

FALL
2024

CHILDREN'S
BOOKS



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Recently sold



The Park
Dioptra, Greece



Poems for All Seasons
Eerdmans, USA



The Snow Queen
Floris Books, UK



Coco and the Weird Thing
Fischer Verlag, Germany;
Natur och Kultur, Zweden



Coco's Forest
Natur och Kultur, Zweden



Yes, Coco can!
Clichy Edizioni, Italy;
Zala Publishing, Slovenia;
El Salmon, Colombia;
Natur och Kultur, Zweden



Come Along, Cody
Fischer Verlag, Germany

Gottmer Children's Books

Gottmer Children's Books is part of Gottmer Publishing Group, the leading independent children's book publisher in the Netherlands. Every year, we publish around 80 books, from picture books, fiction and non-fiction to poetry, all much-loved and hand-picked by our small but experienced team. Gottmer is the Dutch publishing partner for an impressive list of international authors, including Eric Carle, Ingela P. Arrhenius, Julia Donaldson, Chris Haughton, Liz Pichon, John Flanagan, Axel Scheffler and Jon Klassen, all standing alongside their equally well-loved Dutch colleagues in Gottmer's diverse and varied children's list.

What's new this Fall:

Discover a treasure trove of stories with our captivating new releases for the fall season!

From whimsical fairytales to educational non-fiction, we have something for everyone in our Fall 2024 rights list. Join Torre and his stubborn little goat Wetnose on an adventure in **Torre's Not So Very Lonely Adventure**. Younger kids will enjoy **The Tangled Weasels**, a hilarious picture book by award-winning children's author Yvonne Jagtenberg. We also have fun stories for early readers, including retellings of **Anansi the Spider** and **This is Fox**. And for fans of classic author Paul Biegel, we have the re-imagined and freshly illustrated title **The Magic Teapot** to cuddle up with next to a fireplace.

Enjoy this new, rich selection of children's books and please do not hesitate to ask for any material of a title or author. All requests can be sent to foreignrights@gottmer.nl



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Fiction → Movie Books

English sample translation available

Original title:
Dikkie Dik en de verdwenen knuffel
& *Een nieuwe vriend voor Dikkie Dik*
24 x 24 cm, 48 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 3+

100.000
cinema
visitors

Tummy Tom and the Missing Teddy Bear & Tummy Tom's New Friend

The books based on the movies

Jet Boeke

Tummy Tom (*Dikkie Dik* in Dutch) is a beloved Dutch series of children's picture books featuring the charming orange tomcat, Tummy Tom. Created by picture book maker **Jet Boeke**, the series began in 1978 as part of the Dutch version of the children's TV show *Sesame Street*, before making its way to bookstores. It has since become one of the most popular children's book characters in the Netherlands and Belgium.

This year, Tummy Tom made his film debut in the highly anticipated animated movie *Tummy Tom and the Missing Teddybear*. The film was an instant hit with Tummy Tom's young fans. We're thrilled to announce that the second movie is on the way, promising a heartwarming tale of friendship, adventure, and Tummy Tom's signature antics. We've published two picture books featuring these delightful stories:

Tummy Tom and the Missing Teddy Bear

In this brightly illustrated book, children join Tummy Tom and his friends on a quest to find his beloved cuddly toy, Bear. Where could Bear be? Even inside the house, Bear is nowhere to be found. Could he be in the garden? Or perhaps in the meadow? Bear is Tummy Tom's favourite cuddly toy, and he simply cannot sleep without it. Luckily, Cat Mouse and other animals come to the rescue.

Tummy Tom's New Friend

Tummy Tom's garden is suddenly covered in a layer of white snow! As Tummy Tom and Cat Mouse delight in their snowy play, a new neighbour dog pokes his nose around the hedge. He's big, and loud, and his wild behaviour frightens the cats. In their rush to escape, they discover a sled in the shed. Seeking the perfect sledding spot, they embark on an adventurous journey to the dunes. However, when they encounter trouble, the new neighbour dog proves to be an unexpected hero.



The story and illustrations perfectly capture children's experiences.

Absolutely delightful, regardless of whether you are a cat person or not!



English sample translation available

Original title:
Joës de poes
23 x 28 cm, 32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 3+

Jet the Cat

Suzanne Weterings & Myriam Berenschot (ill.)

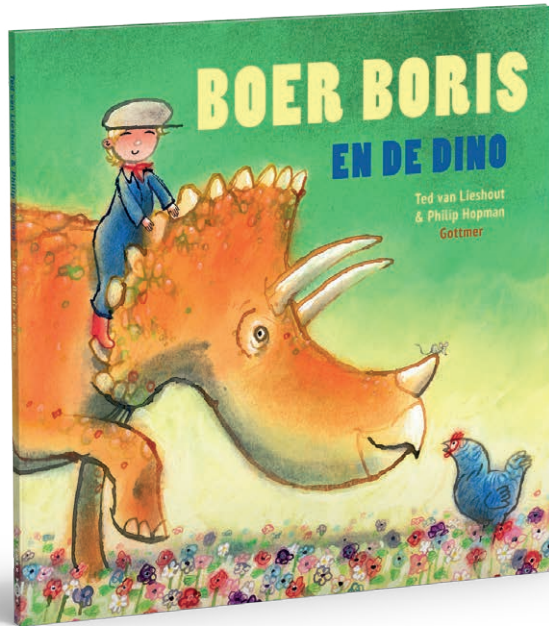
Jet is unquestionably the sweetest cat of all. However, as soon as he spots curtains or a fishbowl, he goes crazy. Then, he jumps into the curtains or claws at Bubbles the fish, resulting in a curtain full of holes or a broken fish bowl. Oh, Jet!

Jet the Cat is a delightful rhyming picture book created for the youngest readers. Through her creativity, **Suzanne Weterings** brings a children's love for their pet to life. The vibrant illustrations by **Myriam Berenschot** deserve to be framed and displayed.



English sample translation available

Original title:
Boer Boris en de dino
 24x24 cm, 32 pages
 Hardcover picture book
 full-colour illustrations
 Age: 3+



Farmer Freddy and the Dinosaur

Ted van Lieshout & Philip Hopman (ill.)

In the story *Farmer Freddy and the Dinosaur*, Farmer Freddy is ploughing his land to plant sugar beets when suddenly his plough gets stuck. To his surprise, he discovers a huge bone lodged in the ploughshare. Farmer Boris, Barry, and Sue join in to investigate and start digging. They uncover a hundred bones and a complete skull, realizing that it's a real Triceratops! Farmer Boris quickly decides to call the Natural History Museum.

Ever since 2012, **Ted van Lieshout** and **Philip Hopman** have been working tirelessly on their series of books about Farmer Freddy, Sue, Barry and the farm. The two are a true top duo: Ted received the Theo Thijssen Prize in 2009 and recently, Philip Hopman was awarded the Max Velthuijs Prize in 2022, each for their awe-inspiring oeuvre.



Meet Ebby, the energetic little monkey

English sample translation available

18x18 cm, 26 pages
 Board book
 Age: 2+



A Sink Full of Ebby



Ebby Under an Umbrella



Ebby Plays Hide and Seek



Ebby Doesn't Need a Dummy



Ebby Makes Music

new!



Ebby Goes Grocery Shopping

new!

Contributes to expanding the vocabulary in a playful way

With easy-to-follow dialogue and bright colours

Toddlers are introduced to all kinds of fun learning concepts

Rights sold:
 Vietnam, Iran

A captivating search-and-find book that's brimming with humour, intricate details, and familiar scenarios



English sample translation available

Original title: *Het Park*
23,5 x 32,5 cm, 40 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 3+

The Park

A search-and-find book
Magnus Weightman

Discover the enchanting world of *The Park*, a captivating search-and-find book illustrated by Magnus Weightman, a Rotterdam architect. The park is a vibrant place filled with adventure, life, and stories, as well as serene green spaces where city residents come together to relax. Join Charlotte as she searches for her dog, exploring every corner of the park in spring, summer, autumn, and winter. You'll also follow other park visitors like Zeke and Zoey, as well as the gardeners, each with their own unique story. There's plenty to uncover in *The Park*!

In **Magnus Weightman's** distinctive and detailed style, each illustration is a delightful puzzle full of humour, details, and familiar scenes. There's much to explore in the beautiful artwork. Children will be engaged in learning more about city life.

