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What do fairies and pumpkins have in common?

Two new adventures from JT Petty this summer promise to keep bored 'tweens out of trouble!

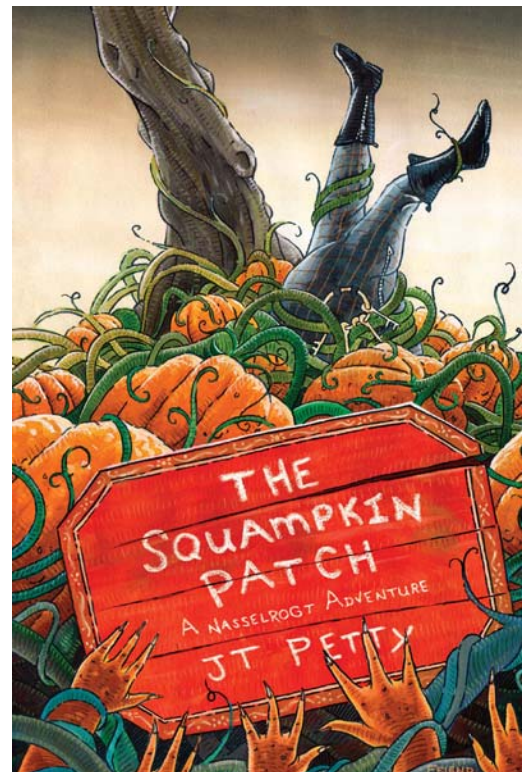
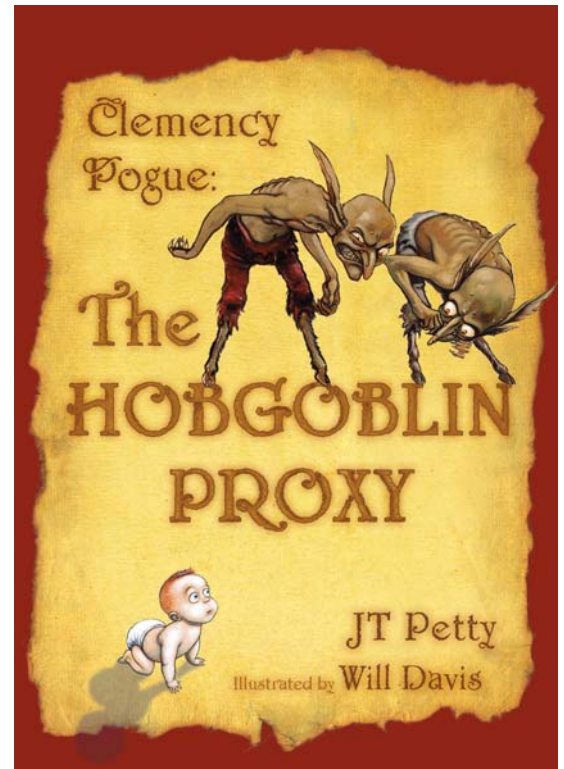
It's not often the work of a new author advances to the front of the class as quickly as JT Petty's debut novel, *Clemency Pogue: Fairy Killer* last year.

Book Sense made it one of their Fall Picks. *USA Today* declared that "Petty's humor is often sharper than J.K. Rowling's." And *Time Out New York Kids* wrote that *Fairy Killer*, with "Petty's frank voice, dry humor and well-developed sense of irony is a much smarter and sassier book than most marketed to this age group."

This major new talent in young adult literature is releasing not one – but two new page-turners this summer: the second book in his hilarious, action-packed fantasy series, ***Clemency Pogue: The Hobgoblin Proxy*** (June), and the comic thriller, ***The Squampkin Patch*** (August).

In Petty's irreverent, fantastical tale, ***The Hobgoblin Proxy***, feisty fairy-killer Clemency Pogue is back! Looking for a new adventure, Clem summons her hobgoblin friend Chaphesmeeso, who brings Kennethurchin and a new mission for Clemency.

Kennethurchin was stolen from his cradle as a baby and replaced with a changeling. Since changelings are made of clay, they dissolve when they're given a bath – but because Kennethurchin's changeling has never bathed, he's still at large. Now Kennethurchin can't become a hobgoblin, so it's up to Clem and Chaphe to track down the changeling and return him to the ground. But the changeling, who is already nine years old, has ideas of his own.



Then, in August, vegetable-haters will love Petty's all-new tale about Milton and Chloe Nasselrogt (pronounced Nasal Rod), who lose their parents in a department store. Seemingly orphaned, they're turned over to the evil Y.K.K. Porifera, who operates a zipper factory where children are forced to toil like prisoners. After a narrow escape, the brother and sister stumble upon an abandoned house and adjoining candy store with a mysterious vegetable garden. As Halloween approaches and the squamkins grow, Milton and Chloe start to suspect that there's something ominous about the patch. Who knew vegetables could be sinister – even deadly!

When author JT Petty isn't writing children's books, he's penning blockbuster video games or writing and directing movies. A graduate of the prestigious NYU Film School, Petty has directed three films, including the award-winning "Soft for Digging," which debuted at the Sundance Film Festival in 2001. His work in video games includes creating the original storyline and script for the Tom Clancy action game, "Splinter Cell" and its sequel, as well as three other top-selling titles. He also recently co-wrote the screenplay adaptation of "Splinter Cell" for Paramount Pictures and director Peter Berg. Not surprisingly, *The Clemency Pogue* series was recently acquired by The Jim Henson Company, with whom Petty is working closely to adapt the story to the big screen as an animated motion picture.

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Clemency Pogue: The Hobgoblin Proxy

by JT Petty

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