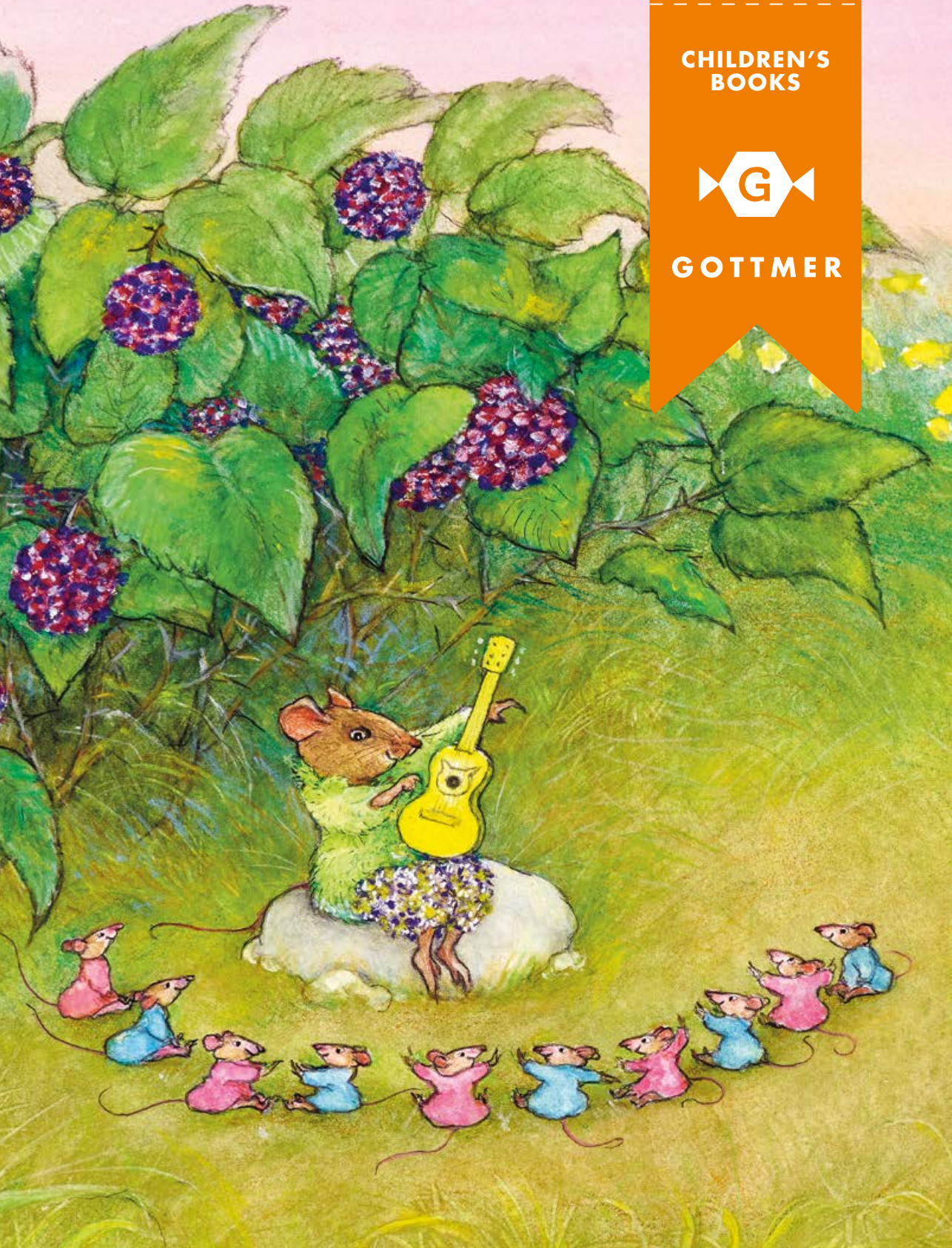


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CHILDREN'S
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Recently sold



The Park
Greece (Dioptra); France (Éditions de la Martinière); Germany (Jacoby & Stuart) Spanish World Rights & Catalan (Offer)



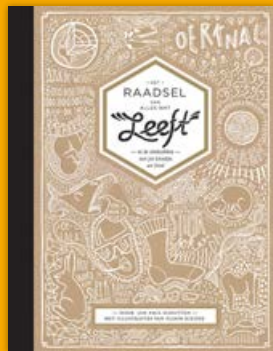
Coco and the Weird Thing
Germany (Fischer Sauerländer); Sweden (Natur och Kultur); World Spanish (Kókinos); Catalan (Kókinos)



The Gnome Book
Slovakia (IKAR); Spanish World Rights (Kókinos); Catalan (Kókinos)



Mushroom & co
China (CITIC); Japan (Yama-kei Publishers)



The Mystery of Life
Ukraine (Chas Maistriv)



Violet Soapy's List
Japan (Iwanami Shoten) Italy (offer)



Trigger
Japan (Iwanami Shoten)



Ingenious Plants
China (CITIC)



Farting Cows and Cars
Brazil (Lume Livros Editura)

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 and fiction to non-fiction and 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.

Spring has arrived!

We've been busy crafting beautiful books, just in time to present at the most exciting Children's Book Fair of the year: Bologna Book Fair. We have a wonderful collection to share with you, featuring the spot-on non-fiction title **It's OK to be Ashamed of Your Parents**, which answers the questions everyone faces during their teenage-years with humour and understanding, suitable for ages 10 years and older. Also included is the beautifully illustrated classic **The Golden Guitar** by Paul Biegel.

Speaking of Paul Biegel, 2025 will mark the 100th anniversary of this cherished Dutch children's author, and we are planning a major celebration in his honour! And that's not all – we're also celebrating the success of two films based on **Tummy Tom**, which have been captivating audiences in cinemas across the Netherlands and Belgium. Meanwhile, our heartfelt picture books, such as **When Big Dog Cries** and **The Tangled Weasels**, continue to inspire young imaginations. So, what are you waiting for? Dive into these delightful new titles and be sure to visit our stand: 30 / D32-E35.