Rights sold:
Greece





English sample
translation available

Original title:
Ludas en Bontje
26x23,7 cm, 36 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+

Lucas and Bunny

Jan Paul Schutten & Sanne te Loo (ill.)

Hello! Yoo-hoo! Are you there? I have a question, he said. Do you happen to know who I am? What kind of animal am I? I don't know anything anymore...

Lucas and Bunny start their adventure when Lucas, a fox, is running at full speed and accidentally collides with Bunny, a rabbit, who hits his head on a tree. When Bunny regains consciousness, he is afraid of Lucas. To their surprise, Lucas has lost his memory and doesn't remember who he is. Bunny is injured and unable to walk, so he convinces Lucas that he is a deer in need of help. Together, they search for a safe shelter to protect themselves from hunters and to allow Bunny to heal. But as time passes, Lucas starts to regain his memory bit by bit...

Lucas and Bunny is a charming interplay between Golden Pencil winner **Jan Paul Schutten** and the award-winning illustrator **Sanne te Loo**.



*Warm and funny
picture book by
the versatile
Jan Paul Schutten*

*Sanne te Loo's
prints are highly
appealing and
capture the
imagination*

*Moving story
about an
unexpected
friendship for life*





English sample translation available

Original title:
De wirwarwezels
18,8x24 cm, 128 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+

The Tangled Weasels

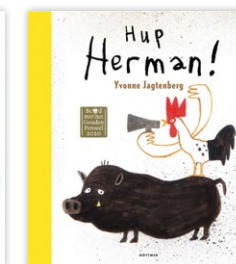
Yvonne Jagtenberg

In this delightful collection of stories by two-time Golden Pencil winner Yvonne Jagtenberg, we are introduced to the humour, friendship, and conflicts of two weasels. The friends, Arti and Bub, are quite a pair: Arti is always confused, while Bub is perpetually busy. Fortunately, their adventures usually end well, with a comforting cup of acorn coffee!

The Tangled Weasels is a witty new storybook by **Yvonne Jagtenberg**, the creator of *Balottie* and *Go, Percy!* Her work is known for its lively illustrations and playful narratives that spark children's imaginations. With her dry humor, Jagtenberg masterfully addresses complex themes in an accessible way, making her books both entertaining and educational.

A book full of funny, short stories about a lively weasel pair

Jagtenberg excels at creating quirky and endearing characters



Rights sold:
Japanese,
Persian



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Wat zit er in die dikke buik?
21 x 21 cm, 16 pages
Board book with flaps
Age: 18 months+



Each spread holds a flap hiding the answer to the repeating question 'What's inside that big belly?'

What's Inside that Big Belly?

Bette Westera & Aniek Bartels (ill.)

In *What's Inside that Big Belly?* **Bette Westera** lets young children play a guessing game. Each page shows all kinds of animals with very big bellies. What could they possibly contain? Does the cat have a mouse or a cream pudding in her stomach? And has that bear been eating honey, or a pancake? Maybe there are biscuits in mummy's tummy, or is it something else entirely?

The colourful book with illustrations in a warm palette by **Aniek Bartels** is a perfect conversation starter for any toddler dealing with family expansion. Toddlers can endlessly busy themselves with guessing what cute baby animal (or human baby) hides behind each flap.



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Dit dier hier: 30 raadrijmpjes over dieren
20 x 20 cm, 72 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 18 months+

What Animal is This?

30 guessing rhymes about animals
Rian Visser & Iris Deppe (ill.)

Which animal has a soft fur? Which animal swims in the pond? *Who's This Animal?* is a collection of animal verses specially written for young children who could use an extra language-learning boost. The poems are short, simple, and easy to understand, introducing children to animals in a cheerful and accessible way. Together with a guardian or teacher, they can guess which animal it is. While doing so, children can immerse themselves in the beautiful, colourful illustrations.

'I volunteer every Monday at a childcare centre for children aged 0 to 4 with disabilities or disadvantages. We read a lot, but that's mainly looking at pictures and practicing words. The text is often difficult. This is how the idea arose to make verses containing the most recognisable characteristics of animals. The second line always contains a rhyming word to the animal and in the fourth line, the child can guess the name of the animal, assisted by the rhyme. An accessible guessing game in rhyme!' - Author Rian Visser

Iris Deppe created a wonderful world in her typical soft-tone artwork. The friendly animals are easy to recognize and will invite the readers to learn their names.

Written for young children to provide an extra language-learning boost.



English sample translation available

Original title:
Hé, beestjes!
In de tuin, In het bos,
Op de boerderij
 19x 15 cm, 14 pages
 Board book
 Age: 2+



A stylish introduction to verse and playful language

Hey There, Critters!

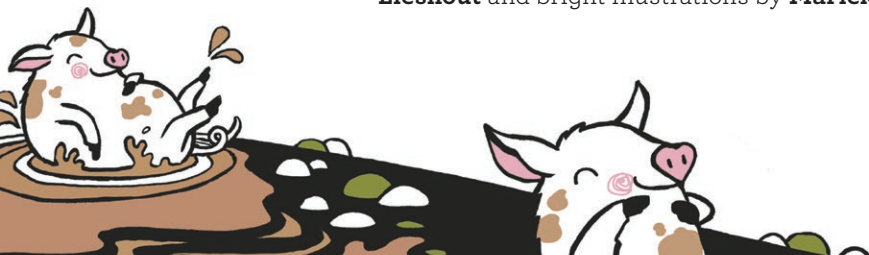
In the garden, At the farm, In the forest

Erik van Os, Elle van Lieshout & Marieke ten Berge (ill.)

In the new, modern *Little Critters*-series, toddlers, preschoolers and young children will meet all kinds of animals close to home, all while being introduced to verse and playful language. Combining delicate rhymes full of lovely sounds and little jokes, and light, stylish illustrations, Erik van Os, Elle van Lieshout and Marieke ten Berge show not only how much fun it can be to check out the outside world, but also to read about it.

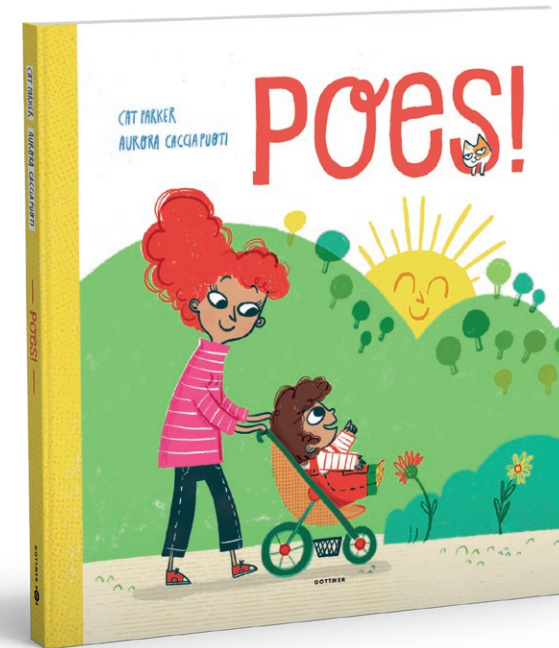
In each volume, toddlers learn about animals from their own surroundings. Starting with the garden, followed by the farm and the forest. The series covers a good part of the world of little critters. A friendly way to learn about different kind of critters, to search and count.

A beautiful interplay of cheerful rhymes by **Erik van Os** and **Elle van Lieshout** and bright illustrations by **Marieke ten Berge**.



English sample translation available

Original title: *POES!*
 24,5 x 24,5 cm, 32 pages
 Hardcover picture book
 Age: 3+



Cat!

Cat Parker & Aurora Cacciapuoti

One morning Mummy and her baby go for a walk. As they journey through town and countryside, they disagree about the animals they see. 'CAT!' says the baby. 'No,' says Mummy, 'that's a frog.' 'CAT!' says the baby. 'No,' says Mummy, 'that's a mouse.' In addition to the various animals that Mummy sees along the way, attentive readers are bound to spot the cat on every spread.

English children's book author **Cat Parker** and Italian illustrator **Aurora Cacciapuoti** joined forces to create this funny, cheerful picture book. Toddlers will have lots of fun spotting the cat way before mum does!

Gottmer holds world rights for this joint project by Cat Parker & Aurora Cacciapuoti.

