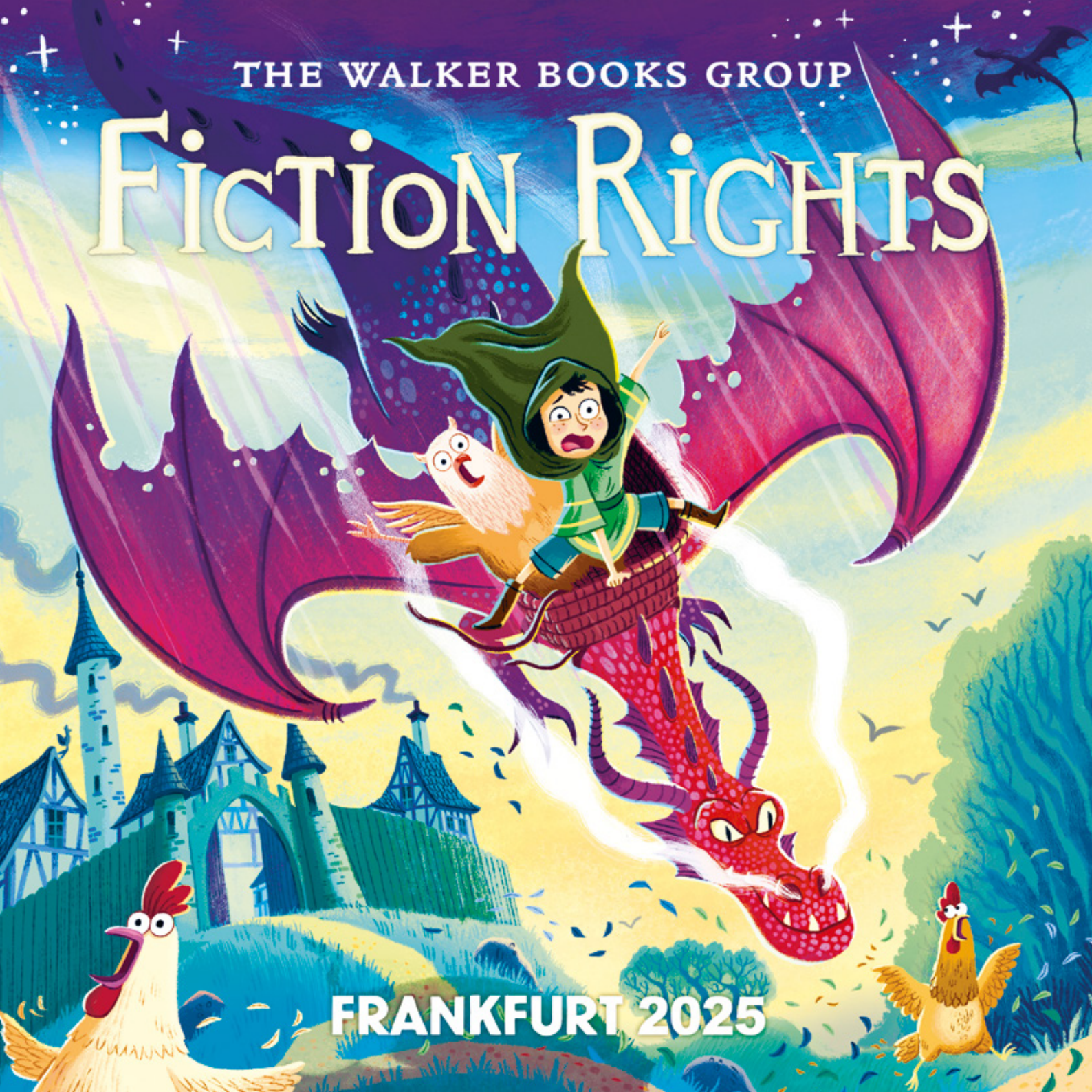


THE WALKER BOOKS GROUP

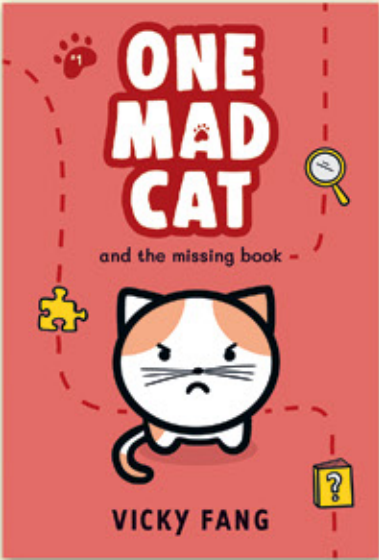
# Fiction Rights

FRANKFURT 2025





VICKY FANG



One Mad Cat and the Missing Book

Cat is mad – a lot (after all, she’s a cat). But when a friend needs her help to solve a mystery, she puts her irritation to the side...

