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touch the ground,
root yourself,
before you
rush forward...
I hope you
step into something
wonderful.

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ZWARTJES & LABOVIĆ

Genres – fiction and non-fiction that understands, shapes and interprets the zeitgeist

Authors – Charlotte Labee, Salih El Saddy, Sophie Visser, Cathy Sweeney, Linn Strømsborg, Clarisse Monahan

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By Steven Laureys

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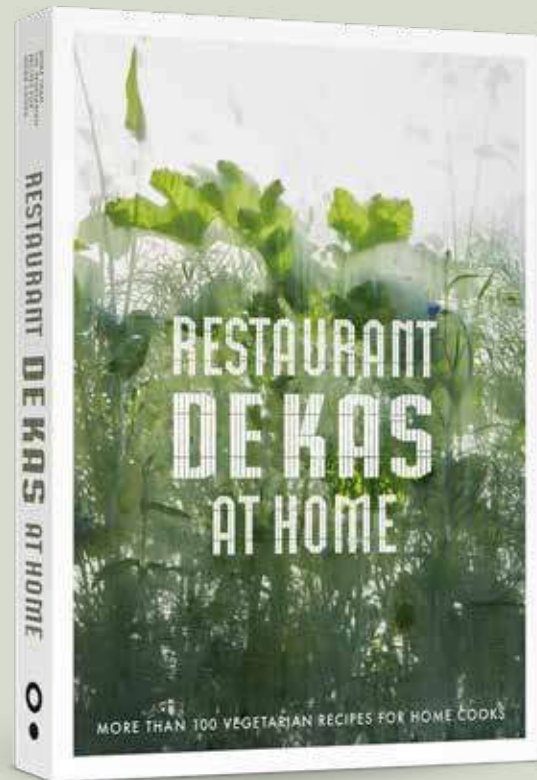
Restaurant De Kas' philosophy for the past 25 years has been to cook as locally and freshly as possible. Jos Timmer and Wim de Beer, owners of the Michelin-starred restaurant since 2018, pick up fresh products every day. They cook according to the rhythm of the seasons, so the land and gardens determine what you eat at their restaurant every day.

© Rinze Vegelian

★ Inspiring recipes with seasonal ingredients

★ Perfect for shared dining!

★ Based on the recipes of the internationally renowned and Michelin-starred Restaurant De Kas, visited by Obama, Jamie Oliver, and Claudia Jessie (*Bridgerton*)



'De Kas has grown steadily since it was established in 2001 and has now reached maturity. 'From plant to plate' has always been the motto here, a clear vision on sustainability' – *Michelin Guide*

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RESTAURANT DE KAS

PLANT TO PLATE: COOKING WITH THE SEASONS

MORE THAN 100 VEGETARIAN RECIPES FOR THE HOME COOK

In *Plant to Plate: Cooking with the seasons*, you will find over 100 vegetarian and seasonal recipes. Celebrate vegetables mezze style and in an accessible way from the comfort of your own home.





Jord Althuisen is Barbecue World Champion and is causing an international stir with his rough-and-ready Smokey Goodness Barbecue Catering. He currently owns three restaurants in the Netherlands and Belgium and has published 20 books, of which almost half a million copies have been sold.

© Remko Kraaijeveld

★ From tapas to taverns!

★ *Smokey Goodness* is the biggest BBQ bestseller ever with over 450,000 copies sold in the Netherlands



‘Behold the barbecue god’ – *de Volkskrant*

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HACHETTE PRATIQUE (FRANCE) & HEEL VERLAG (GERMANY)

JORD ALTHUIZEN

SMOKEY GOODNESS

MEDITERRANEAN BBQ

Sun, sea & smoke—that is *Smokey Goodness: Mediterranean BBQ* in a nutshell. Jord Althuisen takes us to the sunny coasts of Spain, Portugal, Italy, and Greece. Think of tapas sizzling on the grill, *pulpo* hissing over the coals, *souvlaki* full of juicy flavours, and pizzas with a crispy base—all straight from the fire. Jord gives his favourite holiday dishes his own Smokey Goodness touch, straight from the barbecue.



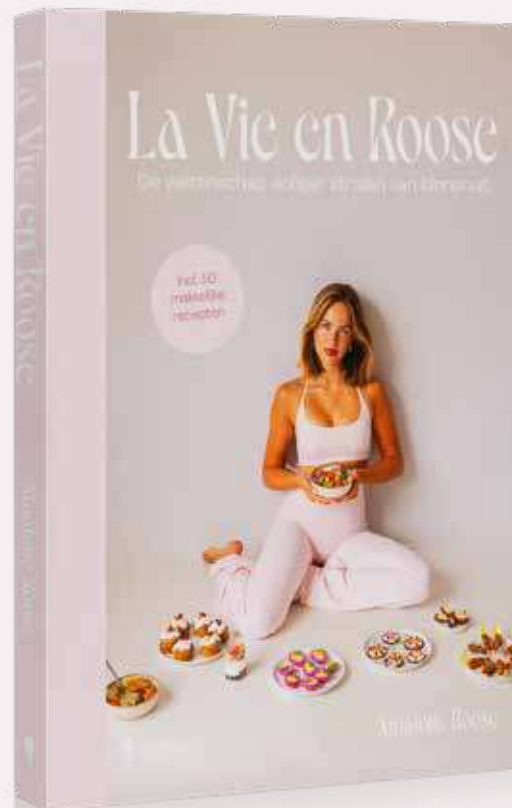


Ninalotte Roose is an actress, model, and health coach. She has completed numerous courses in Ayurveda, hormonal health, yoga, and meditation. She previously wrote *Ninalotte's Health*, a cook-book focusing on the female cycle.

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★ Includes feasible recipes, rituals, and hacks for radiant skin

★ Perfect for fans of (hormonal) self-care



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NINALOTTE ROOSE

LA VIE EN ROOSE

THE SCIENCE BEHIND RADIATING FROM WITHIN

In *La Vie en Roose*, Ninalotte Roose guides women towards more energy, balance, and self-confidence. With a critical eye on the beauty industry and a clear understanding of the female body, Ninalotte shows how nutrition, lifestyle, and hormones work together to create a lasting 'glow'. Because true beauty starts from within.

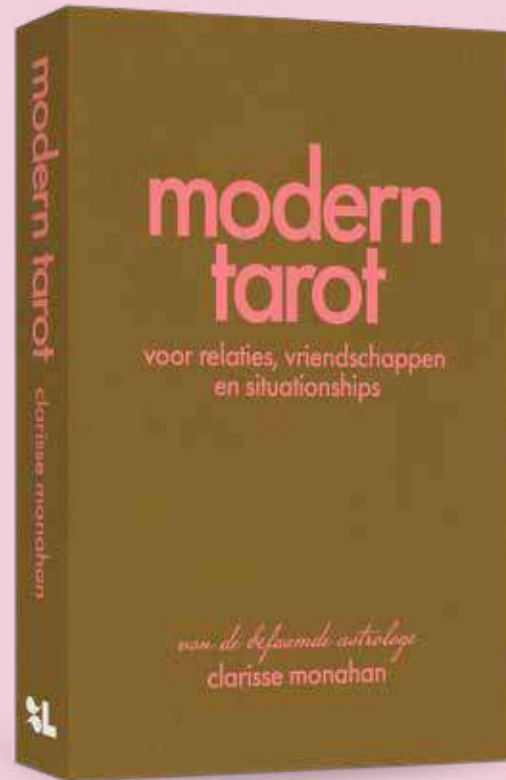
Ninalotte's style is honest, warm, and no-nonsense: loving and clear, without guilt or diet rules. *La Vie en Roose* includes scientifically based insights, accessible hacks, surprising beauty and self-care recipes, and gentle rituals, allowing you to (re-)discover your health and radiance at your own pace.



Clarisse Monahan is the founder of Venus In Retrograde, an astrology-focused brand offering a range of services, from one-on-one consultations to corporate team-building and product activations. As Soho House's resident astrologer, Clarisse travels globally, reading cards and delivering lectures on (carto-) astrology around the world. Next to teaching Astrology and Tarot classes, Clarisse is also the astrology columnist for *Vogue Scandinavia*, and wrote *Astrocartography: An Astrologer's Guide to Where You'll Thrive*.