On each page, alert toddlers can find the kitty

Simple but rock-solid concept



English sample translation available

Original title:
Vincent & Rembrandt junior – Op zoek naar de parel/Pas op, Kapitein
 17x22 cm, 28 pages
 Hardcover picture books
 full-colour illustrations
 Age: 3+



‘Vincent and Rembrandt get children interested in art, and before you know it, they’ll be working on their own [...]’
 Hebban.nl

Vincent and Rembrandt Jr.

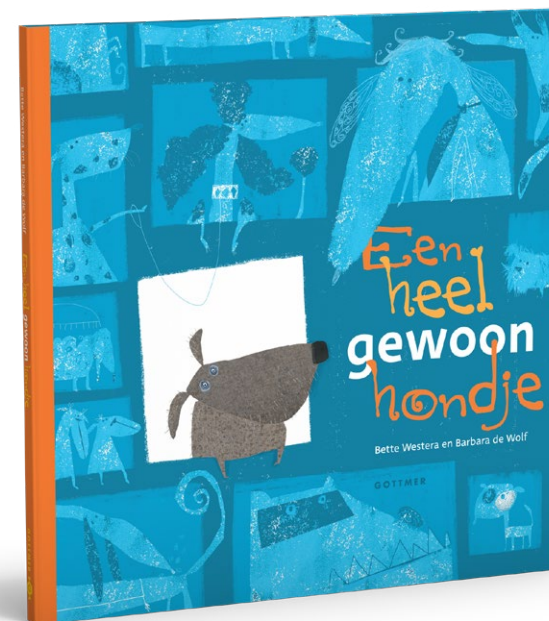
The missing pearl

Watch out, Captain!

Louise Geesink

Without a doubt, Vincent van Gogh and Rembrandt van Rijn are two of the greatest Dutch artists of all time.

In this series **Louise Geesink** creates an imaginative young version of the two old masters as a playful introduction to Dutch art. Vincent and Rembrandt are best friends. This is not surprising, as their favourite thing is to paint together. All day long. Does that sound boring? Well, it’s not, because there is always something exciting happening. In *Watch out, Captain!*, the duo runs into a stern captain who may look very familiar to observant viewers. And in *The Missing Pearl*, Rembrandt and Vincent help a lovely girl find the thief of her beautiful pearl earring. At the back of each book, you can find elements of the old Dutch paintings that can be discovered in the story.



English sample translation available

Original title:
Een heel gewoon hondje
 26x26 cm, 40 pages
 Hardcover picture book
 Age: 4+

A Very Ordinary Dog

Bette Westera & Barbara de Wolf (ill.)

Binkie lives at the Dog Hotel, a fine shelter that provides a home for dogs of all shapes and sizes. There are big dogs and very small ones, for example. Fluffy and curly ones. And a posh poodle with a cupboard full of trophies. Except for Binkie, he is just a very ordinary dog. If only he were a bit whiter or a bit blacker, a bit smoother, or a bit hairier. Or a bit pathetic, like Charlie with three legs. He would surely be chosen by a new owner. Then the dog hotel owner announces that she is going to the Retirement Home for Boarding Kennel Owners and will leave Binkie with the owner of The Litter Box, a prison full of scratching tom-cats. Will Binkie be adopted in time?

A Very Ordinary Dog is a heartwarming and joyful new picture book by children’s book stars **Bette Westera** and **Barbara de Wolf**. Westera has written over 25 books for several age groups, both prose and poetry. De Wolf has illustrated children’s books for over 25 years in her unique collage style.

Perfect match of brilliant text and unique collages

Binkie is a doggie to take right into your heart



English sample translation available

Original title: *Coco en het gekke ding*
22x28,5 cm, 36 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 3+



Over 300.000
Coco-books sold in
the Netherlands
and Belgium!

Coco and the Weird Thing

Loes Riphagen

After the huge success of *Yes, Coco Can!* and *Watch out, Coco!*, the brave little bird returns for a brand new adventure. This time Coco and her friends stumble upon a strange thing in the forest. It is soft and pink, and none of the animals can identify what it is. Each animal lets its imagination run wild, wondering what it could be. A pear? A fallen star? Or perhaps something to lie on, as Hedgehog thinks, who decides to try it out...

With infectious enthusiasm, **Loes Riphagen** turns every book into a visual feast and proves time and time again to be a creative master. Her talent has already won her several awards, including a Flag and Pennant and Picture Book of the Year 2021. Her books appear in several languages.

Rights sold:
German, Swedish



Rights sold: *Italian, Slovenian, Spanish (Lat-Am), Turkish, Swedish*



Rights sold: *French, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish (Lat-Am), Vietnamese, German*

English sample translation available

Original title:
Het Kabouterboek
23x28 cm, 64 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+



The Gnome Book

Loes Riphagen

After the success of the wonderful stories about Coco, young fans can now explore the world of the modern gnome. Picture book-artist **Loes Riphagen** has always wanted to create a book about gnomes. To make the world of gnomes as tangible as possible, she drew inspiration from everyday items. Discover how gnomes live, what they're up to during the day and how they keep themselves hidden so well. As per usual, Loes has created a work with lots of hidden jokes in every single one of her illustrations. Whether it's a step by step plan for fabricating a gnome's red hat or a cross section of a gnome's house. Loes Riphagen's work is a feast for the eyes!

Loes Riphagen made her debut in 2008 with her book *Night-Time-Bedroom-Creatures*. Her work is published in various countries, from Europe to South America and Asia and was rewarded with international prizes such as the **Silver European Design Award 2018**.

Rights sold: *Complex Chinese, simplified Chinese, English world rights, French, German, Swedish.*

'This is a kind of encyclopedia with everything you want to know about gnomes and a picture book that offers new things to discover every time you read the book. Hours of viewing fun!'
Dutch newspaper *Friesch Dagblad*



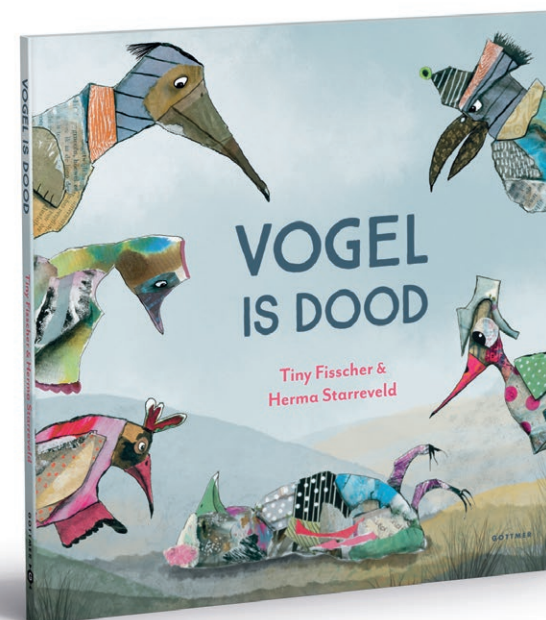


Nominated for the German Children's Literature Award 2024

'Gorgeous...a work that fascinates and helps turn death from the macabre mystery to a part of life that deserves time and care.' – Kiss the Books Jr.

'Imbue[d] with humorous and poignant touches...Honest words and arresting characters model the essential elements for one of life's most difficult conversations.' – Kirkus Reviews

'Unexpectedly tender... honoring the spectrum of grief and its varied manifestations.' – The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books



English sample translation available

Original title:
Vogel is dood
25x25 cm, 32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+

Bird is Dead

Tiny Fischer & Herma Starreveld (ill.)

Bird is dead

Really?

Are you sure he isn't asleep?

He's not asleep! On your back + legs in the air = dead.

