



SHARED STORIES RIGHTS GUIDE

CHILDREN'S & YA

Spring 2026

We are very pleased to present our Foreign Rights Catalogue for Spring 2026. In this catalogue, you will find titles from the different Children's and YA publishing houses of VBK Uitgeversgroep, part of Simon & Schuster. Please take into account that many of these books are eligible for funding through the Dutch Foundation for Literature (www.letterenfonds.nl). We hope that you will be as enthusiastic about our titles as we are!

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Senior publisher Thille Dop and Senior commissioning editor Hannerlie Modderman started Luitingh-Sijthoff's Children's & YA list in 2015. Since, they have built a tasteful list with well-established authors and illustrators, which have been awarded many literary and reader's choice prizes. Its books are guaranteed to be loved by children and their (grand)parents because of their high quality. Its international list includes Benji Davies, Steve Small, Meg Rosoff, Ruta Sepetys, Katherine Rundell, and Cassandra Clare, among others. Dutch authors such as Enne Koens, Nicole van Brummelen, Wilma Geldof, Marja Baseler, Annemarie van den Brink, Tjarko van der Pol, and Lotte Stegeman are beloved by their foreign readers.

DE FONTEIN

De Fontein is one of the most prestigious publishing houses in the Netherlands, with a reputation for high quality. With an affinity for innovation and a touch of the rebellious, it publishes books for young people, ranging from newborn to young adult. It excels at picture books, middle grade series and YA thrillers. Some of their translated authors are Roald Dahl, Quentin Blake, Jonny Duddle, Oliver Jeffers, Jeff Kinney, and Rachel Renée Russell. Its popular Dutch authors include Mel Wallis de Vries, Jozua Douglas, and Peter van Gestel.

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

KokBoekencentrum is the largest player in the Dutch Christian book market. Although it focuses on books that are suitable for Christian readers, its titles are also much more widely read. Its list of translated children's books includes Charlie Mackesy, Phil Earle, C.S. Lewis, Emma Carroll, and Liz Kessler. Its greatest strength is historical children's fiction in the middle grade and YA segments, although it is now also starting to publish picture books.

KOSMOS

For 100 years, Kosmos has been creating the finest non-fiction lifestyle books. In the 70s and 80s, Kosmos was already publishing children's books, housing renowned authors such as Tony Ross, David McKee, Max Velthuijs, Midas Dekkers, and Thé Tjong-Khing. In 2019, it returned to children's fiction, this time focusing on bestselling commercial titles. Every one of its series is heavily illustrated and consists of titles that can be read as standalones or as parts of series. Written by Dutch authors, the books always stay on the bestseller list for weeks and have won several renowned Dutch awards.

HOUTEKIET

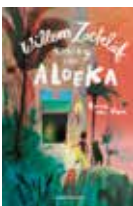
Houtekiet has published children's and YA books since 1986, focusing on quality entertainment. Houtekiet's selection includes work by prolific and bestselling Flemish author Marc de Bel, mystery novels by Jo Claes, and literary titles such as those written by Twiggy Bossuyt.

BORGERHOFF & LAMBERIGTS

Borgerhoff & Lamberigts is a dynamic Belgian publishing house known for its sharp editorial instinct and market-driven concepts. Many of its titles are developed in close collaboration with authors, journalists, and creatives, resulting in high-concept and highly visual works.

For more information on the books in this guide, please visit our website: www.sharedstories.nl

RECENT INTERNATIONAL DEALS



WILLIAM SWEETKIND: KING OF ALOEKA

By Ronnie van Veen
Rights sold: Iperborea (Italy)



THE MIRACLE STORYTELLER

By Lida Dijkstra & Djenné Fila
Rights sold: Kastaniotis (Greek, via Livia Stoia)



SMARTER THAN YOU BELIEVE

By Lotte Stegeman & Mark Janssen
Rights sold: Sphinx Agency (World Arabic Rights, via Arabic Book Agency)



NOTES TO PELLE

By Marlies Slegers
Rights sold: Vellant (Romania, via Livia Stoia)



SARA PALETTI: HOME

By Manon Sikkel & Katrien Holland
Rights sold: Vellant (Romania, via Livia Stoia)



THE GIRL WHO WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE

By Wilma Geldof
Rights sold: Gerstenberg (Germany)



SIMON GOES RIGHT

By Nicole van Brummelen
Rights sold: Ekdoseis Diptycho (Greek, via Livia Stoia)



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By Enne Koens & Maartje Kuiper
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WE HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU

By Marlies Slegers
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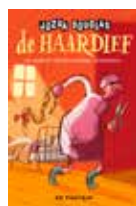
US BEARS

By Lotte Stegeman & Marieke ten Berge
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SIMON, WAIT!