Explore this exciting new selection of children's books, and don't hesitate to contact us for any materials related to a title or author. All requests can be sent to u.matten@gottmer.nl.



Keep an eye out for this icon — books featuring it have stood out for various reasons, such as recent translations or prestigious awards!

English sample
translation available

Original title:
Als grote hond huilt
26x26 cm, 32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+
Wordcount: +250
Publication date:
February 2025



When Big Dog Cries

Tamara Bos & Barbara de Wolf (ill.)

Big Dog is crying. Little Dog has no idea why, but doesn't like it one bit and just wants the tears to stop. She tries everything she can think of – fetching her favourite ball, giving Big Dog a hug, even dancing around – anything to make the sadness go away. But nothing works. Something has to change. Or does it? Maybe sometimes, tears just need to happen. When Big Dog explains this to Little Dog, she starts to understand: even when Big Dog's eyes are full of tears, she's still Big Dog. And that's okay!

In this heartwarming picture book by **Tamara Bos** and **Barbara de Wolf**, Little Dog learns that it's okay for grown-ups to be sad sometimes and that tears are just a natural part of life. A sweet and gentle story about understanding emotions and the comfort of being there for each other.

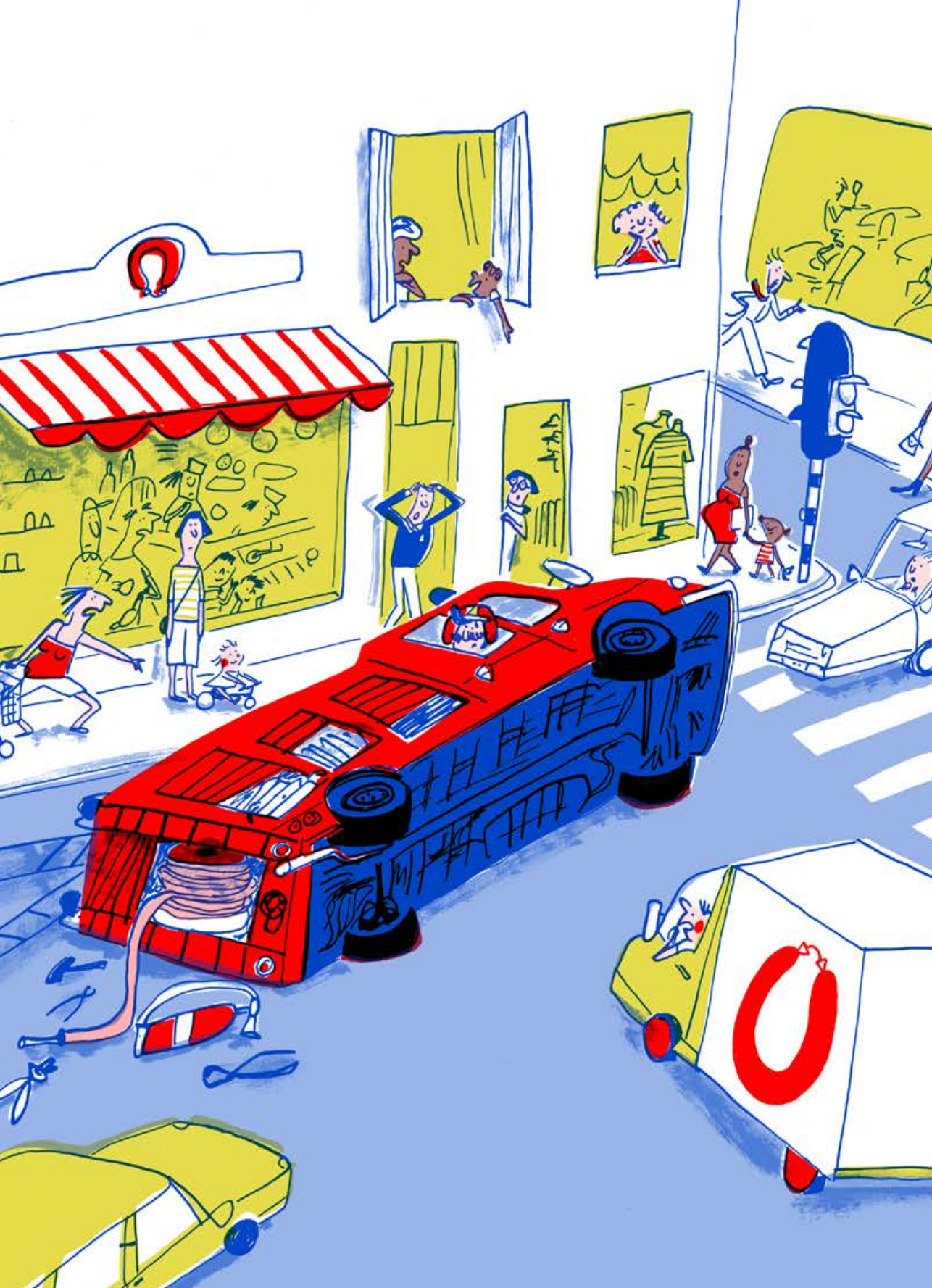


Also available
from illustrator
Barbara de Wolf

*A warm,
heartfelt tale
about sadness
and comfort
that'll resonate
with readers of
all ages!*

*Even when
grown-ups are
upset, kids can
still be kids –
and this story
shows how*

*A proud feature
in The Dutch
Foundation for
Literature's Bolo-
gna catalogue
- one of the most
beautiful Dutch
books published
this year*



new!

English sample translation available

Original title:
Roos redt de brandweer
23 x 30 cm, 32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 3+
Wordcount: +-487
Publication date:
June 2025

Rose Saves the Firefighters

Anke Kranendonk & Puck Koper (ill.)

A picture book full of pace and plenty of action

It's a scorching hot summer day, and the park is buzzing with everyone trying to cool off – especially seven firefighters who are relaxing in the grass, enjoying their ice creams. But then... *BEEP BEEP BEEP!* The fire alarm blares, and it's time for action! The firefighters scramble to their truck, racing to the scene with tires screeching. But oops! They take a turn *just* a little too fast... *CRASH!* The truck tips over, and the crowd gasps. Now, what? Who's going to help these clumsy firefighters, and who's going to save the day and put out the fire? Luckily, little Rose saw it all happen!