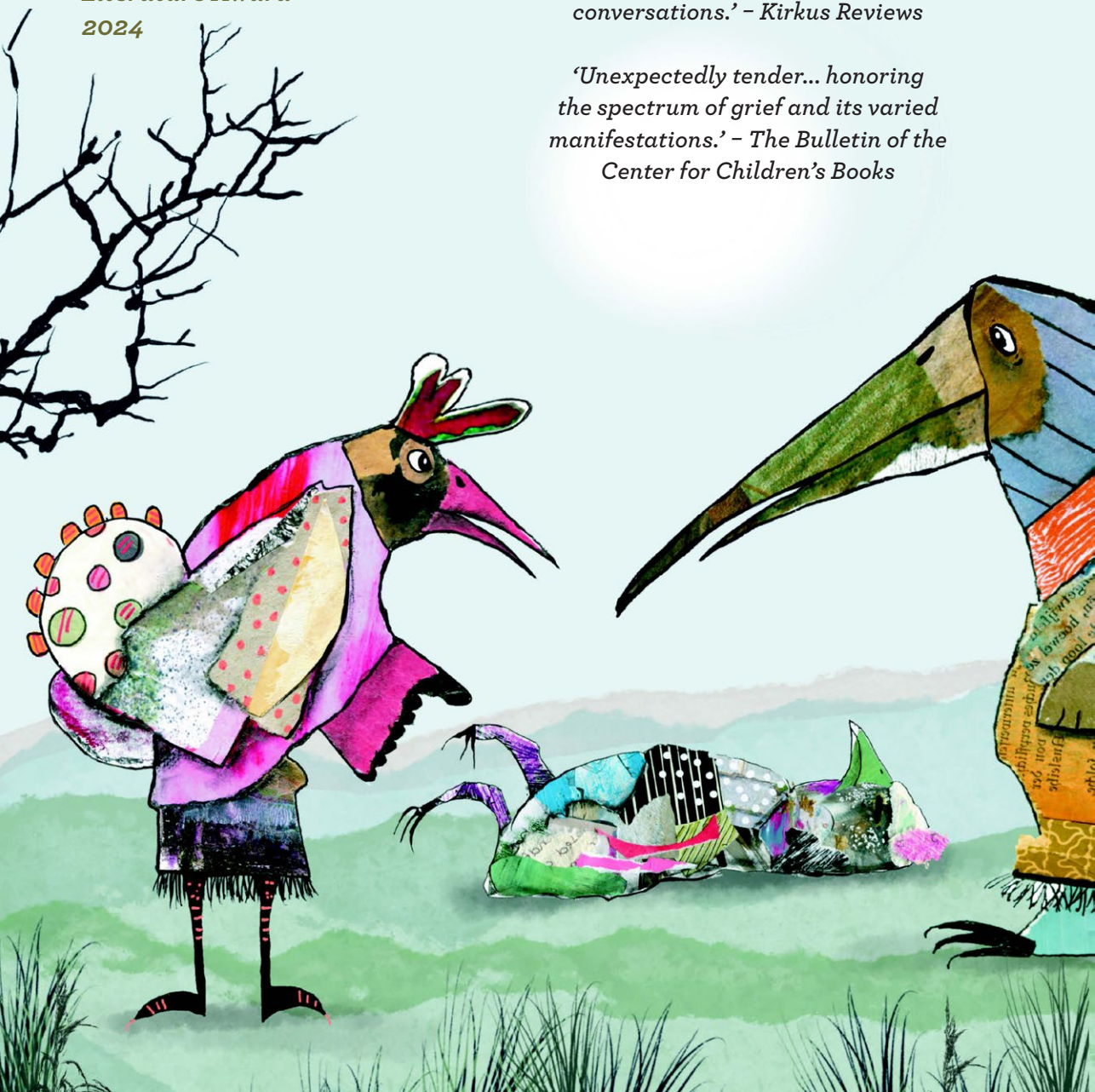
Bird is dead. Yesterday he was alive. Some of the other birds shed a few tears. And that's okay. Crying together can be nice. Then it's time to give Bird a funeral. All of Bird's friends, and even some birds who didn't like him that much, are helping. They dig a grave. They speak kind words. They sing a song. They miss him a lot, and cry some more. And after? Tea and worms. Or cake, if you don't like worms.

Tiny Fischer and **Herma Starreveld** collaborated to provide insights into every aspect of dealing with the death of a loved one. With surprising warmth, humour, and honesty, *Bird is Dead* helps in explaining to inquisitive children what happens when someone dies, and gives both the child and the reader a way to approach this topic on their own terms.

The unique illustration style gives each bird its own distinctive character

Discusses the core issues of a death with empathy and warmth

Rights sold:
English world rights, France, Germany, Japan, Spain including Catalan rights



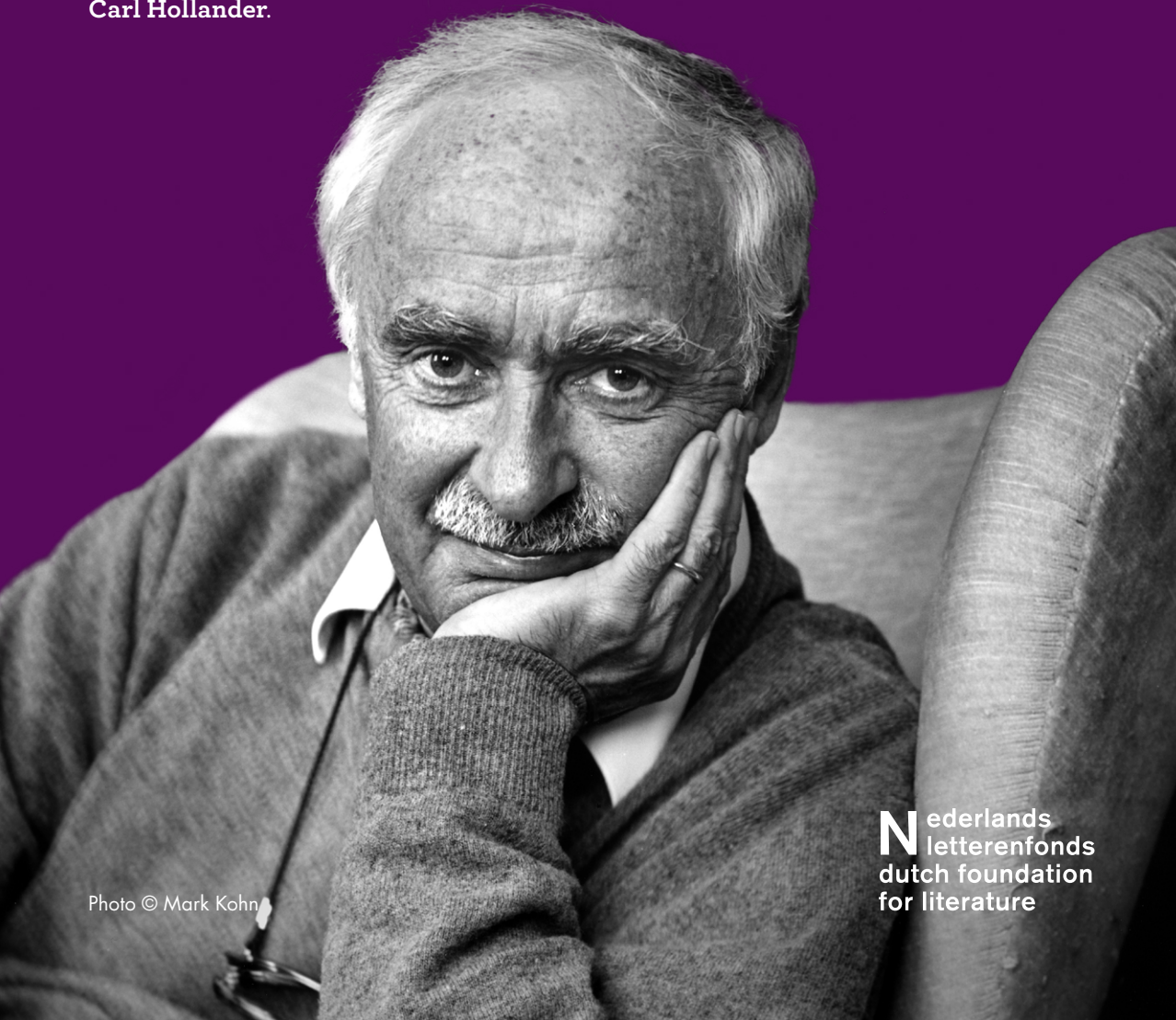
Paul Biegel

A Treasure of Fairy Tales and Adventures

Paul Biegel (1925-2006), a Dutch author and masterful storyteller 'with a robber's heart', is best known for his children's books full of fairy tales, magical adventures, and fantasy stories.

For his work, he received two Golden Pencils, four Silver Pencils and the Woutertje Pieterse Prize (twice!), among other awards.