★ Ancient wisdom applied to modern (dating) life

★ Grab your deck, pour yourself a glass of wine (or three), and dive into your social life, tarot style



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CLARISSE MONAHAN

MODERN TAROT

FOR RELATIONSHIPS, FRIENDSHIPS & SITUATIONSHIPS

Ever wished you had a way to decode the messy, magical world of modern relationships? In *Modern Tarot*, you'll find just that—whether you're figuring out if that late-night text actually means something, wondering if your BFF is truly ride-or-die, or navigating the grey area of a situationship, this book is your go-to guide. This book takes you on a journey through the cards like never before. From love to ghosting, frenemies to soul-mates, Soho House's resident astrologer helps you find clarity, peace, and maybe even a little bit of closure—because, let's be real, we all need that sometimes.



SPIRITUAL BEGINNERS SERIES

- ★ Accessible and practical introductions for those who want to embark on a spiritual journey
- ★ Written by experienced authors in every topic



EFT for Beginners

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

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 actually says something about your own suppressed beliefs and emotions. Shadow work is the answer for those who want to bring everything that was once hidden into the light, to live life fully.

Ayurveda for Beginners

Are you out of energy, in need of more rest, or just feeling out of balance? Get acquainted 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 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.

NLP for Beginners

Neuro-linguistic programming (NLP) is a powerful way to influence your thoughts and establish a more positive mindset. In this book, psychologist and NLP trainer Vincent van der Burg shows how NLP works and how you can easily apply it in your daily life. With the practical tips and exercises in this book, readers will learn to think positively to achieve their goals and dreams.

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Mirjam van der Vegt is a silence coach and bestselling author who has been translated into multiple languages.

Elise Brouwer is a Dutch and English teacher and previously wrote *Desert Rain*, a handbook for dark days.

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★ Travel along through the layers of the Earth to discover your inner energy

★ Mirjam van der Vegt's previous book, *Take a Rest Amid Chaos*, sold 31.000 copies in the Netherlands and won the Best Spiritual Book Award 2021



MIRJAM VAN DER VEGT & ELISE BROUWER

NEW ENERGY

EXPLORE THE LAYERS OF YOUR LIFE

Do you also feel like there is more to life? That life is too precious to live in a hurried and superficial way? In this inspiring book, Mirjam van der Vegt and Elise Brouwer take you on a unique journey to the core of your existence, where energy is abundant. Inspired by Jules Verne, they spoke with geologists, philosophers, monks, and writers. Mirjam and Elise translated their discoveries into practical tools and wrote *New Energy* as a compass for your own quest to the energy that you want to fill your life with.

‘The book guides you towards a mindset that brings inner peace—and, with it, perspective, focus, and clarity.’

— Jury report of the Best Spiritual Book Award 2021 on
Take a Rest Amid Chaos

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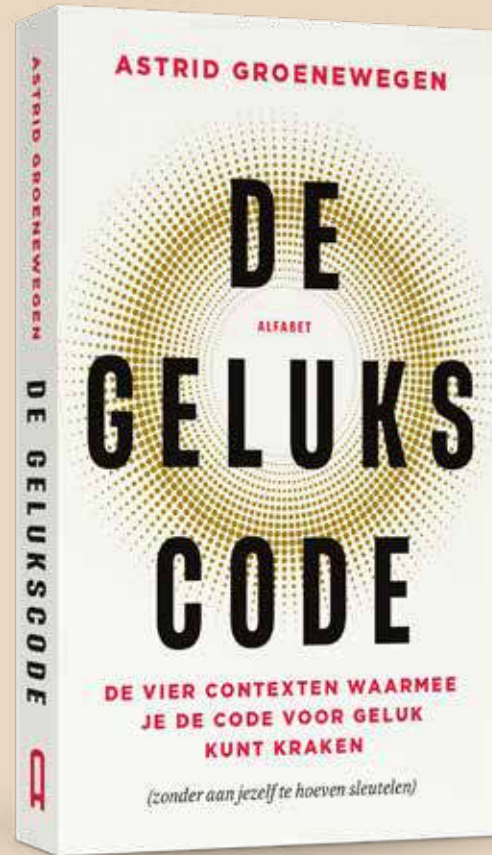
Astrid Groenewegen is an expert in applied behavioural science and founder of the SUE | Behavioural Design Academy. She has over fifteen years of experience in designing behavioural interventions for numerous international companies and organisations. Her highly acclaimed work *The Art of Behavioural Design* was placed number 1 in the Management Book Top 100 list.

© Yvonne Apeldoorn

★ **Astrid Groenewegen is an expert in behavioural science**

★ **Including the latest scientific insights**

★ **Author's previous work on behavioural design was a bestseller in the Netherlands**



‘A must-read for anyone who wants to change something’
– Managementbook.nl on *The Art of Behavioural Design*

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ASTRID GROENEWEGEN

THE HAPPINESS CODE

THE FOUR CONTEXTS THAT CAN HELP YOU CRACK THE HAPPINESS CODE (WITHOUT HAVING TO CHANGE YOURSELF)

How do you become happy? Many people think that if you work hard enough on yourself, you will automatically feel more satisfied and fulfilled. But nothing could be further from the truth. In *The Happiness Code*, behavioural scientist Astrid Groenewegen demonstrates that the key to happiness lies outside of ourselves. Based on the latest scientific insights, she distinguishes four contexts—curiosity, flow, skill, and connection—that create the ideal conditions for happiness to arise. This groundbreaking book offers a practical model that can be applied immediately, both in your work and personal life.

- **Curiosity:** Focus on your environment and those around you, see the world as a place full of possibilities
- **Flow:** Be completely absorbed by what you are doing, feel in harmony with your surroundings
- **Mastery:** Feel that you are growing, that you can do today what you couldn't do yesterday
- **Connection:** Feel that you matter, that you are heard, seen, and understood



Liv van Weddingen has her own therapy practice and has been guiding people to live more freely for over twenty years. By daring to name the fundamental core of her clients in her loving and direct way, Liv has helped thousands of people to truly choose for themselves.

© Nouchka De Maeyer

★ With 77 short chapters that can be read in any order

★ A confrontational and critical read, written in a gentle style

★ Each chapter includes a reflection of the author, a question to the reader and an exercise



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LIV VAN WEDDINGEN

STOP RUINING YOUR LIFE

Liv van Weddingen has been working as a psychotherapist for twenty years. In *Stop Ruining Your Life*, she explains that many people subconsciously endlessly go round in circles, making a mess of their lives - even if they believe they are working on themselves. In 77 short chapters, which you can read in any order, Liv offers clarifications, asks critical questions, and gives assignments that help the reader be honest with themselves.

Including chapters on topics such as:

- It's none of your business what other people think about you.
- How you deal with what happens is more important than what actually happens.
- Stop with feeling offended.
- Why do you want to do everything on your own?

Bart van der Leenen's world revolves around complex psychological puzzles, the person behind the story, and the story behind the person. He was the founder and CEO of several companies, mentored various startups, and wrote opinion pieces for different types of media. In recent years, Bart has shifted his focus to human connection and has started coaching and guiding individuals, couples, families, family businesses and teams toward clarity, reconnection, long-lasting solutions, and personal growth.

Mieke Mievis studied family and sexuality sciences. She owns two private practices as a relationship therapist and sexologist, and has founded a therapeutic centre. Maaik also gives trainings, contributes to various radio and television programmes, writes articles, and has authored several books.

★ **The first book that makes relationship therapy possible without the help of a therapist**

★ **Also includes conversation starters for even the strongest couples**



BART VAN DER LEENEN & MIEKE MIEVIS

DARLING, CAN WE HAVE A CHAT?

GIVE THIS BOOK TO YOUR PARTNER AND GET YOUR STALLED RELATIONSHIP MOVING AGAIN

Is your relationship going through a difficult period and is communication becoming increasingly difficult? All you have to do is give this book to your partner. Without saying a word.

From page one, this book tries to convince your partner to start talking constructively again and to work on your relationship together. The day you get this book back, you will know exactly where your relationship stands and what steps your partner is willing to take with you. The book then guides you step by step towards safe and constructive conversations about even the most sensitive topics. Without theory and outside help, this book will bring you closer together again and will allow you to work towards a renewed, long-lasting connection.

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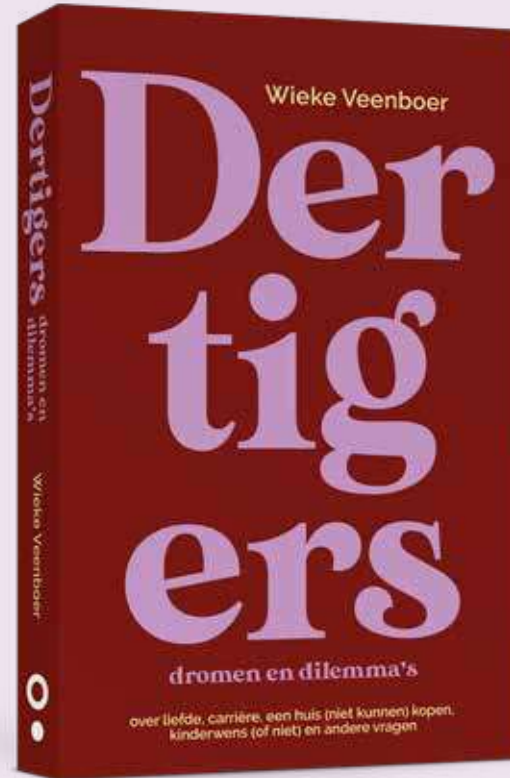


Wieke Veenboer is a freelance editor and copywriter. Her columns for *LINDA.nl* reach hundreds of thousands of readers.

