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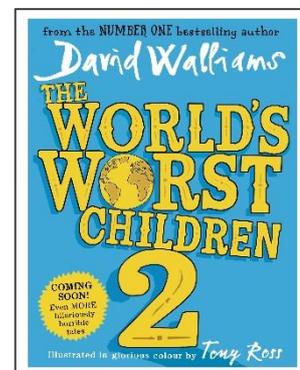
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! HARPERCOLLINS CHILDREN'S BOOKS ANNOUNCES MAY PUBLICATION OF *THE WORLD'S WORST CHILDREN 2*

**BRITAIN'S BESTSELLING STORYTELLER PENS ANOTHER UNIQUE COLLECTION
OF CAUTIONARY TALES**

HarperCollins Children's Books is thrilled to announce the publication of David Walliams', *The World Worst Children 2*. With illustrations in glorious colour by Tony Ross, it will publish in hardback on 25th May 2017.

David's release of his first volume, *The World's Worst Children*, stormed the market with its surprise publication last year, delighting his millions of readers and supercharging the book industry. From launch, the book dominated the charts. It held the industry No.1 slot for three weeks, and the children's-chart No.1 slot for ten weeks. Success continued throughout 2016 with the book staying 29 weeks in the Children's Top Ten and exceeding sales of over 500,000 in the UK alone.*

The World's Worst Children 2 welcomes another line-up of disgraceful children even more deliciously wicked than before! This stunning collection of cautionary tales will be published in the UK and across key international territories including Australia, New Zealand and Canada, as well as simultaneously in ebook and audio formats with the story uproariously read by David himself!



David Walliams said, "I wrote the first collection of short stories with the reluctant reader in mind. I wanted to create a book that would be very friendly for children whatever their reading ability, full of surreal humour and colourful illustrations from the great Tony Ross. This new book has all new characters and stories and I am thrilled to be unleashing these horrible children on the world."

Ann-Janine Murtagh, Executive Publisher, HarperCollins Children's Books, said, "David promised his readers in the first volume of *The World's Worst Children* that he was working on volume 2 – well, here it is and it is more wild, more surreal, more epic than ever, but just as wonderfully Walliams! Tony Ross partners with deliciously witty illustration in another beautiful edition. David has taken the tradition of the cautionary tale, made it his own and redefined it for the children of today. He is a genius storyteller."

David Walliams has celebrated exceptional success since his debut in the world of children's literature in 2008, and the growth of his list has fuelled the children's book market. His global sales total over 17 million copies and his work has been translated into more than 53 languages.

Last year, ***The Midnight Gang***, David's ninth fiction title, went straight to No.1 on publication in the overall book charts and remained there for seven weeks. It was the industry's biggest-selling book for Christmas and was the Christmas No.1, making it the first children's No.1 since J. K. Rowling in 2008.*

Earlier in 2017, David wrote a novella for World Book Day, ***Blob***, which broke the record for the best single week of sales ever for a (single) World Book Day title with sales of over 103,500 copies. Published on 23 February, it was industry No.1 for four consecutive weeks, selling over 225,000 copies, and bringing his total number of weeks at No.1 to 91.



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David Walliams Children's Books

Fiction:

The Boy in the Dress (2008)
Mr Stink (2009)
Billionaire Boy (2010)
Gangsta Granny (2011)
Ratburger (2012)
Demon Dentist (2013)
Awful Auntie (2014)
Grandpa's Great Escape (2015)
The Midnight Gang (3rd Nov 2016)
Blob (2017)

Short Story Collection:

The World's Worst Children (2016)

Picture Books:

The Slightly Annoying Elephant (2013)
The First Hippo on the Moon (2014)
The Queen's Orang-utan (2015)
The Bear Who Went Boo! (2015)
There's a Snake in my School! (6th Oct 2016)

**For more information on David's children's books, news and events please visit
www.worldofdavidwalliams.com**

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