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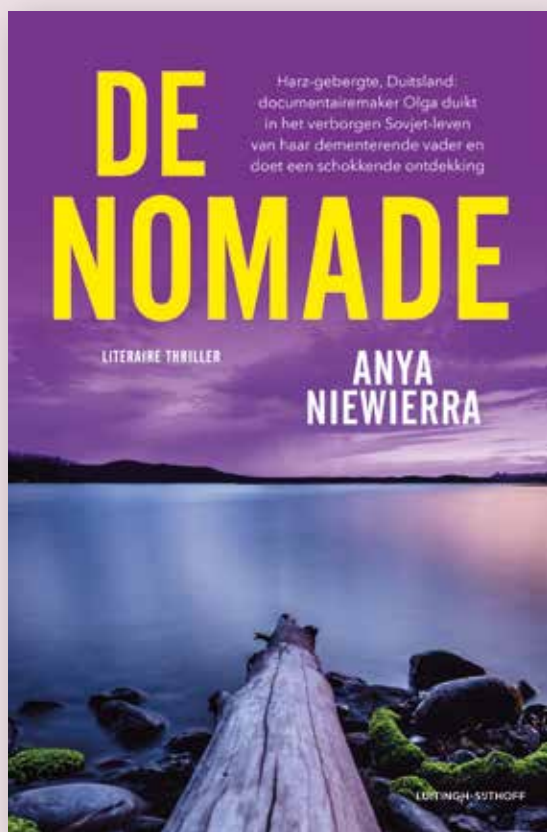
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‘Anya Niewierra is the new queen of Dutch literature.’ – *de Volkskrant*

ANYA NIEWIERRA

The Nomad

A blistering thriller about fatherly love and a hidden past

From the record breaking, bestselling author of *The Camino*

39-year-old travel journalist Olga Liebke lives with her eccentric father in the Harz Mountains. Olga has a close relationship with her now demented dad. Her mother died in childbirth and she has no other family. At least, so the story goes.

But then her father recounts memories that do not square with history as she knows it. She starts to doubt her background and discovers documents from the former Soviet Union. Olga travels to the triangle of Poland, Lithuania and Belarus and stumbles upon a chilling secret.

‘Anya Niewierra has delivered another magnificent book with *The Nomad*, possibly even more impressive than *The Camino*’ – *Margriet Magazine*

‘Surprising, compelling and bloodcurdling. *The Nomad* is a worthy successor to *The Camino*.’ – *Dagblad De Limburger*

‘Truly one of those books I couldn’t put down. *The Nomad* is an extraordinarily fascinating book.’ – *Taalstraat, Dutch Radio 2*

‘*The Nomad* by Anya Niewierra is a topical political thriller with a solid plot. She shows how well she knows the laws of the genre.’ – *Zin Magazine*

ANYA NIEWIERRA is the author of five thrillers. She lives in the Dutch Province of South Limburg. Her childhood years within the serene abbey walls of Rolduc, as well as her life in Northern Catalonia, inspired Niewierra to write *The Flower Girl*, for which she won the first Hebban Crime Award. With follow up *The Camino* she won the price a second time in a row, as well as the NS Reader’s Award. The book sold over 650,000 copies. Italian translation rights have been sold to Neri Pozza, Catalan to Columna, Spanish to RBA, French to Bragelonne, Polish to Otwarne and World English to Simon & Schuster. Film rights have been sold to NL Film. *The Nomad* is her latest thriller. Niewierra speaks Dutch, English, German and French.



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ANYA NIEWIERRA

The Camino

44-year-old chocolatier Lotte Bonnet has been living happily in South Limburg for years with her husband Emil, a former refugee from Bosnia. But then Emil unexpectedly commits suicide while walking the Camino (Way of St James), leaving Lotte devastated. When she travels to Bosnia eleven months later to scatter his ashes, Lotte discovers that Emil lied about his identity. To investigate his past, she hires a lawyer from Sarajevo, who makes a shocking discovery.

Meanwhile, Lotte walks the Camino herself, using the exact route planned by Emil. She wants to find out what drove him to his desperate act. But someone follows her, someone who does not want her to uncover the truth.

‘A reader wants entertainment from a thriller, sure, but what if you also want the pleasures that only high literature can offer? This is what Niewierra presents with *The Camino*.’

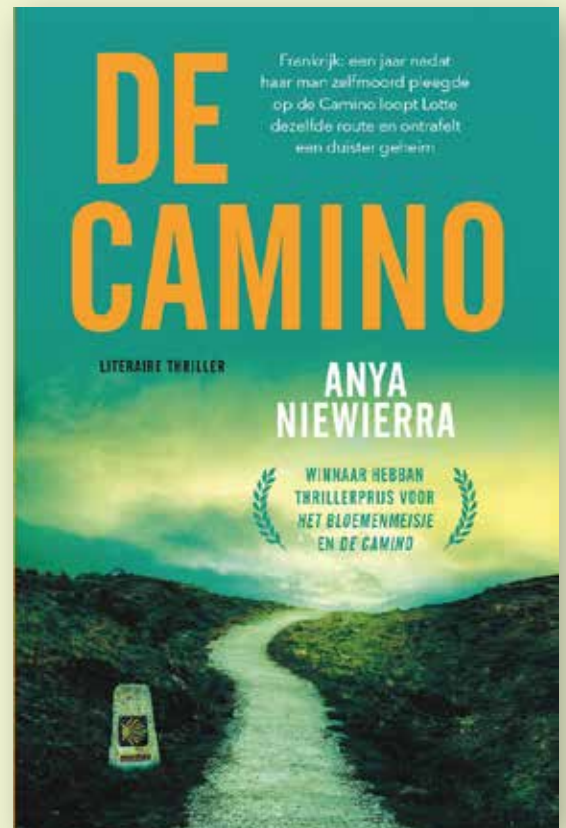
– *Letra Global*

‘Anya Niewierra weaves this history into an exciting thriller.’ – *de Volkskrant*

