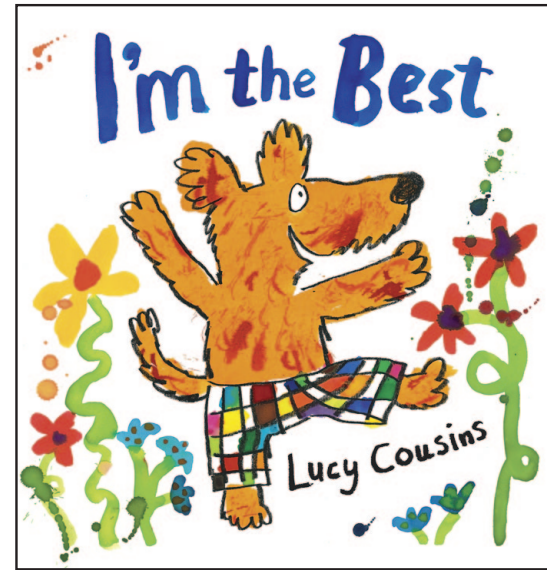


Getting to know Lucy Cousins

Lucy Cousins is best known for creating the popular preschool character *Maisy* who celebrates her 20th Anniversary next year. The year of Maisy celebrations will be supported by a full-scale trade and marketing campaign and a raft of exciting new publishing, culminating in *Maisy's Show* next Autumn. Lucy is also the author/illustrator of several award-winning picture books, and this year Walker published her latest, *Yummy*. This big, bold fairy tale masterpiece features retellings of Lucy's favourite nursery stories.

Yummy marked a new creative chapter in Lucy's career, something she enjoyed exploring. Lucy explains,



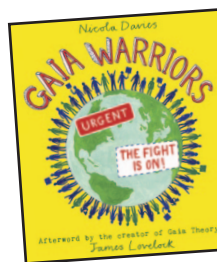
"Doing the rough sketches led to having the idea of giving a sketchbook feel to the book. Often it's those first pictures that have the most enthusiasm, vigour and energy. I decided to use my typical style of thick black lines but also to rebel and break the rules, give the illustrations a bit more edge and not worry so much about the neatness, keeping it loose and gutsy to reflect the stories." The result is nothing short of a modern classic. *Yummy* manages to combine traditional tales with contemporary story telling and illustration. Lucy has continued to experiment with style in her forthcoming picture book *I'm the Best*. She says,

"*Yummy* was a very liberating book, and made me feel that I want to explore this emotional outlet and new illustration styles even more. My next book, *I'm the Best*, is about a dog who loves to win and wants to compete with all of his friends. This really comes from my own love of playing – and winning. I recently entered a tennis tournament, mixed doubles, and kept on winning until we eventually won the finals. It was GREAT!"

I'm the Best will be published by Walker in 2010.

Ebook launch planned for Autumn

Walker has confirmed an exciting ebook publishing programme to be distributed by Overdrive and Scroll Motion. Our move into this rapidly developing market will spearhead our marketing campaign for Anthony Horowitz's new Alex Rider Mission, *Crocodile Tears*, to publish 12 November 2009. The Alex Rider backlist will be released to ebook readers as part of a teaser countdown to publication of the new book. Walker has 20 titles scheduled for publication this year including *The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness, the *Triskellion* trilogy by Will Peterson, graphic novel *Salem Brownstone* and bestselling fiction series *Scream Street*. *Gaia Warriors*, from Nicola Davies and Gaia creator James Lovelock, will also publish in this format.



Meet Bink and Gollie, brand new characters from Kate DiCamillo

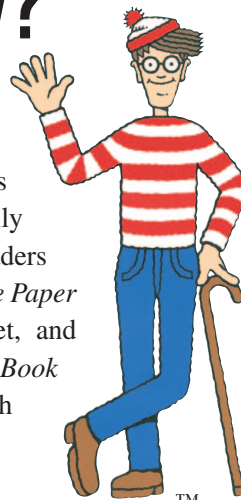


Bink and Gollie is the first book in a hilarious new series for early readers from an acclaimed writing duo, Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee. Illustrated in full colour by Tony Fucile, this outrageously funny story introduces two little girls, one tiny and one tall. Kate DiCamillo's success continues to grow worldwide. Her recent novel, *The Magician's Elephant*, has proved a huge hit both in the UK and in the US.

Where's Wally?

Be part of the global phenomenon that is *Where's Wally?*, available in over 30 countries, published in 25 languages and selling more than 48 million copies worldwide. Join the search as Wally continues to madden and mesmerize readers of all ages. *Where's Wally? The Incredible Paper Chase* is the most interactive book yet, and *Where's Wally? The Spectacular Poster Book* has seven full-size posters packed with *Where's Wally?* fun.