★ Relatable, humorous stories for a searching generation

★ For the readers of Dolly Alderton's *Everything I Know About Love*

★ Scientifically based, with contributions from psychologists and researchers



WIEKE VEENBOER

THIRTIES: DREAMS AND DILEMMAS

ABOUT LOVE, YOUR CAREER, (NOT) BUYING A HOUSE, (NOT) WANTING CHILDREN, AND MORE

Many people in their thirties struggle with the same questions: am I good enough, why do others have their lives so well organised, should I not be much further along by now? It sometimes seems as if everyone else is already settled and has a great career. Social media also feeds the idea of the perfect picture. But the truth is: every thirty-something has to deal with performance pressure, insecurity, changing friendships, and a housing and labour market that offers little breathing space. This relatable, light-hearted, and well-researched book offers perspective for everyone in their thirties who feels lost and insecure in love, friendship, their career, and more.

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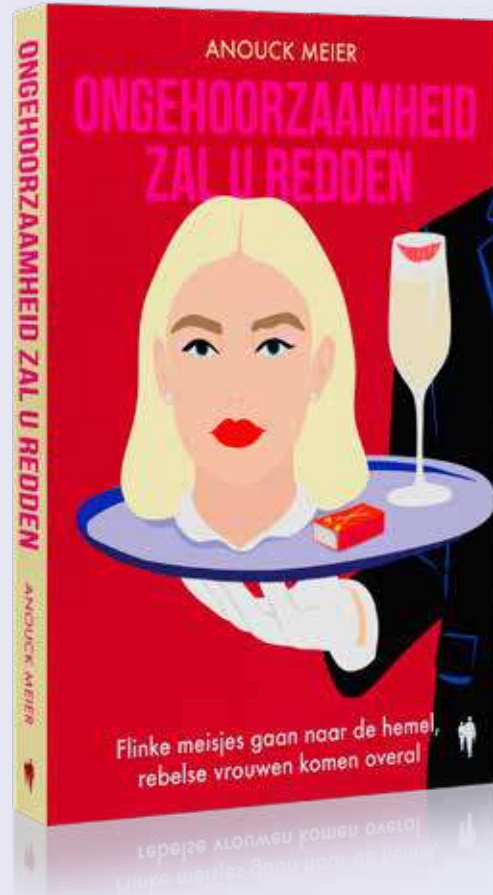
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Anouck Meier is an entrepreneur, author, political scientist, and former solicitor at a prestigious US firm. Her podcast *Work & Life (Werk & Leven)* has over half a million followers. She taught more than 2,000 women to take control of their own time and wants to contribute to female empowerment and gender equality through her coaching, podcasts and training courses. Her previous book with a feminist lens, *Choose Yourself Before You're Dead*, was a bestseller in Belgium, with 10.000 copies sold.

★ A passionate plea for female disobedience

★ With a healthy dose of criticism and humour



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ANOUCK MEIER

DISOBEDIENCE WILL SAVE YOU

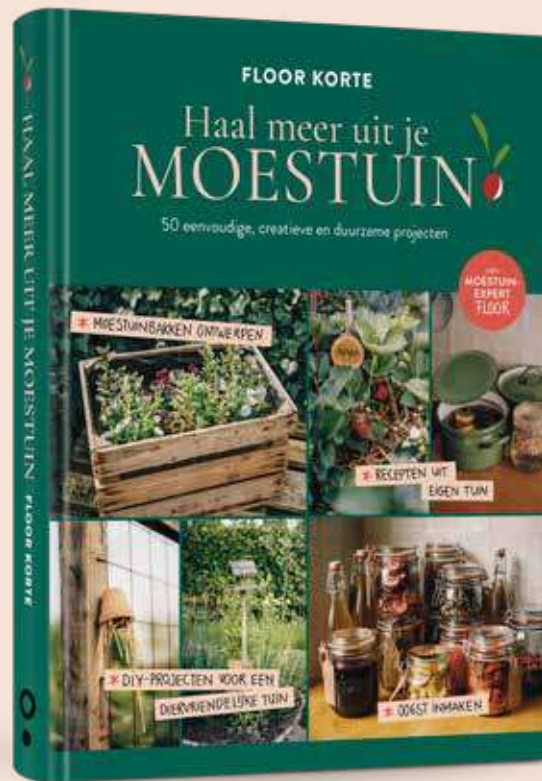
GOOD GIRLS GO TO HEAVEN, BAD GIRLS GO EVERYWHERE ELSE

One is not born, but rather becomes a Good Girl. From an early age, women learn everything they shouldn't be: angry, jealous, greedy, ambitious, lazy, selfish, horny. The seven original deadly sins have become an invisible corset that keeps women in check. In *Disobedience Will Save You*, Anouck Meier shreds that oppressive straitjacket with her sharp pen, feminist truth bombs, and a generous dose of humour. From witch hunts to the mental load, from crab mentality to precarious pension plans, from muzzles to size zero: the system is persistent, subtle and everywhere. This book is a playful invitation to claim more space and to live life to the fullest.

★ Anouck Meier's previous book *Choose Yourself Before You're Dead* sold 10.000 copies and was on the bestseller list for 10 weeks in Belgium



Floor Korte is a vegetable garden expert and author. On her social media, Floor inspires people every day with sustainable tips for the vegetable garden.



‘Floor Korte shows how simple it is to enjoy homegrown vegetables, fruit and herbs. Turn easy-to-grow varieties into tasty produce, without hassle.’

– *Leidsch Dagblad*

★ 50 DIY projects to reconnect with nature

★ Gardening is proven to be good for your mental health

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FLOOR KORTE

50 DIY PROJECTS FOR YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN

50 SIMPLE, CREATIVE, AND SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS

In this book, vegetable gardening expert Floor Korte shows that anyone can grow their own vegetables—whether you have a garden, balcony, or roof terrace. From smartly arranged vegetable boxes to insect hotels made from recycled materials, Floor makes gardening practical and fun through fifty creative and sustainable projects. Creative gardening starts here!





Nico de Haan is the Netherlands' most famous bird expert and author of many successful books. For decades, he has been inspiring a wide audience with his knowledge, passion, and infectious storytelling style. His publications include *The Smart Guide to Spotting Birds* (25.000 copies sold) and *The Virtuoso Birdsong Guide* (15.000 copies sold).

© Paul Tolenaar

- ★ Featuring 45 bird portraits
- ★ Contains exercises to practice identifying birds
- ★ Birds are ordered by appearance in a year
- ★ Nico de Haan's previous publications on birds are all bestsellers in the Netherlands



‘A revolutionary bird guide’

– Dutch Bird Protection on *The Smart Guide to Spotting Birds*

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NICO DE HAAN

IDENTIFYING BIRDS

FEATURING 45 BIRD PORTRAITS

Identifying Birds is a course in observation and listening, bringing birds closer to you through stories full of knowledge, humour, and surprising facts. Nico de Haan covers the 45 most common birds and provides insight into their behaviours, helping you to better recognise and understand them. Nico explains the characteristics of each bird in an accessible way and shows you what to look out for. The audio accompanying the book contains sound clips with birdsongs.

