

Romar Jones Takes a Hike

Young Adult Fiction introducing Romar Jones, 15 ½, lean and lanky, grieving his granny's death, unhappy in relative foster care and ready to make his own way in the world.

Romar Jones walks out of his high school classroom two weeks before summer break and heads for Smelt Sands Beach near Yachats on the Oregon Coast with some of his granny's ashes. He expects to make a brief stop and then head for the Washington prison where his mother lives, but hunger and the aroma of cooking food deters him. So begins his stay at Vesta's by the Sea, an RV Park-Café-Grocery.

Was Vesta expecting him, or did he misunderstand? Is the makeshift camp on the beach near her place something kids built, or is it a shelter for Meth Mouth, a derelict he met on his lonely hike? Is the prettiest girl he's ever managed to talk with, Kyra Jarvi, a relative of his granny's? And what exactly is a "Kissing Cousin?"

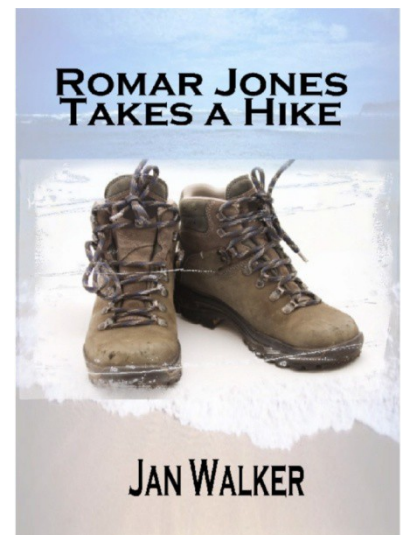
Romar has to be honest with Vesta about his age and runaway status, and with himself about his life and choices, before he confronts his mother, completes his freshman year coursework online and embarks on a journey to independent living.

Romar Jones Takes a Hike is the sometimes sad, sometimes funny and totally satisfying story of a teenage boy making his own way in the world in a place he calls Home. The book introduces characters who will appear in Walker's next YA novel, *Carvings By Carlos*, also set on the Oregon Coast and in the Cummins Creek Wilderness.

Early readers call Romar an engaging character whose dilemmas will resonate with teens, a good read for teens and adults—especially grandmothers who would be glad to have him as their grandson, and a story that follows the reader around long after the story ends.

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