Cat’s friend Hedgehog has lost his favourite book. Unfortunately for Cat, searching for her friend’s book means navigating annoying messes, smells, and crowds as she hunts for clues. When a particularly sticky clue (yuck!) leads her to the book at last (it was in Hedgehog’s locker all along?), Cat is mad, but Hedgehog is thrilled – and that’s what really matters, right?

64 pages • April 2026 • World rights available  
Candlewick Press

**The first in a fresh and funny graphic novel early reader series that will appeal to fans of Mo Willems.**

BOOK 2 TO FOLLOW



MADDIE FROST



Super Puppy Babies

Prepare to fall in love with the newest superheroes on the block: Corgi Baby, Pug Baby, and Poodle Baby!

Three endearing puppy superheroes must overcome their age-appropriate fears (the dark! Swimming!) to save the day in this exciting first reader series from a comic mastermind.

96 pages • April 2027 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

**The first in an adorable graphic novel early reader series that will appeal to fans of Narwhal and Jelly, ideal for superhero-loving kids who are not quite ready for Dog Man.**

BOOK 2 SEPTEMBER 2027



KATIE CHAPPELL  
& HELEN STEPHENS



Salty Dog and Pals: The Storm and Other Stories

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!

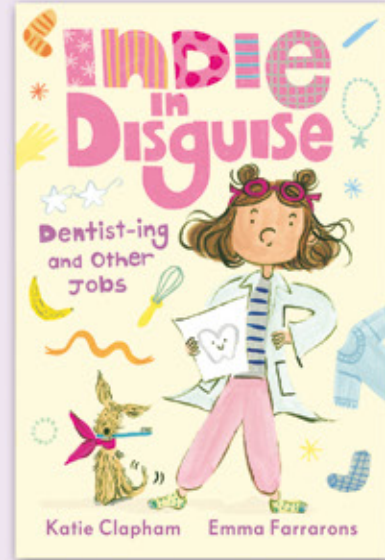
64 pages • April 2026 • Rights sold: Italian • Walker Books UK

**Sparky stories for children just graduating from picture books to become newly independent readers.**

BOOK 2 TO FOLLOW



KATIE CLAPHAM



Indie in Disguise: Dentist-ing and Other Jobs

illustrated by Emma Farrarons

**Meet Indie, a girl who loves dressing up and imaginary play, in a sparky new series from two emerging talents**

Indie is a little girl with a big personality – and quite the flair for the dramatic! What job will she roleplay today? In these four stories, Indie takes on four very important jobs: a librarian, a cleaner, a dentist and even a stylist – star-shaped sunglasses at the ready!

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

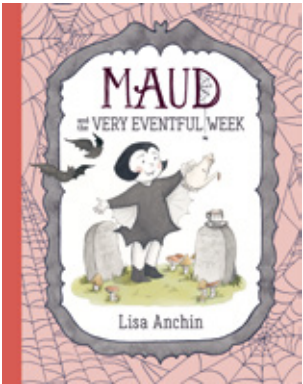
**Warm, playful and perfectly true to both role play and family life.**

BOOK 2 TO FOLLOW





Every day is full of ghoulish delights in **LISA ANCHIN**'s charming and witty early chapter book series featuring a young vampire named Maud and her monstrous family and friends.



# MAUD

and the VERY EVENTFUL WEEK

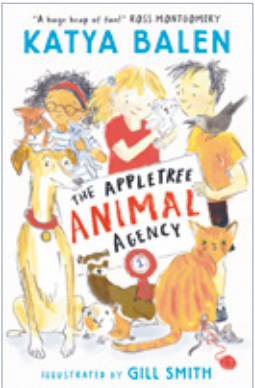
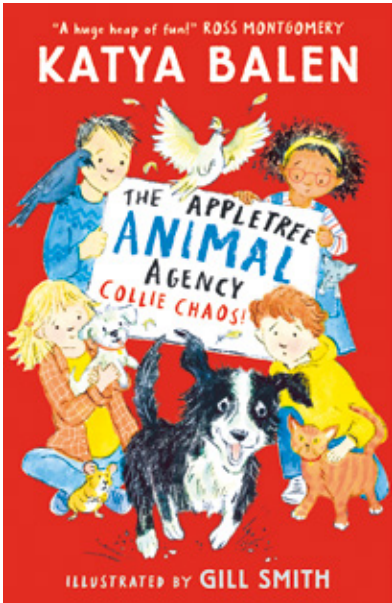


Who would have known on Monday that the week ahead would be such a busy one? It all starts when Maud finds a teapot that is obviously haunted (and very hungry). *EEEEK!* In this slightly gothic tour through the days of the week, the delight is in the details as illustrations portray Maud and her family and friends among the familiar objects and activities of childhood, with just enough of a quirky twist to please the young vampire lovers among us.