The illustrations in his books are created by the very best illustrators in the Netherlands, including award-winning artists **Charlotte Dematons**, **Mies van Hout**, **Linde Faas** and **Carl Hollander**.



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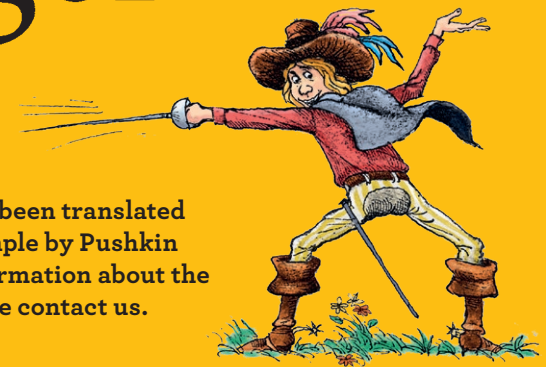
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Fiction – Classics

Paul 100 YEARS Biegel

More than 1.1 million Paul Biegel books have been sold in the Netherlands and Belgium!

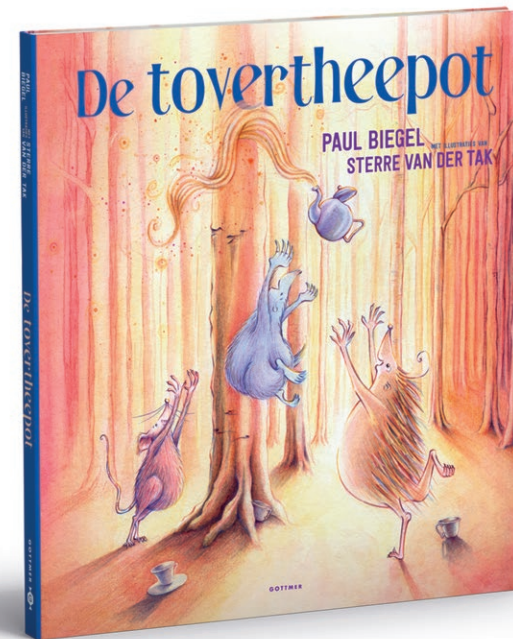
The works of Paul Biegel have been translated in several languages, for example by Pushkin Press in the UK. For more information about the specific rights available, please contact us.



- *Big Book of Biegel Fairy Tales*
- *The Red Princess*
- *The Seven Times Search*
- *The Little Captain*
- *The King of the Copper Mountains*
- *The Gardens of Dorr*
- *The Parrot's Seven Feathers*
- *The Dwarfs of Nosgay*
- *Robber Hopsika*
- *The Fattest Dwarf of Nosegay*
- *The Curse of the Werewolf*
- *A Tale of the Night*

English sample
translation available

Original title:
De tovertheepot
24x26,5 cm, 64 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+



The Magic Teapot

Paul Biegel & Sterre van der Tak (ill.)

Mrs. Mole lives in a beautiful house. One day, there is a knock at her door and she comes face to face with seven cheeky squirrels. They are determined to take over her lair! Together with her faithful cook Mouse and the hedgehog she encounters along the way, she flees to the underground city of the goblins. There, they meet the king, who not only offers them a house but also a magic teapot as a gift! The teapot has a pretty crazy effect on the king and his new friends. When the teapot is stolen, the king threatens to throw them all in jail. The three try to find the thief but in vain. Finally, they come across a suspicious hole in the ceiling...

The Magic Teapot is a wonderful story to read aloud, written by master storyteller **Paul Biegel**. The beautiful images by emerging illustrator **Sterre van der Tak** and her creative imagination brings this story to life.



In 2025, we are celebrating the
100th anniversary of the birth of
renowned Dutch writer, Paul Biegel

A dream debut for illustrator
Sterre van der Tak



ANANSI

the Spider



English sample translation available

Original title:
De slimme verhalen van Anansi de spin – Een AVI-groeiboek
17x22 cm, 96 pages
Hardcover, full-colour illustrations
Age: 7+

Clever Tales of Anansi the Spider

Fairytales from Africa for early readers
Iven Cudogham & Moldybyrd Studio (ill.)

Adapted for tv in a 15-volume animated series!

100.000
copies sold

Rights sold: Vietnamese

- Anansi the Spider Who Has the Last Laugh?
- Anansi the Spider Stronger Than Elephant
- Anansi the Spider and the Hungry Tiger
- Anansi the Spider and the King's Chickens
- Anansi the Spider and the Birthday Cake
- Anansi the Spider Makes Monkey Smile Again



The smart spider Anansi from the beloved picture book series is making a return this fall. This new book, specially (re)written for early readers from ages 3 to 4, contains three beloved spider adventures. In *Stronger than Elephant*, Anansi tests his strength against the giant of the forest. In *Anansi the Spider and the King's Chickens*, Anansi uses a clever trick to save the chickens. Additionally, in the brand new illustrated story *The Race Against Turtle*, Anansi learns that being the fastest is not always enough to win the race.

Early reader books are short, illustrated books designed for developing readers. These books help children learn to read and practice their reading skills. Some of these books contain rhymes, some progress in difficulty levels, and some focus on word families or controlled vocabulary.

Iven Cudogham turned the folktales of Anansi the Spider into a big success. This led to the growth of an Anansi empire, including books, a theater show, a cartoon series, and even a feature film in the works.



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Dit is Vos
– Een AVI-groeiboek
17x24 cm, 104 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 7+



This is Fox

For early readers

Daan Remmerts de Vries & Jørgen Hofmans

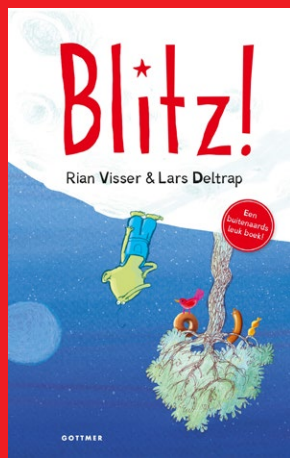
The Early Readers book *This is Fox* contains two well-known Fox stories (*Fox and Fish* and *Doctor Fox*) as well as a brand new story (*A Pair of Glasses for Fox*) by Daan Remmerts de Vries. These stories gradually progress in difficulty levels.

Children's book writer **Jørgen Hofmans** has adapted the clever Fox stories into easy to read texts specifically for beginning readers. This collection offers witty texts and short stories at certified Dutch AVI levels for readers for ages 7 and up. The stories are richly decorated with recognizable illustrations by Daan Remmerts de Vries.

The humorous adventures of Vos, the smart and charismatic character created by **Daan Remmerts de Vries**, have gained a large fan base over the years. *This is Fox - For early readers* is the perfect start for early readers from the age of 7 and up to embark on a fun reading adventure. Picture book maker Daan Remmerts de Vries was awarded the prestigious Theo Thijssen Prize for children's and youth literature in 2021, and has won no fewer than two Golden Pencils and five Silver Pencils.



More than 100.000 copies sold!



English sample translation available

Original title:
Blitz! 9 – Zwemmen in de ruimte
14,5x22,5 cm, 152 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 7+

Lovable main character, exciting outer-space theme

Printed in a font that is easily digestible for readers with difficulty reading or dyslexia

Rian Visser has been appointed as the Children's Laureate of the Netherlands for 2024-2026

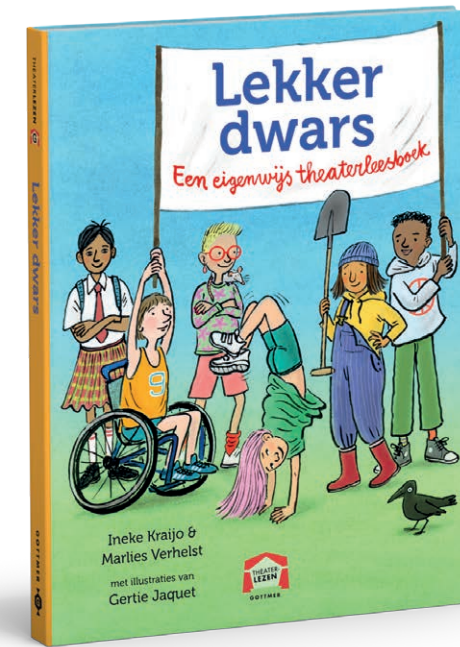
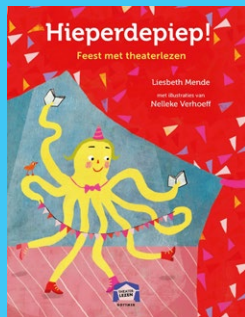
Blitz! 9 – Swimming in Space Rian Visser en Lars Deltrap (ill.)

