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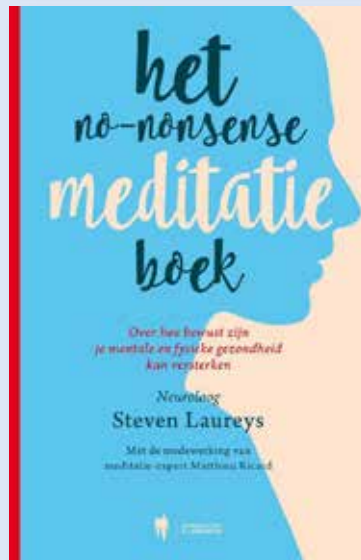
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 cake to red cabbage with apples, from zuurvlees meat to
 homemade kibbeling fish – this is an ode to the taste of the
 Netherlands.



RUDOLPH VAN VEEN is a Dutch TV chef, pâtissier and cookbook author. Since 2000, Rudolph has been a regular jury member of the biannual World Pastry Team Championships in the United States. He frequently appears and cooks at international food events all around the globe. Rudolph's shows on 24Kitchen have won him international fame and popularity.



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JORD ALTHUIZEN

Smokey Goodness

The Best Of BBQ Beef

New book by internationally renowned BBQ chef

In the same series as *The Best of BBQ Birds*

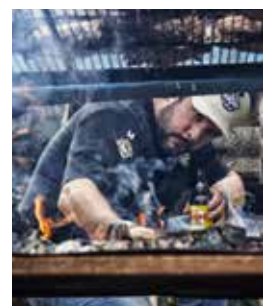
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Sink your teeth into an over the top roast beef & cheddar sandwich or a super quick smashburger. Or pull out all the stops with a bombastic brisket or a buttery beef shank braised in Guinness. In *The Best of BBQ Beef*, you will find all of Jord's favourites with beef.

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



JORD ALTHUIZEN is Barbecue World Champion and is causing an international stir with his rough-and-ready Smokey Goodness Barbecue Catering. In summer 2015, he was judge on the popular RTL program *Grillmasters*. He currently owns three restaurants in the Netherlands and Belgium and has published 17 books, of which more than half a million copies have been sold.



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CHARLOTTE LABEE

Restless Bowels, Brain Under Strain

Nutrition and rest for an optimal brain-gut connection

A follow-up to the hugely popular *Brain Under Strain*

On the bestseller list since publication, 30.000 copies sold in the first month

Brain Under Strain sold 135.000 copies and was on the bestseller list for more than a year

Brain expert Charlotte Labee teaches us about the magical connection between the brain and the gut. Have you ever had butterflies in your stomach? Do you always need to go to the toilet when you are under a lot of stress? Does the thought of an unpleasant memory or situation give you tummy ache? The gut is often called our second brain – and for good reason.

When your gut is not healthy, you will also feel this in the rest of your body, both physically and mentally. In *Restless Bowels, Brain Under Strain*, Labee makes the biochemical processes that take place in our bodies understandable and accessible. Moreover, she shares fascinating insights that can help readers be healthy and feel happier.

[What bacteria are in our intestines and how do they affect us?](#)

[Which neurotransmitters are important and what role do they play?](#)

[What can we eat to feel energetic, happy and agile again?](#)

CHARLOTTE LABEE is an entrepreneur. With her Brain Balance brand, Charlotte helps hundreds of thousands of people via various channels, including (mental health) coaching, lifestyle and nutrition advice, training and education, an online supplement store, books, podcasts and (meditation) music, theatre tours, the Brain Balance Foundation, teaching packs for schools, and lectures and workshops for companies.



HELEEN BECUWE

How Your Body Tells You What You Need

A straightforward guide to a better understanding of your body's needs

Fatigue, bleeding gums, grey hair, a stuffy nose... Your body is constantly giving you signals. But do you understand what it's trying to tell you?

How Your Body Tells You What You Need takes you on a journey through the subtle and not-so-subtle ways in which your body communicates with you. With the aid of this book, you will discover how to improve your health by simply listening to what your body is telling you, learning to interpret common symptoms and signals. With useful tips, recognisable testimonials, and the necessary scientific background, Heleen Becuwe teaches you how to actively contribute to your well-being and improve your quality of life. Start listening to your body today!



