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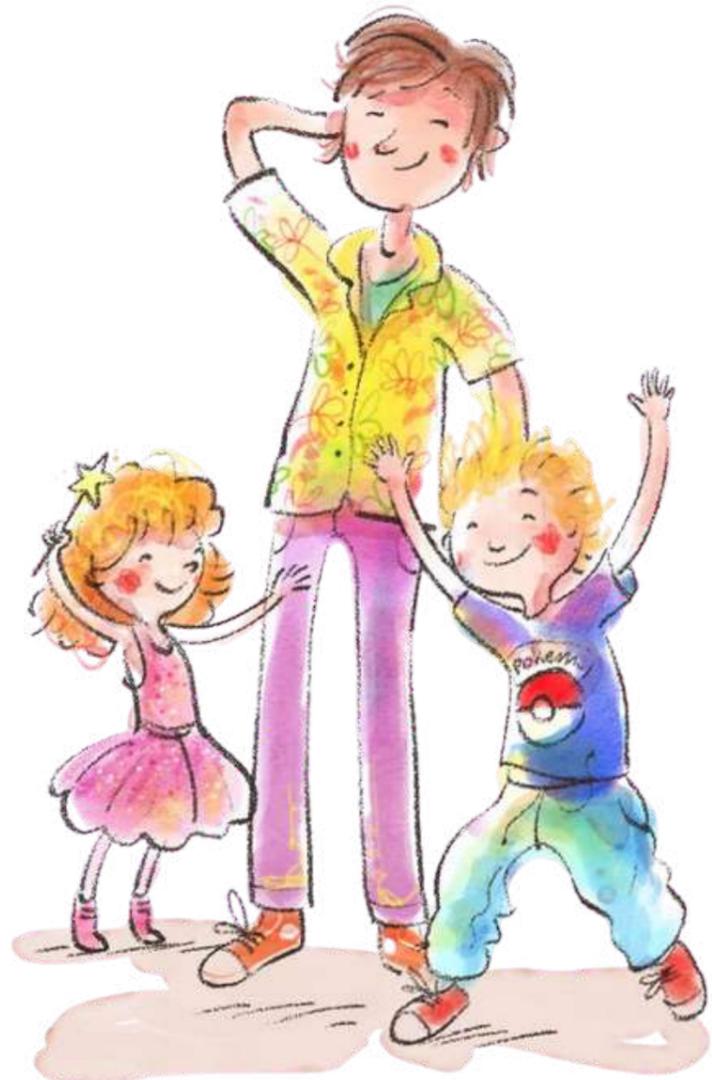
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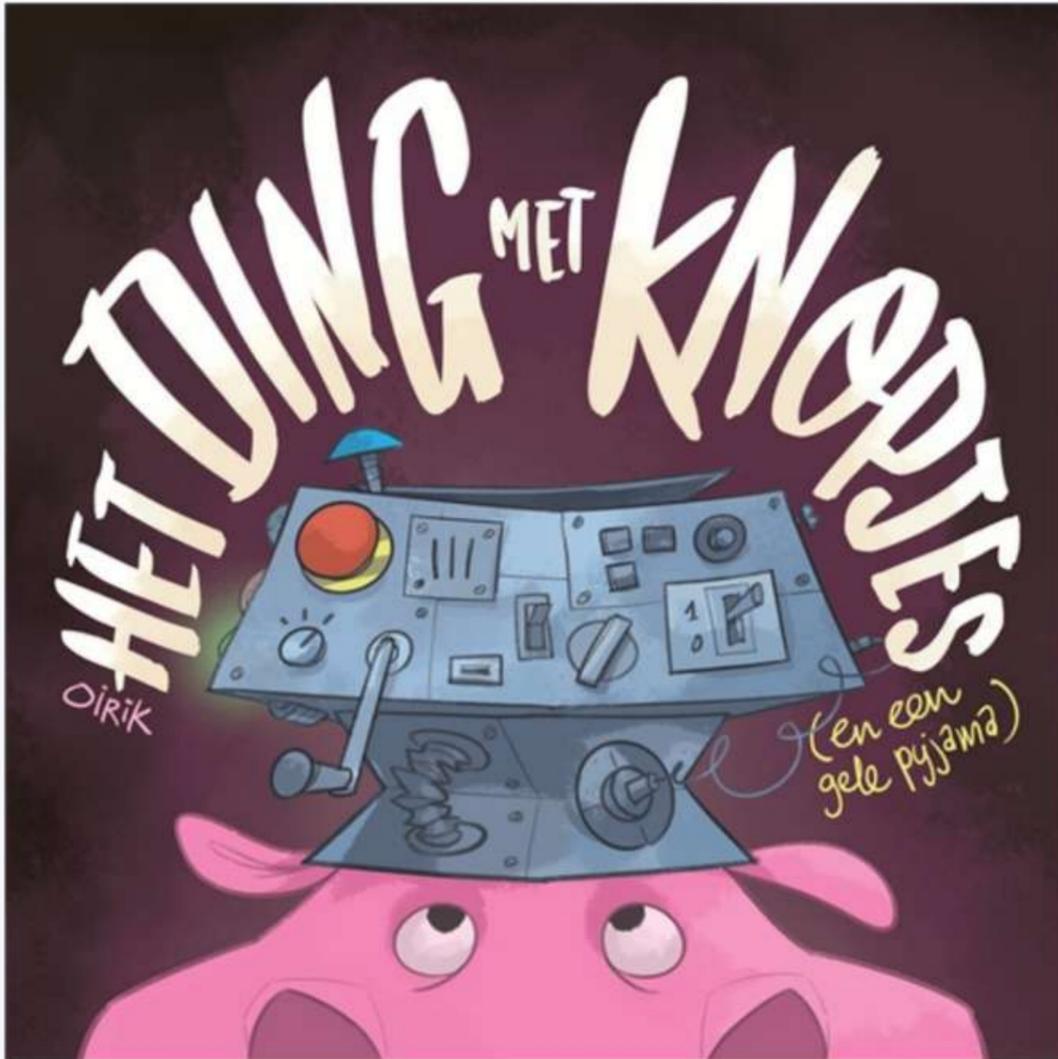


PICTURE BOOKS





A hilarious picture book about very special lodgers (and yellow pajamas)



The Thing with Buttons (and some Yellow Pajamas)

One day Wiep finds an extraordinary thing (with yellow pajamas) on the street, which her parents let her take home. How the thing works? No idea... But of course Wiep is going to find out!

She follows the instructions and POEF! her plastic toy hippo becomes life-size and they have a sleepover. How cozy! But the next day he disappears and what a mess he has left behind... The other guests also make a mess. Wiep's dad is so over it! But then something happens that nobody expected!