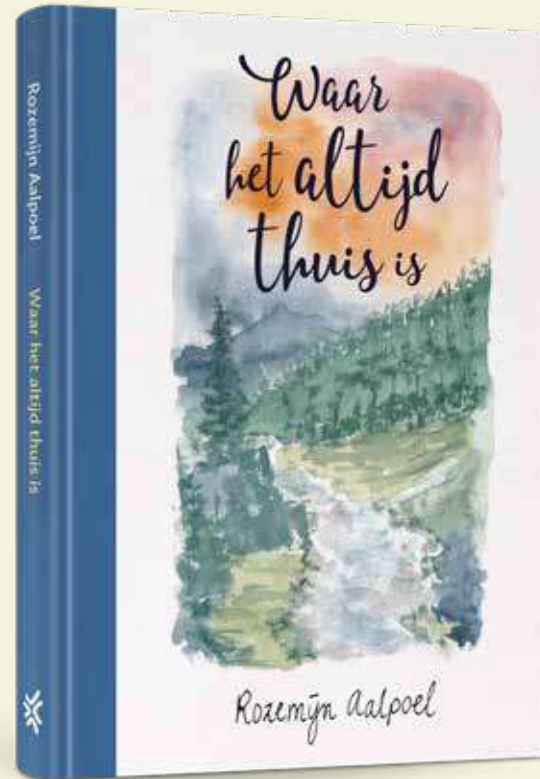


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Rozemijn Aalpoel works as a community builder, connecting local residents. On the weekend, Rozemijn creates small artworks that offer hope, courage, and new perspectives. Her first book, *The Beautiful Things Along the Way*, touched many hearts and became a bestseller.

- ★ Focused on the river, symbolising life and the passing of time
- ★ Unique illustrations combined with inspiring texts and wisdom
- ★ For readers of all ages
- ★ *The Beautiful Things Along the Way* sold over 10.000 copies in the Netherlands and was translated into English



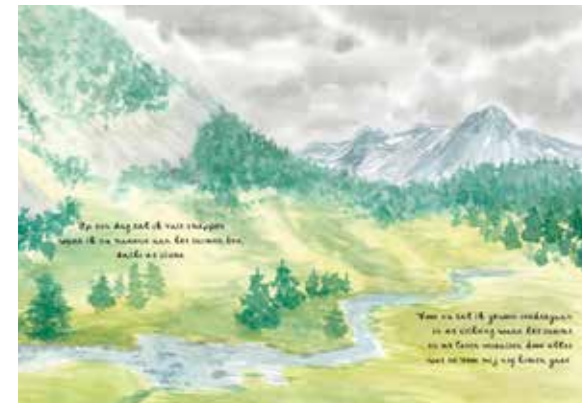
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ROZEMIJN AALPOEL

A PLACE THAT FEELS LIKE HOME

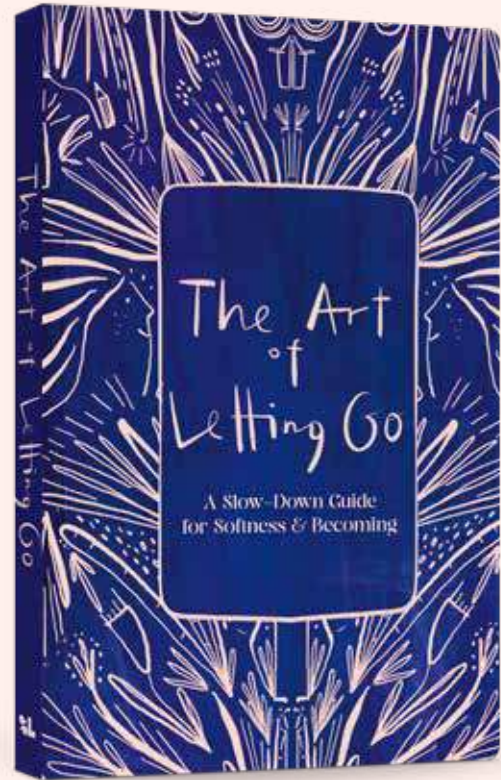
Following the success of *The Beautiful Things Along the Way*, we are back on the road with Rozemijn Aalpoel. This time, we flow along with a river that never stops. The transition to something new often means saying goodbye to something old. The inspiring texts and beautiful illustrations by Rozemijn give you courage and hope with every step. A book that invites you to stand still and look around you, in order to lovingly realise all that surrounds you.





Gözde Eyce was born in Turkey, but currently lives in the Netherlands. She is a visual artist and yoga instructor. Gözde illustrates, inspires, and has collaborated on more than fifty (children's) book projects worldwide. With her poetic work, she strikes a chord with more than 112k followers.

- ★ An invitation to mindfulness
- ★ Includes space for your own creativity
- ★ Based on her content on @themoodysociety, which reaches over one million people worldwide



GÖZDE EYCE

THE ART OF LETTING GO

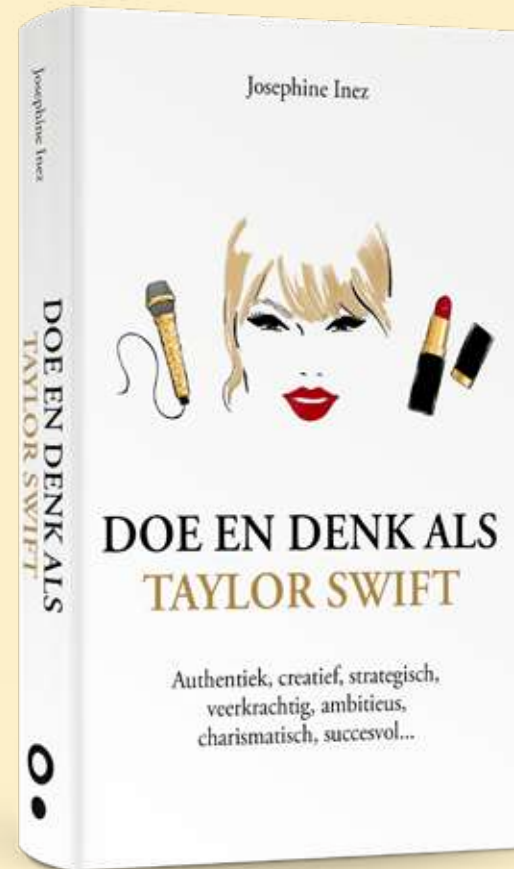
A SLOW-DOWN GUIDE FOR SOFTNESS AND BECOMING

Overloaded schedules, feelings of restlessness, and pressure—many people will recognise this. This stunning book is perfect for readers seeking peace, reflection, and self-love. The beautiful illustrations and texts invite self-reflection and slowing down. The book also offers readers space for their own creative expression. Slow down and enjoy the peace.



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ACT AND THINK LIKE... SERIES

Act and Think Like a Writer

Creative, Courageous, Persistent, Curious, Solitary, Focused

Where does an author find inspiration? How does an author muster the courage to start something new? And how does an author stay focused? Whether you dream of designing your own garden, sailing around the world, or writing a book, these lessons in this book are also applicable to you. Take a look at your favorite author and learn from their behaviour. Don't give up, be brave, awaken your creativity, and bring that exciting project to a successful conclusion!

Act and Think Like Taylor Swift

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Act and Think Like Taylor Swift shows how creativity, entrepreneurship, strategic thinking, and resilience can lead to success. A book full of inspiration from Swift's life and career, with practical lessons on authentic expression, seizing opportunities, and breaking boundaries. By reading this book, you will learn how to create your own path with the same determination, charm, and innovation that Taylor has demonstrated throughout her life.

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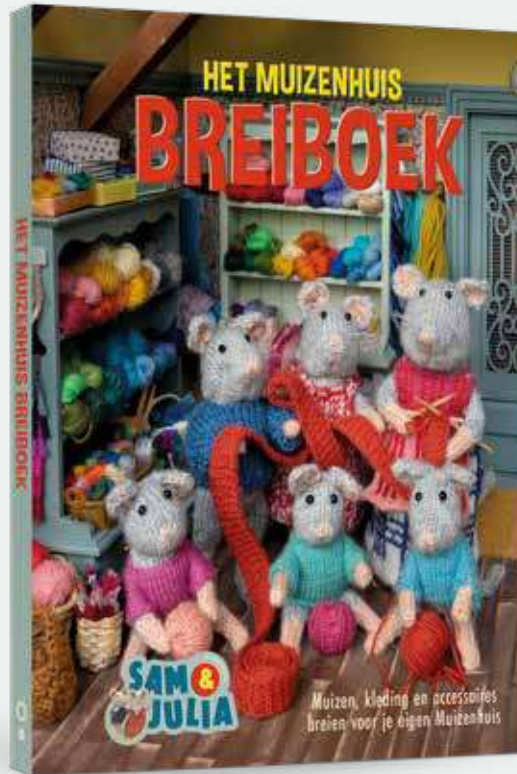
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Karina Schaapman is an artist and creator of The Mouse Mansion. She created it as the backdrop for her children's books series about little mice Sam and Julia. To date, 23 books have been published. Her use of waste materials for her sets is world-famous. © *Het Muizenhuis*

Louise Bijvoet wrote the knitting patterns for the mice and their clothing sets. She runs her own wool shop in the Netherlands. ★The adventures of Sam & Julia have been adapted into an international animated series. Theatre shows and an interactive game are currently in the making.

