

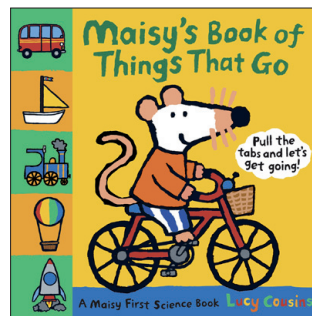
# Great Fiction Series for 2009



Walker has a series suited to every reader this year. There's spooky humour in Tommy Donbavand's thirteen-part Scream Street series. Especially popular with boys, the books are dripping with squeamish adventure and grisly humour. Award-winning author Tanya Landman packs a deadly punch in *Mondays Are Murder*, the first of an eight-book murder mystery series. From Will Peterson, the pseudonym of acclaimed writers Mark Billingham and Peter Cocks, there is the thrilling and genre-busting Triskellion trilogy. Other highlights include Amy Green, a brilliant new series from Sarah Webb which will appeal to teenage girls everywhere, and Natasha May offers another feisty heroine in Poppy Love, which will appeal to all young fans of TV shows, from Strictly Come Dancing to Britain's Got Talent. Finally, Helena Pielichaty scores with football fans in the twelve-book Girls FC series.

## Walker brings Lucy Cousins' licensing in-house

Walker's Licensing Division has brought Lucy Cousins' European and Australasian licensing programme in-house as part of an ongoing business growth strategy to maximize brand extension opportunities across Walker's award-winning list of children's books. Published in 26 languages, and with over 26 million copies sold worldwide, Maisy's new books in 2009 include the brilliantly interactive *Maisy Bakes a Cake*. Look out for lots of Maisy activity this year in advance of her 20th birthday celebrations in 2010.



## The Story in the Picture

In 2009 Walker launches a graphic novel programme and promotes the importance of reading through art. From Andi Watson there is Glisters, a jaunty series for younger girls, whilst the stunning graphic novel adaptations of the Alex Rider books continue with *Skeleton Key*. *Salem Brownstone: All Along the Watchtowers* is a sumptuous gothic fantasy that's perfect for older readers, and there are also the first titles in an epic new manga series, Vermonia (World English language rights). With books for girls and for boys, for younger readers and teenagers, there really is something for everyone.

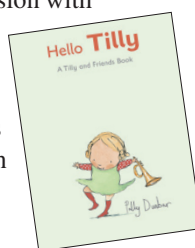


## Guess How Much I Love You celebrates 15 years in print

The international bestseller and modern classic by Sam McBratney and Anita Jeram was first published by Walker 15 years ago. Since then, the nutbrown hares have inspired millions of adults and children around the world, and become icons of unconditional love. *Guess How Much I Love You* has been optioned by Australian company, SLR Productions, so the nutbrown hares should be on screen soon!

## Tilly and Friends heading for TV success

The Walker Productions team is close to announcing a development deal with a production company and Polly Dunbar for her six-book series Tilly and Friends, to create an animated series to sit alongside the books. This follows hot on the heels of Walker Productions' first book series to be developed with Brown Bag Films, and which is now in discussion with a major broadcast partner. With interest in other Walker titles, Walker Productions is looking forward to an exciting 2009.



## 10th anniversary for Alex Rider in 2010

Anthony Horowitz's first Alex Rider book *Stormbreaker* will celebrate its tenth anniversary in 2010. The book was made into a major feature film, and Alex Rider has become the most famous teenage super-spy in the world. He has starred in six more breathtaking adventures with Anthony currently working on the eighth.



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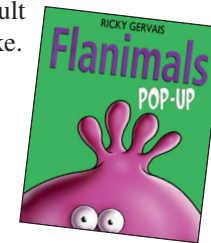
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## Comedy giant Ricky Gervais joins Walker Books for first pop-up book



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Photo taken by Ray Burmiston.

Walker will publish the internationally renowned stand-up comedian and actor's debut novelty book in October 2009. *Flanimals Pop-up*, illustrated by Rob Steen, brings Gervais' strange and wonderful creatures to life, presenting the ultimate 3D Flanimal fun for children and adult fans alike.



## We're Going on a Bear Hunt turns 20!

This picture book classic has never been out of the bestseller lists, while illustrator Helen Oxenbury and writer Michael Rosen are still making great books for Walker. Latest successes include Helen's picture book *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*, and Michael's forthcoming autumn picture books, *Red Ted and the Lost Things* and *I'm Number One*.

## Walker enters into unique partnership with Faber

Walker Books will be sharing a stand at Bologna with Faber for the first time to mark the beginning of an exciting new publishing partnership. Classic novelists and poets from Faber's distinguished list will be paired with Walker's award-winning illustrators and design skills to create innovative publishing projects.