With dynamic illustrations by Silver Brush winner Puck Koper

In *Rose Saves the Firefighters*, **Anke Kranendonk** spins an exciting story inspired by a real-life adventure. With dynamic, playful illustrations by national and international award winning illustrator **Puck Koper**, this picture book brings the bumbling firefighters and Rose's bravery to life in the most delightful way.

Anke Kranendonk is able to incorporate the everyday world of small children into a delightful read-aloud story like no other



Also available by
Anke Kranendonk:



new!

English sample translation available

Original title: *In de hoek*
26x24,5 cm, 40 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 3+
Wordcount: +-300
Publication date:
May 2025

Time-Out

Pieter van den Heuvel

Jack is standing in the corner. Why? He's been given a time-out for doing something naughty. But luckily, he won't be alone for long! Page after page, more and more animals join him - each one guilty of some mischief. From a dog that pulled a post out of the ground to a moose that strolled through the laundry. Gradually Jack's time-out gets very fun and cosy, until the animals find out that saying 'sorry' lets them leave again. What will Jack do? Say sorry too?

Pieter van den Heuvel is known for his hilariously unexpected storytelling. With *Time-out*, he once again delivers a cleverly illustrated tale full of humor and hidden details that'll have kids and parents looking, laughing and thinking.

A wonderfully witty picture book with a humorous ending

Guaranteed viewing pleasure!

A story you'll want to read again and again, discovering new details each time



Also available by
Pieter van den Heuvel



English sample text available

Original title:
Dippy Das moet verhuizen
25x26 cm, 32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+
Wordcount: +-495
Publication date:
February 2025

Billie Badger Has to Move

Marjet Huiberts & Wendy Panders (ill.)

Billie Badger has to find a new house, but finding the perfect home in today's tricky badger housing market is no easy feat. Every place she visits has something off: one's got a strange smell, another's way too tall, some are cramped and damp, and others are just too tiny. Her search leads her to some totally unexpected spots. Will she ever find a cozy home where she feels just right?

Marjet Huiberts, known for her ability to blend big emotions and deep themes with playful charm, brings this delightful story to life. Paired with the whimsical artwork of Silver Brush winner **Wendy Panders**, this picture book is a heartwarming tale about finding the perfect new home. It's a funny, feel-good adventure with a happily-ever-after twist!

Clever story-telling by best-selling picture book author Marjet Huiberts

Vibrantly illustrated by Silver Brush winner Wendy Panders





new!

English sample text available

Original title:
Een bril voor Vos
22,4x31 cm, 40 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+
Wordcount: +-640
Publication date:
February 2025

Glasses for Fox

Daan Remmerts de Vries

One day, Fox is out for a walk when he spots something shiny on the path – a pair of glasses! He immediately pops them on and gazes into a puddle. He smiles; he feels so wise now!

But wait... everything seems to be swirling around him in a foggy haze. Slipping and tripping, Fox clumsily makes his way through the blurry forest, until – OOPS! – he steps on another animal! It's another fuzzy, blurry creature who, just like Fox, can hardly see a thing. And that's exactly why a compassionate conversation begins to unfold. But it takes an unexpected turn when they realize that Fox's discovery is the very thing the other had been searching for...

A clever tale packed with excitement, humour, and a touch of philosophy!

Fox and Fish has made its way into the Dutch Picture Book Top 10!



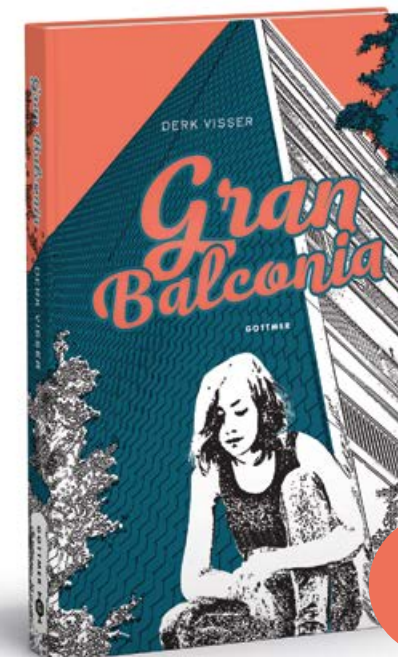
Discover the Fox-series: best-selling books about a not-so-sly fox, brimming with humor and warmth

Excerpt from *Gran Balconia*:

Lenny won't answer, and I feel uncomfortable, afraid of what he might do next.

The emergency exit, for when a boy has his tentacles around me, is just three steps away, but I remain where I am and think that this might be the tipping point, D-Day—the day I transition from childhood to adulthood.

But Lenny does nothing. He is as afraid as I am, worried that our dreams might actually come true.



Gran Balconia

Derk Visser

It's a blistering summer, and sisters Shell, Danni, and Jodie are broke. While everyone else is off on vacation, they're soaking up the sun on their Gran Balconia, eagerly awaiting the arrival of a fourth sister (from yet another dad). When their washing machine gives up on them, Shell strikes a deal for a free laundry card at Montana Laundry – by simply batting her eyelashes at Lenny Montana. Lenny pursues her, but Shell is determined to handle boys differently than her mother did. But how do you do that when, despite your best intentions, you fall in love?

Derk Visser is a master at blending real life with fiction. He writes with heart and humour about life on the edge of society. His stories are raw, his dialogue sharp, and his characters unforgettable.



Rights sold:
Italian (Camelozampa)

English sample
text available

Original title:
Gran Balconia
13,5x21 cm, 128 pages
Hardcover
Age: 13+
Wordcount: +-20.700
Publication date:
February 2025

**Press on
Previous Work:**

*“Drama Queen
is first and
foremost about
life and love.”*
- NRC Handels-
blad

*“By far the finest
young adult
novel of this
year.”*
- de Volkskrant

*“Derk Visser
writes movingly
and subtly.”*
- Trouw

ARMPIT

Nowadays, people are ashamed of two parts of their body: their armpits. Especially when they do what they are made for: sweating and smelling. They attack themselves with rollers, sticks and razors. But why?