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Spiritual Beginners series

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

Written by experienced authors in every topic

Ayurveda for Beginners

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

The book is written by Silvana Naipal and Jickey Tuheteru, who are both ayurveda therapists. Silvana is co-owner of the growing online magazine *I Love Ayurveda*.



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Shadow Work for Beginners

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

Shadow Work for Beginners is written by Minne van Woersem and Sander Machielsen, who are both Jungian therapists. Carl Jung was the founder of shadow work, a term that has recently gained popularity due to TikTok. Minne has a studio for body-oriented therapy. Sander is a journalist and writer.

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ANNICK VAN DAMME

Tarot for Yourself

Surprising insights in your own hands

Lay the cards for yourself instead of for others

Including historical background information

Do you want to get more in touch with yourself and life?
Do you want to strengthen your intuition and dare to trust it?
Do you want to shape your future consciously? In *Tarot for Yourself*, Annick Van Damme provides clear explanations of the meaning and interpretation possibilities in tarot. Annick gives you tips to develop and trust your intuition and to become aware of your inner energy, expectations, dormant thoughts and feelings and of everything that stagnates your power. An indispensable book for both beginners and advanced tarotists.



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CHLOÉ DE BIE AND PROF. DR.
FRANÇOIS HERVÉ

Climax

About the wonders of orgasms

An urologist and sexologist shed light on the physical and mental aspects of orgasms

Including fascinating scientific information, but also advice for more and better orgasms

It is remarkable how few people know the ins and outs of orgasms, while for so many it is an indispensable part of their lives. What exactly happens to your body and in your brain when you have an orgasm? Is there a difference between male and female climaxes? What can help if you have difficulty in achieving orgasms, or come too quickly? What is the orgasm gap and what causes it? De Bie and Hervé talk in detail about all the physical and mental aspects of orgasms. From amazing facts to useful advice, so we finally learn what an orgasm really is and how this knowledge can help us in our desire for more.

CHLOÉ DE BIE is a clinical sexologist, psychologist and relationship therapist. She runs her own therapy centre, Vivolinio. Over the years, she has worked for various press, radio and television mediums, has taught at several colleges and has published various books.

PROF. DR. FRANÇOIS HERVÉ is urologist at Ghent University Hospital, well-known for his dedication to patient-centred care and innovative treatments. Besides clinical work, he is also active in academic teaching and research at Ghent University, at the Société Belge d'Urologie, and in initiatives such as PlasPraat.



ANOUCK MEIER

Choose Yourself Before You're Dead

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

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

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

Written in a fiery, activist and humorous style

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

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

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



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



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

MICHAEL KORTEKAAS

Discover Your Mental Strength

Learn to cope with tension, stress and mental pressure

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

Michael is available for international lectures

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

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

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

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

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



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LIDEWEY VAN NOORD

*Living Like an Athlete**Confident, focused, resilient, courageous, coachable, optimistic*

Top athletes go for gold. With perseverance and ambition, they work hard to reach the top step of the podium. Even through major setbacks and terrible injuries, they are unstoppable. This book collects the most inspiring lessons we, as mere mortals, can learn from top athletes. These lessons are applicable to everyone and in all kinds of situations. For those who dream of travelling the world with a backpack or are directors of companies. For those who are burn-out or experiencing problems in love. The top athletes in this book show you how to work your way towards a fulfilled life.

‘I’ve always considered myself the best and the top. I never considered that I was out of it.’

– *Serena Williams*

‘There are more important things in life than winning or losing a game.’ – *Lionel Messi*

LIDEWEY VAN NOORD has written about the psyche of elite athletes for over ten years. Her debut *Pellegrina* and her novella *The Spanish Rider* were nominated for the Nico Scheepmaker Cup, the award for the best sports book of the year.



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NATASHA SENA

New Life

Babies for beginners

The perfect present: humour and recognition for young parents

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

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



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



ROZEMIJN AALPOEL

The Beautiful Things Along the Way

For lovers of *The Boy*, *The Mole*, *The Fox and the Horse* and *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon*

A beautiful giftbook that will accompany you in every step of the way

The Beautiful Things Along the Way takes you on a journey, to show that there is something beautiful in every step you take. Comforting for when you are either at the top of the mountain or at the bottom – we are all constantly on the road. The inspiring texts and beautiful illustrations in this book feel like a good friend: they accompany you wherever you are in your life and give you courage, hope and boldness.

