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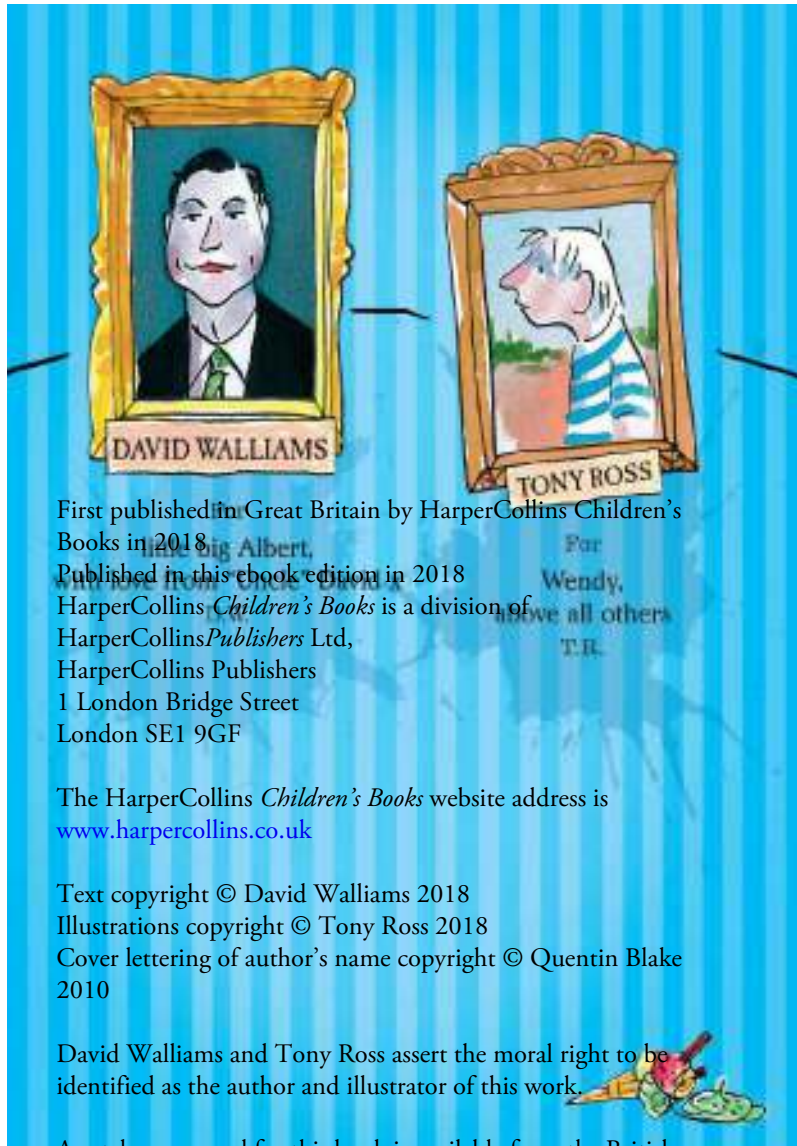
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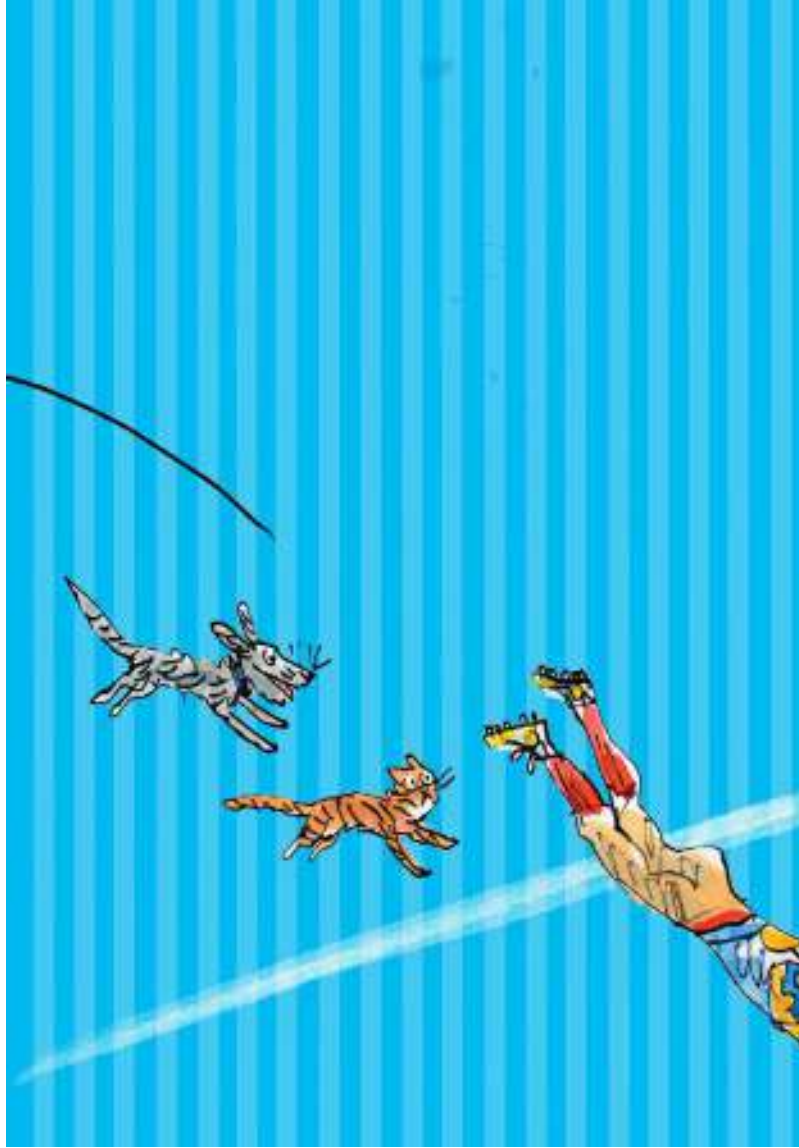
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THANK-YOUs