★The original books have been published in 33 countries and have sold more than one million copies worldwide



‘I think the world needs compassion. My intention was to create a safe, caring and inclusive world for children.’

– Karina Schaapman

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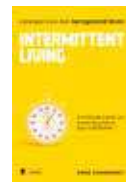




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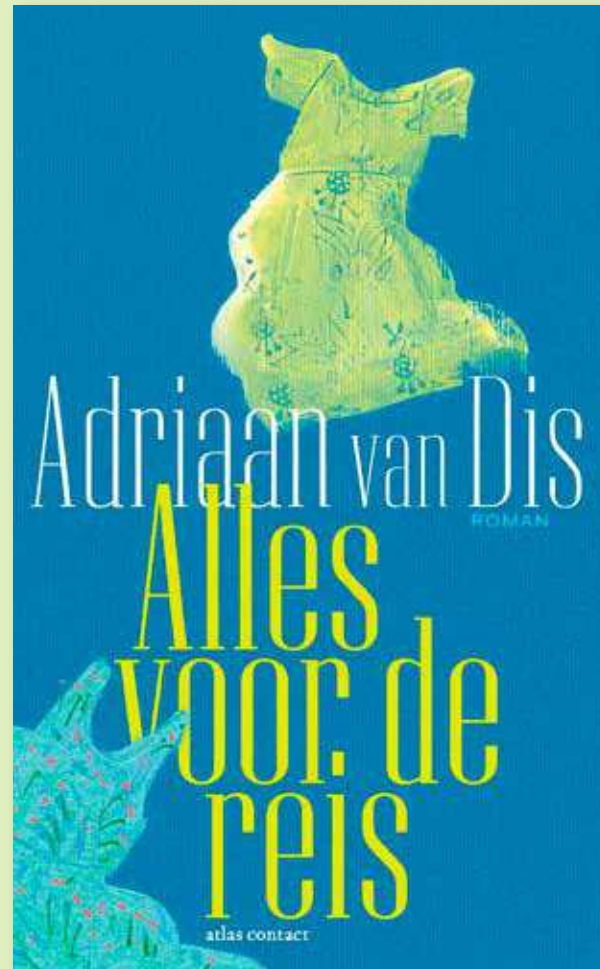
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Adriaan van Dis (1946) is the author of an impressive literary oeuvre that has been translated into 18 languages and bestowed with numerous awards, including the Golden Owl, the Libris Literature Award, the NS Public Award, and the Constantijn Huygens Award. His most recent publications are the novel *Tenderness and a Warm Embrace* and the essay *The Colony Strikes Back*. Since 2023, he co-hosts the popular podcast *Van Dis Unfiltered*.

★ **The intimacy of a secret lifelong love**



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ADRIAAN VAN DIS

EVERYTHING FOR THE TRIP

A terminally ill woman chooses a hospice because there she can also receive her lover. In a fold-out bed. With morphine patches and a forbidden glass of wine from a teacup. In the weeks that remain, she asks him to take her on a journey. 'I want to get away from here!' The couple take flight in their imagination, experience wonderful literary journeys and find support in writers and poets. But they also explore each other. Their differences, similarities, the lies, flirtations, betrayals, and wounds that shaped them. *Everything for the Trip* is a moving novel about a great love.

'... a sublime novel, not only about 'love and lies' but also about decline and death.'

– *NCR Handelsblad*

'I don't think it would have been possible to write a text that feels so pure, almost playful, any other way.'

– *De Volkskrant*

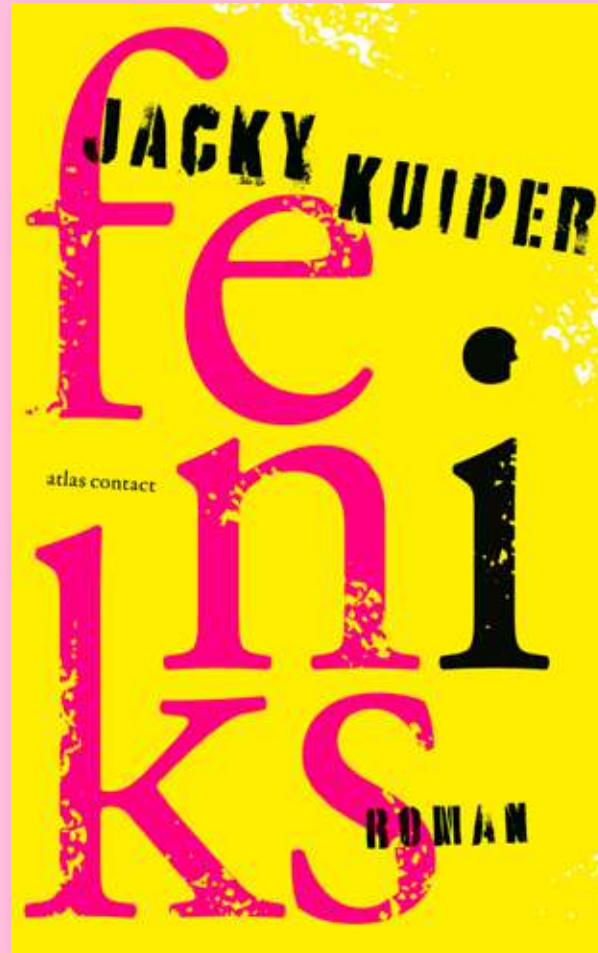
'Van Dis creates a monument to a love that consisted outside the confines of the ordinary.'

– *De Groene Amsterdammer*



Jacky Kuiper (1988) grew up in Lelystad and Amsterdam and now lives with her family in Groningen. She studied journalism, Spanish, and literary studies. She has previously published with Shortreads.

- ★ A criminal family full of secrets
- ★ Overwhelming debut novel about female strength and letting go of what is toxic



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JACKY KUIPER PHOENIX

Eva grows up under the terror of her father, who is often (but not always) in prison. In Eva's family, everyone leads a double life to keep him out of trouble. At the age of twelve, she travels by plane, alone with a bag full of cash, to her grandparents in Spain to do a job for her father: she has to buy a horse.

As Eva grows up, she is no longer content with the constant fear in which she lives. Can she break away from her family—her flamboyant grandmother, who runs a coffee shop in Amsterdam, her unstable mother—and at what cost?

'Very beautiful—a raw and intense story about growing up.'

– Manik Sarkar, author of *Ox' Head*

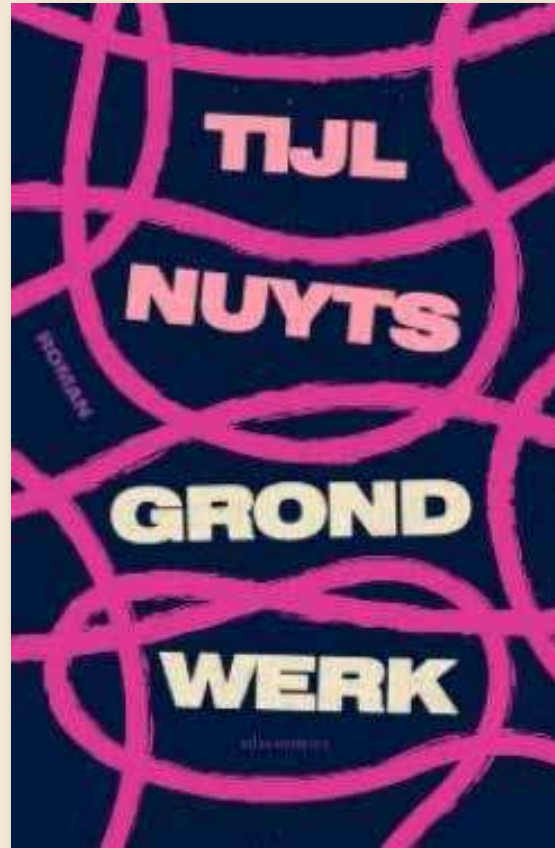


Tijl Nuyts (1993) is a poet and author. His debut poetry collection, *Anagrams of a Naked Emperor*, was nominated for the C. Buddingh' Award. His second bundle, *Tickets*, won the Herman de Coninck Award and was shortlisted for the Grote Poëzieprijs. He publishes in various literary magazines and performs frequently. *Groundwork* is his debut novel.

★ *Animal Farm* anno 2025

★ Shortlisted for the Boekenbon Literature Award 2025

★ Nominated for the Boon Literature Award 2026



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TIJL NUYTS

GROUNDWORK

Groundwork reveals a hidden world beneath Vanderlandsplein in Brussels. Hidden in a network of tunnels, a naked mole rat, on a mission from the Horn of Africa, waits for a briefing. A human who reports to her burrow gains her trust and writes down her story word for word. Meanwhile, sink-holes are appearing all over the city. Something is brewing in the administrative heart of Europe. Is an uprising imminent?