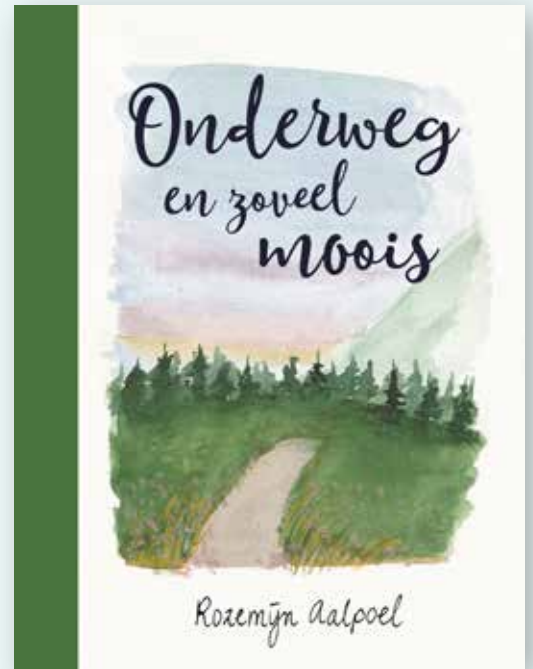
**‘Don’t be afraid to move on,’ said the distance.
‘Moving on does not make the things you left
behind less important, less loved or smaller;
it only makes the world at your feet bigger.’**



Ik wend dat ruislonen voelt als languit liggen
in het gras op een zonnige avond, zei het uitzicht.



Ik ben er elke avond om te vieren
hoe mooi de dag is geweest, zei de zonsondergang.



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**‘Also a great book to start a
conversation in class or at home (...)
Including beautiful illustrations.’
– de Volkskrant**

ROZEMIJN AALPOEL works as a community builder, connecting local residents. On the weekend, Rozemijn creates small artworks that offer hope, courage and new perspectives.





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SASCHA BLASE-VAN WAGTENDONK

Crocheting Flowers

A colourful bouquet that never wilts

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

Immediately entered the bestseller list upon publication

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

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



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



KIMBERLEY ZWAANS

The Big Miffy Crochet Book

Based on the work of Dick Bruna

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

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

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



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KIMBERLEY ZWAANS has developed into a crochet pattern designer after years of loving crochet. She has collaborated on several crochet books.

DICK BRUNA is the creator of *Miffy*. He wrote and illustrated 124 picture books that have been translated into more than 50 languages, with more than 85 million copies sold worldwide.



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KARINA SCHAAPMAN

The Mouse Mansion

*Crocheting for the Nursery
with Sam & Julia*



Crochet yourself into the world of the worldwide popular picture book series

The Mouse Mansion picture books have been published in 33 countries and have been translated into 27 languages, with over 1 million sales in total

Animated television series premiered in 2023

This wonderful crochet book helps you in crocheting famous characters Sam and Julia in both dollhouse and cuddly toy format, as well as the cutest themed accessories. Create a unique nursery where toys and decorations merge with the crocheted Mouse Mansion cushions, a mouse suitcase to carry Sam and Julia, and much more. With projects for beginners and advanced crocheters, this book is a must-have for every crochet lover and fan of The Mouse Mansion.

**'I think the world needs compassion.
My intention was to create a safe, caring and
inclusive world for children.'** – *Karina Schaapman*



KARINA SCHAAPMAN is an artist and creator of Sam & Julia. She created The Mouse Mansion as the backdrop for her children's books series about little mice Sam and Julia. To date, 22 books have been published. Her use of waste materials for her sets is world-famous and they can be admired in the Museum and Brand Store in the centre of Amsterdam.

