



## **THE GRANDFATHER INFESTATION: THE ILLUSTRATED EDITION**

Candy Jar Books is pleased to announce a very special book for 2023, the hardback illustrated edition of *The Grandfather Infestation* by John Peel.

Like the illustrated edition of *Beast of Fang Rock*, this book has been inspired by the illustrated *Doctor Who* Target books from the early 1970s, combined with the popularity of the *Lethbridge-Stewart Colouring Book*, which was made available via Amazon and good retailers last month with four brand new images.

In 2016 Range Editor Andy Frankham-Allen compared *The Grandfather Infestation* with the work of John Wyndham in 2016. He said: "I've always been a huge fan of his work, and I knew I wanted something in a similar vein. I asked John to give us something Triffid-esque and he did exactly that. He's created a nice blend of genres, mixing the best elements of storytelling that you'd find in the works of Robert Banks Stewart and Wyndham, giving it Peel's own distinctive twist. And John is no stranger to twisting tales, make no mistake. He's been writing prose fiction beyond *Doctor Who* continuously for over twenty-five years, and you don't do that without being good."

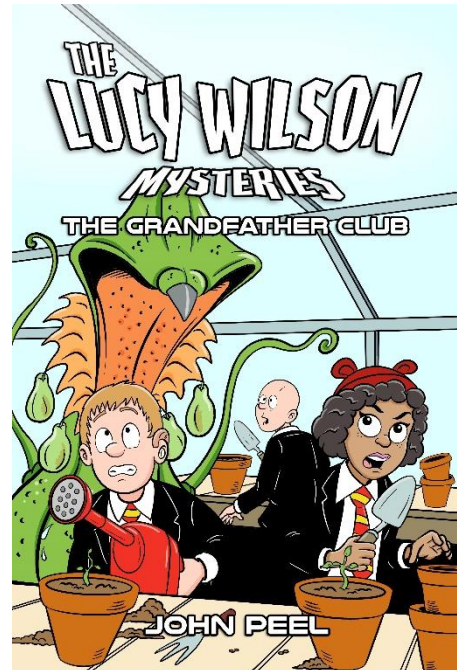
The book has a brand new cover, but the actual look of the Grandfathers has not been changed. Martin Baines opted to keep Colin Howard's original design. Martin said: "Colin is a *Doctor Who* demi-god and I wouldn't have felt comfortable changing his work. His realisation of the Grandfathers was perfect. Like all his *Doctor Who* artwork, Colin really understand what makes a good monster."



For anyone who wants to revisit Colin's work *Timeslides, the Doctor Who Artwork of Colin Howard*, also still available from Candy Jar.

Martin has also provided internal illustrations for the book. He continued: "Like the Beast of Fang Rock, I read the book and choose my favourite scenes. I was excited to discover that *The Grandfather Infestation* is a jam-packed full of action, so it made illustrating it very fun indeed."

*The Grandfather Infestation: The Illustrated Edition* comes with a free postcard, as well as a brand new *Lucy Wilson Mysteries* book *The Grandfather Club* written by John Peel. Shaun Russell, head of publishing at Candy Jar, felt that the time was right return to the Grandfathers. He said: "John's first ever *Lethbridge-Stewart* book was *The Grandfather Infestation*. And what a book it is! And, over the years we've always tremendous feedback about it, receiving so many requests to release a new edition. But instead of doing a paperback with a new cover, we decided to do something a little more special. Like *Beast of Fang Rock*, Martin's artwork really helps to bring this exciting book alive. And the Lucy story is the cherry on the cake, allowing us to introduce the alien Grandfathers to a new audience."



Blurb for *The Grandfather Infestation*:

*The late 1960s and pirate radio is at its height. DJ Mary Wilde is second-guessing herself, and her career choice – is she a fool to think she can succeed in a man's world? But such problems are soon put into sharp relief when something emerges from the depths of the North Sea, and drags Radio Crossbones down.*

*Meanwhile, Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart has to contend with the politics of running the Fifth Operational Corps, but he's soon pulled away from such tedious back-patting when a nuclear submarine is lost with all hands while investigating the strange occurrences in the North Sea.*

*What are the Ymir, and why is it important for them to collect so many humans for their Grandfathers? And why does their success spell certain*

*doom for Edinburgh? Lethbridge-Stewart, Anne Travers and Mary Wilde are about to learn the shocking truth first hand.*

Blurb for The Grandfather Club:

*All of the school clubs have been cancelled, effective immediately. All except one...*

*Lucy and Hobo can't understand why everyone at school has joined the gardening club. They also can't understand why no one is doing any gardening!*

*Why are the students constructing a gigantic greenhouse? And why does it need such a powerful heating system? But, more to the point, what sort of plants will this greenhouse be the home to?*

*Will Lucy and Hobo be able to solve this mystery or have the seeds of destruction already been sown?*