Groundwork is a story about resistance and recovery, about collective action, shared ground, and attempts to make the world habitable. A novel full of conspiracy theories and visions of the future, which shows that we cannot do without each other.

‘Tijl Nuyts is one of the most interesting writers in our language.’ – *De Standaard*

‘A fascinating and extremely original novel.’
– *Trouw*

‘A true adventure novel that holds up a mirror to our society.’ – *Het Nieuwsblad*

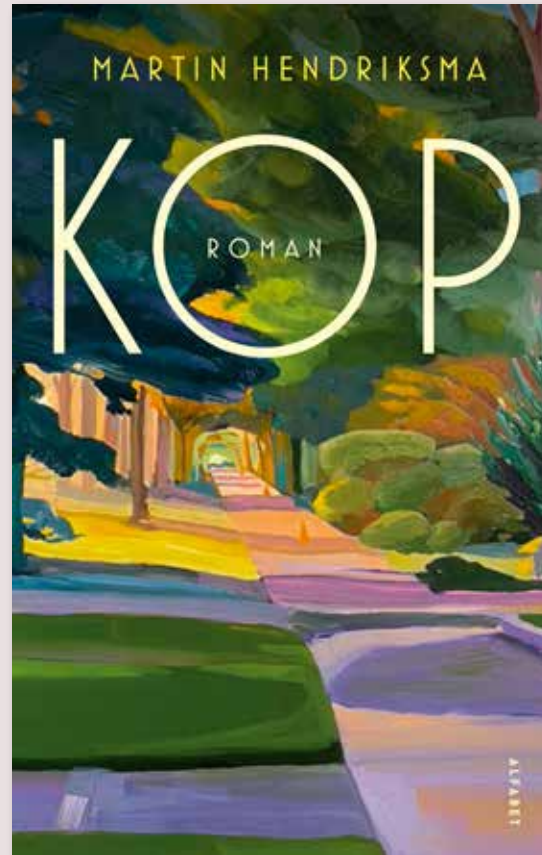
‘Bizarre, tense, and surprising. *Groundwork* is a penetrating, socially critical and deeply literary work.’
– *De Standaard*



Martin Hendriksma (1966) is a writer and journalist. Two of his previous books were adapted into plays, both of which received glowing reviews. Additionally, two of his non-fiction works were turned into television series, which he also hosted. After four successful non-fiction books, including *The Rhine* (over 10,000 copies sold) and *The Secret of Bols* (9,000 copies sold), he returns as a novelist. Hendriksma's debut novel *Family Meat* was longlisted for the Libris Literature Award 2009.

★ Moving novel about two boys in the Dutch East Indies

★ Based on the author's parents' story



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MARTIN HENDRIKSMA

HEADS

1946, Dutch East Indies. Sybolt and Eddy, two soldiers and friends, are stationed in Surabaya. When a letter with a passport photo arrives at the camp from a Dutch woman who wants to correspond with someone in the East Indies, their friendship is put to the test. The coin tossed for this woman named Lien drives their lives apart forever. Half a century later, after Sybolt's death, Eddy contacts Lien. It soon becomes clear that Sybolt had kept many things from her, and Lien increasingly becomes a key player in a story that was previously unknown to her. *Heads* is a novel about seemingly small choices and their sometimes devastating consequences, for which Martin Hendriksma found inspiration in his parents' story.

'Hendriksma can write, create flesh-and-blood characters, he has humour on paper, he can handle the big picture and breathe life into history.'

– Jeroen Vullings, *Vrij Nederland*

'A born storyteller' – *Trouw*



Annemarié van Niekerk (1962) was a university lecturer and critic in South Africa before moving back to the Netherlands in 2004. Since then, she has been writing reviews for *Trouw*. In 2019, she and Pieta van Beek published *My Mother's Mother's Mother*. In 2021, her memoir *Bringing Back the Heart* was published, receiving praise from both the press and readers. It was translated into Afrikaans and English and won the Henriëtte Roland Holst Award in 2023. *The Punishment Chair* is her debut novel.

★ Subtle psychology, layered, convincing and empathetic



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ANNEMARIÉ VAN NIEKERK

THE PUNISHMENT CHAIR

Ada's life has come to a standstill. At the invitation of her friend Mel, she returns to the place of her childhood, the Bloukoeniekraal farm on a river in South Africa. There she must turn her past into a bearable story. The natural surroundings are breathtakingly beautiful. But she also hears the voice of her tyrannical father, who humiliated and abused his wife and son, and his ragged breathing when he visited his little daughter at night. Apartheid is in its final days; while the black housekeeper Jana is powerless against her boss, her niece Lies rebels.

Tensions rise between Ada and Mel, both damaged in their own way. The river embraces and comforts, but can Ada continue to live with her horrific past?

‘A powerful story, narrated with finesse, empathy and astonishing courage.’

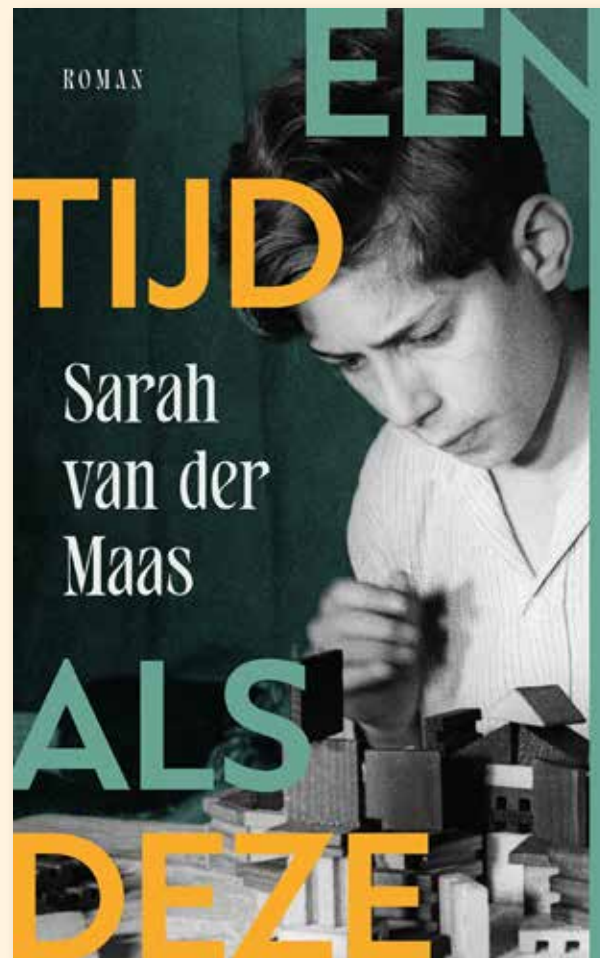
– Antjie Krog on *Bringing Back the Heart*

‘We can best explore the deep history of a society through first-hand testimonies of personal experience. *Bringing Back the Heart* allows us privileged insight into life as it is and has been in the South Africa of our times. ... I hope that *Bringing Back the Heart* comes out in other languages before too long.’ – J.M. Coetzee on *Bringing Back the Heart*



Sarah van der Maas (1995) is a historian and lives in Middelburg. She studied History in Leiden and Groningen, specializing in general and social history.

★ Gentle portrait of an ideology



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SARAH VAN DER MAAS

A TIME LIKE THIS

Chaos, guilt, and identity are central themes in this novel set during the collapse of the Third Reich. After a false murder charge, fate turns against a National Socialist architect. He flees, assumes the identity of a dead driver, and is forced to take care of a mysterious silent girl whom he must now bring to Berlin. Their journey through a world that is literally collapsing forces him to rethink not only his dreams but also his convictions.

A Time Like This poignantly depicts the inner struggle of a man who sees his faith crumble in a doomed ideology, and raises questions about the human tendency to cling to illusions, even when reality undeniably proves the opposite.