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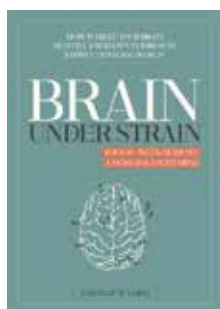


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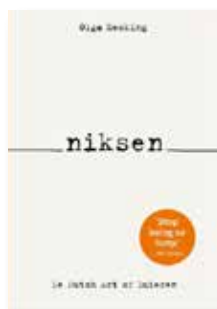


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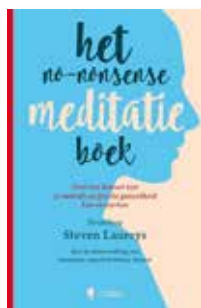


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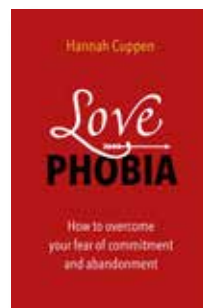


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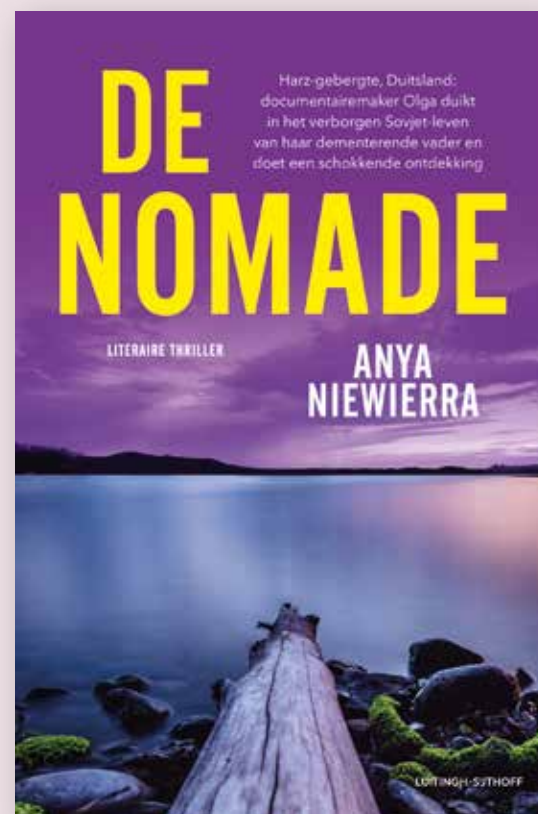
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ANYA NIEWIERRA is the author of *Clear View* and *The Dossier*. Her childhood years within the serene abbey walls of Rolduc, as well as her life in Northern Catalonia, inspired Niewierrra to write *The Flower Girl*, for which she won the first Hebban Crime Award. With follow up *The Camino* she won the prize a second time in a row, as well as the NS Reader’s Award. The book sold 400,000 copies. Italian translation rights have been sold to Neri Pozza, Catalan to Columna, Spanish to RBA, World English to Simon & Schuster and Polish to Otwarte. Film rights have been sold to NL Film. *The Nomad* is her latest thriller. Niewierrra speaks Dutch, English, German and French.



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RINSKE BOUWMAN

Hard Skin

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

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

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

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

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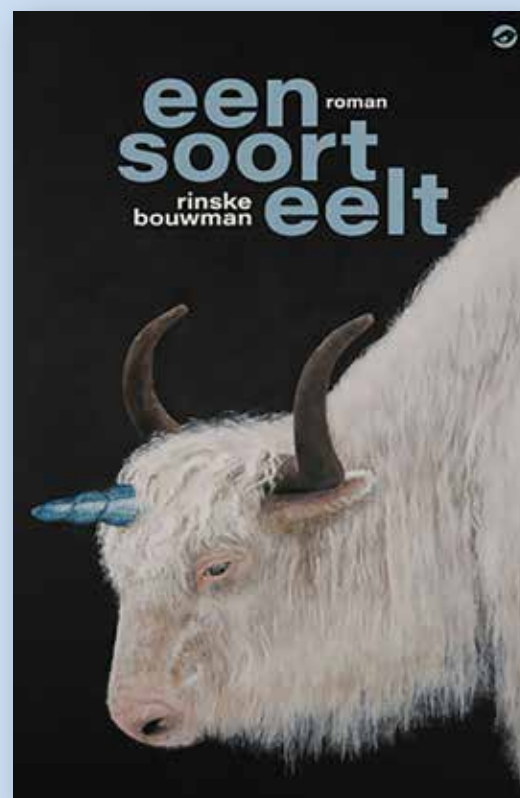
'It's impressive how Bouwman builds the kind of suspense that makes you want to keep reading, both through the way she breadcrumbs information and through her vivid, visceral prose.' – *Trouw*