MUSKY



new!

From Tongue to Toe

Discover the world, start at your body
Geert-Jan Roebers & Wendy Panders (ill.)

Your body's always with you, so why not use it as a fun way to explore the world? In this quirky and informative book, two-time Silver Pencil winner **Geert-Jan Roebers** takes you on a journey through thirty different body parts, each with its own surprising facts. Did you know how your front teeth can teach you about elephants? Or that your Adam's apple has a link to violins and bass instruments? Or that your Achilles tendon is tied to the story of Troy? The book is beautifully illustrated and designed by Silver Brush winner **Wendy Panders**, who, as always, adds plenty of humour to the playful text.

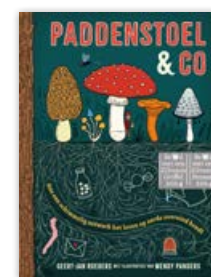
English sample text available

Original title:
Van tong tot teen: Ontdek de wereld, begin bij je lijf
21,2x26 cm, 144 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 9+
Wordcount: +20.700
Publication date:
May 2025

New book from the dynamic Silver Pencil & Silver Brush duo!

A fun-packed multi-disciplinary fact book with stunning illustrations

Discover your body and the world in the most exciting way!



Rights sold:
World English (Greystone Books);
Spanish (Ediciones Siruela);
Italian (Beisler Editore);
Korean (PAN Publishing);
Japanese (Yama-Kei)

English sample translation available

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

 Successful Title



A proud feature in the Bologna Catalogue of the Dutch Foundation of Literature

Perfect match of brilliant text and unique collages

Binkie is a doggie to take right into your heart

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?

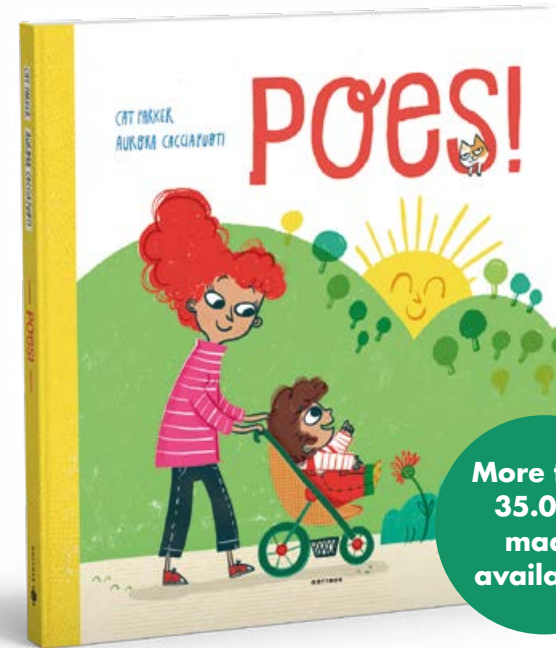
A Very Ordinary Dog is a heartwarming and joyful new picture book by children's book stars **Bette Westera** and **Barbara de Wolf**. Westera has written over 50 books for several age groups, both prose and poetry. De Wolf has illustrated children's books for over 25 years in her unique collage style.



English sample translation available

Original title: *POES!*
24,5x24,5 cm, 32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 2+

 Successful Title



More than 35.000 made available!

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



Editor's Pick

The story and illustrations perfectly capture children's experiences.

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

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



Rights sold to four countries!

Successful Title

Rights sold:

Greece (Dioptra);
France (Éditions de la Martinière);
Germany (Jacoby & Stuart);
World Spanish & Catalan (offer)

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.

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



English sample translation available

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

 Successful Title

Rights sold:
Germany (Ullmann Medien)



Featured in the catalogue of the Dutch Foundation for Literature

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

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**.



The second book in the series!

English sample translation available

Original title:
De wirwarwezels
18,8x24 cm, 128 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 4+

 Successful Title

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!

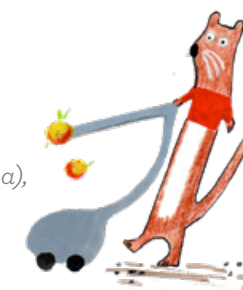
The Tangled Weasels is a witty new storybook by **Yvonne Jagtenberg**, the creator of *Balottie* and *Go, Percy!* Her work is known for its lively illustrations and playful narratives that spark children's imaginations. With her dry humor, Jagtenberg masterfully addresses complex themes in an accessible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



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+
Wordcount: 33.500

 Successful Title

Rights sold:
Japan (Iwanami Shoten)
Italy (offer)

Surprising and light-hearted story about a quirky girl

Elegantly illustrated by Yoko Heiligers

Masterfully shows the reality of a child dealing with social anxiety



Featured in the catalogue of the Dutch Foundation for Literature

Violet Soapy's List

David Vlietstra & Yoko Heiligers (ill.)

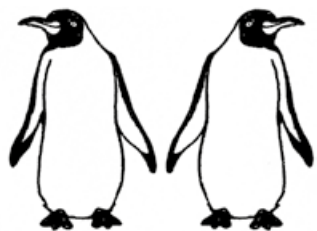
This year at school, eleven-year-old Violet has a great idea: she wants to go on a playdate with every child in her class once. She puts up a list of all her classmates in her bedroom and starts meeting up with each one. Violet discovers that there are some truly unique individuals in her class. She experiences the strangest adventures, which she reports extensively in her notebooks. But when the play dates seem to become too wacky to be true 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 third year of primary school. The graphically strong illustrations by **Yoko Heiligers** make the intriguing world of Violet extra special.

Press:

'Original, imaginative, funny, poignant and tender at the same time: a beautiful children's book.' - *De Standaard*

'Storyteller craftsmanship.' - *De Volkskrant*



More than 125.000 copies sold!