I would like to thank this collection of the world's worst grown-ups who helped me with this book.

Tony Ross, my *illustrator*, was NEVER a naughty boy. He was a wolf cub and abided by their code. He was, however, thrown out of the scouts for curling the brim of his scout hat to make it look like John Wayne's hat.

Executive Publisher Ann-Janine Murtagh loved dressing up and playing with her big sister's make-up when she was little and she liked to have her cat Ossie and dog Timmy join in the fun - dressing them in ribbons and bows and putting lavish amounts of her sister's favourite lipstick on their noses!

HarperCollins CEO, Charlie Redmayne, once put itching powder in his sister's bed (but only after she pushed him into a clump of stinging nettles). She got a terrible rash...

My literary agent, Paul Stevens, once goaded his little brother into such a red-mist rage that he picked up a spoon as a weapon to attack him. Paul fled and barricaded himself into the living room for days...

My editor, Alice Blacker, once made a recording of scary breathing and set the recording to play in her brother's room at bedtime. She then stood by and waited for the screams of terror to come from her brother's room. And they did!

Publishing Director Kate Burns shared a bedroom with her sister, who had a wall full of David Cassidy posters. One day Kate decided to draw a red pen moustache on every one of the David Cassidy faces...

Publisher Rachel Denwood once found a hole in her parents' duvet and pulled out every single feather!



Managing Editor **Samantha Stewart** would push her vegetables through a knothole in the kitchen floor with her big toe to avoid eating her greens...

Creative Director **Val Brathwaite**, having been irritated by her little sister one too many times, decided to teach her a lesson by filling her knickers with acid...

My PR Director, **Geraldine Stroud**, was a champion cheater when it came to playing board games with her big brother. Her particular speciality was taking a few extra notes from the Monopoly bank when he wasn't looking!



Head of Marketing **Alex Cowan**, aged seven, persuaded his younger cousins that a glue stick was, in fact, lip gloss.



Publicist **Margot Lohan** would sneak sweets and when she got caught would scream very, very loudly until she was allowed to keep them.



My audio editor, **Tanya Hougham**, once painted an enormous tiger on a freshly painted wall in her parents' new house.

The world's best design team;

Sally Griffin once skipped school, only to bump straight into her headmaster - her only option was to run away from him!

Matthew Kelly decided to go fishing after school instead of doing his paper round. When discovered, he was made to deliver all the papers late at night and apologise to each person individually and with shame...

David McDougall once spilled a can of paint on a brand-new carpet. Instead of confessing to the accident, he decided to paint over it with a different colour!



David Walker's





FROM THE DESK OF
THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Hello, people of the world, and welcome to this book - in my humble view the greatest book ever written, after my own one, which was better.

It is a huge honour for me to write the introduction as my best friend in the whole world (maybe my only friend) is David "**The Dave**" Walliams. I am a big fan of all his stuff. *The World's Worst Children* is my favourite one of his books as it's mainly pictures and I only really look at the pictures.

After a long, hard day of presidential-type stuff, I often call **The Dave** for advice, and he has always had fab tips for me.

"Don't be afraid to do something different with your hair!"

"Remember, if you are the same colour as a satsuma, you are too orange!"

"Have you thought about bringing out your own presidential merchandise? The president's breakfast cereal, the president's colouring-in books, president slippers, president fidget spinners, president bubble bath, president pants? You could make a fortune!"

The Dave is big on merchandise. I always thank him for his deep spiritual wisdom.

Sometimes **The Dave** asks little old me for advice. Recently we were on holiday together in the beautiful British city of Blackpool,