‘Compelling novel, a mix of various genres with reflections on the meaning of the journey, but above all of relationships. In the background the tragedies of the war in Bosnia.’ – *Varese News* (Italian online newspaper)

‘The strength of the novel lies in Anya Niewierra’s writing, which is fluid and visual, so that the reader finds himself, first, alongside Lotte on the paths of Galician Spain as she seeks peace and experiences a not inconsiderable inner conflict.’ – *Salotto Giallo* (Italian literary Blog)

‘To call it a thriller is unfair and detracts from the value of the novel. (...) There is a strong suspense in its pages, there are many elements of the mystery, especially concerning the identity of Emil, and there are many twists and turns.’ – *Leggere A Lume Di Candela* (Italian blog)

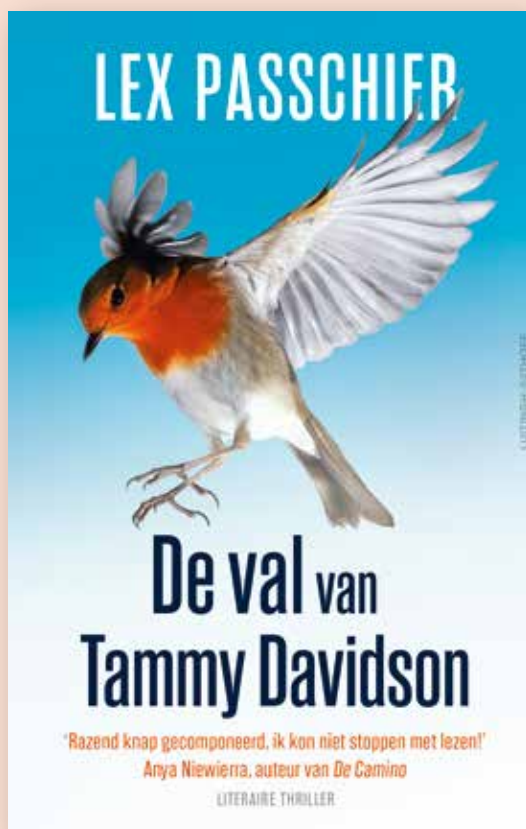


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‘What a fantastic book! Epic and utterly convincing.’ – Arno Koek
(*Bookseller Of The Year*)

LEX PASSCHIER

The Fall of Tammy Davidson

A page-turner full of plot twists, about the dark side of the human spirit.

For readers of Joël Dicker and Anya Niewierra.

Lex Passchier is screenwriter of the film adaptation of *The Camino*

Puck suffers from depression that comes to a fateful climax during a camping vacation in the south of France. At the same time, detective Cees Vermunt delves into an intriguing murder case. He discovers that the fugitive perpetrator has been influenced by a short story that could prompt him to commit an even more heinous act. Cees approaches the writer for help and asks her to write a sequel. It forces the writer to go back to her story about Puck. What exactly happened there? Does the writer manage to get through to the killer and, in a race against time, prevent an attack?

A phenomenally composed thriller about fact and fiction, in which the tension is virtuosically ratcheted up and both characters and storylines prove increasingly connected – and come together in a blistering finale.

‘Extremely clever in its composition, I could not stop reading!’ – Anya Niewierra
(author of *The Camino*)

LEX PASSCHIER (1976) is the screenwriter of, among others, the award-winning TV series *Oogappels*, *Gooische Vrouwen*, *Moordvrouw* and *De 12 van Oldenheim* (broadcasted in more than 20 countries, including the US and Japan). He is the Dutch voice-over of Sponge Bob.



MEREL GODELIEVE

The Last Raven's Daughter

A unique, imaginative voice from Dutch soil

For readers of Jessie Burton, *Outlander* and Evie Woods

Duncannon Castle is all Erin has left of her mother. And she's doing everything she can to keep her family's castle afloat. But expenses are piling up and B&B guests are staying away. Her only hope is an American movie studio, but when they choose another castle to be the set for their new film, all hope is gone. Desperate, Erin turns to the voice deep beneath the castle, one that has been whispering to her for years and has always helped her. The next morning, the lord of the chosen castle is dead and the film crew is on their way to her family's castle. Duncannon seems saved, but that very night things go wrong and when all the guests are in bed, Erin turns to the voice one last time....



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LEVI JACOBS

Who I Am

For the readers of Daan Heerma van Voss and Philip Huff.

Touching themes such as depression, family, father-son relationship, theater and drama.

Thirty-year-old Levi has struggled with depression since childhood. When despair grabs him by his throat, his usually withdrawn father reaches out his hand: let's talk. Together they visit the Fringe theater festival in Edinburgh. But between theatrical and café visits, conversations are struggling to flourish. Memories of Levi's childhood and relationships intrude. At the same time, Levi tries to get a grip on his destructive tendencies, which get in the way of real contact with another person.

In the novel *Who I Am*, Levi Jacobs spares nothing or no one, and definitely not the main character. Stubbornly, relentlessly and disarmingly, he keeps kicking open the door to love. With his powerful pen, Jacobs makes *Who I Am* not only a courageous, but also a hopeful story.

'A ferocious book. Penetrating and uncomfortable. Written with great inner need.'
– Merijn de Boer, author of *The Togetherness Group* and *'t Jagthuys*

'Hallucinatory prose [...]. Such an author should be encouraged to keep readers captive in the enchantment - because the ever lurking disenchantment must always be countered.'
– jury report *Hollands Maandblad Writers' Scholarship*

LEVI JACOBS (1992) studied philosophy and law. Until recently he worked as a lawyer. Now he devotes himself to writing and he is editor-in-chief of literary magazine *Liter*. In 2023, Jacobs received the *Hollands Maandblad* Writers Scholarship in the prose category. *Who I Am* is Levi Jacobs' debut novel.