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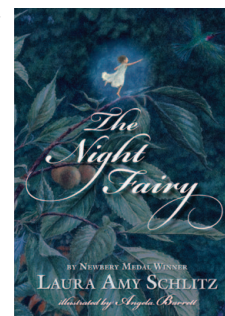


Celebrate 30 years of Walker Books in 2010

For 30 years Walker has been on a magical adventure; publishing the best books for children, working with great authors and illustrators, and delighting readers round the world. In this time we have created classics and continue to discover great new talent and our publishing in 2010 will celebrate this. Alongside our 30th birthday, we will also mark 20 years of preschool favourite *Maisy*, 10 years of reluctant teenage superspy *Alex Rider* and 10 years of the irrepressible *Judy Moody*. A number of promotional events are planned throughout the year, including 30 author and illustrator events in schools. Let the celebrations begin!

Award-winning US author and UK illustrator pair up for major young fiction novel.

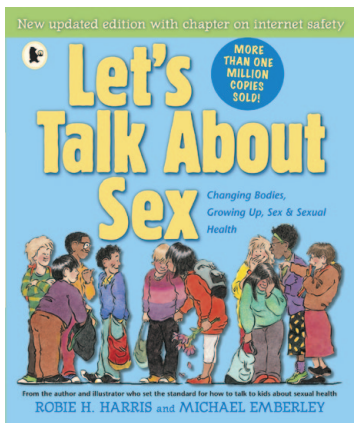
The Night Fairy is the stunning new novel for young readers from Newbery Medal-winner Laura Amy Schlitz, featuring full colour illustrations throughout by Angela Barrett. This is a story for little girls written by an author who wanted to give them a fairy with a brave spirit and a sense of adventure. Candlewick will publish *The Night Fairy* in February 2010, supported by an extensive marketing and PR campaign. For a sneak preview, visit www.thenightfairy.com.



Let's Talk About Sex

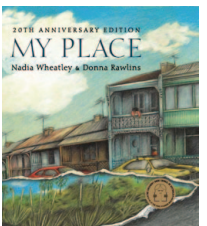
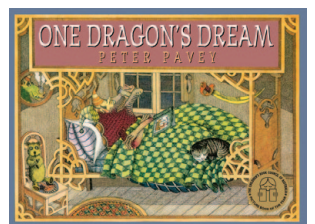
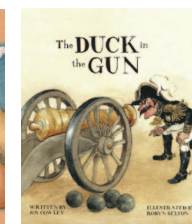
Walker celebrates 15 years of the universally acclaimed bestseller

It's true, sex sells! This definitive guide for young people to sex and sexual health has sold over a million copies worldwide, with enormous success in the US market, where it's published under the title *It's Perfectly Normal*. Over 2009 and 2010 Walker, Candlewick and Walker Australia will publish a fully updated edition to celebrate its 15th anniversary, which will include a brand new chapter on safe internet use.



Picture book classics from Walker Australia

There are certain picture books that leave a lasting impression, the sort of books that are read time and time again, and that become a staple part of any book collection. Walker Australia's Walker Classics are exactly these books. Featuring some of Australia and New Zealand's best authors and illustrators, this is a collection of picture books to last a lifetime.



Children’s Laureate to publish new book with Walker in Spring 2011

Congratulations to Anthony Browne on his new role as Children’s Laureate. Anthony Browne is one of the most popular and stylistically distinctive children’s book artists, and has won many prizes for his work, including the Kate Greenaway Medal (twice) and the Kurt Maschler Award (three times). In 2000, he received the highest international honour for illustration, the Hans Christian Andersen Award, for his services to children’s literature.

Throughout his laureateship Walker will be working with Anthony to promote the importance of picture books and visual literacy as part of our ongoing *Story in the Picture* campaign. We are delighted that Anthony will publish a brand new picture book with Walker. *Willy the Wanderer* will be published in Spring 2011.



Celebrate Christmas with Shirley Hughes

One of the world’s best-loved picture book creators shares an inspiring tale of Christmas goodwill in *The Christmas Eve Ghost*.

Shirley brings 1930s Liverpool alive with evocative drawings in an unforgettable story that recognizes the richness of human kindness, even in times of hardship and poverty. This memorable and beautiful book will be published in Autumn 2010.



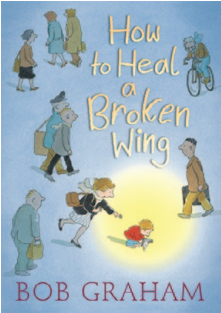
Debut joint publishing project from Walker and Faber will be Ted Hughes’ *The Iron Man*

Walker Books and Faber are proud to announce *The Iron Man* as the first title in a collaborative publishing venture, where Walker will be working with some of today’s finest artists to produce illustrated editions of classic Faber children’s books. Ted Hughes’ story is one of the great twentieth century fables, and this stunning new edition will feature illustrations from award-winning artist Laura Carlin.



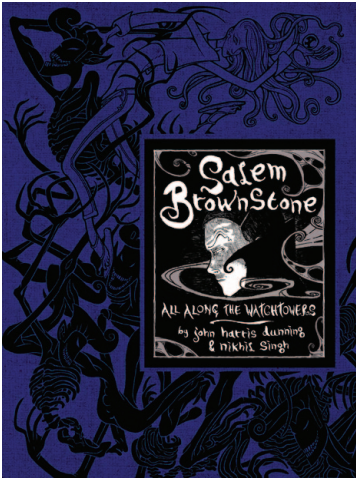
Congratulations Bob Graham!