Author Oirik

Pub. date November 2023

Pages 40

Age 4+



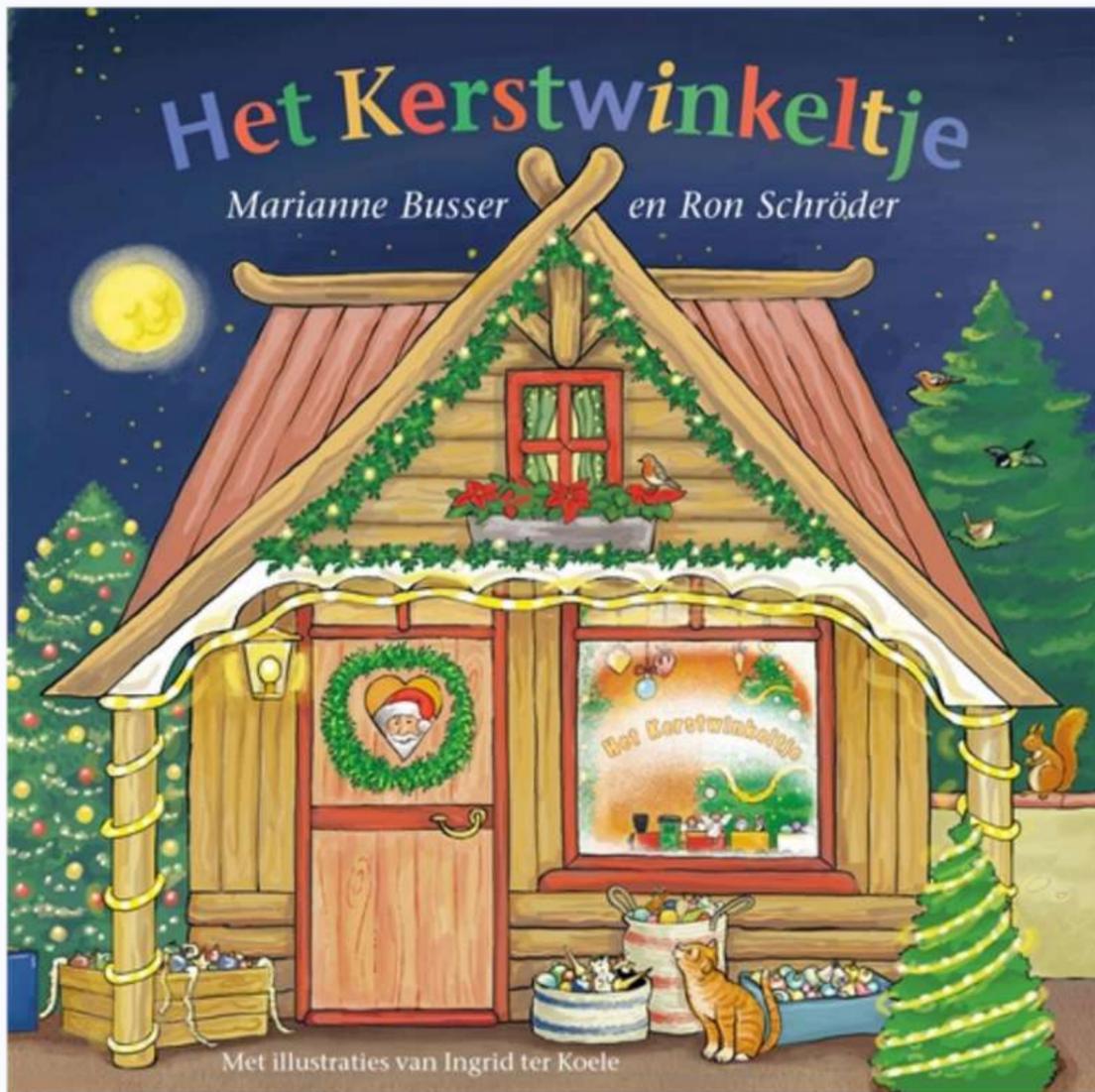
Oirik is a writer, illustrator and designer who works for Children's Book Week and The National Read Aloud Days, among others. Owen and the Things No One Saw, an exciting 8+ book, was published in 2022. His funny, absurd picture book *The Thing with Buttons (and some Yellow Pajamas)* will be published in the fall of 2023.

A funny, colorful and special picture book

A story full of fantasy, complemented by colorful and humorous illustrations



A store for the best party of the year: Christmas!



The Little Christmas Shop

In the country's nicest shopping street there are a lot of little stores, where you can buy anything you can imagine. And in winter there is an additional store: the Little Christmas Shop! Everything you need for the best holiday of the year can be found in Grandpa Hans' store. Christmas baubles, candles, Christmas cards, small trees, stands, and of course the best gifts for young and old. Come on in!

Author Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder
Illustrator Ingrid ter Koele

Pub. date November 2023

Pages 32

Age 3+



Marianne Busser and Ron Schröder are household names in children's book land. In their extensive oeuvre they always have the right subject and the right tone. With a lot of imagination, empathy and a sense of humor, they make books that are loved by children, parents and teachers.



The tenth store in this wonderful picture book series

With a fun search element that children will enjoy

With beautiful classical illustrations by Ingrid ter Koele



A beautiful picture book about growing up, for impatient children



Pub. date Oktober 2023

Pages 40

Age 4+

Blossom

Blossom is a young plant that can't wait to be big. In the English garden in which she grows up, all the flowers have already bloomed. The rose bushes laugh at her, the forget-me-nots pretend she doesn't exist and the pansies tease her. What a small, insane thing she is.

But Blossom does not give up: she waters herself, wraps herself with leaves from other plants and goes in search of better soil. She begs the sun "Let me shine!" But nothing happens at all.

When the moon is high in the sky, Blossom cries. Until she feels something she has never felt before.

Author & Illustrator Shamisa Debroey



Shamisa Debroey is a freelance illustrator and author with Belgian-Zimbabwean roots. Her graduation project *Lost* directly appeared as a graphic novel by Oog & Blik. She won a lot of awards with her illustrations. Her first picture book *The very best invention in the whole wide world* was published in 2021.

From the author of *The Very Best Invention in the Whole Wide World*

Supported by Flanders Literature



A delightful read-aloud book with short, recognizable stories and cheerful illustrations



Pub. date September 2023
Pages 128
Age 4+



Ruby Coene besides writing, loves reading and traveling. Her debut, *De Grote Race*, is an interactive story full of fantasy in which ancient legends come to life. *The Sisters Lakes* is the sequel, which is again full of riddles and puzzles to solve together with Li and Nao! Ruby came up with the idea for *The Legends of Li and Nao* when her Taiwanese sister-in-law told her about the many exciting legends from her country.

Abel and Lot are moving

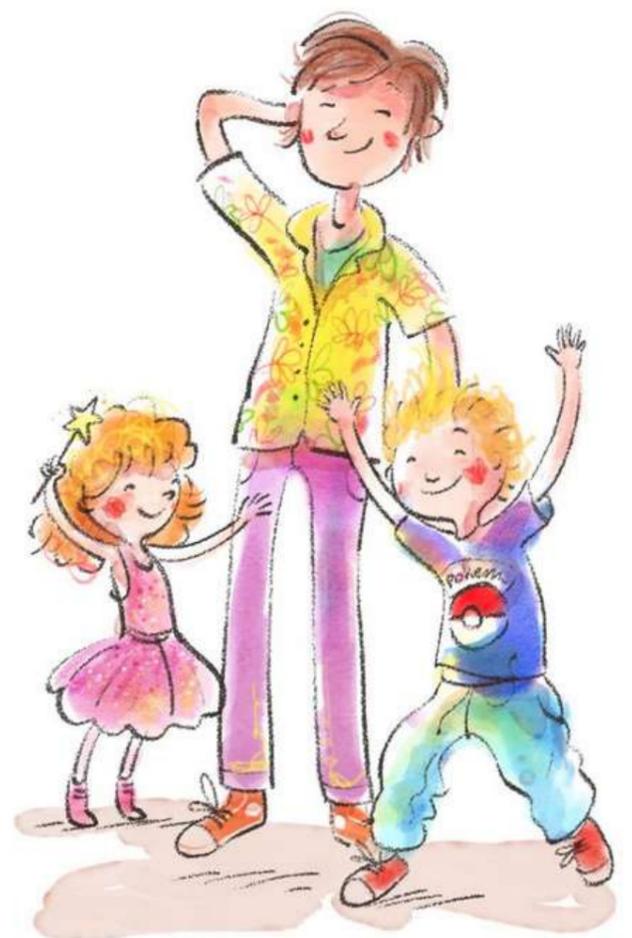
Abel and Lot are moving. But only with mom; dad will soon be living in another house.