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FALUN ELLIE KOOS

*All Bark no Bite*No. 10 of best books of 2024 by *Het Parool*.

Ada grew up with her brother Broos in the trailer home of their father, an embittered horticulturist who wanted to straighten out what had been caressed crookedly by motherly fingers. He instilled in his children that the world is as cold as ice and that they should protect themselves against it. This is engrained deeply in Ada's brain, even though she no longer has contact with her father and brother. Now that she has turned her back on her life as a disillusioned art student and left for Galicia to chop wood with a man she shares no language with, her brother forces himself on her more strongly with every blow of the axe: he is the only one whose body carries the same memories and whose muscles have the same reflexes. Yet they no longer know each other.

All Bark no Bite is about sink or swim, bend or crack. Falun Ellie Koos first smashes all the pain and misery against the wall with precision, only to look at it with love and compassion. With a refined style and great psychological insight, Koos shows the ambivalent nature of man.

'An utterly irresistible debut. One of the best new books.' ●●●● – *NRC*

'The tension is palpable in almost every sentence of this powerful, often stunning debut novel. Exquisitely written. And it's been a long time since I read such a gripping ending.' – *Het Parool*

'Sensitive, raw, vital and uncompromising prose. Breathtakingly beautiful and unforgettable.'
– *Manon Uphoff, author of Falling Is Like Flying*

FALUN ELLIE KOOS (b. 1992) is a writer and filmmaker. They graduated in Writing for Performance from HKU. Koos won the Joost Zwagerman Essay Prize in 2022 with the essay 'Loaner' and in 2023 Koos received a C.C.S. Cronestipendium for promising authors from the municipality of Utrecht. They wrote and directed the short film *The Floor is Lava*, which was nominated for Rialto For Short. *All Bark no Bite* is Falun Ellie Koos' debut novel.



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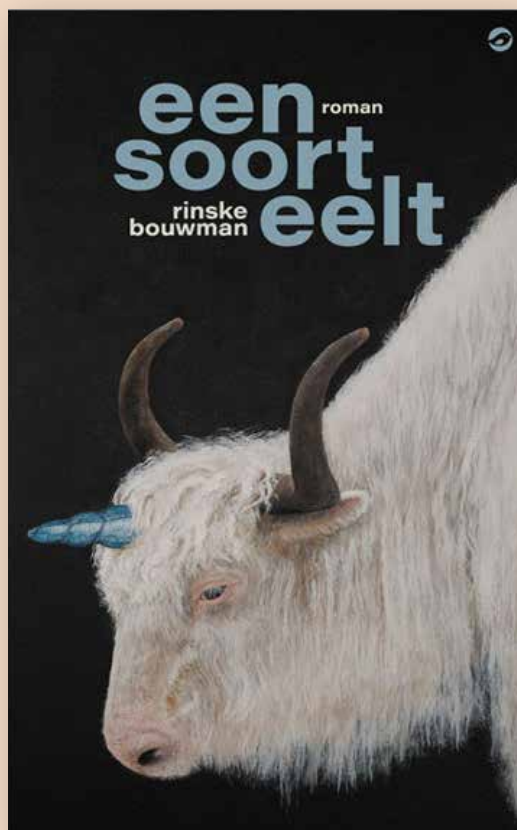
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'Superbly written scenes [...] Grabs you by the throat.' ★★★★★ – *De Limburger*

'Koos keeps the balance between the raw and the sensitive, never lapses into false sentiment, skillfully avoids the pitfalls of cliché and dares to be funny in wry situations.' – *jury report C.C.S. Cronestipendium*



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RINSKE BOUWMAN

Hard Skin

Shortlisted for the Anton Wachter Debut Prize 2024 for best debut in the past two years

Dutch Sarlag grew up in Mongolia and returns to Utrecht as a student. Looking for a part-time job, she applies at a large supermarket. There, she is told she can work in the refrigerated freezer department: she is used to the cold anyway. During the long days at work, she models half-melted frozen foods into meat figurines and keeps herself calm by listing her favourite facts. It is clear that Sarlag carries a great sadness with her but she is especially talented at getting it out of the way.

Hard Skin is Rinske Bouwman's tragicomic debut novel about how grief can nestle irreversibly in your body.

'Bouwman has skillfully constructed her original narrative. [...] As the novel is written in the first-person, you slip smoothly into Sarlag's fantasies. ●●●' – *NRC Handelsblad*

'A bold, inventive novel, though the writer's restraint almost obfuscates just how daring it is.' – *de Volkskrant*

'It's impressive how Bouwman builds the kind of suspense that makes you want to keep reading, both through the way she breadcrumbs information and through her vivid, visceral prose.' – *Trouw*

'A wildly original debut.' – *VPRO Gids*

RINSKE BOUWMAN is a theatre maker and writer from Utrecht. Her plays have been performed at various festivals and in theatres throughout the Netherlands. Her texts are characterized by a balanced mix of oppression and humor. Grief is often at the heart of her work, which takes on a hopeful tone thanks to its surprising tone and absurd influences. She was a guest of tv-show VPRO Books, performed at Lowlands and Crossing Border Festivals and was nominated for the Anton Wachter Prize. In May she will participate as a Dutch delegation in the European Festival of the First Novel 2025 in Germany. Rinske Bouwman is currently working on her new novel, which will be published this Fall.



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MARK SCHOLLIERS

Europe's Shadow Government

Behind the scenes of the European Central Bank

On the challenges of the ECB. A critical analysis of Europe's most influential financial institution

A payment is easily made, either by wire or bank bills. For a loan you knock on the door of a bank office. We think all of that is just normal. A world with only metallic money and without ample credit is something from a distant and dark past. Central banks have played a defining role in the creation of our monetary system. They are the ultimate lender of credit, putting banknotes into circulation and pursuing monetary policies that support the economy. But their activities extend beyond these roles. For instance, they finance government, contribute to higher income and wealth inequality, and encourage financial risk-taking. It is mostly unknown to the general public that the consequences do not always have a positive outcome.

