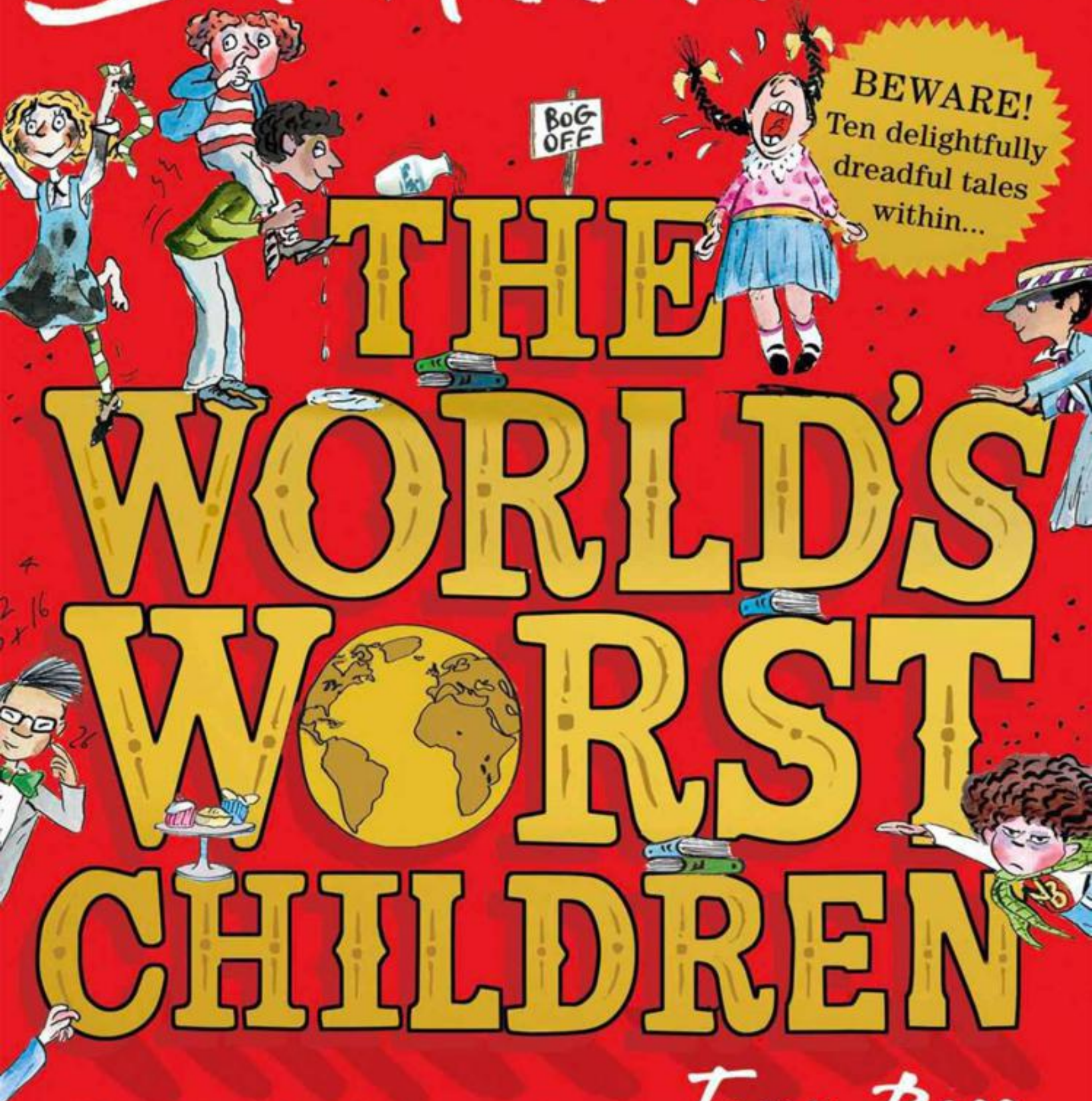


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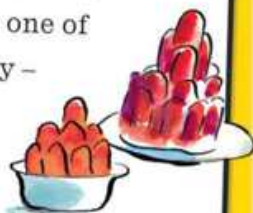
I would like to thank...