With funny, full-colour illustrations by Lars Deltrap



From Rian Visser, the Dutch Children's Book Ambassador 2024-2025

Successful Series 

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+

Wordcount: 54.000

 **Successful Title**



Coming soon: second book in the series + film option

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

'A wonderfully classic adventure story and, thanks to the many striking characters and humorous dialogues, a read-aloud book par excellence.'
- Trouw



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.



multi award-winning

English sample translation available

Original title:

Paddenstoel & co

20x26 cm, 144 pages

Hardcover, full-colour illustrations

Age: 9+

Wordcount: 21.500

 **Successful Title**

Rights sold:

World English (Greystone Books);
World Spanish (Ediciones Siruela);

Italy, (Beisler Editore);

Korea (PAN Publishing);

Japan (Yama-Kei)

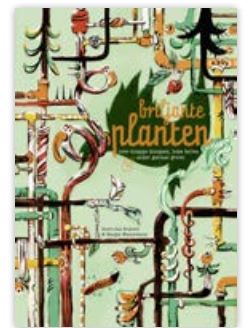
Mushroom & Co

How a fungal network sustains life on earth
Geert-Jan Roebbers & 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 Roebbers** 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 Brush: Mushroom & Co. Geert-Jan Roebbers skillfully harnesses the visual power of language.' – Dutch Newspaper NRC, Mirjam Noorduijn



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+

Wordcount: 27.900



Third print run in six months!

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

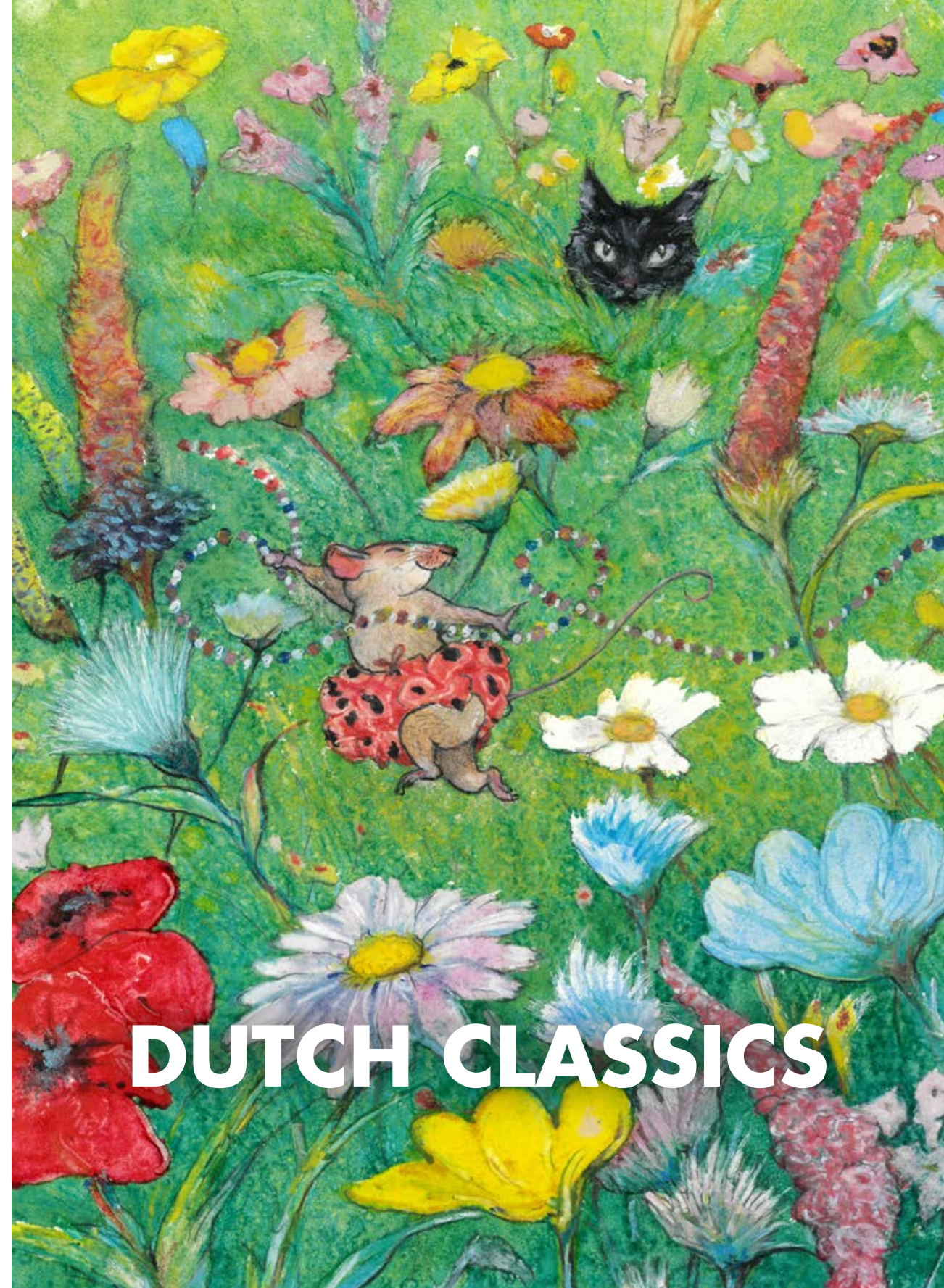
It's OK to Feel Embarrassed by Your Parents

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 Ringelding's** 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.



DUTCH CLASSICS

English sample
translation available

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

Movies to
be screened
worldwide

Films to be
screened in
theatres

in Germany,
France, Italy, Spain,
Scandinavia and
Australia



Soon to be
published:
*Tummy Tom's
House*

Tummy Tom and the Lost Teddy Bear & A New Friend for Tummy Tom

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.