64 pages • July 2026 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

MAUD AND THE GHOUL SCOUTS – SUMMER 2027 • MAUD IN THE GARDEN – SPRING 2028

## KATYA BALEN



### The Appletree Animal Agency: Collie Chaos

illustrated by Gill Smith

In their second adventure, animal-loving friends Mattie, Zoe and Casper of the Appletree Animal Agency set out to find a missing three-legged dog ... and recruit a new team member along the way!

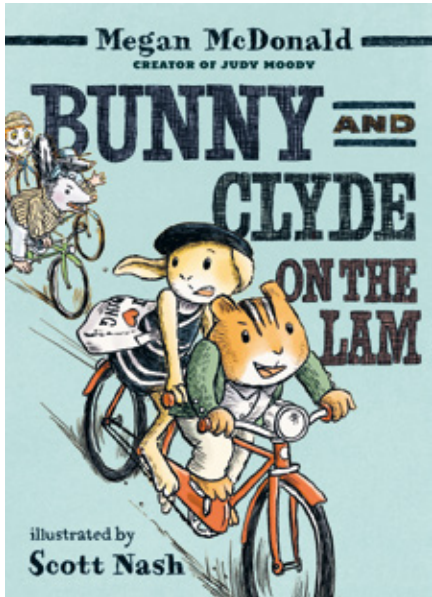
The Appletree Animal Agency is here for all your pet needs, big or small – and it has three new clients! A terrapin called Algernon, a ginger cat called Crumpet and a three-legged dog called Domino. When Domino escapes in a snow storm, Mattie and her friends set out to rescue him. They track his paw prints, but when they find their dog, they get a big surprise. The Appletree Animal Agency may soon have a new recruit...

144 pages • October 2025 • Rights sold: French, Japanese, Polish • Walker Books UK

Praise for *The Appletree Animal Agency*

**“A huge heap of fun!”**  
Ross Montgomery

## MEGAN McDONALD



### Bunny and Clyde on the Lam

illustrated by Scott Nash

The creator of Judy Moody brings back the lovable pair of outlaws in a highly illustrated comedy full of mischief, magic tricks and misperceptions

Thornton's shiny new coin has vanished into thin air! Did someone steal it? All eyes fall on Bunny and Clyde, two bad bunnies at the scene of the crime. But wait! They're not bad bunnies. They really are I-N-N-O-C-E-N-T, but everyone has decided they're guilty. Will the fugitives be able to outrun the possum posse and shake their bum rap?

160 pages • January 2026 • Rights sold: Catalan, Spanish • Candlewick Press

Praise for *Bunny and Clyde*

**“Delightful.”** Kirkus (starred review)

BOOK 3 MARCH 2027



VIVIANE SCHWARZ



Maud Is Moving

A much-anticipated funny fiction debut about changing schools, making new friends, empathy, community ... and a horse that eats sausages

Maud is moving house! Does she feel excited? Yes. Does she feel worried? Very. But there are great things to discover: mysterious neighbours, a tunnel under the school, a shop for swapping everything and best of all ... a new best friend.

180 pages • March 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

**This humorous, whimsical and reassuring story with a sprinkling of everyday magic features a main character who is autistic, without that being the sole focus of the story.**

RICHARD AYOADE



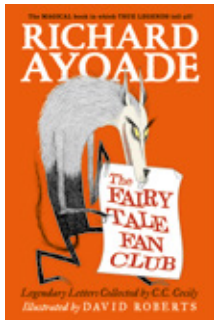
The Fairy Tale Fan Club: Happy Ever After  
illustrated by David Roberts

A hilarious sequel to *The Fairy Tale Fan Club*, by a BAFTA-winning actor and comedian, illustrated with comedic genius

More cheeky letters from kid-fans to their fairy-tale idols, featuring an all-new cast of fairy-tale folk. Delve into Robin Hood's dos and don'ts of wealth management; warm up with Goldilocks's guide to porridge; and ask yourself earth-shattering questions like: *did Puss really need boots?* The ONLY (OTHER) book in which EPIC LEGENDS answer the questions you didn't ask the first time; starring Beauty and the Beast, Thumbelina, the Ugly Duckling and more!