Tony Ross, *illustrator* – who, aged 6, filled a tin with tadpoles, left it in his grandmother's bedroom and forgot about it... until, several weeks later, his grandmother's screams reminded him as dozens of frogs hopped across her bed!

Zzzzz
Zzzzz

Ann-Janine Murtagh, *my publisher* – who as a little girl refused to go to sleep each night until every one of her 6 big sisters and brothers had told her a story – often making bedtime well past midnight!



Charlie Redmayne, *CEO* – who let his little sister take the blame for stealing a packet of jelly from the kitchen when in fact it was him – he never admitted the truth. Until now.



Paul Stevens, *my literary agent* – who as a little boy cut a hole in his dad's best suit jacket.

Ruth Alltimes, *my editor* – who, aged 5, poured a jug of orange squash over her little sister's head.

Rachel Denwood, *Publishing and Creative Director* – who, aged 6, decided to see how many peas she could put up her nose.



Sally Griffin, *Designer* – who, aged 7, picked ALL her mum's daffodils to sell in her 'flower shop'.



Anna Lubecka, *Designer* – who as a young girl cut off all of her hair with nail scissors.

Nia Roberts, *Art Director* – who, aged 6, painted over her parents' wedding photos with red nail varnish.

Kate Clarke, *my cover designer* – who as a young child cut up her mum's favourite – and very expensive – scarf, to use in a collage she was working on.

Geraldine Stroud, *PR Director* – who as a toddler mixed the contents of her mum's dressing table into a cake-shaped, perfumed mulch and spread it all over the house.

Sam White, *my publicist* – who as a small child did a wee in her mum's bed and didn't tell her.

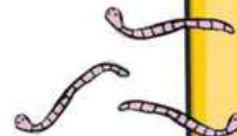
Nicola Way, *Marketing Director* – who, aged 5, kidnapped her little brother and the dog and went on the run for a whole hour!

Alison Ruane, *Brand Director* – who, aged 10, would bake chilli powder scones and make her little brothers eat them.

Georgia Monroe, *Desk Editor* – who as a toddler splattered nappy cream all over her bedroom when she was meant to be having a nap!

Tanya Brennand-Roper, *my audio editor* – who as a young child collected worms from the garden and put them in the kitchen so her mum would scream!

David Walker



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It could be called
**THE WORLD'S NICEST, KINDEST, BESTEST, MOST
LOVELIEST CHILDREN IN THE WHOLE WORLD.**

But no.

Instead we get a BUCKETLOAD of stories about
children with bottoms that don't stop blowing off,
children who teach their nits to do terrible things
and children who won't stop picking their noses until
they create the world's largest booger.

These are children who I would NEVER ever allow
in my newsagent's shop, which I am extremely proud to
say was recently voted best newsagent in the parade.*

* RAJ'S NEWSAGENT IS CURRENTLY THE ONLY NEWSAGENT IN THE PARADE. SAYING THAT, MY SHOP
DID COME SECOND LAST YEAR IN A POLL OF BEST NEWSAGENTS. THE LAUNDERETTE CAME FIRST.

I would never let the frankly APPALLING children
featured in this book take advantage of the very
special offers in my shop, such as my 103 sherbert fountains
for the price of 102, or buy your own bodyweight in mints, get one mint free.
Hurry while stocks last!**

** ACTUALLY I HAVE PLENTY OF STOCK, AND IT IS ALREADY OUT OF DATE,
SO THERE IS NO NEED TO HURRY. MAYBE A BRISE WALK WOULD DO IT.

What's worst of all is that I am hardly in this
book. It's an insult! I am by far the most cleverest
and handsomest character that ever came out of
Mr Wallywilly's dark and troubled mind! Yet I was only
asked to contribute an introduction, and was under
strict instructions that said introduction be no
longer than two pages. Two pages!

How dare **Mr Willywillybumbum?** Surely I, the
GREAT RAJ OF RAJ'S NEWSAGENT

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