This autumn, the ninth book in the popular Blitz! series for early readers will be published. The stories about the adventures of Blitz and his friends in space are not only accessible and exciting, but will also make you stop and think. In this new story, Blitz decides that he wants to take up swimming, but unfortunately, his planet is too small for a swimming pool. With the help of his loyal friend Petey, Blitz sets off on a cheerful space adventure to find a suitable swimming spot. Along the way, they meet new friends, and Petey comes up with a clever plan to bring water to another planet. The best part of their adventure? Enjoying a refreshing dip in the large swimming pool on the island of Ding and Dong!

Rian Visser's Blitz! series is perfect for emerging readers, meeting all the criteria for a first-reading book with large print, short chapters, sentences and words, easy-to-read font, and cheerful illustrations by **Lars Deltrap**. The books in the series can be read as a standalone.



Discover Stage Reading



English sample translation available

Original title:
Lekker dwars
– Een eigenwijs theaterleesboek
17x22 cm, 120 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 9+

Cheeky Monkey

A joyfully different stage reading book
Ineke Kraijo, Marlies Verhelst & Gertie Jaquet (ill.)

In the latest book of the Stage Reading series, you will meet children who demonstrate perseverance and a different view of the world as they follow their own paths. Rebellious world improvers such as Greta Thunberg and Maria Montessori are showcased, along with characters like Elena, who makes her own clothes, and Tibo, who prefers to relax on holiday rather than go on cultural excursions.

Stage Reading is a unique concept where two or more readers take on the role of a character and read the text aloud to an audience. All you need is the book and your voice. This book, *Cheeky Monkey*, contains fresh and fun Stage Reading texts and enriching discussion questions. Nice and Stubborn!

Stage Reading is all about reading together with others. Whether in the classroom with classmates and teachers, or with parents, grandparents, or neighbors, everyone can have a role. This activity can be done at school, at a party, or at home on the couch.



English sample
translation available

Original title:
*De toch niet zo eenzame
tocht van Torre*
14,5x21,5 cm, 240 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 10+

Part 1



Torre's Not So Very Lonely Adventure

Annekarijn Overduin & Sophie Pluim (ill.)

After the arrival of Torre's baby brother, a rigorous decision turns his life upside down. His parents decide that his mother needs rest and that Torre should go and live with his uncle Fons whom he barely knows. Luckily, Torre quickly adapts to his new life in the mountains where he lives in a wondrous mountain cabin together with Wetnose, a cheeky little goat. Unfortunately, disaster strikes when Torre and Wetnose get lost in a mysterious forest after they are swept away by a raging mountain stream. A friendly but sassy goblin offers help but does expect something in return from Torre. This is the beginning of a dazzling adventure whereby Torre must defeat mountain gor Walgor the Horrendous and find his way back home. During his journey, Torre discovers that he is braver than he could ever have imagined, but will it be enough?

Torre's Not So Very Lonely Adventure is an enchanting illustrated adventure story full of colourful characters that capture your heart. The book is written by children's book writer **Annekarijn Overduin**, and richly illustrated by beloved illustrator **Sophie Pluim**. Since its publication the book has been embraced by booksellers, book critics and readers of all ages. The movie rights have already been sold.

With her imaginative drawings Sophie Pluim adds another layer to the story

'Cheerful, funny, adventurous: What a great debut!' – Jan Paul Schutten, Dutch children's book author



English sample translation available

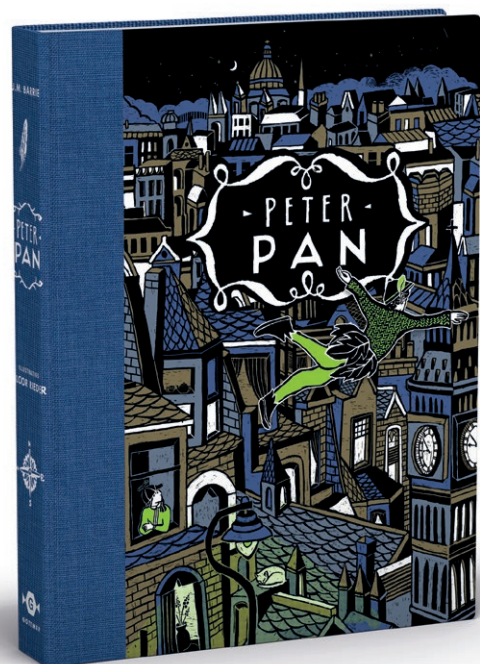
Original title:

Peter Pan

15x19 cm, 272 pages

Hardcover, linen binding, full-colour illustrations

Age: 8+



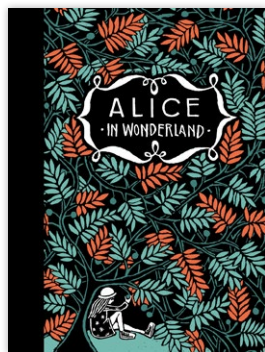
Special edition, hard back with linen binding

Peter Pan

J.M. Barrie & Floor Rieder (ill.)

Few stories have a greater claim to the status of classic than *Peter Pan*. And those who read it understand why: when Peter Pan takes Wendy and her brothers to the island of Neverland to settle a long-standing feud with Captain Hook, it is at once blood-curdling, funny and moving, and an ode to the infinite power of fantasy.

This brand-new edition has been translated and lightly edited by master translator **Esther Ottens**. **Floor Rieder**, with her unique, powerful, and bold style, makes Peter Pan an even more quirky and original book than it already was.



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English world rights, German,
Russian, simplified Chinese



English sample translation available

Original title:

De sneeuwkonigin

20x25 cm, 64 pages

Hardcover, full-colour illustrations

Age: 8+



The Snow Queen

Hans Christian Andersen, Bette Westera & Aida de Jong (ill.)

The timeless and enchanting adventure *The Snow Queen* by **Hans Christian Andersen** continues to capture the imagination to this day. In a clever frame story, **Bette Westera** puts her own spin on the classic, taking readers into the adventure of Arne and Janna, best friends who are driven apart. When Arne is kidnapped by the cruel Snow Queen, Janna is determined to save him and embarks on a dangerous journey to the Snow Queen's icy palace. Along the way, she meets colourful characters and discovers the true power of love and friendship.

Golden Pencil winner Bette Westera has proven again to be a master storyteller. The graceful illustrations by **Aida de Jong** encourage to dream away while reading aloud.

This new edition of Andersen's *The Snow Queen* is a unique retelling that will enchant young and old alike!

Rights sold:
German



English sample
text available

Original title:

Alleen op de wereld

17,5x24,5 cm, 320 pages

Hardcover,

full-colour illustrations

Age: 8+

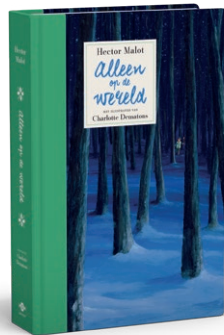


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Armenian

Nobody's Boy – Sans Famille

Hector Malot, Tiny Fisscher
(adaptation) & Charlotte
Dematons (ill.)

Nobody's Boy (or *Sans Famille*, first published in 1879) is inseparable from the canon of children's literature that has moved readers for generations. Thanks to this accessible adaptation by children's author **Tiny Fisscher**, a new generation of readers can shed a tear about orphan Rémi's plight. Illustrator **Charlotte Dematons** drew inspiration from the route Rémi traveled through France, resulting in stunning illustrations that vividly depict the beautiful yet desolate French countryside and the harshness of city life.

English sample
text available

Original title:

De wonderbare reis

van Nils Holgersson

15x22 cm, 368 pages

Hardcover,

full-colour illustrations

Age: 7+

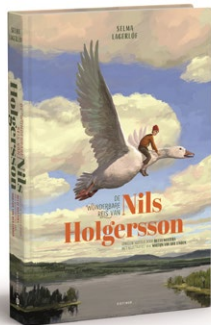


Illustration Rights
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The Wonderful Adventures Of Nils Holgersson

Selma Lagerlöf, Bette Westera
(adaptation) & Martijn van der
Linden (ill.)