## Global publication date set for new Kate DiCamillo novel

Twelve countries are already on board for the international publication of *The Magician's Elephant*, a magical and eloquent new novel from Kate DiCamillo and Yoko Tanaka. Beautifully presented, and with the English language editions publishing simultaneously in September 2009, this is the publishing event to be part of. Kate is the author of the multi-million-selling *The Tale of Despereaux*, the film adaptation of which was an international blockbuster in cinemas last Christmas.

## Walker to publish unique John Burningham and Helen Oxenbury collaboration in 2010



From Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

*There's Going to Be a Baby* will be one of the most significant publishing events of 2010. John and Helen have a mighty backlist between them, from Helen's original board books for babies and famous version of *Alice in Wonderland*, to John's remarkable picture book *It's a Secret!*, publishing in June. Now, for the first time ever, the celebrated couple have together written and illustrated an unforgettable picture book, set to become an instant classic for a new generation.



# New Fiction Acquisitions

*The Earth Guard*  
The first young adult trilogy from fantasy writer James Barclay. Creator of the Raven books (translated into ten languages), James has conceived a series mighty in its vision, scope and location, full of action and adventure set across the world.

*Triskellion: The Chronicles*  
The new series from Will Peterson, the pseudonym for acclaimed writers Mark Billingham and Peter Cocks. *The Chronicles* will build on the top-selling Triskellion trilogy published globally in 2008.

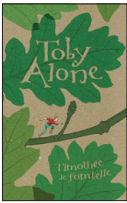
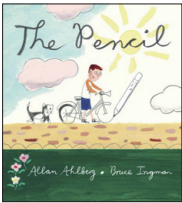
# Jane Ray moves into another dimension

Award-winning illustrator Jane Ray is finishing work on her first novelty book. *Snow White* is in an original 3D format and is the perfect magical showcase for Jane’s rich illustrations and silhouettes.

# Recent Awards



*The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness: winner of the Booktrust Teenage Award and the Guardian Teenage Book Prize. Currently longlisted for the Carnegie Medal. *World English language rights*  
*The Savage* by David Almond, illustrated by Dave McKean: Currently longlisted for the Carnegie and the Kate Greenaway Medal. David Almond has also been nominated for the Hans Christian Andersen Award. *World English language rights*  
*The Pencil* by Allan Ahlberg, illustrated by Bruce Ingman and *Beware of the Frog* by William Bee have been shortlisted for the Red House Children’s Book Award.



*The Gift of the Magi* by O Henry and PJ Lynch and *Anila’s Journey* by Mary Finn have been shortlisted for the Children’s Books Ireland Bisto Book of the Year Award.  
*Toby Alone* by Timothée de Fombelle, translated by Sarah Adams: winner of the Marsh Award for Children’s Literature in Translation. *World English language rights*  
*How to Heal a Broken Wing* by Bob Graham: winner of the Charlotte Zolotow Award, and currently longlisted for the Kate Greenaway medal.

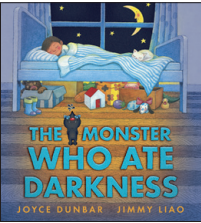


# Walker Group looks ahead to Judy Moody turning 10

Global Walker publishing brand Judy Moody will celebrate her 10th anniversary next year. Megan McDonald’s hit series, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds, is published by Candlewick, Walker and Walker Australia, and has sold over five million books to date worldwide.

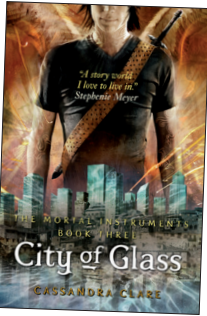
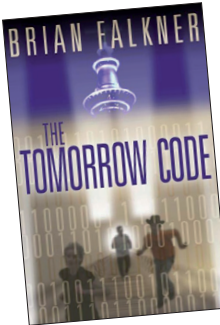
# New title for 2010 from Jimmy Liao

Internationally renowned illustrator Jimmy Liao’s new book, *The World Champion of Staying Awake*, written by Sean Taylor, will build on the success of his first book with Walker, *The Monster Who Ate Darkness*, written by Joyce Dunbar. This stunning picture book sold 50,000 copies to China alone, with more co-editions to follow.



# Walker Books Australia makes waves with new list

Walker Books Australia launched their own local list in 2008. Brian Falkner’s young adult novel *The Tomorrow Code* has already attracted much foreign interest and his newly-acquired cyber espionage novel *Brain Jack* will be published in September. *The Tomorrow Code* is shortlisted for the New Zealand Post Book Awards as is bestselling picture book *Roadworks* by Sally Sutton and new illustrator Brian Lovelock, whose second



picture book *Your Mother Didn’t Do That* by Sharon Holt is being published in August. The popular junior fiction Samurai Kids and Lightning Strikes series fire the considerable fiction sales success. From Walker UK, Cassandra Clare’s Mortal Instruments trilogy is the emerging hit and has already sold over 75,000 copies.

