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Welbeck acquires world-renowned children's illustrator, Robert Ingpen's backlist as it announces launch of Welbeck Classics

News for release: Friday 15th January 2021: Welbeck Publishing Group has acquired the backlist by the eminent and internationally respected children's illustrator, Robert Ingpen. Ingpen's portfolio of illustrated children's classics has previously been published by Palazzo Editions in 23 language editions across 26 countries.

Ingpen's backlist, which includes illustrated editions of children's classics such as *Peter Pan*, *Treasure Island* and *Alice in Wonderland* will now form the basis of Welbeck Children's Classics, a new list dedicated to publishing and celebrating the finest books for children of all ages. Launching later in the year as an imprint of Welbeck Children's, Welbeck Children's Classics will also feature new titles including a new book illustrated by Ingpen.

Welbeck's Group Publisher for Children's Books, Jane Harris, said: "It is testament to Robert's ongoing commitment to children's publishing that he is still working and illustrating the classics and we are thrilled at Welbeck to be publishing the collection. The opportunity to reach readers of all ages, all over the world, with Robert's portfolio illustrating how the classics can be illuminated through art, taking the readers on a journey of wonderment and imagination that goes beyond words is a real privilege."

Palazzo's MD, Jon Rippon, said: "Palazzo is honoured to have had the opportunity to build this renowned, award-winning, list of children's classics with Robert. Having been the custodian of these books since they started to be created by Robert and Colin Webb over 15 years ago, we are sad to see them go. However, Jane Harris and Marcus Leaver are long-time admirers and fans of Robert and his books, and when they approached me last year indicating their interest, I was confident that they would continue to strengthen and develop the list at Welbeck. Palazzo wishes them and Robert the utmost success in the future."

Robert Ingpen went on to say: "When I heard that a new publishing company were to publish my backlist, I was hopeful that my last few years as a working illustrator would not be greatly changed. I have become comfortable working with firstly Colin Webb and then with Jon Rippon and editor Gemma Farr. So to learn that Welbeck Publishing is keen to carry on publishing these titles, and perhaps more, is very satisfying to me. I hope that I can continue to contribute as an illustrator and creator for Welbeck in the future."

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Australian Robert Ingpen began his long and distinguished career illustrating and writing children's books in 1968. Twenty years later in 1986 he became the first Australian to be awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Medal for his contribution to children's literature.

Robert Ingpen's backlist of 16 illustrated children's classics are: *Peter Pan*, *Treasure island*, *The Jungle Book*, *Wind in the Willows*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, *Tom Sawyer*, *The Secret Garden*, *Pinocchio*, *Around the World in Eighty Days*, *The Jungle Book*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Nutcracker*, *The Owl and the Pussycat* and *Gulliver's Travels*.

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Welbeck Publishing Group is an exciting, fast-growing independent publisher based in London, dedicated to publishing only the very best and most commercial books spanning a number of genres and categories, from leading authors and well-known brands to debut talent. We live for books that entertain, excite and enhance the lives of readers around the world.

Our publishing is diverse yet underpinned with independent thought; indeed, we are renowned for innovative ideas, creativity and our commercial nous. Our talented, experienced team is drawn from right across publishing and media, combining the ambition and scale of a large publishing house with the passion and creativity of an independent. Bringing a uniquely focused approach to everything we do and being ambitious and forward-thinking, we are fast becoming a publisher of choice for authors and agents.

From building our boutique fiction and narrative non-fiction lists to shaping our world-renowned illustrated reference, gift and children's titles, our aim is to be a market-leader in every category in which we publish. Our books and products come to life for adults, children, and families in 30 languages in more than 60 countries around the world, selling through a variety of traditional and non-traditional channels. We are constantly looking for new ways to deliver our exceptional content and new ideas to inspire readers and listeners everywhere.

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Just So Stories
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Nutcracker, The
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