‘A Time Like This is a novel that, balanced and vivid throughout, proves that an outstanding writer has arrived’ – *HP/De Tijd*

‘With her vivid style, Van der Maas easily takes her readers along on a breathtaking journey of survival.’
 – *Friesch Dagblad*

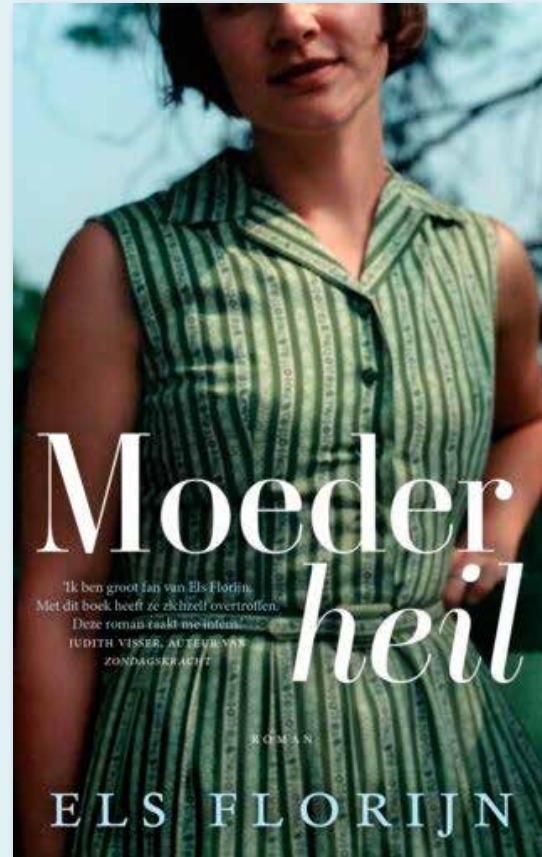
‘Sublime prose and a fantastic story. I couldn’t put it down, finished it in two days. She is a keen observer, she uses imagery, she has beautiful little sentences...
 fantastic.’

– Lidewijde Paris in *Nieuwsweekend*



Els Florijn (1982) made her breakthrough in 2010 with *The Girl Who Disappeared*, which sold over 30,000 copies and won the ND|BCB Public Award in 2011. Her more recent novel, *Elisabeth's Angels* (2020), received widespread acclaim. Florijn also delivers lectures and guest lessons at schools.

★ Based on conversations with those involved (mothers, children and carers) at Mother's Salvation, the halfway house for unmarried mothers and their children in Breda



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ELS FLORIJN

MOTHER'S SALVATION

Two young women—Sofia, a working-class girl, and Maria, a girl from a good family—become pregnant in the early 1960s. Under pressure from their families, they are sent to Mother's Salvation, a home where unmarried mothers must give birth with a cloth over their eyes before their children are taken away from them.

In a stifling world full of shame and persistent silence, the women in Els Florijn's *Mother's Salvation* seek control over their own bodies, lives and motherhood.

‘Florijn combines historical facts with a powerful personal story, and the novel sheds new light on a past that continues to have an impact today.’

– *BredaNieuws* on *Mother's Salvation*

‘Els Florijn brings the atmosphere of imposed silence and shame—where all blame is placed on the woman rather than the man—strikingly close. She achieves this through direct, poetic language and abundant dialogue.’

– *Friesch Dagblad* on *Mother's Salvation*

‘Els Florijn has a subtle writing style and conveys Elisabeth's thoughts and feelings in such a way that you almost experience what the main character is going through. Highly recommended!’

– *Vrouw tot Vrouw* on *Elisabeth's Angels*



Leanne Pots (1993) works for the police during the day and writes in the evenings. She debuted in 2023 with *I'll Be Fine*, the first volume of her *Vast Love* series, which was well received by both book bloggers and bookshops. The second volume, *You Know Me*, followed in 2024.

★ Third instalment of the popular *Vast Love* series

★ Over 10,000 copies sold of the *Vast Love* series

★ Beloved author in Christian bookshops



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LEANNE POTS

I DON'T THINK SO

When Sofie is asked to help her aunt run her campsite, she reluctantly agrees. But she soon begins to enjoy the work and does everything she can to make the project a success. She cannot afford any distractions, not even in the form of an uninvited, but very attractive campsite guest. Meanwhile, this guest has his own plans for the campsite, but his growing infatuation threatens to throw them into disarray...

‘This book is really worth reading!’
– *Bookshop De Wedloop* on *You Know Me*

‘Romance, spirit, humour and depth!’
– Daniëlle Heerens, *Leeslievelings*

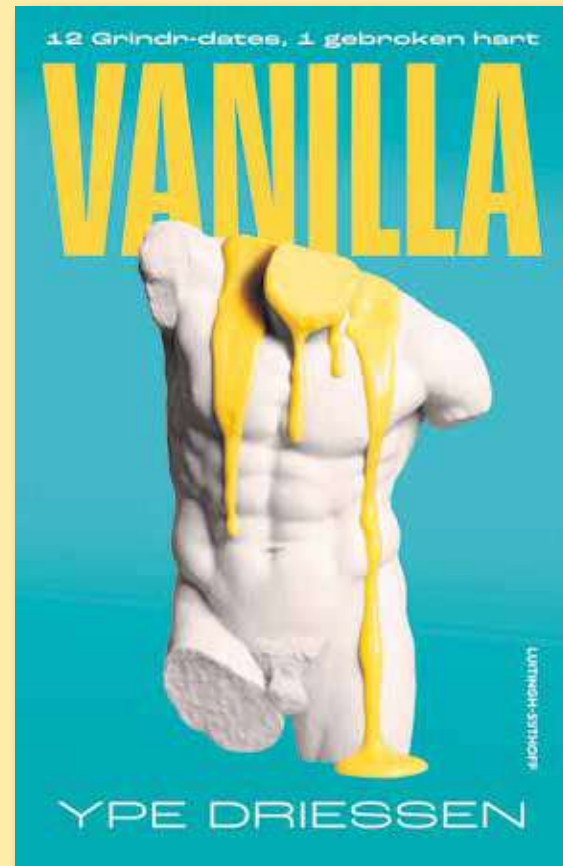
‘Compliments to Pots for her debut, which I thoroughly enjoyed reading.’
– *Nederlands Dagblad* on *I'll Be Fine*



Ype Driessen is a writer and the only autobiographical photo comic strip artist in the world. Since 2007, he has been creating photo comics about his life, contributing to several newspapers and magazines and various university magazines. In 2020, Driessen published *The Last Gay Man on Earth*, his photo comic strip autobiography, which was well-received and translated into English and French. Together with Botte Jellema, Driessen produces the award-winning podcast *The Age of the Amateur* (60,000 listeners). *Vanilla* is his debut novel.

★ Recognisable for everyone who is dating

★ LGBTQIA+



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YPE DRIESSEN

VANILLA

After a painful break-up, the somewhat neurotic and inexperienced Jip makes a pact: he will go on twelve Grindr dates to heal his broken heart. What follows is a journey of discovery through the fringes of the colourful world of gay dating: from chemsex to group sex, and from role play to deep conversations about intimacy. Between the absurdity of dating via apps and the emotion of lost identity, Jip rediscovers who he is and what he really wants. *Vanilla* is a story about a man who loses everything in order to find himself again.

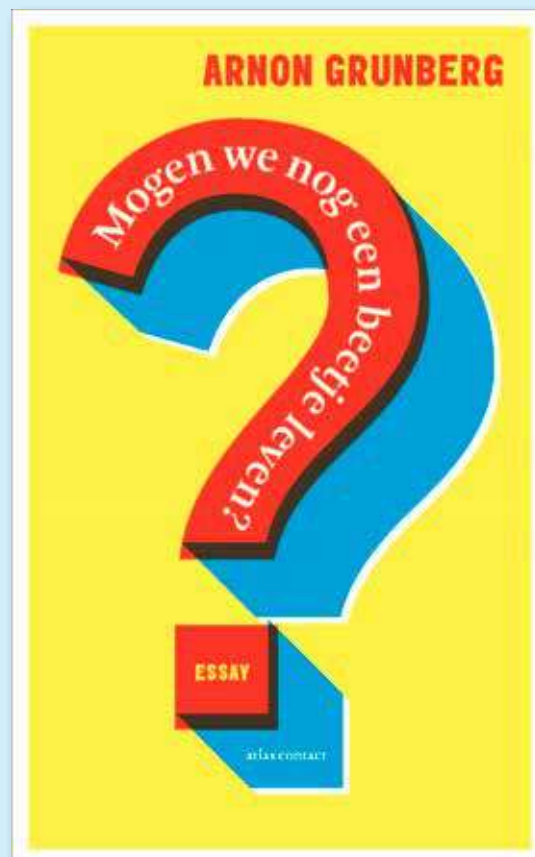
‘Ype Driessen’s autobiographical photo comics are a phenomenon. In four, at most five images, he always manages to tell a complete story, ingeniously combining humour, irony and sharpness.’ – *Tzum*, literary weblog

‘One of the summer’s best and most daring graphic novels’ – *Washington Post* on *The Last Gay Man on Earth*



Arnon Grunberg (1971) is a prolific writer of novels, short stories, essays, plays, reports, and columns. Grunberg's works have been translated into thirty languages. His debut novel, *Blue Mondays*, won the Anton Wachter Award. He has also received the German NRW Literature Award for his works in German translation, and the English translation of *Phantom Pain* was shortlisted for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. Grunberg's many other honours include the Constantijn Huygens Award, the P.C. Hooft Award, and the Johannes Vermeer Award.