128 pages • September 2026 • Rights sold: Czech, French, Thai • Walker Books UK

THE FAIRY TALE FAN CLUB: THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS – SEPTEMBER 2027



Praise for *The Fairy Tale Fan Club*  
**“A wonderful, funny book of fairy tales with a twist, with equally fabulous illustrations.”**

Liz Pichon, creator of Tom Gates

KATE DiCAMILLO



On a Winter's Night

illustrated by Noah Saterstrom

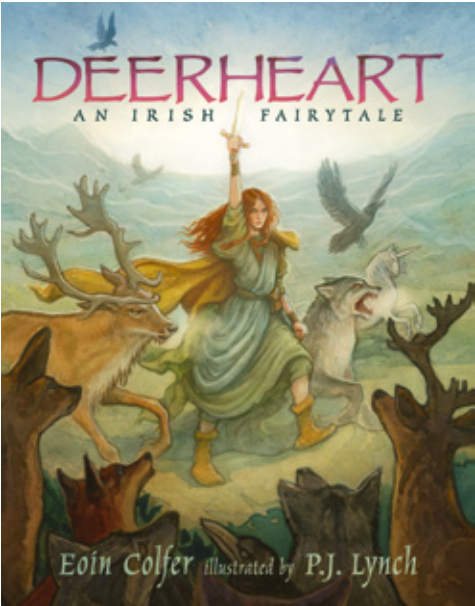
A stunning collection of original, timeless tales, linked in unexpected and moving ways by a two-time Newbery Medalist

The sixteen tales in this groundbreaking collection take readers from ancient cathedrals and moonlit fields to department stores and church basements, where recurring characters and themes reveal profound connections that will resonate long after the final page. Kate DiCamillo – always a virtuoso storyteller – has outdone herself with classic stories that are worthy of sitting alongside the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen, and the collaboration with Noah Saterstrom is truly a masterpiece.

272 pages • September 2027 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

**Kate DiCamillo currently has over forty-five million books in print, translated into forty-one languages. Noah Saterstrom's stunning paintings and drawings are in public and private collections worldwide.**

EOIN COLFER



Deerheart

illustrated by P.J. Lynch

A gripping and suspenseful ecological fairy tale set in old Ireland, from two legendary Irish children's book-makers

Three fairy shapeshifter witches are the guardians of the Creodon Stone, the source of all magic, which runs all the way from the middle of the forest to the centre of mother earth. The witches' changeling powers allow the eldest sister, Scrawb, to fight as a crow; the middle sister, Hackle, a wolf; and the youngest, Deerheart, a speckled red doe. When humans come to steal the magic for their own ends, young Deerheart must step up and discover the power within her.

192 pages • August 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

Praise for *Three Tasks for a Dragon* by Eoin Colfer and P.J. Lynch  
**“Pleasingly traditional yet terrifically fresh. A wonderfully classic fairy tale that surprises and delights.”**  
Booklist (starred review)



ELYS DOLAN

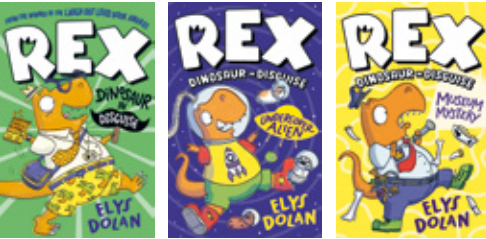


**Rex Dinosaur in Disguise: Jurassic Baby**  
Rex has to hide a suspicious new dinosaur from creature-hating baddies in his fourth adventure

When a new dinosaur appears on the scene, causing total chaos, Rex and his friends have to help her blend in. Meanwhile, the evil Mr Beaumont and his BUMCRAC brigade of creature-haters have a plan to rid the place of ALL dinosaurs. Can Rex stop an all-out battle breaking out in the city he's made his home?

192 pages • April 2026 • Rights sold: Korean, Simplified Chinese, Slovak, Ukrainian • Walker Books UK

**Highly illustrated in two-colour and laugh-out-loud hilarious, this is perfect for fans of Dogman, Bunny vs Monkey and InvestiGators.**



CHRISSIE SAINS



**Beastopia: The Ice Phoenix**  
illustrated by Jenny Taylor

Step into a world of magical creatures! In the second title in this adventure series, Digby, Mog and Tai must journey out of Beastopia to re-home a very special ice phoenix

**Magical creatures exist. You just need to know where to look...**  
Digby, Tai and Mog are now Apprentice Guardians of Beastopia. Their first important task? Flapper the ice phoenix is reaching the end of her life cycle. When her rebirth goes wrong, they must journey to Flapper's real home near Antarctica to re-wild her. It means travelling through a whole new sanctuary full of dinosaurs: the mysterious Extinctia.