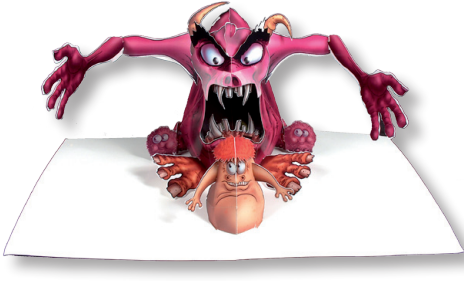
# Be part of our global success

## World Rights Available

### Flanimals Pop-Up

by Ricky Gervais and Rob Steen

The Flanimals series has sold over two million copies to date, and is loved by children and adults alike. This pop-up edition includes favourite Flanimals as well as introducing some new ones. It is large, loud and bursting with six spreads of moving-part Flanimal pop-ups.



### I’m the Best

by Lucy Cousins

Creator of the Maisy books, as well as the author and illustrator of picture books including *Hooray for Fish!* and forthcoming nursery tale collection *Yummy*, Lucy Cousins’ style continues to evolve in this stunning picture book. Bursting with fun and perfect to read aloud. Lucy’s latest creation is a modern classic in the making.

## Encyclopedia Mythologica: Heroes and Gods

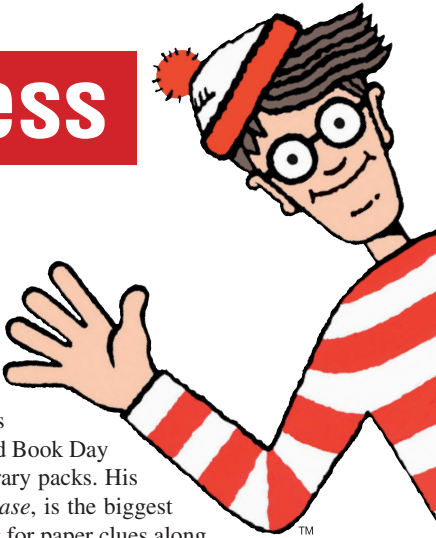
by Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda

The dazzling and the divine combine in this latest addition to the Mythologica trilogy. From the creators of the glorious *Mythologica Prehistorica* comes a spectacular pop-up bringing to life some of the best known myths and legends from the Ancient World.

### Where’s Wally?

by Martin Handford

The Where’s Wally? books have now sold over 42 million copies worldwide. Wally has fans across the globe, and his many adventures have been popular with children and adults for over 20 years. In 2008, Wally was the fastest-selling World Book Day book, and featured on 250,000 National Year of Reading library packs. His seventh adventure, *Where’s Wally? The Incredible Paper Chase*, is the biggest challenge yet. Search for Wally amid the pages while hunting for paper clues along the way. With a jungle board game and a press-out circus, there’s enough here to keep Wally fans amused for hours.



## Tiny Little Fly

by Michael Rosen and Kevin Waldron

An exciting addition to Walker’s award-winning list of illustrators, Kevin has partnered with Children’s Laureate Michael Rosen for this bold and beautiful picture book. Winner of a 2009 BolognaRagazzi Award, Kevin is a major new talent for Walker, and his breathtaking art leaps from the page in this wonderfully simple story.



## Rocket to the Moon and Millions of Snow

by Lerryn Korda



Lerryn Korda is a major new talent who brings a strong graphic style to younger readers. Her debut picture books introduce the character of Little Nye, along with a whole host of friends who live in a brilliantly designed world. The stories encourage creative play, and the unique artwork will engage children immediately.

## Non-fiction has a makeover this autumn

### Be Beautiful

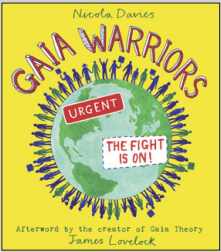
by Alice Hart-Davis and Molly Hindhaugh

The must-have book for teenage girls who want to look and feel great from Beauty journalist of the year Alice Hart-Davis, who has co-written the book with her teenage daughter Molly. Full of useful information about how to look your best, *Be Beautiful* answers all the questions about body-image, skincare, make up and growing up that teenagers find so hard to ask. Utterly contemporary in its tone and design, *Be Beautiful* is for 21st-century teens everywhere.

### Gaia Warriors

by Nicola Davies and James Lovelock

A major publishing event for Autumn 2009, *Gaia Warriors* is the ultimate book about climate change for young readers. Brilliantly written by non-fiction writer and TV presenter Nicola Davies, this extraordinarily accessible book has an afterword from world-famous scientist and creator of Gaia Theory, James Lovelock. An essential book that should be read by everyone.



## The Vanishing Tiger

By Martin Jenkins and Vicky White

The award-winning duo behind *Ape* are back with this stunningly illustrated picture book which opens up the complex issues of conservation clearly and positively.