★ For readers of *Optimism Without Hope* by Tommy Wieringa and *Your Own Well-Being First* by Roxane van Iperen



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ARNON GRUNBERG

ARE WE STILL ALLOWED TO LIVE A LITTLE?

ESSAY

We live in a time when universal human rights are not only less respected, but even less professed. In this essay, Arnon Grunberg searches for the roots of humanism and arrives at Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Although he understands its appeal, he also observes that this teaching provoked resistance from the outset—and perhaps asked too much of people. The Trump revolution—which is not confined to America—can also be seen as a response to the ethical imperative to love all peoples of the world: 'We can no longer tolerate universalism, we want first.' This state of mind must be understood and perhaps even accepted before we can formulate a new answer to the question: how much equality can human beings tolerate? If everyone wants to be first, what place is there left for the last?

'Arnon Grunberg is the greatest contemporary Dutch writer.' – *Literair Nederland*

'The wit and sardonic intelligence that shine through Arnon Grunberg's prose make it a continual pleasure to read' – J. M. Coetzee

'The dark touch of classical tragedy, which is where this remarkable comedy of manners leads.'
– *The New York Times* on *Tirza*



Dr. Frank van de Goot (1967) is the leading (forensic) pathologist in the Netherlands and has been involved in numerous investigations into causes of death and missing persons. He worked for the Netherlands Forensic Institute for many years and is currently active at the National Forensic Investigation Agency, working both domestically and abroad.

★ Since its publication, it has been in the Dutch bestseller 60 for 12 consecutive weeks

★ Discusses high-profile cases, including Ivana Smit (Malaysia, 2017), Sharleyne Remouchamps (the Netherlands, 2017), and Rida Zoundri (Austria, 2021)



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FRANK VAN DE GOOT

POST MORTEM

REAL-LIFE CASES AND STORIES OF THE LEADING PATHOLOGIST IN THE NETHERLANDS

For clinical and forensic pathologist Frank van de Goot, the dead rarely hold secrets. No matter how mysterious the cause of death may be, and regardless of what those involved or third parties may claim, Van de Goot does not stop his investigation until he has uncovered the truth. He investigated the balcony fall of eight-year-old Sharleyne Remouchamps, searched the mountains of Austria several times for Rida Zoundri, and gave a second opinion in the case of Ivana Smit, the Dutch model who died in Malaysia. These are just a few of the hundreds of cases Frank van de Goot has worked on. In *Post Mortem*, a wealth of sensational and high-profile cases is reviewed. Open, honest, but also full of passion and humour, Van de Goot recounts his daily practice and what it teaches us about life and death.

‘A rare and honest glimpse into the world of forensic pathology.’ – Sébas Diekstra, victim’s solicitor

‘Interesting and, at times, hilarious; *Post Mortem* is not a heavy or difficult book, but easy to read and narrated with humour by Frank van de Goot ... The beautiful, sometimes bizarre drawings by Rebecca Tofani are a good addition.

The book is fascinating and informative, showing how difficult it can sometimes be to determine the cause of death.’ – *Boekenbijlage.nl*



Ruben Boot is a freelance science journalist and podcaster with a PhD in biophysics from TU Delft, where he researched the deformability of cancerous tissue. He writes for numerous newspapers and medical magazines. In the science podcast *Noble Gentlemen*, he reveals the discoveries behind the Nobel Prizes. Ruben has been performing on stage since childhood and now uses that experience to make complex science accessible to the general public. He is currently working on a theatre show about cells and cancer.

★ Combines fundamental science and medical applications



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RUBEN BOOT

THE PROTEIN REVOLUTION

ABOUT THE MEDICINES OF THE FUTURE

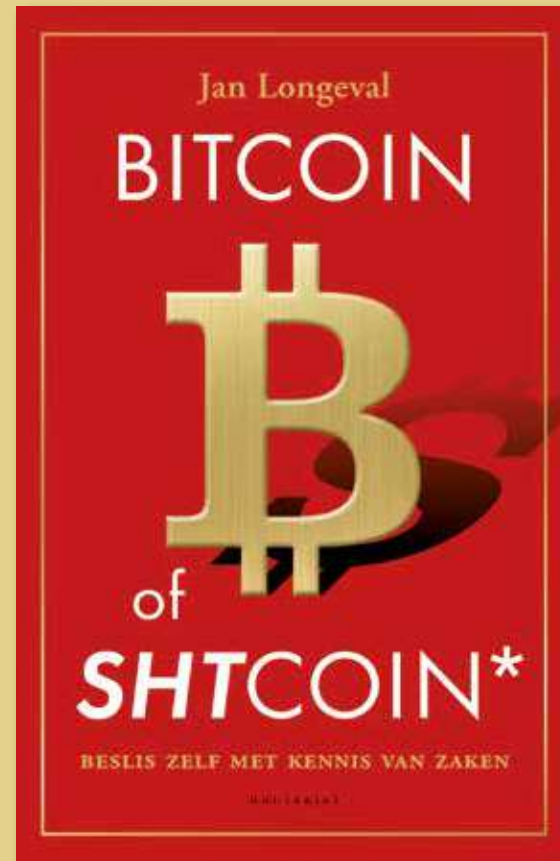
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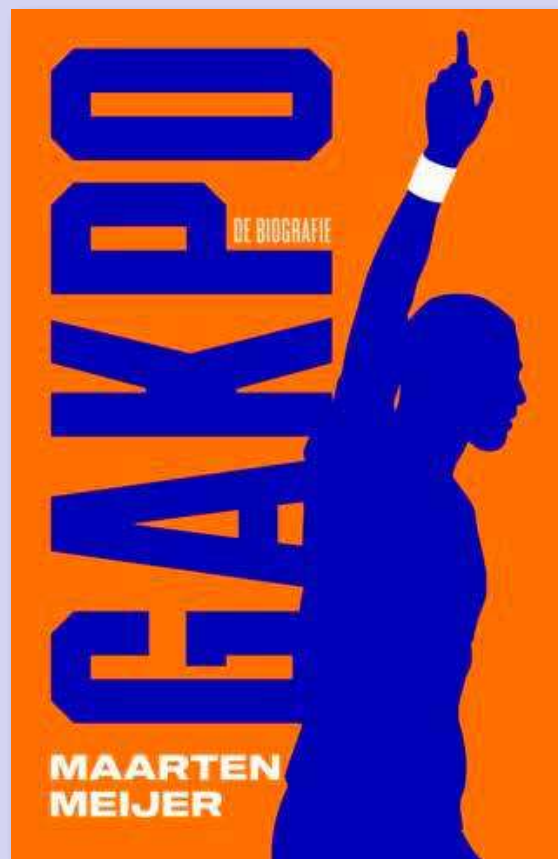
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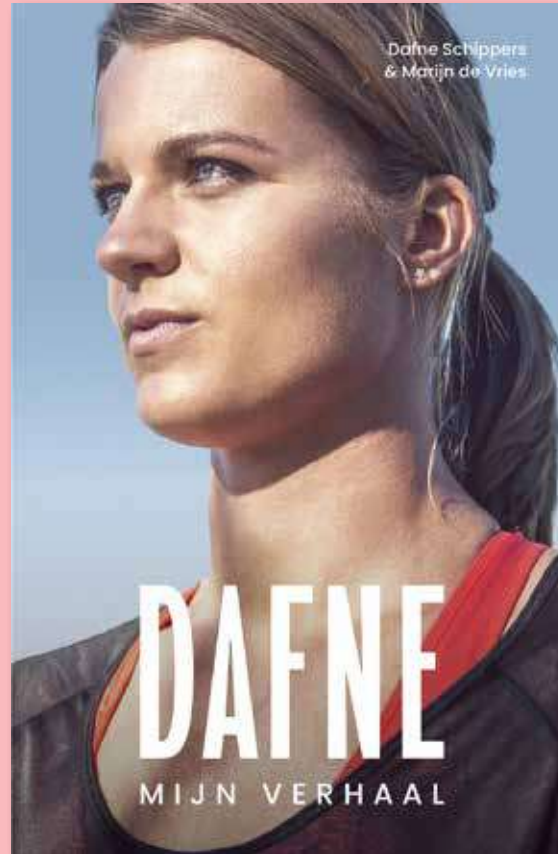


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