192 pages • October 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

Praise for *Beastopia*  
**“Fun, fabulous and full of imagination. The perfect book for young adventure seekers and animal lovers.”**  
Hannah Gold

The Moonlit Spiral

From MIKE MAIHACK, best known for the Spider-Man graphic novels in the Mighty Marvel Team-Up series, comes a wildly imaginative, enormously thrilling, and deeply felt graphic novel of treasure-hunting friends



In this masterwork of graphic storytelling, Mike Maihack transports readers to another colourful universe where treasure hunting was once a glorious way of life. Three kids, in true *Goonies* fashion, set out to find the legendary lost treasure of Orion T. Flynn, the greatest hunter of all time. Along the way they discover secrets about themselves that make the final revelation both thrilling and bittersweet. Loaded with clues and intriguing creatures, this is a grand adventure of a graphic novel with beautiful illustrations evocative of classic comics and storybooks.

304 pages • October 2026 • World rights available • Candlewick Press



RACHEL CHIVERS KHOO



**Finders of Silverthorn Forest: The Faraway Adventure**  
illustrated by Laura Catalán

The second book in this enchanting series, perfect for fans of *The Borrowers* and *The Magic Faraway Tree*

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 UK

Praise for *Finders of Silverthorn Forest*  
“A treasure trove of magic.”  
Abi Elphinstone

ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING



**Montgomery Bonbon: Scandal on the Stage**  
illustrated by Claire Powell

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

The stage is set ... for murder! When Bonnie Montgomery and Grampa Banks arrive at the Godrick Theatre, they expect a night of theatrical murder mystery – not to become part of a real murder case. But when the director gets the shock of her life – and death – on stage during the dress rehearsal, Bonnie knows it's no accident. Hindered by a cast of professional liars and a hopeless police inspector, can Bonnie's case-cracking alter-ego, Montgomery Bonbon, find the real killer?

288 pages • July 2026 • Rights sold: Bulgarian, Catalan, French, Greek, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian • Walker Books UK

“Knives Out meets Poirot – but for children!”  
BBC Radio 4



ALICE PRIMMER



**The World’s Worst Alien Fights Back**  
illustrated by Fred Blunt

A second outing for Sky, whose attempts to make a planet still aren’t working out the way she hoped...

Creating planet Earth failed to get Sky a passing grade – unfortunately this means figuring out how to fix things. But how can she when humans insist on fighting all the time? The solution is obvious: Sky must return to Earth and end all fighting by winning. She'll start small, by helping her friends win the war they're waging with a rival school...

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

Praise for *The World’s Worst Alien*  
“Brilliant observational  
humour with zany illustrations.”  
The Bookseller

LOUIE STOWELL



**Loki: A Bad God’s Guide to Monster Hunting**  
Loki’s sixth doodle-packed diary in the number one bestselling, award-winning comedy series

Loki is off on holiday with his friends, family and (unfortunately) Balder the Worst God Ever. While Loki is away his son, the world serpent Jörmungand, goes missing – and it seems he's not the only one of Loki's monstrous offspring who might be under threat...

240 pages • September 2026 • Rights sold: Albanian, Armenian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Croatian, 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 UK

OVER HALF A MILLION  
English language copies sold worldwide.



BOOK 7 SEPTEMBER 2027



JOSEPH COELHO



Relic Hamilton, Genie Hunter:  
The Door of the Dead

illustrated by Hyun Song We

From the former UK Children’s Laureate and winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal comes the second instalment in an action-packed fantasy trilogy

Ravenna, the king of evil genies, has taken over Taya’s body and has gone underground finding powerful genie allies ... its over to Relic and the Hermitic Sodality of Genie Hunters to try and stem the flood of chaos! But one genie proves a bigger threat than all the others combined. The Archivist was a terrible genie, so terrible that his lamp was kept hidden in Windsor Castle for centuries. Relic and the team must get to it before Ravenna...

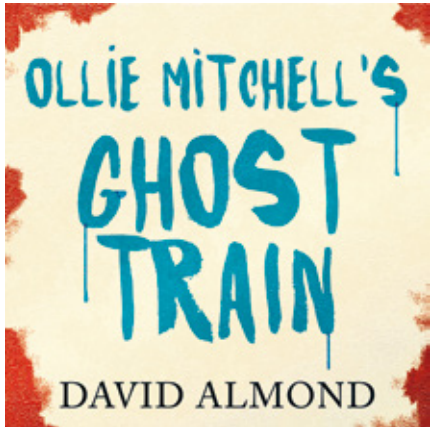
256 pages • March 2026 • Rights sold: Danish • Walker Books UK

BOOK 3 SPRING 2027



Praise for *Relic Hamilton*  
“A witty, fast-paced  
adventure.”  
Guardian

DAVID ALMOND



Ollie Mitchell’s Ghost Train

illustrated by Sydney Smith

An uplifting story about an unlikely friendship and the supportive power of community in the face of loss

Since his da died, Ollie Mitchell is obsessed with turning his family’s battered old caravan into a scary fairground attraction, with warnings painted on the side in blood red: DAYNGER! HORRA!! DO NOT ENTTER – HELL AWATES!!! Knowing that Ollie needs pals right now, Davie from next door agrees to help, and soon other kids get involved. Then a local TV station hears about it, and suddenly a project born out of grief becomes a source of pride for the whole estate.