Tummy Tom made his film debut in the highly anticipated animated movie *Tummy Tom and the Lost Teddybear*. The film was an instant hit among Tummy Tom's young fans. The second film *A New Friend for Tummy Tom*, a heartwarming tale of friendship, adventure, and Tummy Tom's signature antics has been very successful too. We have published two picture books featuring these delightful stories:

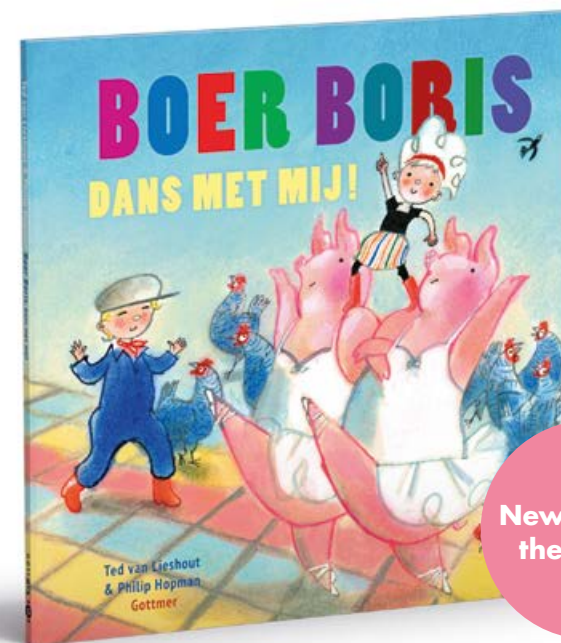
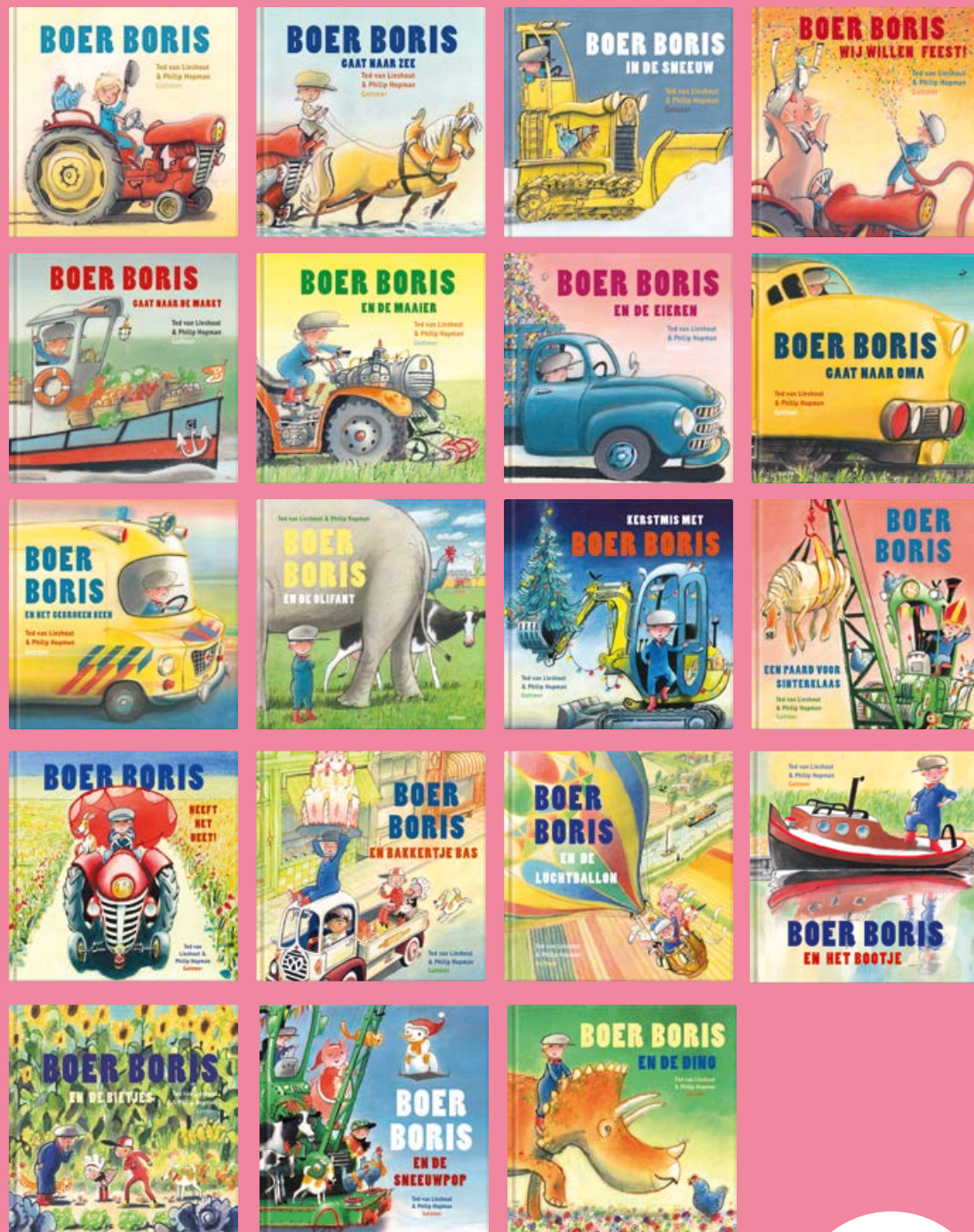
Tummy Tom and the Lost Teddy Bear

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.

A New Friend for Tummy Tom

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.





New book in the series!

English sample translation available

Original title:
Boer Boris, dans met mij!
 24x24 cm, 32 pages
 Hardcover,
 full-colour illustrations
 Age: 3+
 Word count: +390
 Publication date:
 April 2025

Farmer Freddie, Dance with Me!

Ted van Lieshout & Philip Hopman (ill.)

Get ready to shake, swing, hop, and twirl with Farmer Freddie! Well, actually, it's Sue who's the star of the show. When she's hit with an unstoppable urge to dance, she heads straight over to Freddie and Barry, hoping they'll join in. But - uh-oh - they're way too busy with farm chores to be bothered! Thankfully, the farm animals are more than happy to bust a move with Sue. With the music bumping, Freddie and Barry can't stay on the sidelines any longer, and before you know it, the whole farm is having a wild dance party! As you dive into *Farmer Freddie, Dance with Me!* you'll be tapping your toes and ready to dance the day away!