Europe's Shadow Government focuses on the European Central Bank (ECB). This book not only discusses the institution's creation, but also how the ECB de facto, directs society, how this happens without democratic control, and what measures could be taken to remedy this.



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EVA TAYLOR-TAZELAAR

My Mother's War

The Incredible True Story of How a Resistance Fighter Survived Three Concentration Camps

Sold over 60.000 copies in three weeks' time in the US

When the Second World War broke out, the young, vibrant and beautiful Sabine Zuur joined the resistance movement without any hesitation. But Sabine was betrayed and subjected to multiple violent interrogations. Many of her friends were executed; she was eventually sent to Mauthausen concentration camp, via Amersfoort and Ravensbrück, enduring gruesome conditions and forced labor.

After Sabine Zuur's death, her daughter Eva discovers an astonishing archive containing love letters from pilot Taro, who crashed in his Spitfire, and from Sabine's second love Gerard, who was executed by the Nazis. She finds prison notes Sabine smuggled out in her laundry. She also comes across a pile of passionate, but creepy love letters from a man called Gebele, a German professional criminal who would save her mother's life in Mauthausen.

'Sabine and I were Dutch prisoners at the same time in the hell of Ravensbrück Concentration Camp. Her daughter describes it so well in this book, and we have both lived with the physical and mental scars of these terrible times.' – *Selma van de Perre, internationally bestselling author of My Name Is Selma*

'A sad and beautiful book, shining a light on quiet heroism in dark times.' – *Lucy Adlington, New York Times bestselling author of The Dressmakers of Auschwitz*

'Truly captivating.... A compelling read that will appeal to anyone who has an interest in true WWII stories.' – *Doug Gold, internationally best-selling author of The Note Through the Wire*

EVA TAYLOR-TAZELAAR is the daughter of Sabine Zuur and Peter Tazelaar (one of the Soldiers of Orange), a major Dutch war hero. Both American and British editions of *Sabine's War* were well-received. Eva Taylor-Tazelaar appeared as a guest on multiple stations in the UK, including BBC Radio, the Versus History Podcast and Talk Radio Europe.

STEFAN SKOTNICKI &
DORE VAN DUIVENBODE

My Two Mothers

How a Jewish boy was saved by his nanny

A gripping, true story of love, family and survival

Five-year-old Jewish Stefan has only one chance to survive World War II. Just before they are in danger of being deported to extermination camps, his parents send him away with his Catholic nanny, Zosia. Together they flee to the Polish countryside. Zosia takes care of little Stefan, who is given the task of being as undetectable as possible. Not to look at anyone, not to speak to anyone. For years, Stefan and Zosia wander through Poland. When they return in February 1945, the rubble of war is cleared away. But the war has a lasting aftermath. Stefan grows up, studies and obtains a doctorate in a country where anti-Semitism prevails until well after the war. By the time the war is decades past, Polish Jews are prevented from living in their homeland. Stefan decides to flee again. This time for good.



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STEFAN SKOTNICKI (1935) is professor emeritus of cardiovascular surgery. He grew up in Łódź, Poland, and studied medicine there. In 1969, he settled in Nijmegen, where he worked as a surgeon and later as a professor at Radboud University. He was internationally active and renowned in his field. He speaks regularly at high schools about his flight.

DORE VAN DUIVENBODE (1985) is a writer and journalist of Polish-Dutch descent. She made her debut with the book *My Polish Home* about her childhood in Oswiecim (Auschwitz), for which she received the Bob den Uyl Prize in 2018. Recently her book *Primeval Forest. The Battle for European Nature* was published. She also works as a presenter and documentary filmmaker, including of *Moja Polska!*, a five-part series on Poland.



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TESSA LEUWSHA

Boni

Following the footsteps of the Surinamese freedom fighter

The year 2025 marks Suriname's fiftieth anniversary of independence.

'The chief Bonni. [...]. In him united the strength and courage of the jaguar with the swiftness of our deer.' – Anton de Kom in *We Slaves of Surinam*

Around 1730, a highly pregnant black woman flees the horrors of slavery and gives birth to her son Boni in the Surinamese swamp. He will grow up to become the leader of the Maroons: for over thirty years, he and his followers heroically resist colonial rule. As a teenager, Tessa Leuwsha first read about this mythical warrior in *We Slaves of Surinam*. From then on, she is intrigued by him: who was he, and what is the story of his courageous mother? What did his actions mean then and now, how does his legacy continue to impact her own life? Tessa Leuwsha travels across Suriname searching for Boni's roots in Ghana, she scavenges through scant archives and draws richly on oral history. Based on facts and supported by her sparkling literary imagination, she recreates the Surinamese freedom fighter Boni as a flesh-and-blood human being.

On previous work:
'Leuwsha makes colonial history personal.'
– NRC

TESSA LEUWSHA lives and works in Suriname. She wrote the multi-nominated *The Parbo-blues* and *Solo, A Love, Plantation Wildlust* and the literary non-fiction books *Fansi's Silence* and *The Tramp*, in search of Suriname's resilience. On *Fansi's Silence* she based her successful and internationally screened documentary *Mother Suriname Mama Sranan*. In addition to her own books, Tessa Leuwsha wrote a foreword to Anton de Kom's *We Slaves of Surnam*, among others.