Abel and Lot don't know any other children in their new street and more new houses are being built everywhere. It looks like a big sandbox...

There is also a very nice big excavator there. And if the two children become friends with the driver, it will be one big party!

Author Ruby Coene

Illustrator Laury Tinnemans



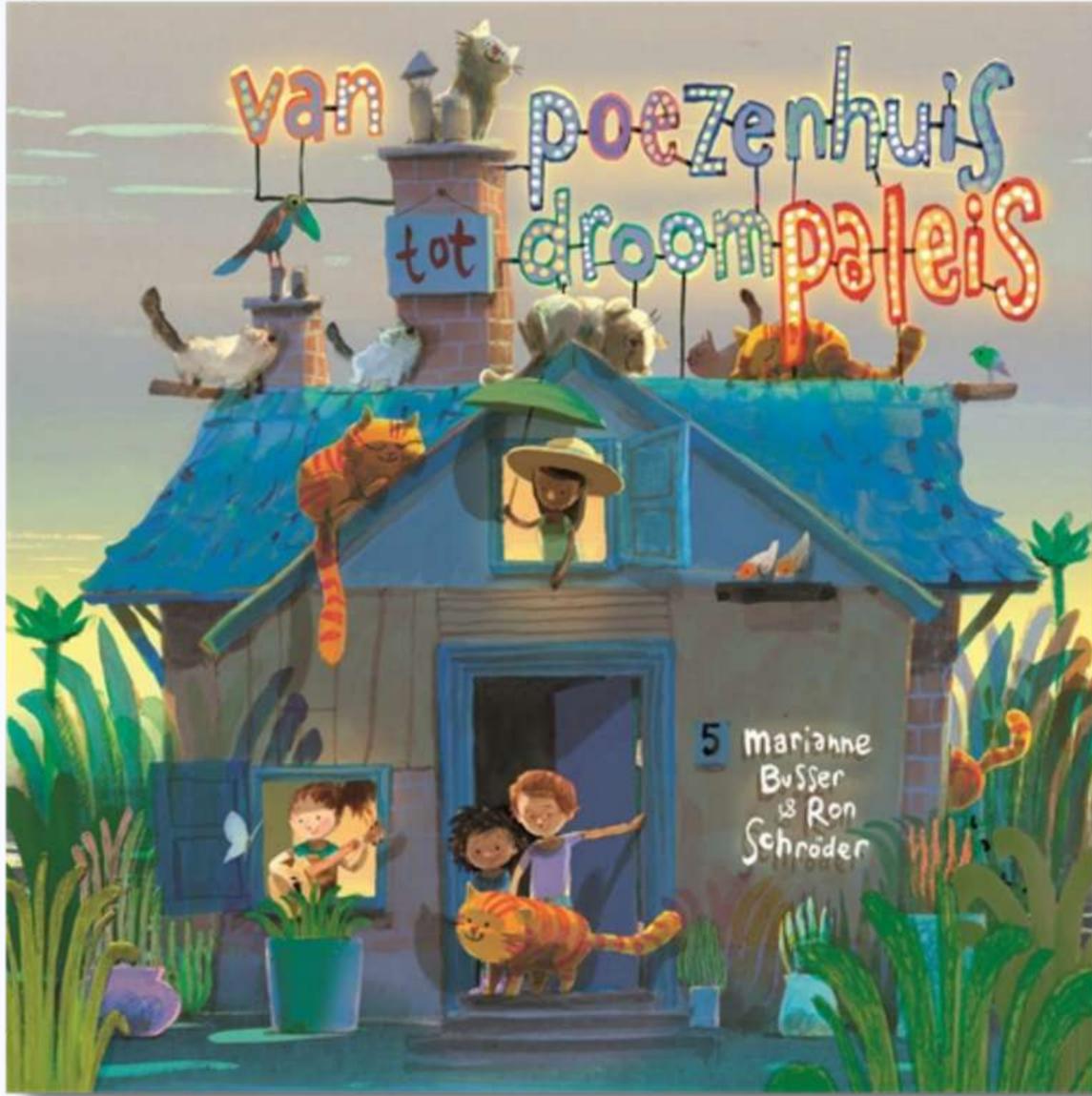
Colorful illustrations by
Laury Tinnemans
(Studio Monnikenwerk)

18 short stories to
read out loud

With themes as moving,
divorce, making new
friends and going to a new
school



Original and funny picture book with verses about special houses and the families that live there



Pub. date September 2023

Pages 32

Age 4+

From Cat House to Dream Palace

What kind of house do you live in? Is it small or big? Do you live there with lots of people or is it pretty quiet?

In this delightful picture book for the Dutch Children's Book Week, Marianne Busser and Ron Schröder introduce children to lots of different houses and the families that live there through funny verses.

How about a circus house, a house full of cats, a houseboat, a tiny house or a real castle? Please come in, you are welcome everywhere!

Author Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder

Illustrators several



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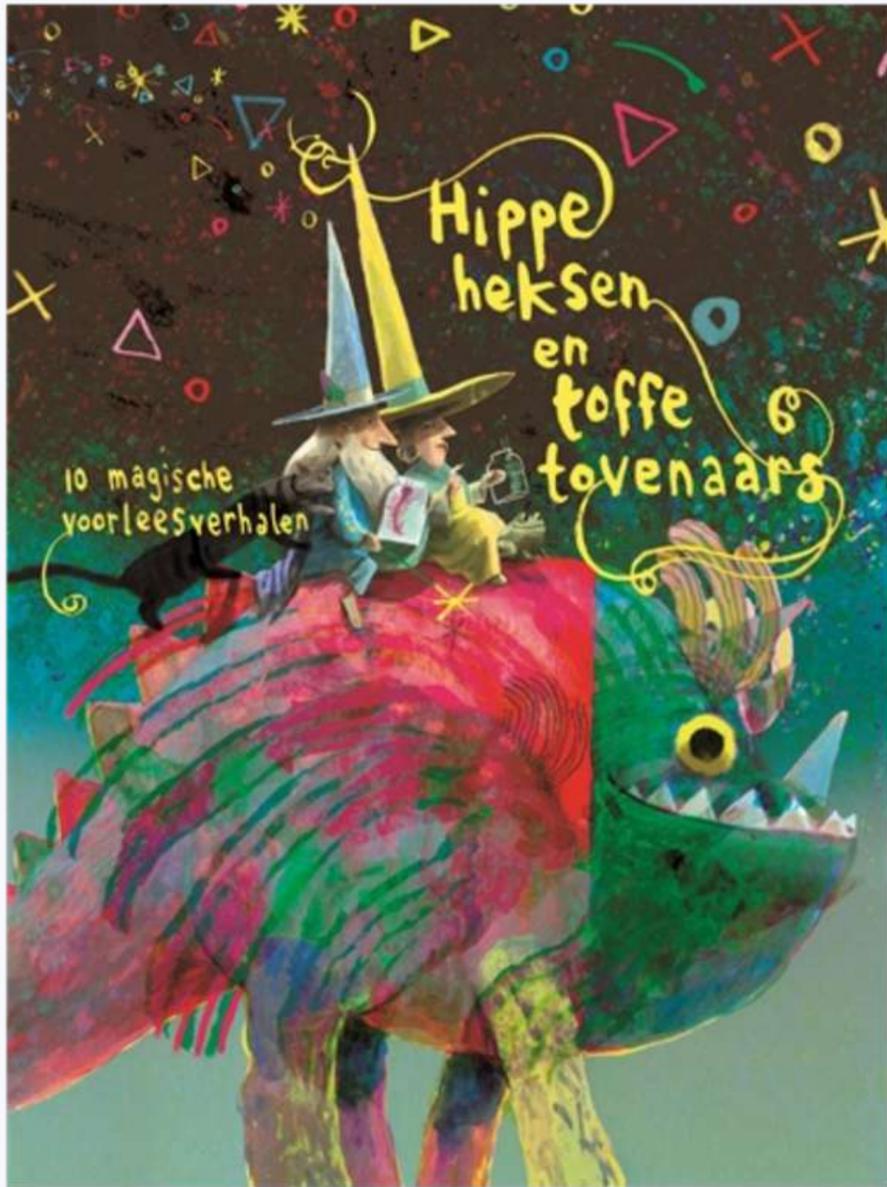
12 funny verses about special houses and the families who live there