240 pages • Spring 2027 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

An exciting first collaboration between David Almond OBE and Sydney Smith, two multi-award-winning creatives of international acclaim.

PÁDRAIG KENNY



Stitch

An electrifying new gothic adventure about finding your place in the world – and what really makes a monster

208 pages • January 2024 • Rights sold: Bulgarian, French, Polish, Turkish • Walker Books UK

Literary yet accessible, these thought-provoking short novels from a multi-award-winning author explore big themes of empathy, resilience and acceptance through page-turning adventure.

After

A powerful and tender dystopian tale of family, hope and survival – and what it means to be human in a world of AI

240 pages • March 2025 • Rights sold: Bulgarian, French • Walker Books UK





TANYA LANDMAN



The Fields & Green Murder Mysteries

A brilliantly addictive series of tightly plotted contemporary murder mysteries: short reads ideal for reluctant readers

When 10-year-old Poppy Fields goes on an outward bound trip to a remote Scottish island, events take a disastrous turn when their instructor has a fatal abseiling accident. Especially when Poppy and her new friend Graham Green discover that his rope was cut... In their second adventure, Poppy and Graham design a murder mystery trail for the school fayre – but then the headteacher turns up dead, and the two friends must follow a real life trail. Fields and Green certainly have a nose for murder!

192 pages each • August 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books UK

**Mondays Are Murder won the Red House Children’s Book Award in 2010, voted entirely by children.**

BOOKS 3 AND 4 FEBRUARY 2027

CHRISTOPHER EDGE



Fear Files: Hide and Seek

The first title in a pacy and immersive new middle-grade horror series from a bestselling, award-winning author: 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?

160 pages • September 2025 • Rights sold: Turkish • Walker Books UK

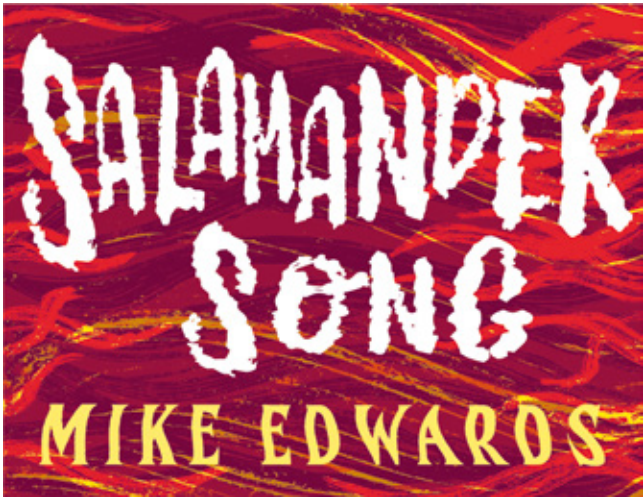
**“Short, punchy and packed with spine-chilling moments... A perfect shot of horror.”**  
Jennifer Killick

**“I ran out of fingernails to bite.”** Jonathan Stroud

**“Gripping, atmospheric, claustrophobic. A generation has just found their new nightmare fuel!”** Louie Stowell

BOOK 2 OCTOBER 2026 • BOOK 3 OCTOBER 2027

MIKE EDWARDS

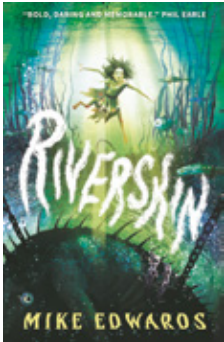


Salamander Song

A powerful and original contemporary novel with a fantasy edge from a performance poet, for readers who enjoy David Almond and Sophie Anderson

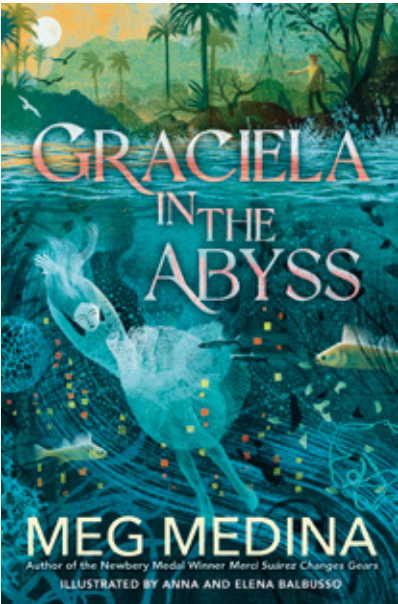
Jack wishes life could be how it used to be when his dad was around and the steelworks were the beating heart of the community. Now Dad is gone, the works are closed and the estate is run down. Then Jack encounters Sal, a spindly old man with candles in his hair, who claims to have come to restore the works to their former glory. Jack is drawn to the promises of this supernatural being and the hope they hold for his family. But at what price?

