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## ***Time Now to Dream* by Timothy Knapman illustrated by Helen Oxenbury**

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Excitement, exploration, apprehension, discovery, and wonder are all captured in this charming picture book.

Young Jack is playing outside with his older sister, Alice, when they hear a strange sound from the nearby woods. Alice is keen to find the cause of the sound and takes her brother's hand to lead him into the forest.

*"What if it's the Wicked Wolf," Jack says, "with his big bad claws and his snap-trap jaws?"*

Alice reassures him all will be well. As they move further into the woods they come closer to the sound and Jack's fears increase. Several times he repeats that he wants to go home. Finally, Alice becomes scared too and tells Jack, "Run!"

But Jack has glimpsed the source of the strange cries and is transfixed with delight. Alice is relieved and entranced by their find, then Jack takes her by the hand to lead her home. The tale is a superb balance of growing tension, mounting unease, and a satisfying resolution.

Timeless illustrations imbue the wonder of childhood and imaginative discoveries that lie in wait for curious children. Perhaps deliberately, the girl is named Alice as she's reminiscent of Oxenbury's luminous illustrations for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Beautiful end papers and a slip cover complete this quality publication by Walker Books.

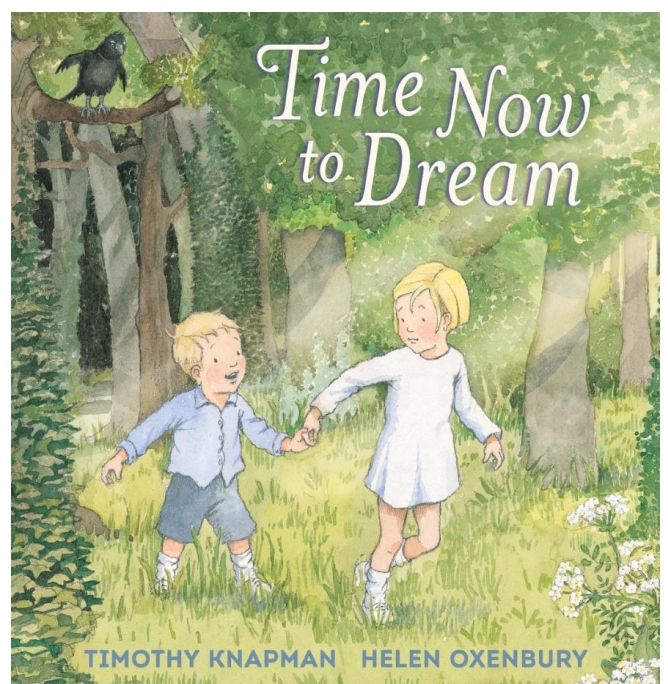
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