This highly successful duo has already sold more than 1.5 million books

With illustrations from several amazing illustrators



A collection of exciting and enchanting read-aloud stories with stunning, magical illustrations



Pub. date September 2023
Pages 128
Age 6+

Trendy Witches and Cool Wizards

Stories about magic... What's not to like? In this bundle you will find cool read-aloud stories with a magical touch. A story about the Academy of Witch Helpers, about a witch who goes on a date, about a big, mysterious egg, about a witch festival, about the magical number 7, and much more...

Be enchanted by ten delightful stories, written by different authors, accompanied by lots of beautiful illustrations by Dutch and Flemish illustration talents!

Authors several

Illustrators several



With a beautiful, atmospheric cover by Mark Janssen

Featuring new short stories by ten different authors and illustrated by ten illustrators

A timeless collection full of funny, exciting and original magical stories



Funny picture book about a ravishing recognizable subject



Pub. date May 2023

Pages 32

Age 3+

Prince Toddler Says No

When Prince Toddler gets up on the wrong side of the bed one morning, he is very grumpy.

Making a nice puzzle, drinking lemonade or building a sand castle on the beach? No, no, NO! Whatever the queen proposes, Prince Toddler won't hear of it.

But it turns out that this all day loud NO-screaming is quite hard when your mom's ideas aren't actually that bad...

Author Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder

Illustrator Natascha Stenvert



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English sample available

The authors sold over 2 million copies of their books in the Netherlands

Sold to Vietnam (Mầm Nhỏ)



A cheerful picture book about little white lies



Pub. date February 2023

Pages 40

Age 4+

Fibbing is Fun

Fibbing is fun! Really!

In this book, full of funny poems and cheerful illustrations, Thomas Renders and Davien Dierickx take a run at the truth. Because did you know that the holes in Swiss cheese are made with a drill? Or that retired pigs and meerkats play tennis with each other in a retirement home for animals?

This book is only for true liars.

Author Thomas Renders

Illustrator Davien Dierickx



Thomas Renders is an independent editor-in-chief for several TV programs (*1 Year Free*, *The Wonder Years*, *Animalitis*). He is also a freelance copywriter in advertising and helps comedians write their hall shows. During the corona crisis, he wrote a column for *De Standaard* about life with young children in lockdown.



Davien Dierickx is a freelance illustrator and graphic designer. She previously illustrated *Are there any questions*, *What the #* and *The Zoo of Black Gold* and a game for the Parisian publisher *Auzou*. She also draws for the government and quite a few commercial companies. For this book, she received a work grant from *the Authors*.

**Full English
translation available**



A beautiful philosophical picture book about being different



Pub. date January 2023

Pages 40

Age 6+

Why a Table is not an Animal

When the crocodile comes ashore one day, he sees a table on the riverbank. He has never seen anything so strange. It has four legs, but no fur. And it has no sharp teeth either. The elephant, the skunk and the snake also think the table is not a real animal. According to them, it does not belong in the jungle at all. This makes the table sad. He so wants to be an animal.

One day, when four chairs join the table, they manage to cheer him up. Maybe he can do more than he thought...

Author Meneer Zee

Illustrator Melvin



Mr Zee is a born storyteller: struggling with words, searching for phrases, and preferably with a listening audience in attendance.



Full English translation and French sample available

First cooperation between a great storyteller and an very wanted illustrator

Rights sold to Vietnam



An extraordinary picture book about how ordinary can be extraordinary



Pub. date April 2022
Pages 32
Age 4+



Cora Sakalli grew up in Lekkerkerk and studied philosophy in Rotterdam. After her studies, she worked for years as a consultant in the city hall on the Coolsingel. Now she works for the municipality and writes children's books and stories. She previously wrote the exciting 10+ book *Rennen!*, which was well received.

Super Cat

Poppy wants a cat. But not just an ordinary cat, no, Poppy wants an EXTRAordinary cat.

Full of anticipation, she goes to the best inventor in town. He gets to work immediately and one week later, Poppy can pick up her extraordinary cat. And it exceeds all her expectations: WOW! Poppy is super proud of her Super Cat. But along the way she finds out that Super Cat may be a little bit too super?

Could it be that ordinary is extraordinary enough?

Author Cora Sakalli

Illustrator Berber van den Brink

**English sample
available**

Rights sold:
Korea (Hyejuwo Publishing)
Vietnam (Mầm Nhỏ)

**Mindfulness
for children**



The power of a small gesture



Pub. date September 2021

Pages 40

Age 4+

The Very Best Invention in the Whole Wide World

Lola is clever. Very clever. She solves every single problem with her inventions.

But there's one problem she can't seem to solve: her little brother Lander seems sad. She searches for something special to cheer him up. She invents a robot that writes poems, discovers the skeleton of a T-Rex, climbs the highest mountain to pick a rare mountain flower for Lander and builds a spaceship to fetch a star for him. But Lander isn't interested, and Lola gets cross.

Why doesn't Lander want to play with her?

Author & Illustrator Shamisa Debroey



Shamisa Debroey is a freelance illustrator and author with Belgian-Zimbabwean roots. Her graduation project *Lost* directly appeared as a graphic novel by Oog & Blik. She won a lot of awards with her illustrations. *The very best invention in the whole wide world* is her very first book for children.

Full English translation available

This book is part of the project 'Every Story Matters - Making books more inclusive' which aims to encourage book professionals to make more books in which everyone can recognize themselves

'A fun and colourful story about creativity, friendship and the dreams of inventors. Enjoyable and accessible.'