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

RINSKE BOUWMAN is a writer and theatre-maker from Utrecht. Her plays have been performed at numerous festivals and theatres throughout the Netherlands. Her writing is witty and macabre. Grief is a recurring topic in her work - with a light-footed touch and a keen eye for the absurd, she brings a sense of hope to this difficult human experience. *Hard Skin* is her debut. It has been nominated for the Anton Wachter Prize for the best debut in the past two years.



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Nazi-occupied Nijmegen, September 1944. As the city anxiously awaits the arrival of the Allies, Antonia and her two daughters, Claar and Hanna, are trying everything in their power to fight the German occupiers. While fiery Claar is working as part of the resistance, gentle Hanna is a nurse in the city hospital. As her own act of resistance, Antonia secretly takes in a Jewish boy. But when she tells her daughters, their seemingly unbreakable bond is put to the test...

As the tension rises between the women, Operation Market Garden brings chaos to Nijmegen. American paratrooper Walter finds himself amidst the fighting and is captured by the ruthless SS after a shootout in the heart of Nijmegen. His capture sets in motion a series of events that bring the lives of these characters to a crucial crossroad. Will the women find their way back to each other? Or will the war tear their precious family apart?

An emotional and gripping story of hope and bravery during the Second World War.

On The Angel of Mesopotamia:

'A beautiful, highly engaging historical novel.'
– *Nederlands Dagblad*

BRENDA MEULEMAN studied business communication and art history where she focused on classical antiquity. She divides her time between writing and her work in the art and antiques trade. Previously published were *The Angel of Mesopotamia*, *The Betrayal of Julia* and *Fierce Pranks*. *On The Other Side of the Bridge* is her latest historical novel.



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MARJON WEERINK

The Music Factory

Singer-songwriter Femke is all done with her leaky flat, empty schedule and giving music lessons to uninterested children. She didn't study at the conservatory for this... It's time for a new step, time for her breakthrough! She signs up for talent show The Music Factory and, for a while, everything finally seems to be going the way she had always imagined. However, what she did not count on: nasty competitive colleagues, an irresistibly attractive jury member and... her mother's metastatic cancer. For Femke, a balancing act begins between her participation in the programme, her love life and ticking off her mother's bucket list. How long can this go well?

'Enjoy this musical journey! *The Music Factory* is a funny, heartwarming feelgood with a wonderful message: it is always worth pursuing your dreams.' – *Vanessa Thuyns, author*

On *Stage Animal*:

'A highly entertaining book, which also goes into depth. Strongly recommended!' – *Chicklit.nl*



MARJON WEERINK knows the music business from the inside: she is a singer, songwriter and choral conductor. This allows her to write real-life novels about the world behind the scenes of show business, a world that remains closed to most other people. The combination of writing talent and musical talent is what makes her unique. She wrote several songs especially for *The Music Factory*, which can be listened to on Spotify under *De liedfabriek*. Earlier, Marjon wrote the novels *Stage Animal* and *Wrong Track*.



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Life in the Calamity Realm

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For the readers of Rutger Bregman

‘Crystal-clear, witty and very astute. Tim Fransen has written an inspired and important book.’ – David Van Reybrouck, author of *Congo* and *Revolusi*

‘Light-footed and thought-provoking at the same time. Tim Fransen makes a relentless appeal to our better selves. And he is right too.’ – Sheila Sitalsing, journalist and author

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TIM FRANSEN is a comedian, writer and philosopher. He received several awards for his cabaret programmes. His debut show was awarded the cabaret prize Neerlands Hoop and his second show won the Poelifinario. He previously published *Letters to Koos* (2018) and *Life as Tragicomedy* (2019), the essay for the Month of Philosophy, which sold 40,000 copies.



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JUR DEITMERS

The Boy Without Yesterday

What does life look like with an open mind?

100% memory loss after encephalitis. Who are you when you don't remember who you were?

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'A dazzling true story that makes you realize that we are more than our memories.'