Ever since 2012, **Ted van Lieshout** and **Philip Hopman** have been working tirelessly on their series of books about Farmer Freddie, 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

Farmer Freddie has made his mark worldwide, with titles already published in Simplified Chinese, Macedonian, and Russian.

The little farmer no one can help but love!

In just over ten years' time, 20 Farmer Freddie books were published, as well as numerous special books, a successful theatre show and a dedicated museum exhibition.

Over
 815.000
 copies
 sold!

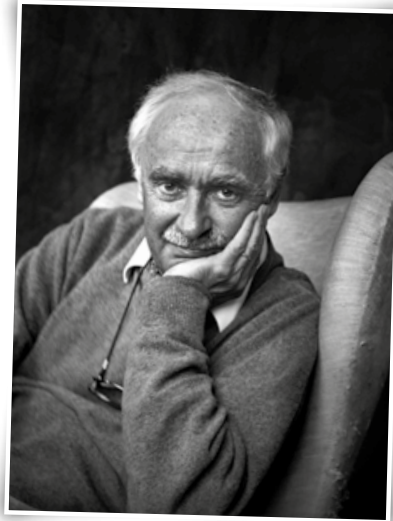
'Biegel is forever.'

- NRC Handelsblad



Paul **100 YEARS** Biegel

In 2025, we'll celebrate the life and work of the beloved Dutch writer **Paul Biegel**, who was born 100 years ago. Turn the page to discover two rediscovered titles, *The Magic Teapot* and *The Golden Guitar*, now beautifully re-illustrated. Join us in celebrating a year full of magic and adventure!





English sample
text available

Original title:

De tovertheepot

24x26,5 cm, 64 pages

Hardcover Picture Book

Age: 4+

Wordcount: 4500



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** are a sight for sore eyes, and her creative imagination brings this story to life.

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

A dream debut for illustrator Sterre van der Tak



English sample
text available

Original title:
De gouden gitaar
16x24 cm, 64 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 7+
Word Count: +-7200
Publication date:
March 2025

The Golden Guitar

Paul Biegel, Ingrid & Dieter Schubert (ill.)

In a meadow full of buttercups, tucked under a blackberry bush, lives Jodokus the field mouse. Ever since the evil owl Braat gobbled up his family, Jodokus has been hiding in fear, with only his guitar for company. But he's actually a brilliant musician, and soon he's invited to play at the mayor's birthday party! Nervously, he leaves his cozy hideout and plays like a true star - until a sudden rainstorm ruins everything! But Jodokus doesn't give up. He finds himself inside an old wooden clog and sets off on a wild new adventure...

Back in 1962, **Paul Biegel** released his first book, *The Golden Guitar*. To celebrate his 100th birthday, this timeless story has been re-illustrated by the amazing **Ingrid and Dieter Schubert** - the same talented duo whose *Rinus* was named Picture Book of the Year 2025!

*A beautiful
reissue of
Paul Biegel's
very first work*

*Featuring brand-
new, sparkling
illustrations
by the dynamic
duo Ingrid and
Dieter Schubert*

‘The swinging text by Iven Cudogham and cheerful illustrations by Moldybyrd Studio give this cultural heritage a modern twist.’
Jan Magazine

ANANSI

the Spider

Rights sold:

Vietnamese (Mam Nho Company)

- *Anansi the Spider A Taste of His Own Medicine*
- *Anansi the Spider Stronger Than Elephant*
- *Anansi the Spider and the Greedy Tiger*
- *Anansi the Spider Eggs for the King*
- *Anansi the Spider and the Birthday Cake*
- *Anansi the Spider Let Monkey Laugh*
- *Anansi the Spider and the Race Against Turtle*



Anansi the Spider

Both hero and anti-hero

Iven Cudogham & Moldybyrd Studio (ill.)

Anansi the spider is the main character of numerous West-African, Surinamese and Caribbean folk tales, which have been told through generations for centuries. His adventures are life lessons in disguise, always with a clever and satisfying ending.

Iven Cudogham is a multitalented tv presenter who dreams of seeing his version of Anansi, the quick-witted spider, in as many iterations as possible, and he is well underway! Besides the successful series, now containing five books, merchandise like puzzles, cuddly toys, lunchboxes and stickers are available. The character of Anansi is given a prominent role in the national Keti Koti celebration with a special translation of *Anansi the Spider and the Greedy Tiger* in Sranan Tongo, one of the most widely spoken languages in Surinam.