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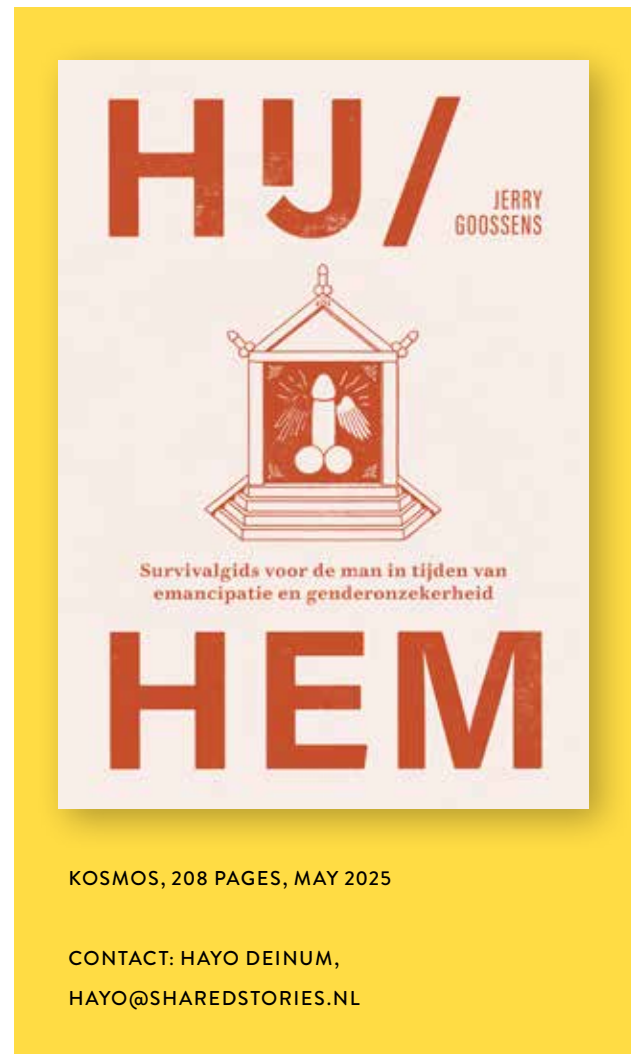
He/Him

Survival guide for men in times of emancipation and gender insecurity

The man. Warrior. Hunter. Breadwinner. Centuries-long self-evident crown of creation. But that privileged position is faltering. Masculinity is seen as something toxic, or an extreme on a spectrum. Men are more likely to struggle with depression or addiction and are overtaken by women in education. Displaced young men seek affirmation online from radical figures.

In *He/Him*, Jerry Goossens explores with pace and humor the shelf life of men, based on scientific and historical sources, with reports, interviews and personal reflections. For anyone who wants to understand the phenomenon of man.

‘A compelling satire of ideas about immigration, racism and identity and also a beautiful love story.’ – Algemeen Dagblad on *To Blood on the Dry Land*



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LENNA OMRANI

Lenna's Plant-based Kitchen

Protein-rich, nutritious & suitable for every day

Over 22.000 copies sold of her previous books

Perfect for anyone pursuing an athletic lifestyle

Lenna's plant-based recipes are delicious and bursting with color and flavor. And in this book they are also packed with proteins, which makes them perfect for anyone pursuing an athletic lifestyle. A compilation of simple vegan recipes for a sustainable, fit and more energetic life!



LENNA OMRANI inspires her fans to develop a healthy and happy lifestyle. In 2022, she won the Belgian Vegan Award for Best Cookbook. Her previous titles include *Every Day Vegan*, *Every Day Vegan Budget Friendly* and *Every Day Vegan in 30 Minutes*.



JORD ALTHUIZEN

Smokey Goodness – Asian BBQ Flames & Flavours

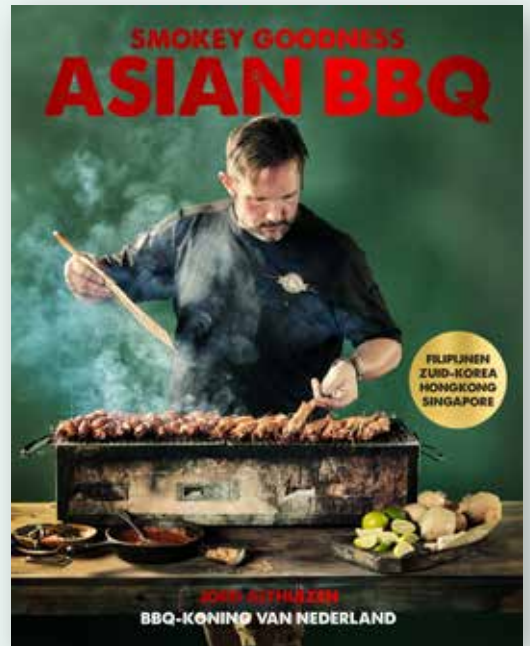
Including recipes from Philippines, South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore

Following the open grill trend

Jord Althuisen has sold over half a million copies in the Netherlands

With *Smokey Goodness – Asian BBQ Flames & Flavours*, Jord Althuisen shares just what his loyal following of avid BBQ'ers have been waiting for. Asian cuisines are bursting with grilled street food and delicious dishes over an open fire. From South Korean Sticky Chicken Sticks to Filipino Whole Hog, the flavors are as diverse as the colors and stories behind them. After visiting other continents, in this title Jord sheds a light on the BBQ fire tradition from Asia, which is at the moment full in the culinary spotlight.

'Behold the barbecue god.' – *de Volkskrant*



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JORD ALTHUIZEN is Barbecue World Champion and is causing an international stir with his rough-and-ready Smokey Goodness Barbecue Catering. In summer 2015, he was judge on the popular RTL program *Grillmasters*. He currently owns three restaurants in the Netherlands and Belgium and has published 18 books, of which more than half a million copies have been sold.



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ESTHER AARTS

Why We Always Finish a Bag of Chips at Once

The link between what you eat, think and do

Esther is Professor in Nutrition and Brain Sciences

An insightful and relatable dive into our eating habits

Why can you endlessly consume chips, but quickly get tired of carrots? Why do you reach for comfort food when you feel stressed or sad? And why is it so hard to resist that tempting chocolate bar at the supermarket? The answers lie in your upper chamber: our brains determine our eating behavior. But did you know that you can also influence your brain with your eating behavior? From how motivated you feel to how well you can control your impulses.

