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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 3–6—Twelve-year-old Jack loves to spend time with his grandfather, who regales him with stories of his daring feats as a British Royal Air Force pilot during World War II. Lately, though, Grandpa has been more and more confused, getting into scrapes because he believes that he is still battling the Nazis. After one particularly dangerous escapade involving an antique plane at the Imperial War Museum, Jack's parents decide to send Grandpa to live at Twilight Towers, the town's new nursing home. When Jack goes to visit his grandfather, he discovers that Twilight Towers is run by some unsavory characters who are drugging the residents and rewriting their wills. Grandpa, understandably, thinks that he is being held in a prison camp, and he hatches a plan to break all of the residents out of the home. After one final adventure as the gentleman's sidekick, Jack must say good-bye to his grandfather, comforted by the amazing memories of their time together. Filled with hyperbolic characters, wild exploits, and zany visual elements, this volume is clearly influenced by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake. Walliams and Ross revel in impudence and absurdity, and they do not shy away from sinister characters performing nefarious deeds. While the irreverent wit will keep readers engaged, the surprising tenderness in the relationship between Jack and his ailing grandfather is what makes this book truly shine. VERDICT A darkly humorous tale with a surprising amount of heart. This British import is a solid addition to medium to large middle grade collections.—Sarah Reid, Four County Library System, NY

Review

PRAISE IN THE USA FOR GRANDPA'S GREAT ESCAPE:

"A realistic and touching relationship. Ample illustrations from the always splendid Ross will keep the pages in this plump volume turning. A Dahl-esque tale." (Kirkus Reviews)

"While the irreverent wit will keep readers engaged, the surprising tenderness in the relationship between Jack and his ailing grandfather is what makes this book truly shine. A darkly humorous tale with a surprising amount of heart." (School Library Journal)

"The comedy is nicely counterbalanced by the poignant bond between Jack and Grandpa. Ross's energetic drawings and some playful use of typography bring additional drama and humor to the story." (Publishers Weekly)

"A pleaser for fans of similar escapades engineered by the likes of Roald Dahl or Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Walliams, already popular in the UK, is a best-seller this side of the pond as well, and this caper promises to be no different." (ALA Booklist)

"The ultimate emphasis on loving people where you find them, as Jack does when he accepts his role as squadron leader rather than grandson, is poignant and well conveyed, even amid the cheeky humor." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

PRAISE IN THE USA FOR DEMON DENTIST:

"A Brit-flavored romp that combines moments of intense terror and bracing courage with biting satire." (Kirkus Reviews)

"A Dahl-esque mix of humor and horror that will appeal to fans of both." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

“A goofy, gory, outlandish tale of deep evil and terrible tooth-rot—and sweetness of heart. Kids who enjoy humorous gross-out horror will definitely want to book an appointment of their own with the Demon Dentist.” (Wall Street Journal)

“Dahl-esque in the extreme...Frenetic humor for middle grade fans of the funny and fearsome.” (School Library Journal)

UK PRAISE FOR DAVID WALLIAMS: “No one has any business being as talented as David Walliams. He is the heir to Roald Dahl—and that’s saying a lot.” (The Spectator)

“Unlike other celebrity authors, Walliams can write; his energetic fairytale will be relished.” (The Times)

“The joy of David’s books are that he completely understands how children think and feel and is never ever patronising.” (The Sun)

“Further proof that Walliams has become a master storyteller. Walliams manages to infuse his novels with genuine wit and sly commentary.” (Heat Magazine)

“Comedian David Walliams has taken the publishing world by storm.” (The Metro)

“A triumphant mix of wit and warmth.” (Telegraph)

“A great comic tale—Walliams is a natural wit.” (Evening Standard)

“Walliams’s books will become classics.” (The Guardian)

From the Back Cover

In his old age Grandpa has become confused. He believes he is back in World War II, when he was an RAF Spitfire pilot. Only one person can understand him: his grandson, Jack.

When Grandpa is sent to Twilight Towers—an old folk’s home run by sinister Matron Swine—it’s up to Jack and Grandpa to plot a daring escape. Little do they know, the wicked matron is on to them. . . .

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