240 pages • June 2026 • World rights available • Walker Books UK



Praise for *Riverskin*  
**“A bold debut whose atmosphere lingers long after the last page.”**  
The Times

MEG MEDINA



Graciela in the Abyss

A Newbery Medalist takes us far beneath the waves in this extraordinary foray into fantasy

In the deepest recesses of the ocean, Graciela – once an ordinary thirteen-year-old girl – welcomes newly awakened sea ghosts from their death sleep. In the mortal world on land, twelve-year-old Jorge Leon works in his family’s forge. Unlikely allies Graciela and Jorge have to work together to keep evil spirits from wreaking havoc on both the living and the dead.

256 pages • July 2025 • Rights sold: Polish • Candlewick Press

**“Rich in compelling characters, complicated emotions, and originality.”** Booklist (starred review)

**“A beguiling aquatic adventure.”**  
Publishers Weekly (starred review)

**“As immersive, majestic, and alluring as the deep sea itself.”** Shelf Awareness (starred review)

**“Medina has devised an intricate underwater world.”**  
Horn Book (starred review)

**“Graceful and gently eerie.”**  
The New York Times

**“A thrilling, action-packed journey.”**  
Kirkus Reviews (starred review)



J. P. ROSE



Paddock Grove: Riding for Gold

Second in the series featuring a group of friends during their first year at an elite equestrian boarding school

Katie is delighted to be selected as the captain for Paddock Grove’s under-14 equestrian team. But when the County Competition starts, strange things start to go wrong around the stables. As the ‘pranks’ start to escalate, Katie believes that someone on one of the other teams might be trying to sabotage Paddock Grove’s chances.

240 pages • November 2025 • Rights sold: Danish • Walker Books UK

“Joyously satisfying.”  
The Guardian

RUNAWAY HORSE – APRIL 2026 • HORSE SHOW RIVALS – AUGUST 2026

AMY SPARKES



The Unchosen One

A hilarious new fantasy adventure series from the New York Times bestselling author of *The House at the Edge of Magic*

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 UK

Praise for *The House at the Edge of Magic* series  
“It’s Terry Pratchett meets  
Diana Wynne Jones.”  
Louie Stowell

BOOK 2 SPRING 2027 • BOOK 3 SPRING 2028

EMILY B. MARTIN



Nell O’Dell Hates Quests

What happens when the quest finds you, despite your best efforts? A reluctant adventurer sets off on an unexpected journey in this appealing fantasy novel

Nell O’Dell yearns for a quiet life, but when a letter arrives from the government, threatening all that Nell holds dear, someone needs to go on a short journey to the capital to take care of it. Nell is the only one available – but that’s fine, because it’s just a boring business trip, not a quest! Even if she does find herself up against an excitable travel partner, a thief in the night, a stolen treasure, and a mysterious knife...

336 pages • April 2026 • World rights available • Candlewick Press

At once earnest and self-aware, humorous and heartfelt, this thoroughly charming fantasy has a wry appeal reminiscent of *The Princess Bride*.

JENNIFER BELL



Magicalia: Storm of Chaos

From the Galapagos islands to Borneo, the third thrilling instalment of magicore adventure sees Bitsy battle the sinister Riddlejax

The Six Guilds are at stake! A replicator has been invented to duplicate magicores. But when rogue replicores scatter around the world, Bitsy is thrust into a dangerous hunt to track them down. As the stakes rise, shocking truths emerge about friends and enemies. With the help of her Magicalia handbook, Bitsy must confront her deepest fear ... or watch chaos consume everything.

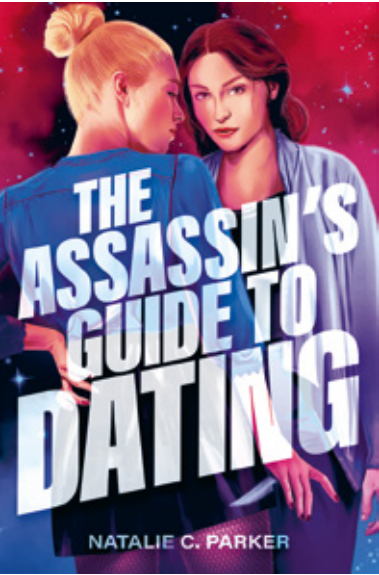
320 pages • February 2026 • Rights sold: Danish, French, German, Lithuanian, Turkish  
Walker Books UK