In *Why We Always Finish a Bag of Chips at Once*, professor Esther Aarts reveals the complex relationship between your diet and your brain. She does so using by the latest insights from neuroscience and with great enthusiasm for everything that happens in our brains. A book packed with practical tips for incorporating healthier eating patterns into your daily life.

ESTHER AARTS is Professor of Nutrition and Brain Sciences at Radboud University in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. Esther is leader on insights into the relationship between your brain and eating behavior.



ANOUCK MEIER

Choose Yourself Before You're Dead

On how to stop fixing other people's shit and finally choosing yourself

An anti-time management book: don't do more, just make better choices

On the top of the bestseller list for 10 weeks and more than 10.000 copies sold in Belgium

Written in a fiery, activist and humorous style

Human life is ridiculously short. And if you're a woman, you spend half of that life defined by other people's expectations. Not surprisingly, your life feels busy and you barely get to do things for yourself. According to the standard recipes of time management, you should get up a bit earlier or work more efficiently. But time pressure comes largely from outside – for example from hustle culture and the sexist expectations for mothers to work as if they have no children and to mother as if they have no career.

This book advocates nothing less than a time revolution, which you can help unleash. The result: a completely different experience of your time, allowing you to enjoy your one precious life consciously and to the fullest. But how? Easy, reevaluate your thinking, stop pleasing, set boundaries and put yourself first. Does that sound difficult? This book will teach you how.

ANOUCK MEIER worked as a lawyer in European competition law at a prestigious US firm. In an attempt to regain control of her time and her life, she tested every prescription from the self-care industry. With her book, Anouck wants to do away with the narrative that women should just grit their teeth a bit harder and empower themselves above all. Instead, she sees benefits in structural measures and joining forces in sisterhood. Her podcast *Work & Life (Werk & Leven)* has over half a million followers.



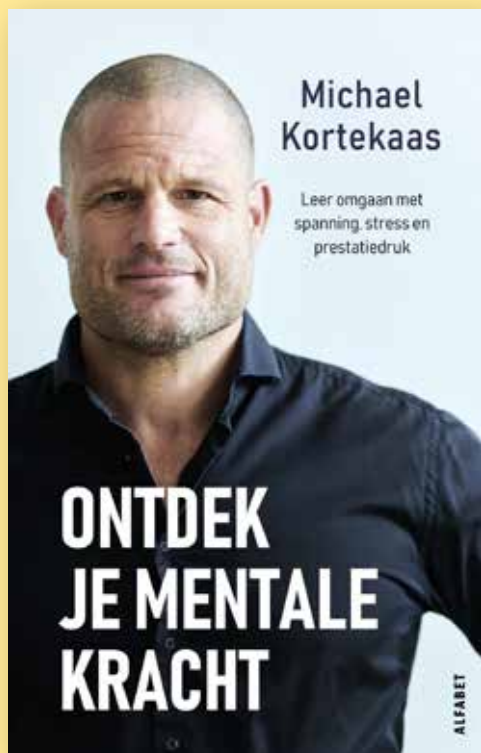
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'I read this book and thought: finally! This woman is the walking solution to everything I can't solve myself.' – *Heleen Debruyne, author*





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MICHAEL KORTEKAAS

Discover Your Mental Strength

Learn to cope with tension, stress and mental pressure

Over 15.000 copies sold in the Netherlands

Author has developed mental health programmes for the Dutch police and Ministry of Defence

Michael is available for international lectures

We all face tension, stress and performance pressure – but has anyone ever really taught you how to deal with it? Michael Kortekaas has been working on the theme of mental strength for over thirty years. Every year, he gives more than one hundred and fifty lectures in his home country and abroad. His practical no-nonsense story captures the attention of whoever is in front of him, whether it's CEOs, bankers, police officers, ambulance staff or medical students.

In *Discover Your Mental Strength*, Kortekaas shares his insights on focus, energy and stress management. In addition, he offers the tools for dealing with change, disappointment and setbacks with a methodical and vulnerable approach that runs throughout the whole book. For anyone who wants to become mentally resilient.

'Michael's vision should be a school subject!'
– *Martin Hersman, former top speed skater*

'Michael's enthusiasm is contagious.' – *Senior Officer Ard Vermeulen, Royal Netherlands Air Force*

'Pure and compelling. Michael knows what he is talking about and his method is easy to apply.'
– *Nine Kooiman, president of the Dutch Police Federation*

MICHAEL KORTEKAAS is a motivational speaker and trainer in the field of leadership, happiness in the workplace and mental resilience. After his education at the Sports Academy, he worked for the Police Academy and Dutch Ministry of Defence for over twelve years. In 2010, he set up his own company. Since then, he has spoken for hundreds of companies and thousands of people. www.michaelkortekaas.nl



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FREDERIKE MEWE

Returning to Yourself

The psychology of self-acceptance

The house as a metaphor for your life

A combination of theory, stories and practical tips from a certified psychologist

We often become distant from our core by not doing what we really want to do. Both in big things – a job we don't like or a relationship that no longer works – and in small ones – not voicing our opinions and people pleasing. In this book, Frederike Mewe explores the causes of this and offers a practical path to a more relaxed and authentic life. With recognizable examples from the therapy room and personal experiences, this book offers a perfect balance of theory, stories and assignments to help you to bring you closer to yourself.



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FREDERIKE MEWE is a psychologist, writer and podcast creator. Her first book *Good as You Are* sold 15,000 copies in the Netherlands.





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Spiritual Beginners series

Accessible and practical introductions for those who want to embark on a spiritual journey

Written by experienced authors in every topic

EFT for Beginners

EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) is an effective method to treat anxiety, stress and trauma. Through a tapping technique, you disconnect the conditioned stress response from the experience, and the past no longer has a negative impact on the here and now. In this book, you will learn about EFT and how to apply it yourself, including illustrations to guide you on the way to a fuller life.