De Standaard



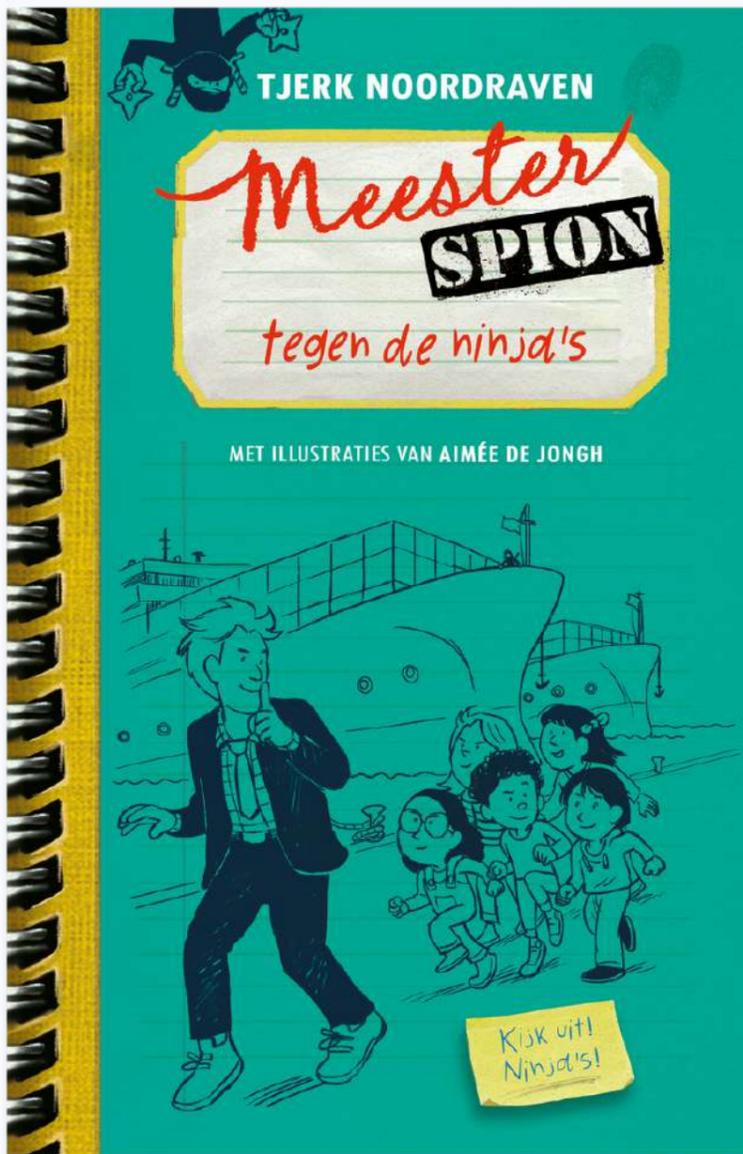
MIDDLE GRADE

7-12 YEARS





OMG! Our school master is a spy!



Pub. date February 2024

Pages 384

Age 7+



Tjerk Noordraven writes almost every day, except when he has eaten garlic the night before. Then, strangely, he never has inspiration.... He is known for The Scariest Series Ever and his exciting and funny series *Monster Zoo* and *Master Spy*.

(School) Master Spy II

In the second book of Master Spy teacher Tom and his class thrown themselves into battle a group of ninja's! The ninja's are hiding themselves in a dolphine park. Flo and her friends go undercover as interns to discover what the ninja's are planning to do.

Author Tjerk Noordraven

Illustrator Aimée de Jongh



English synopsis available

Wonderful illustrations by the talented Aimée de Jongh



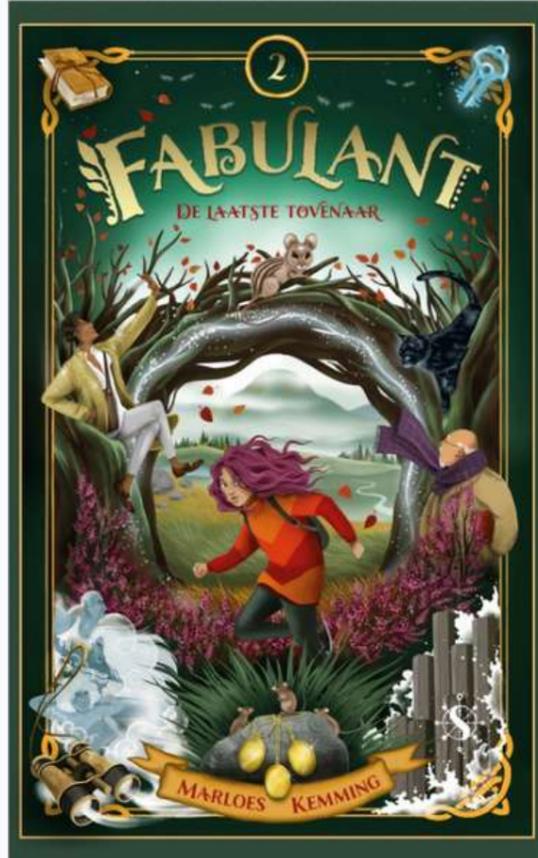
Could an ordinary girl triumph over evil?

Part 1



Pub. date Oktober 2022
Pages 224
Age 10+

Part 2



Part 2 will be published in
October 2023

Fabulant I

Isa hates everything about her summer break. Her father and stepmother are on their honeymoon and dumped her at her dreary uncle Arnold. She feels completely jaded. But then she finds out uncle Arnold has a big secret. In his garden there's a gate to Fabulant, a magical world full of wonderful creatures, thrilling spots and... great danger.

When Isa accidentally falls through the gate, an adventurous journey starts. She tries to find a new way home through baffling worlds, with evil close behind. Fortunately, Nobel, a black panther that is a shapeshifter, and Monsi the wizard come to the rescue.

But at the end Isa is faced with a hard decision: saving her own live, of fighting for her friends' freedom? Could an ordinary girl triumph over evil?

Author Marloes Kemming

Illustrator Kristel Steenbergen



Marloes Kemming works part-time as a communications consultant and writes children's books and articles about travel and food. Her first adult novel won the debut Coffeecompany Book Award in 2015. Marloes loves autumn, red shoes, swimming in the sea, books and champagne

English synopsis
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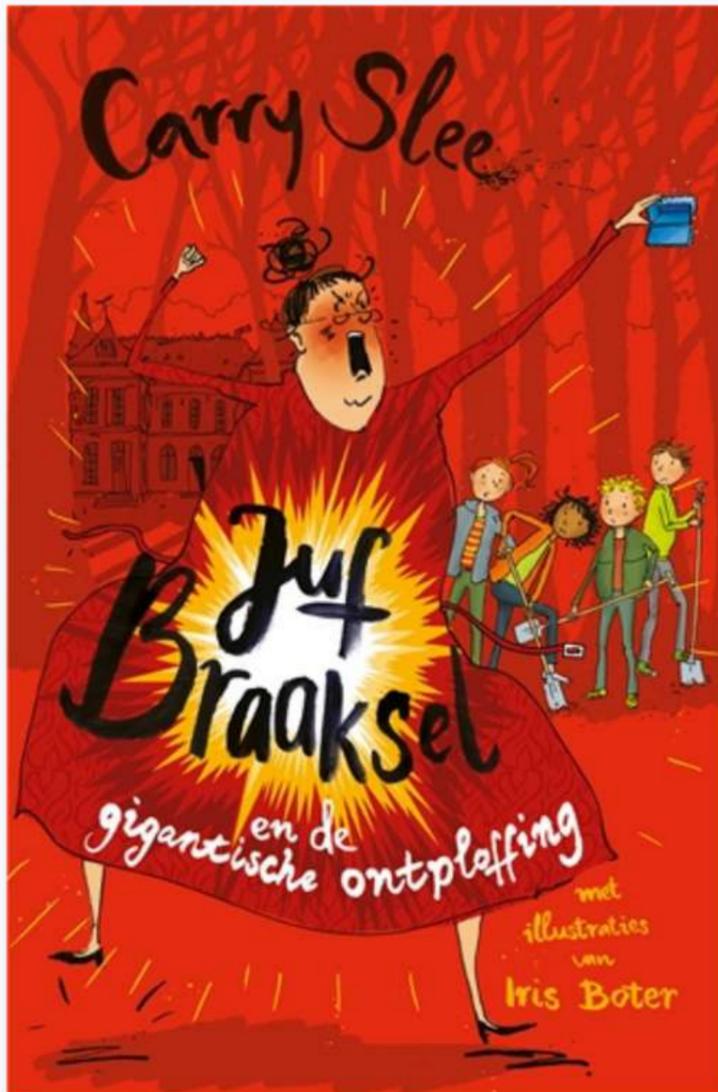
For fans of Hary Potter,
The Neverending Story
and Alice in
Wonderland

Stunning cover
design by Kristel
Steenbergen



Part six of the fantastic Miss Puke series!