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The fascinating story of microbes

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For the readers of Merlin Sheldrake

ELINE VAN BLOOIS is a microbiologist and writer. She obtained an MSc. in Biomedical Sciences from VU University Amsterdam, where she specialised in the interactions between microbes and humans. Today, she works at ARTIS-Micropia where she focuses on the care of microbes, as well as educating visitors about the wonderful world of microbes.

THOMAS SWIERTS (1989) is a marine biologist and writer. He received his PhD from Leiden University with research on the interaction between sponges and micro-organisms. Currently, he is the head of the museum ARTIS- Micropia, the world's only microbe museum. He is also the creator of the puzzle book series *QuizPuzzles*.



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CAROLINE VERHAGE, JOBST WINTER
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Even Women Get a Heart Attack

*Women on how their hearts get sick
differently, explained by a cardiologist*

Essential for heart patients and healthcare professionals

Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death amongst women. About 54 women a day die of cardiovascular disease, compared to 52 men. Even without a fatality, heart disease in women often goes undiagnosed: the symptoms are different from those of men. Doctors often think of menopause symptoms, burnout or stomach problems. This book shares the experiences of women whose hearts became unwell, explained by cardiologist Jobst Winter. These women spent years with misunderstood symptoms, were turned away by doctors or had painful and unnecessary examinations – all the while their hearts were suffering.

STICHTING VROUWENHART (Female Heart Foundation) is a platform of experts by experience and aims to generate more attention to male-female differences in heart disease. Caroline Verhage is founder and chairwoman. Jobst Winter is a cardiologist specialising in the female heart. Petra van der Kwartel is writer and owner of UNIT 070 communications.

PATRICK VAN VEEN

Help, It's a Zoo in Here!

A biologist's perspective on workplace misconduct and how to prevent it

Safe working environment, behavioral biology, organisations

Transgressive and disruptive behavior in the workplace is a hot topic. Awareness that such behavior can be very harmful and creates an unsafe work culture has grown significantly in recent times. The focus is now mainly on the question of blame; how do we take care of the victims and how do we punish the perpetrators? Important issues, but according to behavioral biologist Patrick van Veen, crucial questions are missing from our debate. How do we prevent disruptive and transgressive behavior? How do we correct it when we still encounter it in relatively innocent form? And how do we ensure lasting change for the better?

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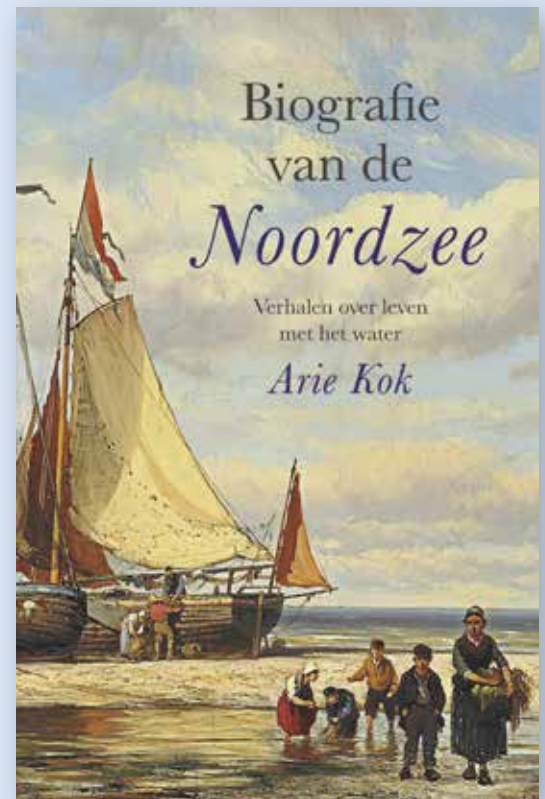


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FRITS DE LANGE is a researcher, writer and speaker. He has previously published *Holy Turmoil*, *Finally Grown Up* and *Overwhelming* and is emeritus professor of Ethics.

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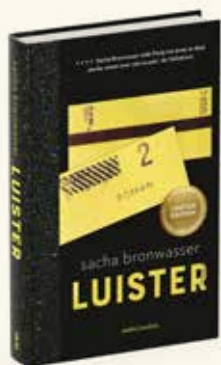
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