Ayurveda for Beginners

Are you out of energy, in need of more rest or just feeling out of balance? Get acknowledged with the world of ayurveda through practical, accessible explanations and the personal experiences of the authors. Ayurveda started in India and is seen as the study of life. Does cold showering suit you and your body mechanisms? Do you benefit more from a hot or a cold lunch? Discover the elements that belong to who you are (the doshas) and start living a balanced life.

Shadow Work for Beginners

Does that colleague who always speaks up bother you? Is that silent family member showing a passive attitude? There is a big chance this is actually saying something about your own suppressed beliefs and emotions. Shadow work is the answer for those who would like to bring everything that was once hidden into the light, to live life fully.

LENETTE HERMSEN & ROMANE KUIJT

Rituals for women

From cocoa ceremonies to living with the moon: a guide to a deeper connection with yourself

Ancient rituals for women are currently trending

A guide for women who want to discover the power of rituals

In this book, Romane Kuijt and Lenette Hermsen provide an introduction to the world of ancient women's rituals, from cocoa ceremonies to rituals surrounding menstruation. They offer a glimpse into the history of these rituals, show how to make your own altar and explain how to perform rituals yourself. This is all linked to the seasons, the moon and major events.



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Together they organize monthly ceremonies for women with various rituals.





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BJÖRN DEUSINGS

Full Focus

Choosing the right tasks for every day

Björn's previous book *Done by 3 p.m.* sold more than 13.000 copies in the Netherlands

Björn's company has been proclaimed the Best Trainer of the Netherlands six times

Full Focus is the new book by Björn Deusings, author of the best-seller *Done by 3 p.m.* His first book was about rearranging work smartly, being productive and doing things the right way. In this follow-up, Björn shows us how to make sure we work on what really matters. Learn to have clarity on priorities and goals in order to actually achieve them. Björn shares useful strategies to free up time for what makes the heart beat faster, without getting overwhelmed by the mundane.

'People are often mainly "busy being busy". E-mails, meetings and continuous interruptions keep us from the real work and cost us unnecessary time. This can be done smarter.'

BJÖRN DEUSINGS is expert in smarter (collaborative) working and personal effectiveness. He owns platform Tijdwinst and productivity blog Timemanagement.nl. Over the past 20 years, he has trained thousands of people in managing their time and energy more efficiently. Tijdwinst has been voted Best Training Provider of the Netherlands six times already.



LOTTE WITKÉ

No More F-Grades

Give your grades a rise and never fail again

A book for both students who want to perform better and those who simply want to get through the year

Effective and fun learning methods – Lotte shares strategies that make learning not only more efficient, but also more enjoyable

Covers motivation, focus, mental health, planning, productivity and mindset, providing a multifaceted approach for academic success

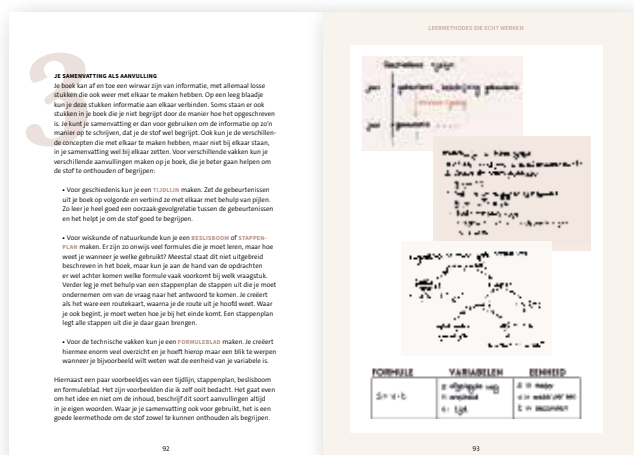
As a student, Lotte was completely done with boring learning methods and started looking for a more fun and especially more effective way of learning. How do you organize your homework and assignments? How can you learn best and fastest? Where can you find motivation? And how do you really get the best out of yourself?



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LOTTE WITKÉ is an econometrics student at VU University Amsterdam. In 2021, she posted her first video on TikTok about how to learn in an organized way. This was quickly a success. Lotte's videos went viral and she continued researching for more tips.





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SARA VAN GELOVEN

Take a Break

Everything for your ultimate world trip, sabbatical or gap year

For those who want to take the leap but have no idea where to start

Including practical tips and stories from idea to plane

Take a Break is the ultimate guide for all those who want to go abroad for an extended period of time, whether backpacking, volunteering, studying or doing an internship. Sara van Geloven, former editor-in-chief of *Lonely Planet* magazine, lists the best destinations for a world trip, sabbatical or gap year and provides the tools to get away within a year. The book also includes a tangible savings plan and interviews with inspiring adventurers who have traveled before you.

‘The gap year is gaining popularity’
– *NRC, June 2024*

SARA VAN GELOVEN was editor-in-chief of *Lonely Planet* magazine. Sara and her boyfriend have been traveling around Europe in an electric camper for two and a half years now. While out on the road, Sara works for companies such as *Lonely Planet* and *Polarsteps*.



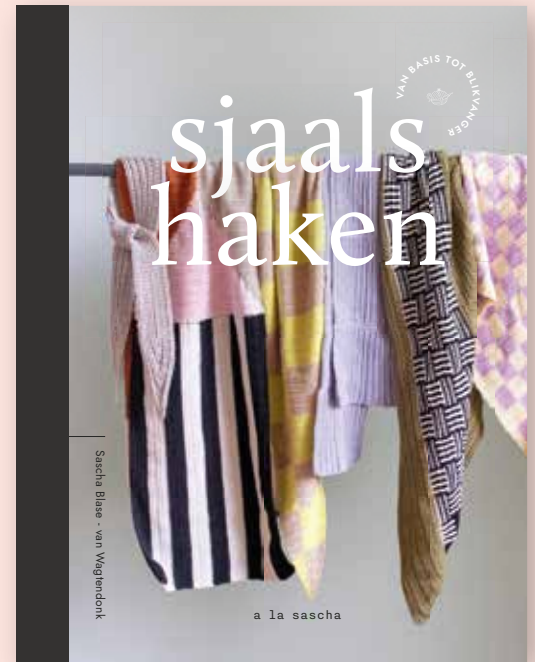
SASCHA BLASE-VAN WAGTENDONK

Delightful Scarves

Sascha has sold over a million copies of her crochet books in the Netherlands

New prints to add colour to every outfit!