250,000 copies sold!



Pub. date September 2023

Pages 320

Age 8+



Carry Slee is the most famous children's book author in the Netherlands. Whole generations have grown up with her children's books. She has won the prize of the Dutch Children's Jury ten times and the Young Jury award five times. More than 5 million copies of her books have been sold, a number of her books were successfully filmed and her previous work has been sold worldwide.

Miss Puke and the Giant Explosion

The time has finally come: today the children from the fifth grade are going on a school trip! They can't wait for the bus to leave for their trip. But in a split second fear takes over their happiness. Just before the bus leaves, Miss Puke gets in. They thought they were rid of her for good, but she is back!

And it gets even worse, because Miss Puke tells Miss Evi to stay at school... And they will be going to a different place as well. Miss Puke takes them to a very old castle. It's a creepy place full of secrets.

Why did Miss Puke choose this mysterious place? It must have something to do with a blue can she told them to dig up in the castle garden. What could it contain? Lily, Tom, Milou and Lucas need to know. They even investigate the dark forest in the middle of the night to find out...

Author Carry Slee

Illustrator Iris Boter

A movie based on the first book in the series will come out in December 2023!

Full of cool black and white drawings by Iris Boter

The perfect series for readers age 8 and up



Recognizable story of the transition from a child to an adolescent



Pub. date September 2023

Pages 96

Age 7+

I'm Hasse D.D.

Hasse discovers that growing up is not always easy. Everyone thinks her little brother is sweet and cute. But her? And why is she afraid of the dark when she has to go to sleep? Surely that is not part of being big. After all, she is already 9.

When Hasse makes a mistake at school and the whole class laughs at her, she is embarrassed. Luckily there is music...

In a recognizable story and with beautiful illustrations, Els Hoebrechts and Jamina Van Maele sketch the transition from child to adolescent, from a still magical world to the reality of everyday life.

Author Els Hoebrechts

Illustrator Jamina van Maele



Els Hoebrechts worked at publisher Zwijsen, including as editor-in-chief of Jules.

Meanwhile, she works as a copywriter and contributes to several children's books.

With beautiful drawings
by a young illustrator





A beautiful, touching story about an unexpected friendship



Pub. date June 2023

Pages 256

Age 10+



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Pamoek

After the divorce of her parents thirteen year old Franka doesn't trust anyone. She hasn't spoken to her best friend in months and her mother does not seem to understand why she does not want to stay with her father. When there seems to be no way out she decides to run away.

Since Orkun has found his neighbor Wessel death in his apartment, he feels guilty. When Wessel's cat, Pamoek, goes roaming and Orkun is about to move, he decides to take the cat with him in the greatest secrecy.

Hiding a cat is not easy, so Orkun hopes his new neighbor Franka is willing to help him. Maybe together they will be able to find a safe place for Pamoek.

Author Cora Sakalli

With important themes such as divorce, moving, addiction and racism

Written from two perspectives (a boy and a girl) for readers of the age of 10 and up

With a beautiful cover illustrated by Sanne te Loo

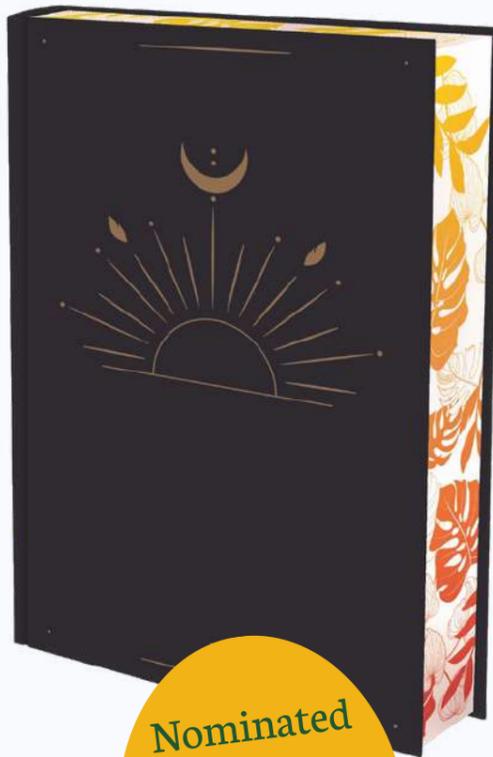


YOUNG ADULT





Let this promising new talent take you on a dark and mesmerizing journey through a fantasy world riddled with the West’s colonial past



Nominated for Best YA Book of the Year

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Pages 448

Age 15+

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Rima Orië is an author who loves to take her readers on fantastic adventures to magical worlds. But make no mistake: Rima always mixes fantasy with reality. Topics such as racism, class differences, oppression and colonialism always have a place in her stories. Rima's debut, *The Scam Prince*, was nominated for the Hebban Debut Prize, Best Book for Young People and The Little Cervantes, among others. *In the Cursed Heart* is her second book.

Within the Heart of Wicked Creatures

Primal monsters, vengeful spirits, blood children. All of them arrive during the blood moon. All of them pose a threat to humanity.

Priya Chkadhari has a secret: she is a blood child, born during the blood moon, with special powers. Priya lives as inconspicuously as possible so as not to get detected, because blood children are seen as monsters that have to be put down. It's stifling, but she cannot seem to be able to escape her fate.

When Priya one day gets the chance to study at Kuwatta - the largest military fort of the land - she jumps at it. A placement at Kuwatta would mean a new life for Priya. A potential future.

To her bafflement, at Kuwatta her powers are seen as a gift rather than a curse. She meets other blood children, all of them with their own powers, and she's trained to fight in the guerilla war against the colonizers that have been holding onto Awaran for centuries. It all seems too good to be true. And it is, because she discovers a great danger that lies within the cursed heart of Kuwatta itself...

