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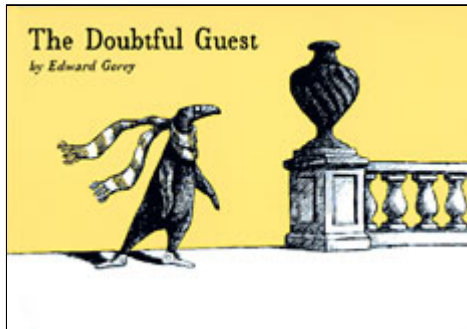


### Gorey's *Doubtful Guest* to hit the big screen

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LOS ANGELES—[Walden Media](#), [Fox 2000](#) and [The Jim Henson Co.](#) together will develop and produce a live-action feature film adaptation of Edward Gorey's book [The Doubtful Guest](#), the first time a Gorey work has ever been made into a feature film.

The film will be released by Twentieth Century Fox and Walden Media through their Fox Walden banner. Brad Peyton is attached to direct and Matthew Huffman will write the screenplay. Producing duties will be handled by The Jim Henson Co.'s co-CEOs Lisa Henson and Brian Henson, and Jason Lust, the company's senior vice president of feature films, while Jim Henson's Creature Shop, the company's visual and special effects division, will bring the film's title creature to life using a blend of CGI and animatronics.



Originally published in 1957, *The Doubtful Guest* tells the story of a quirky family whose life is turned upside down when a mysterious and mischievous creature arrives unannounced and unwelcome, bringing trouble with him and wreaking havoc, according to the classic book's current publisher, New York-based Harcourt.

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Edward Gorey wrote more than 100 books in his lifetime and illustrated books for such writers as T.S. Eliot and Samuel Becket. He was also a very successful set and costume designer, earning a Tony Award for his Broadway production of *Edward Gorey's Dracula*. Animated sequences of his work have introduced the PBS series *Mystery!* since 1980. Gorey died in 2000.

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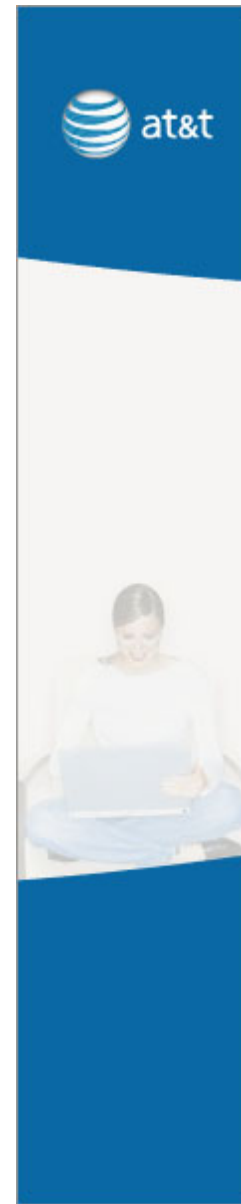
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