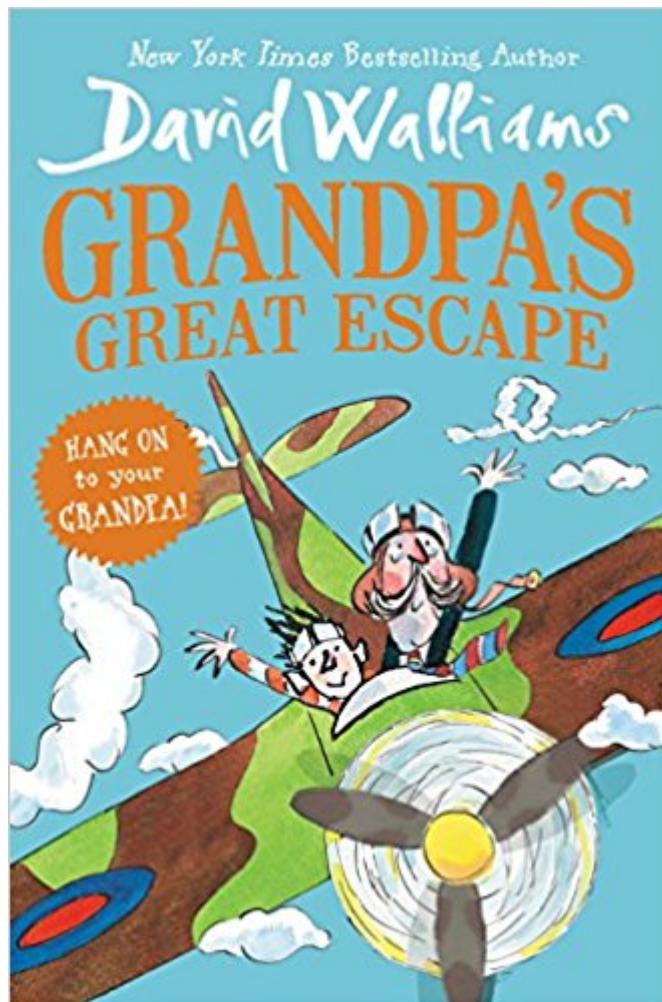


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# Grandpa's Great Escape



## Synopsis

David Walliams, hailed as “the heir to Roald Dahl” by *The Spectator*, burst onto the American scene with the *New York Times* bestseller *Demon Dentist*. Now the UK’s #1 bestselling children’s author is back with this high-flying adventure about a boy and his grandfather, perfect for fans of Jeff Kinney and Rachel Renee Russell. Grandpa is Jack’s favorite person in the world. It doesn’t matter that he wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves Spam a la Custard for dinner, and often doesn’t remember Jack’s name. But then Grandpa starts to believe he’s back in World War II, when he was a Spitfire fighter pilot, and he’s sent to live in an old folk’s home run by the sinister Matron Swine. Now it’s up to Jack to help Grandpa plot a daring escape!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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

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 Cotrell-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' books will become classics." (The Guardian)

I'm a reading teacher. My students love Roald Dahl books and I'm always looking for more books that are similar in tone. I happened upon this book at a local book store and it looked interesting so I ordered it from here. I read the book over the weekend and loved it. It's not the same as Roald Dahl but is a wonderful book. It is both funny and witty. It also tackles the greater theme of understanding grandparents with dementia without making light of it.

Fabulous treat from David Walliams! A must loved by our 10 year old. He was fascinated by the WWII pilot stories. Can't wait for the next one...

I was told I had to read this book to my class by my 9 year old nephew. I took his advice. I found the book to be a little 'corny' at times but my class LOVES it. They have been laughing out loud. I teach 4th grade by the way. We aren't finished yet so I can't tell you how we'll like the ending but I will definitely be reading it every year!

This tale of Alzheimers, a boy's connection to his grandfather and adventure is another well crafted masterpiece from David Walliams. Comic dialogue, cliffhanging (and steeple hanging) suspense and sensitive handling of life's big questions work together in this amusing ride.

A joyous and rollicking adventure into the world of a child viewing his grandpa's dementia and participating in his great escape. What could be and, for many families is a sad and helpless observation of their elderly parents drift away from competence and reality, becomes a story of what

'could be' and a reminder of the child that still exists in the elderly.

Great book gift for wife loves it

I bought this book for my 11 year old daughter and she loved it! Several of her friends have borrowed it and they all enjoyed it too!

My son LOVES all David Walliams books and reads them from start to finish!!

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