Author Rima Orië

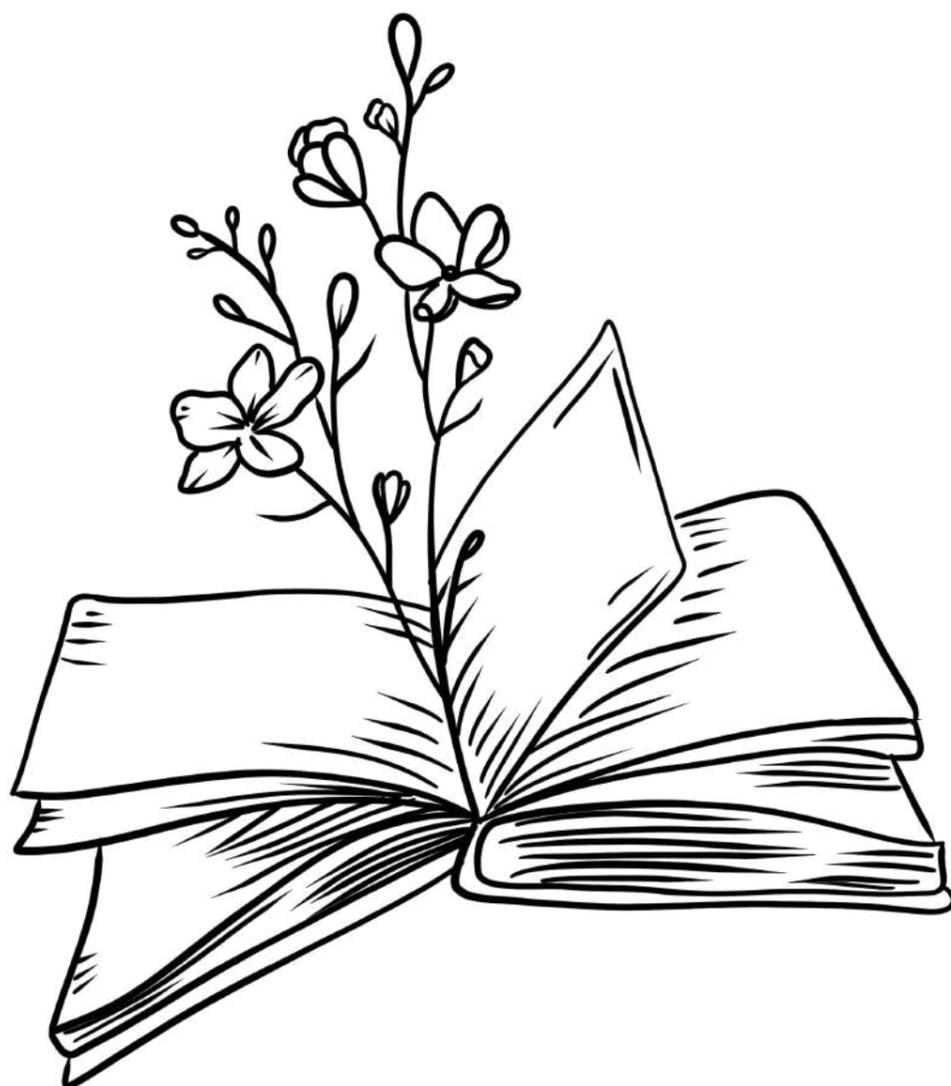
Illustrator (cover) Tara Spruit

'Convincing, exciting fantasy with a dash of horror [that] intrigues.'

Trouw

English/World Rights sold: (Black & White Publishing)

Published as a beautiful limited edition



Backlist





Is there still colour in the world, if you can't see it?



Pub. date May 2019

Pages 208

Age 15+

The Scent of Green

Raven is a very ordinary sixteen-year-old girl. She loves stories and adores her best friend May-Lin. The only thing that makes her different from other teens, is that she's blind. Luckily, May-Lin tells her all about the way colours smell and feel and together they create their own world.

Then one day something happens that turns Raven's world upside down and makes all the colours disappear. In a world which has lost its colours and its shine, Raven has to find her own way again.

Author Pamela Sharon



Pamela Sharon loves writing, dresses and chai latte. She has won awards in several writing contests. She now debuts with the intriguing and surprising *The Smell of Green*, with which she placed second in the Moon YA Contest.

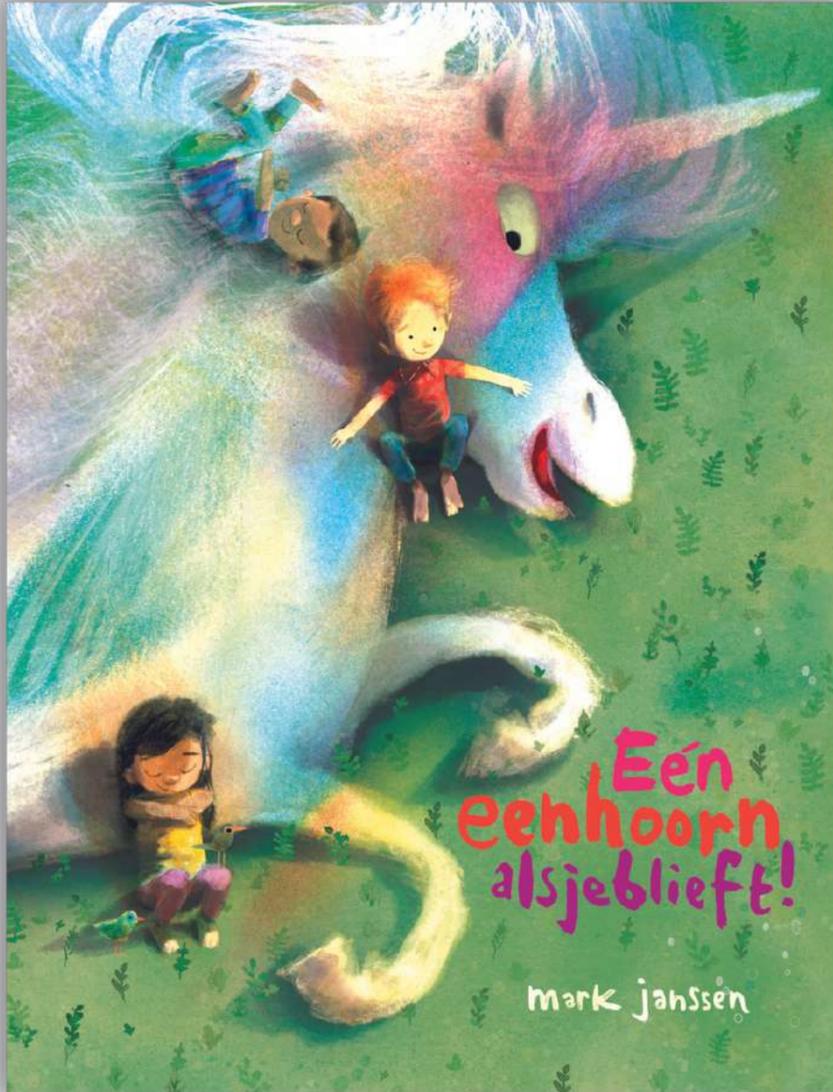
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On the shortlist for multiple YA-awards



Extraordinary picture book about the immensely popular unicorn



Pub. date May 2018

Pages 32

Age 4+

One Unicorn, Please!

Dean has been saving up to buy the one thing he wants most of all: a unicorn!

A friend to join him on many magical adventures: diving for hidden treasures in the deepest ocean, travelling through the cosmos, saving old ladies in distress...

Dean is made a laughingstock when he tells his friends he's going to the pet store to buy a unicorn.

But then the shop owner informs him that there is still one left...

Author & Illustrator Mark Janssen



Mark Janssen studied at the Academy of Visual Arts at Maastricht. In the meanwhile he has a atelier at home and has written over 400 children and picture books illustrated for Dutch and Belgian publishers. A lot of his books appeared aboard (in more than 14 languages!). *One Unicorn, please!* is Mark his fourth book where he's not only the author but also the illustrator.