Praise for *Magicalia: Race of Wonders*  
“Fun, fast and ferociously readable.”  
Elle McNicoll

BOOK 4 SPRING 2027



NATALIE C. PARKER



The Assassin’s Guide to Dating

Tru and Lila confront shadowy new enemies, dangerous powers and maybe even their first date in this high-octane sequel

At the secretive Underhill agency for those with superhuman abilities, Tru and Lila are trying to navigate their talents, careers and budding relationship. But the perception of Lila has soured and as her bitterness escalates, she meets Ryan, a talented young man from an organization with a lawless reputation who tells her to call him if she gets tired of following the rules.

288 pages • July 2026 • Rights sold: French, German • Candlewick Press

Praise for *The Assassin’s Guide to Babysitting*  
**“Parker layers a clever plot and gripping suspense atop a gratifyingly tender and funny narrative celebrating found family.”**  
Shelf Awareness (starred review)

**“A heart-pumping, high-stakes ride.”** Kirkus Reviews  
**“A clear first pick for any teen who loves action adventure.”** Booklist (starred review)

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 • June 2026 • Rights sold: French, German, Hungarian • Walker Books UK

Praise for *Little Bang* by Kelly McCaughrain  
**“A fantastically clever novel.”**  
Sarah Crossan

WREN JAMES



The Victors

illustrated by Beth Fuller  
Contemporary-meets-fantasy in a graphic novel about what happens after the chosen one has saved the world

*The prophecy foretold they would be enemies ... it didn’t mention they’d be flatmates.*  
At fifteen, Dirk Earnest led the world to victory in a savage battle against the evil overlord Rárog and his demon horde. Now he’s just a normal university student – or he’s trying to be. As the poster boy for fighting evil, Dirk has many adoring fans who follow his every move, but he’s crushingly lonely. 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 UK

**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.**

EUGENE YELCHIN



I Wish I Didn’t Have to Tell You This: A Graphic Memoir

A nuanced and powerfully resonant graphic memoir about growing up in – and ultimately leaving – Cold War Russia

When a chance encounter with an American woman opens Russian teenager Eugene up to a world of romance and possibility, he 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

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S. C. BANDREDDI



The Game of Oaths

A richly imagined and gripping YA fantasy debut set in a magical circus in Belle Époque Paris, 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.

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The Night Circus meets The Hunger Games in this high-stakes debut, perfect for fans of Powerless, Six of Crows and Caraval.

ANN SEI LIN



Between Ghosts and Gods

An atmospheric and pacy dark fantasy with strong Asian influences, from the author of Rebel Skies

Having sold her soul to a demon, Kasu now works at Camellia House, a high-stakes gambling den in the under-realm. Here, she abides by the Heavenly Principles in the hope of one day achieving reincarnation. But when a still-living human appears in Ghost City searching for his mother, Kasu’s whole existence is turned upside down. Caught in an ever-tightening web of danger and deceit, Kasu must re-examine all of her beliefs about the gods she worships.

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Praise for Rebel Skies  
“An extraordinary world. Vivid, breathtaking, perfectly executed.”  
A.F. Steadman

CAROLINE O'DONOGHUE



Ripshine

The game-changing, genre blending YA fantasy sequel from a New York Times bestselling author

Margo wakes to find herself on another train travelling between worlds, kidnapped by her long-dead father and separated from Moon, the man she loves. They are heading to Semper, the southernmost world with the longest days. And when time equals power, Semper holds power over all other worlds. Meanwhile, Moon enters a dangerous alliance with the PACT rebels to find Margo. With the threat of an all-out war on the horizon, time is running out for Margo and Moon...

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Praise for Skipshock  
“Incredibly immersive and utterly unique.”  
Kirkus Reviews (starred review)  
“O’Donoghue deploys inventive worldbuilding that complements an intricate plot advocating social justice and immigration reform.”  
Publishers Weekly (starred review)  
“Breathtaking and relevant.” Shelf Awareness (starred review)

RACHAEL DAVIS-FEATHERSTONE



Oxford Shadows

The second heart-pounding dark academic YA thriller featuring Eva, a mixed-heritage student determined to succeed among the elite at Oxford University

First-year student Eva wants a fresh start, but gossip site “Oxford Slays” has other ideas, dredging up Eva’s past. And it doesn’t stop with her. Soon more students are caught in a web of blackmail and lies, with deepfake photos and harmful rumours spreading across campus. When Eva’s friend Ruby – a brilliant but vulnerable tech genius – goes missing, Eva suspects something worse has befallen Ruby than the first-term blues...

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