

Mr Tripp Goes for a Skate – Sandy McKay

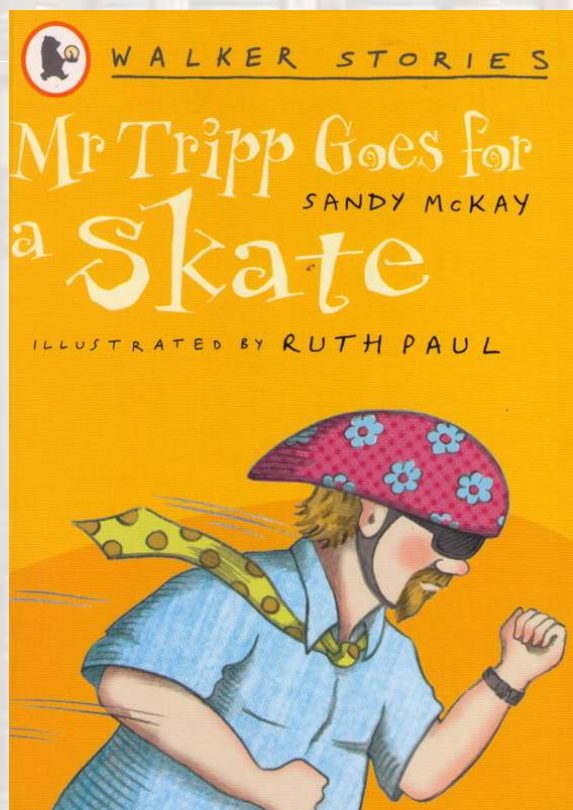
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Room Five students enjoy their lessons with cheerful Mr Tripp. He's an enthusiastic teacher with a quirky sense of humour and he loves riddles and jokes. He inspires his students to find pleasure in learning.

When Mr Tripp announces a Wheels Day he asks everyone to bring along something to ride in the playground. The students turn up with a variety of wheeled transport. Even Miss Filipo, the Room Seven teacher, whizzes around the field on a bike. Mr Tripp becomes over-excited and mentions that skateboards are 'his thing'. Oops! His face goes a funny colour when he's challenged to a skateboard exhibition. After several excuses and much stalling he finally has to demonstrate his skills – to the whole school!

Ruth Paul's black and white illustrations give helpful visual connections to the story. Mr Tripp is shown as a kindly character and his students gather round him as a supportive mini-community. This easy-to-read, 64-page chapter book will encourage early readers to look for other titles in the Walker Books series.

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett



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