Sascha is back with a new book on her favourite crochet item! *Delightful Scarves* is packed with crochet patterns for modern, sleek and colourful shawls, button scarves and everything in between. Colour blocking, pastel colours and retro prints turn all the scarves into works of art that give every outfit that extra touch. Easy to crochet and easy to wear! *Delightful Scarves* also includes challenging patterns for advanced crocheters.



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SASCHA BLASE-VAN WAGTENDONK started crocheting and designing her own free patterns in 2009. Her blog *A la Sascha* has grown popular among hobby crafters. She has published 17 books in the Netherlands, including patterns for Onesiegurumi and crochet dolls, but also various pieces of clothing, such as socks, mittens or scarves.





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SASCHA BLASE-VAN WAGTENDONK

Crocheting Flowers

A colourful bouquet that never wilts

Immediately entered the bestseller list upon publication

After flowers made of felt, paper and even building blocks, Sascha presents a stunning crochet wildflower bouquet. In this book you will find 10 different patterns to crochet beautiful flowers, with which you can create a field bouquet. Additionally, you can also use the flowers on their own as decorations, corsages, appliqués... the options are endless.

The flowers are crocheted with fine yarn and a thin crochet hook, to make each design a work of art in itself. But don't let this scare you away! Even if you've never worked with this material before, testers are proof that you get used to it very quickly. The patterns are divided into 5 different levels. In addition, the instructions include a written pattern as well as a symbol diagram and extensive step-by-step photos. No sewing is needed to assemble this bouquet.

**More than 10.000 copies sold
in the Netherlands**



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KIMBERLEY ZWAANS

The Big Miffy Crochet Book

Based on the work of Dick Bruna

Almost 70 years after ‘the birth’ of Miffy in the Netherlands, you can now bring the famous characters of Dick Bruna to life yourself with *The Big Miffy Crochet Book*! All you need is yarn and a crochet hook to bring Dick Bruna's world to your home.

Crochet Miffy, her friends and fun themed accessories using simple patterns. *The Big Miffy Crochet Book* contains 15 unique items, including patterns for Miffy and her friends and both sleep and party-accessories. Think of a Miffy garland, a Miffy mobile for in the nursery room and even a Miffy blanket.

The book is, of course, in the original style and color scheme of the *Miffy* books and includes projects for both beginners and more experienced crocheters. This is also a wonderful present for all Miffy lovers and (grand)parents!



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NATASHA SENA

New Life

Babies for beginners

The perfect present: humour and recognition for young parents

When you have a baby, a whole new world opens up for you. Next to all the changes and the endless stream of information, lack of sleep is the icing on the cake. Your new life can be lonely and yet everyone tells you that you should enjoy every moment, as 'it all goes so fast'. Thus all the more reasons to keep smiling. This book full of colourful illustrations offers young parents exactly what they need in a time of sleep deprivation and overstimulation: humour and recognition!

'Hilarious, relatable and original: this book is the perfect gift for young parents.'
– Anna van den Breemer, writer and journalist for the parenting section of *de Volkskrant*



NATASHA SENA is a visual storyteller and illustrator. She has worked with brands such as Netflix and Danone. For her illustrations about parenthood, she draws on her own experiences as a mother of two children.



Take a look at our best card games!

Ingenious Birds

A 2-in-1 card game with beautiful illustrations by Elwin van der Kolk

This 2-in-1 card game is perfect for both young enthusiasts and seasoned birders. In the quiz mode, players challenge each other to guess the characteristics of different birds. From song to rarity; each card offers a new opportunity to test your knowledge. In the toss game, distribute the cards and try to beat your opponents by having the highest value on the chosen category. Exciting moments and strategic decisions will make every mode an adventure!

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Nomizo: The Philosophical Card Game

'Nomizo' means 'I think' in ancient Greek

Nomizo is the philosophical card game that you can play without being a philosopher. It encourages you to think, but also to argue and debate – even to defend themes you do not necessarily agree with! Does jealousy belong to love? Are there real heroes? Is privacy more important than safety? Does fame change your persona? Is an optimist happier than a pessimist? Toss the dice and stand your ground!

TEN HAVE, 83 CARDS, SEPTEMBER 2024

Battle Box: Couple Edition

The original books sold 20.000 copies in the Netherlands

An affordable alternative for date night!

After the success of *The Battle Book for Couples*, bestselling author Martijn Derikx now comes with a game variant: *Battle Box: Couple Edition*. With this card game, lovers can endlessly combat against each other in 64 challenges. Who is the fastest, the smartest or the funniest? The format is ideal to take with you on holidays!

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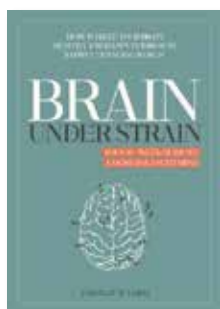


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*How Your Body Tells You
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Handbook for Difficult Days

EVELINE HELMINK

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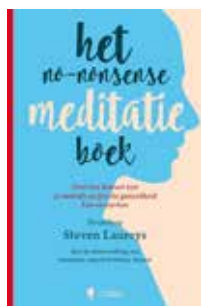
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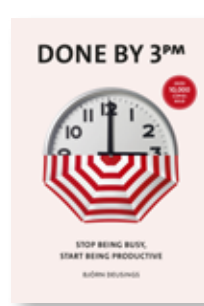
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