The treasured children's classic was written by the Swedish author **Selma Lagerlöf** in the early twentieth century. In this edition, **Bette Westera** retells the story in a lively and accessible way, while **Martijn van der Linden's** beautiful illustrations add to the book's atmosphere. Nils lives with his parents on a farm in the south of Sweden. He teases all the farm animals and is quite an annoying child. One day, he catches a gnome and refuses to release it. As a punishment, the magical creature makes Nils the same size as him, beginning a wonderful journey through Sweden.

English sample
translation available

Original title:

Punkertje

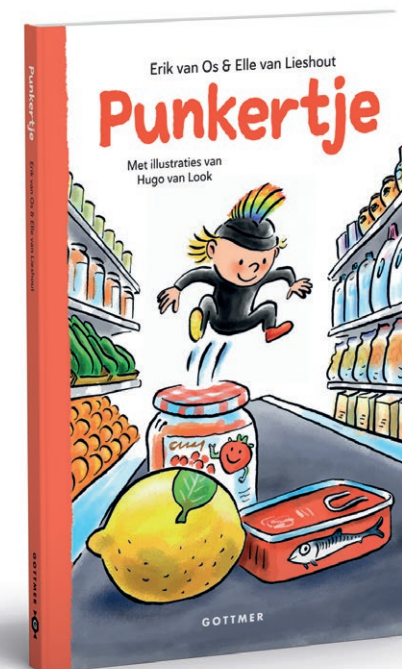
14,5x22,5 cm, 64 pages

Hardcover,

full-colour illustrations

Read together from 6+

Read alone from 7+



Little Punker

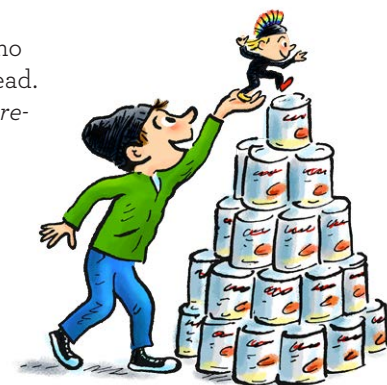
Erik van Os, Elle van Lieshout &
Hugo van Look (ill.)

A respectable Lady and a respectable Gentleman share a dream: a very sweet, very beautiful and very smart baby. But when Punker comes into the world, their dream falls apart. Little Punker is weird, tough and much too small. And... she always wears a punk hat. The Gentleman and the Lady immediately start planning to get rid of Little Punker. Fortunately, Little Punker is found by Birgit, owner of supermarket Buy at Birgit's. At Birgit's, Punker has a wonderful life and all the customers love her. But then the Lady and the Gentleman show up. They are sorry and demand her back, as they will be the perfect parents. Little Punker herself sees things very differently...

A delightfully contrary story by **Erik van Os & Elle van Lieshout**, who know better than anyone how to make first-time readers laugh and read. Illustrator **Hugo van Look**, known for his famous *Alfie*, *The Little Werewolf*-series, adds a cheerful touch!

*Surprising
collaboration
between three
beloved children's
book creators*

*A pleasantly
absurd first
reading book
chock-full of
illustrations*



English sample translation available

Original title:

De lijst van Violet Sopjes
14,5x21,5 cm, 240 pages
Hardcover, illustrated
in black and white with
a spot colour
Age 9+



Surprising and light-hearted story about a quirky girl

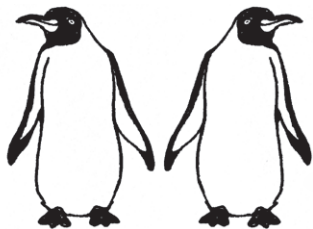
Elegantly illustrated by Yoko Heiligers

Violet Soapy's List

David Vlietstra & Yoko Heiligers (ill.)

This new year at school, eleven-year-old Violet has a great idea: she wants to play with every child in her class once. She puts up a list of all her classmates in her bedroom and starts meeting up with each child. Violet discovers that there are some truly unique individuals in her class. She experiences the strangest adventures, which she reports extensively in her notebooks. But when the play dates become too crazy for words, the story takes an unexpected turn...

With *Violet Soapy's List*, **David Vlietstra** has written an endearing and original story, peppered with a good dose of humour, about a quirky girl who instantly captures your heart. Besides being a writer, Vlietstra also teaches. He shares his love for books with the youngest readers in the first year of primary school. The graphically strong illustrations by **Yoko Heiligers** make the intriguing world of Violet extra special.



English sample translation available

Original title:

Rugzwemmen
13,5x20,5 cm, 240 pages
Hardcover
Age: 12+



Upstream

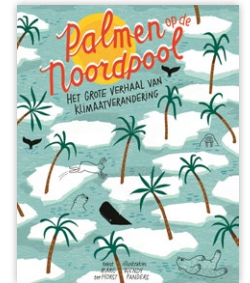
Marc ter Horst

It's the last few weeks before the summer holidays. Noor's friends are flying off to enjoy the sun in other countries. Noor cannot. Her parents not only are way too environmentally aware to ever fly anywhere, they've also arranged for her to attend some sort of summer camp, to 'cheer her up', because Noor makes a bit of a sad impression lately – according to them. But is it any wonder when you grow up on oat milk and doom stories about the climate?

Even before she could walk, Noor was already attending climate change demonstrations. But now that she is in high school, she is all done with the banners and gloomy news reports. While her parents think she's safely stashed away at summer camp, she sets out on her own and discovers that there is plenty to be happy about, even in times of heatwaves, floods and parents who think they know what is best for you.

Upstream is the fiction debut of **Marc ter Horst**. He received many awards for his informative children's books, including a Glass Globe for *Palm Trees at the North Pole* and a Silver Pencil and a Woutertje Pieterse price nomination for *Virus World*. His books are translated all over the world.

Rights sold:
Italian



Rights sold:
14 languages



Rights sold:
French, Korean

English sample translation available

Original title: *Doodgewoon*
26x 23 cm, 114 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age 9+



Dead Normal

Bette Westera & Sylvia Weve (ill.)

There's one central theme in this magnificent new read-aloud poetry book: death. Together the author and illustrator tackle this subject, which not only children find difficult to comprehend. How badly you can miss someone who is no longer around? Why do young people die as well? Where does someone go after they've died? All of this and much more is covered in the sometimes sad and touching, but sometimes funny and light-hearted poems and the complementing gorgeous illustrations.

Apart from the unusual subject, this book is also exceptional in its design, with several pages varying in width. With *Dead Normal*, Golden Pencil and Golden Paintbrush-winning couple **Westera & Weve** have delivered yet another marvelous poetry book, which will be sure to move every reader, both young and old, and show them that death is nothing to be scared of: it is simply but another part of life.

Dead Normal

- Best Dutch Book Design 2014
- Woutertje Pieterse Prize 2015
- Golden Pencil 2015
- IBBY Honour List 2016
- White Raven

Rights sold: *German, Chinese*

English Sample translation available

Original title: *Uit elkaar*
24,5x28,7 cm, 136 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age 9+



Breaking Up

Bette Westera & Sylvia Weve (ill.)

Breaking Up is a comforting, moving and surprising children's book about divorce, for children aged 9 and above.

Love does not always last. That is what the poems in *Breaking Up* are about: they lead from the first early love to divorce and new family situations. But it is not just a sad book. For as unpleasant as it is when your parents break up, and as difficult as it can be when they fall in love again, sometimes things happen that make you happy again.

Breaking Up

- Golden Pencil 2020
- Silver Brush 2020

Rights sold: *German*

This Is What It Feels Like

Bette Westera & Sylvia Weve (ill.)

In *This Is What It Feels Like*, the award-winning Bette Westera and Sylvia Weve delve into the emotions and feelings of the objects in our lives. Behind everyday things is a world of emotions. A thunderstorm can be very hot-tempered, a lost button is often sad and a lamppost can be quite impassive.

In striking poems, **Bette Westera** unlocks the feeling of ordinary objects. **Sylvia Weve's** expressive illustrations reinforce this multitude of feelings. *This Is What It Feels Like* is a an impressive illustrated poetry collection of a quality one has come to expect from the creators of, among others, *Deadly Normal* and *Breaking Up*: with nerve, humour and – above all – a lot of feelings, Westera and Weve make the reader look at the world around them in a different way.