Celebrated illustrator Bob Graham has won the CBCA book of the year award with his latest picture book *How To Heal a Broken Wing*. This is the fifth time that Bob has won this prestigious Australian award, a testimony to his enduring popularity and ability to create wonderful picture books.



Celebrity fanbase for graphic novel Salem Brownstone

Graphic novel legend Alan Moore describes John Harris Dunning and Nikhil Singh’s masterpiece as, “wonderfully imaginative and stylish”. *The Watchman* author goes on to say, “a perfect example of the adventurous new directions that comic books should be taking in the future.” Jefferson Hack, editor of *Dazed and Confused* says, “*Salem Brownstone* is a hypnotically beautiful gothic fantasy.” And Anthony Minghella, director of *The Talented Mr Ripley* and *The English Patient* called it, “original and compelling” – deserved high praise for this exciting debut publishing this autumn. Candlewick will publish *Salem Brownstone* in the US in July 2010.



Be part of our global success

World Rights Available There’s Going to be a Baby

By John Burningham and Helen Oxenbury

One of the most significant publishing events of 2010, this is the first collaboration between legendary picture book creators John Burningham and Helen Oxenbury. John’s words are natural, affectionate and funny and tell a remarkable tale of sibling rivalry, miraculously enacted even before the new baby is born. And Helen has painted a wonderful comedy of pictures, in a compelling new style. Set to become an instant classic, this is the perfect picture book for sharing with all the family.



The Tomorrow Code

By Brian Falkner

An apocalyptic sci-fi adventure from celebrated New Zealand writer Brian Falkner. Brian is the author of several novels for children and young people, including *The Flea Thing* and *The Super Freak*, which was shortlisted for the 2006 NZ Post Awards. Kirkus Reviews says of *The Tomorrow Code*, “this technothriller offers gearhead ecowarriors everything, including a hugely satisfying ending.” An exciting addition to the Walker Group line-up.

The Great Space Race

By Joshua Mowll

Joshua Mowll, author of the Guild Trilogy, which began with *Operation Red Jericho*, unveils his new project – a highly entertaining and madcap adventure starring the most unlikely family on earth. Full of illustrations, sketches and diagrams, prepare to enter the *Great Space Race*.



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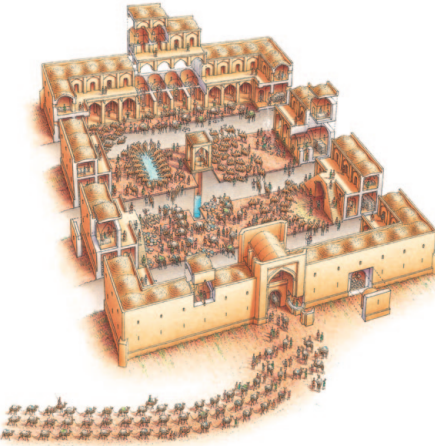
By Amanda Mitchison, illustrated by Richard Collingridge

In this thrilling adventure novel set in Norway, four teenagers attempt the most dangerous sabotage mission of World War II. Beautifully designed and featuring paper inserts that bring to life the experiences of the Special Agents, this is the debut novel from Amanda Mitchison and is illustrated throughout by Richard Collingridge.

Exploring the World

By Stewart Ross and Stephen Biesty

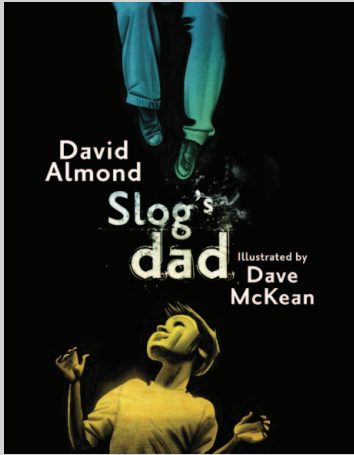
The internationally renowned illustrator Stephen Biesty follows some of the greatest explorers in history in this striking book, using unfolding cross-sections to bring these gripping historical journeys to life. Climb aboard the first sea voyage to the Arctic and prepare for take-off on the first trip to the moon.



Slog’s Dad

By David Almond and Dave McKean

This dynamic author–illustrator pairing were shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal this year for their debut joint project *The Savage*. Part novel, part picture book, part graphic novel, *The Savage* won unanimous critical acclaim. *Slog’s Dad* is the duo’s second book. Powerful, moving, beautiful and utterly unforgettable, this stunning book weaves together words and pictures in a unique and dramatic way, engaging readers of all ages.



Who Do You Think You Are?

Walker is delighted to be publishing *Who Do You Think You Are? Be a Genealogy Detective*. Based on the successful television series, which is currently broadcast all over the world, our fully branded novelty title will complement the series perfectly. This exciting new title will publish in time for Christmas 2010. *Who Do You Think You Are?* joins an impressive line-up of innovative novelty titles in 2010, that will include *My Pop-Up Body Book*, a new book from the ever-inventive Jennie Maizels, written by Will Petty. *Look Out, Leon!* is Jez Alborough’s first foray into novelty books, and is a vibrant story about Leon the chameleon with colourful pull-the-tab magic.



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