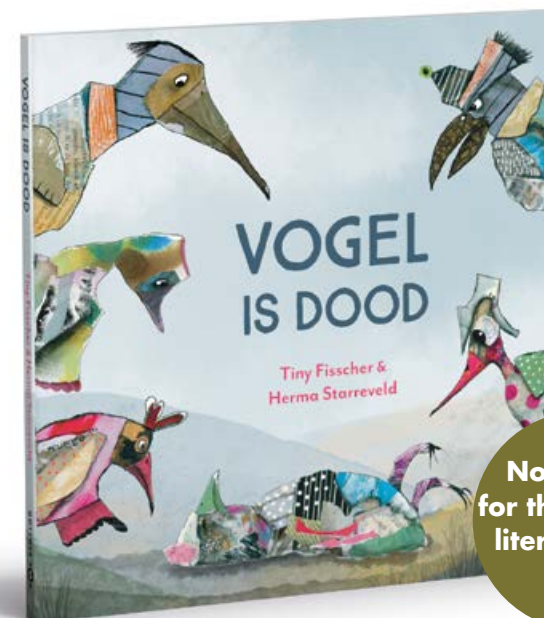
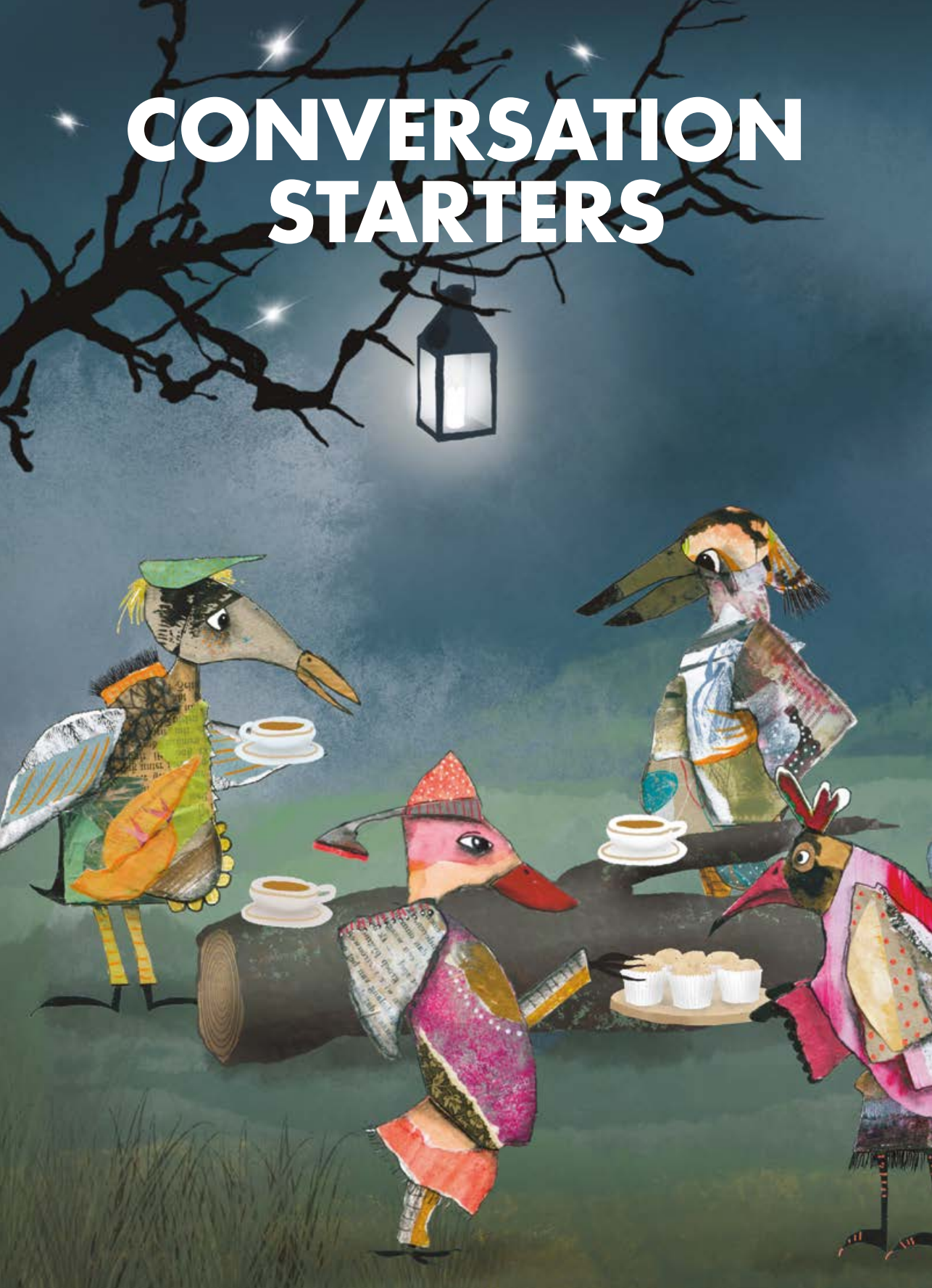
TV Animation series of 15 volumes

130.000 copies sold

Educational material

Merchandise; puzzles, cuddly toys, lunchboxes, stickers

CONVERSATION STARTERS



**Nominated
for the Jugend-
literaturpreis
2024**

English sample
translation available

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

Rights sold:

English world rights,
France, Germany,
Japan, Spain including
Catalan rights

Bird is Dead

Tiny Fisscher & 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*

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.

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

Rights sold:

German (Susanna Rieder Verlag)
Chinese (Dolphin Books)

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.

- Golden Pencil 2020
- Silver Brush 2020
- Woutertje Pieterse Prize 2020

Rights sold:

German (Susanna Rieder Verlag)

English sample
translation available

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



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.

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**.

*A collection of
quirky poems
about the
feelings of
everyday objects*

English sample
translation available

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



Rights sold:
World English (Eerdmans Books
For Young Readers)

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

Fiction – Climate Change

English sample translation available

Original title:

Rugzwemmen

13,5x20,5 cm, 240 pages

Hardcover

Age: 12+

Rights sold:

Italy (La Nuova Frontiera)



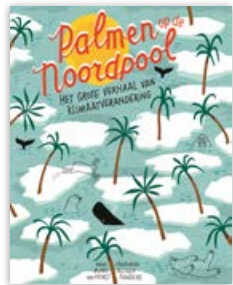
Upstream

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:

14 languages



Rights sold:

French, Korean,
German, Brazilian
Portuguese



SNEAK PREVIEW

THE BIGGEST JOURNEY EVER

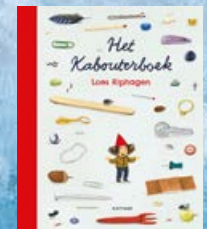
AN ADVENTUROUS NEW PICTUREBOOK
BY LOES RIPHAGEN!



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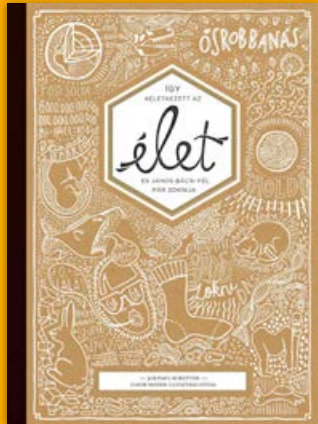
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World English
(Pushkin Press)



The Snow Queen
Germany
(ArsEdition)



Farting Cows and Cars
Germany
(Coppentrath)



The Mystery of Life
Hungary
(Manó Könyvek Kiadó)



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