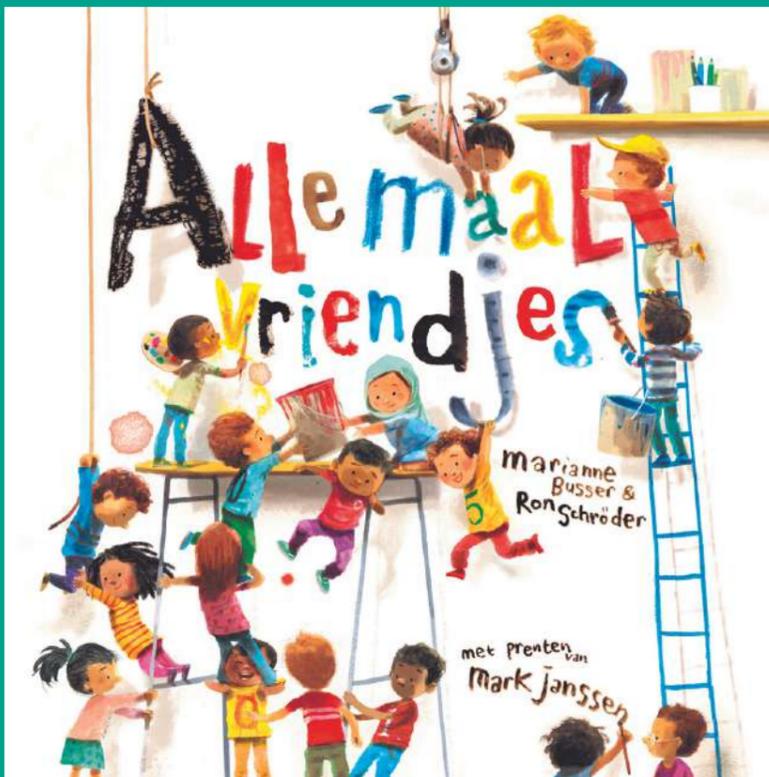
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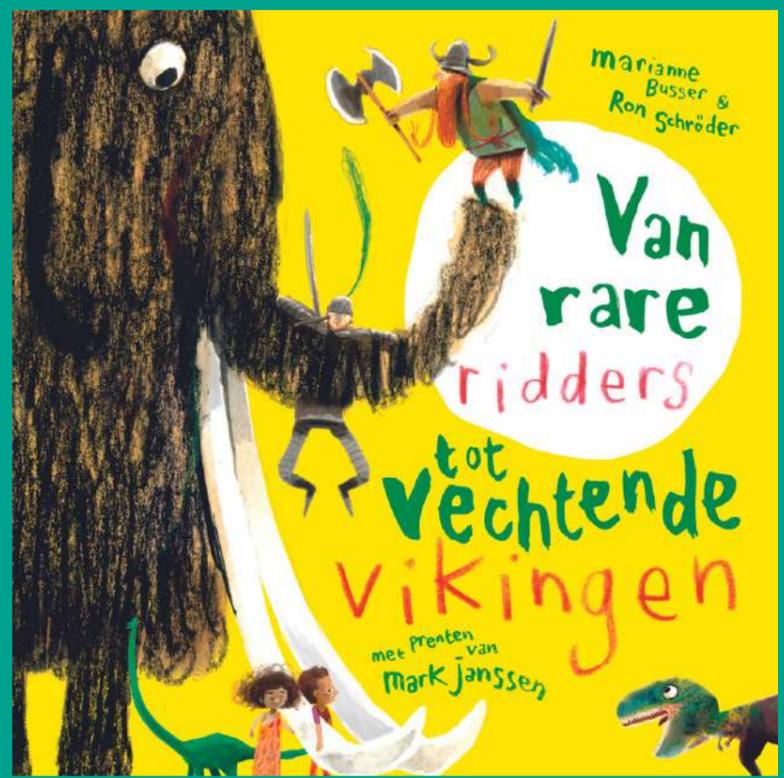
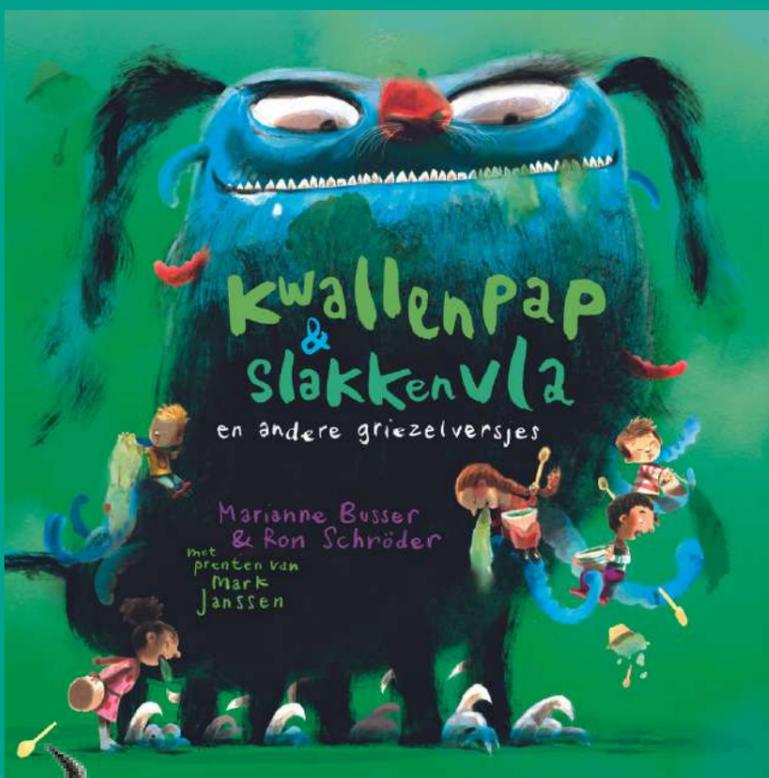
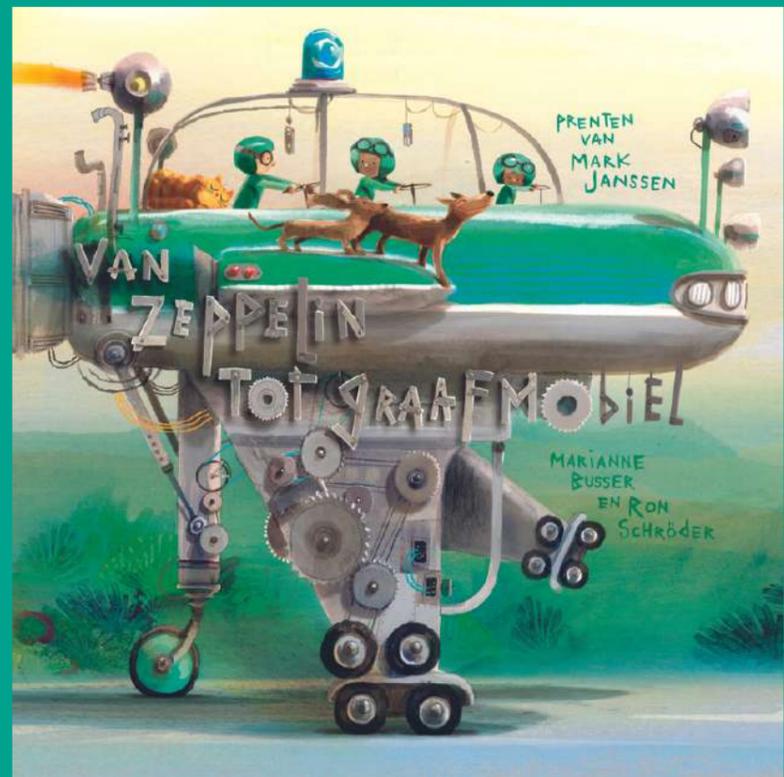
A present for every
toddler and parent

Picture books by Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder

Illustrated by Mark Janssen



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More than 50.000 copies sold!



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