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The imprint Walker 'Doubles' simply means there are two stories in one book . . . not such a radical concept as the publicity would suggest. However, this does mean they're good value, being well-produced and satisfying to handle. Aimed at the fluent, but not yet sophisticated reader, the largish print is split up into short chapters and by small black-and-white drawings.

The first title here I found rather contrived and worthy, carrying lots of messages about where cheese and honey come from, being tolerant of those less socially fortunate than oneself, and being friends. However, it's well-written and interesting.

**Smudge** has two stories about an old dog who manages to lead the two children who take him for walks into quite plausible and entertaining adventures.

Both books have the virtue of not talking down to, or playing up to, their audience and young Juniors would certainly enjoy them.

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