English sample translation available

Original title: *Zo voelt dat*
18x26 cm, 88 pages
Hard cover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 9+

A collection of quirky poems about the feelings of everyday objects

Poems for All Seasons

Bette Westera & Henriette Boerendans (ill.)

In *Poems for All Seasons*, readers experience a year in nature from a bird's eye view: for each season and month, there is an appropriate poem in this atmospheric collection.

What makes this collection of poems unique is that they are all written in different verse forms. For example, for March language artist **Bette Westera** wrote a rondel in which a baby lamb is playing in the pasture, for June a pantoum about the longest day of the year, and for September, a quatrain about a squirrel stealing an apple to stockpile for winter. Each season in the book starts with a beautiful haiku. The rich poems are brought to life with striking woodcuts by the award-winning illustrator, **Henriette Boerendans**.

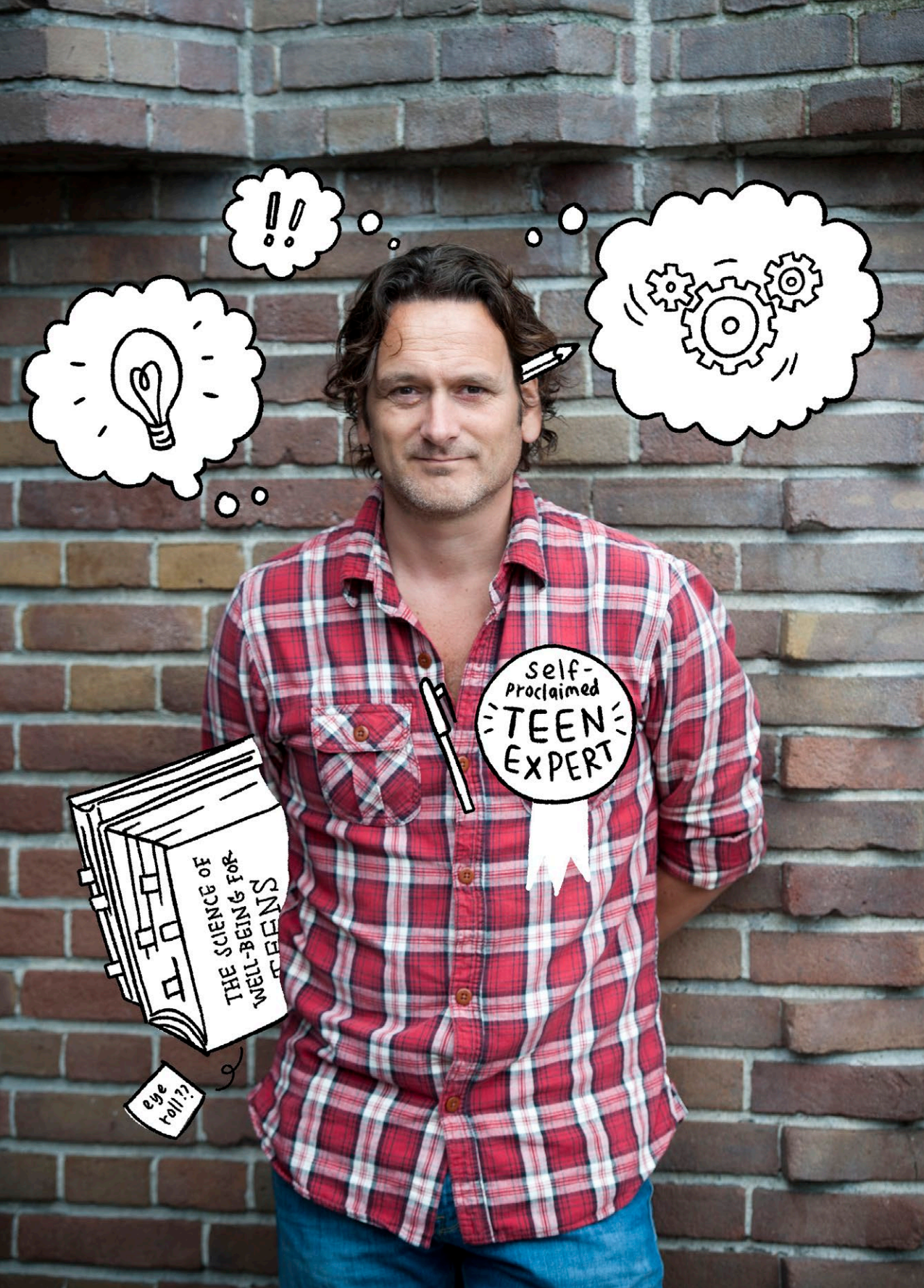


English sample translation available

Original title: *Dichter bij de seizoenen*
21,5x26,5 cm, 48 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 9+

With explanations of verse forms and tips for playing with language yourself

Rights sold: *English*



English sample translation available

Original title:
Schaam je gerust dood voor je ouders
14,5x20,5 cm, 160 pages
Hardcover,
full colour illustrations
Age: 11+

It's OK to Feel Embarrassed by Your Parents

And more fantastic tips for teenagers
Jan Paul Schutten & Emma Ringelding (ill.)

In his new book, **Jan Paul Schutten** delves into the challenges of teenage life, starting with the fundamental question of how to get to know yourself. Jan Paul then navigates through chapters on friends, addiction, and infatuation, ultimately revealing the quickest route to a happy life. The journey is never dull: you'll learn how to perfect your eye-roll, hack your own thoughts, understand why you should never hover over a sewer drain, and why it's perfectly fine to be embarrassed by your parents sometimes. In this book, Jan Paul Schutten mixes engaging psychological insights with plenty of humor, featuring fun tests, quirky letters, and useful tips. **Emma Ringeldings'** cartoon-like illustrations bring everything to life!

It acknowledges the importance of feeling okay about being embarrassed by your parents and avoids offering canned advice to rebellious teens. Instead, it provides the crucial insight that you're never alone and shows how a bit of self-awareness can help you avoid some common pitfalls. Along the way, you'll pick up a lot of tips and useful information.

A must-read brimming with humor, insights, and witty advice

Featuring cartoon-style illustrations by Emma Ringelding

Tackles the important topic of mental health for teenagers

Non-Fiction – Mushrooms and Molds

English sample translation available

Original title: *Paddenstoel & Co*
20x26 cm, 144 pages
Hardcover, full-colour illustrations
Age: 9+

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Mushroom & Co

How a fungal network sustains life on earth
Geert-Jan Roebers & Wendy Panders (ill.)

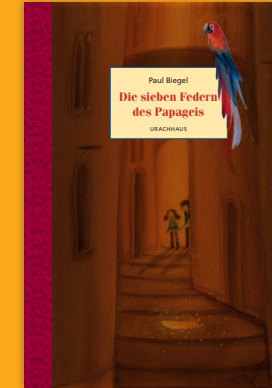
Mushroom & Co introduces children to the world of fungi and deals with all kinds of mushrooms: from poisonous giant mushrooms and super stinkers to truffles that are more expensive than gold. Along the way, children discover the important role that fungi play in our ecosystem and about their relationship to humans.

Whether it's for the seasoned naturalist or the curious newcomer, there is always something new to discover in nature, and **Geert-Jan Roebers** is the perfect guide. Collaborating with **Wendy Panders**, who designed the book using a blend of eye-catching illustrations and informative pictures, he once again created an enlightening and witty book, this time starring the hidden world of fungi.

'The most long-winded creatures received a spectacular children's book, twice awarded, with the Silver Pencil and the Silver Paintbrush: Mushroom & Co. Geert-Jan Roebers skillfully harnesses the visual power of language.' – Dutch Newspaper *NRC*, Mirjam Noorduijn



The Wonderful Adventures of Nils Holgersson
Zangak, Armenia



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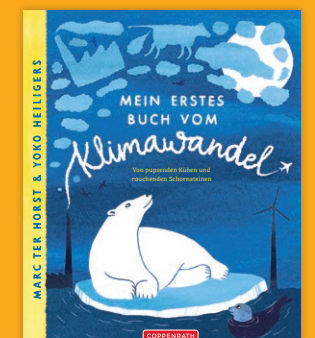
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