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THE HAIR THIEF AND OTHER REMARKABLE ADVENTURES

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SARA PALETTI

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Arwen Kleyngeld is a journalist and children's book author. Her books introduce children to important and current topics in a playful way. Arwen has previously worked, among others, for *Algemeen Dagblad* and *Kidsweek*.

Melanie Drent has worked on various projects since she graduated from HKU. Her hand-drawn illustrations (black ink on paper, powerful lines, sometimes with colour and lots of details) are surprising and invite you to look longer.



★ A guide for children to understand politics in a clear and playful way

★ Including recognizable themes and situations, such as negotiations about screen time or TikTok bans

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 128 PAGES 2025

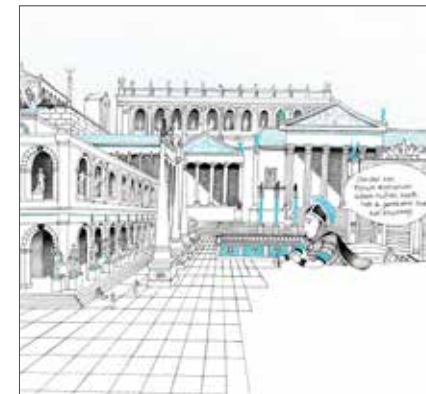
ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

ARWEN KLEYNGELD AND MELANIE DRENT

WHO IS THE BOSS?

HOW POLITICS WORKS

School hours, fireworks, Taylor Swift, and TikTok—you may not associate them with politics, but it has just about everything to do with it! In *Who is the Boss?*, Arwen Kleyngeld explains in an accessible and funny way what politics is and why it affects us all. After reading the true stories, recognizable examples and historical facts in this book, politics will become something you want to talk about as well. After all, who is really the boss?



Annemarie van den Brink is a writer and creative writing teacher.

Marja Baseler is a writing coach and author of over 40 books.

Tjarko van der Pol is an artist and illustrator for various Dutch media.



‘A look at our insides, in a funny and accessible way.’ – *AD*

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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**ANNEMARIE VAN DEN BRINK,
MARJA BASELER
AND TJARKO VAN DER POL**

THE POO FACTORY THEME PARK SERIES

In *The Poo Factory Theme Park*, Pim and Pollie explore the factory where their father works as a professor. The factory is threatened with closure because everything keeps getting jammed. Fortunately, Pim and Pollie have a very good idea... Along with Pim and Pollie, you take a look inside your own stomach and intestines. Where does food go when you take a bite? What is poo? *The Little Poo Factory* is a sturdy cardboard edition, where toddlers can follow the journey of food from their mouth to their bottom. Because there's a clever poo factory in their little tummies, too!

Check in today at *The Brain Hotel* and discover the secrets of your brain. Your brain is a supermachine. It controls everything that happens in your body: your breath, heartbeat, and your ability to walk, talk, see and hear. But your brain controls much more! For example, do you have a talent for playing football or making music? Are you good at languages or at math? Discover everything about why you're supersmart!

Your heart beats day and night and is the engine of your body. But how does it work? How does your blood flow through your body? Best friends Mila and Amor explore all the rooms of *Hartenstein Castle* to discover the secrets of a healthy heart. Join these friends as they find out whether love comes from the head or the heart and what actually makes the heart beat faster.

★ *The Poo Factory Theme Park* has sold more than 300,000 copies worldwide!

★ The series has been translated into thirteen languages

★ Masterfully combines a fictional story with plenty of informative elements

André de Baerdemaeker is an ecologist at the Natural History Museum in Rotterdam. Prior to that, he was a biology teacher. Through his work, André aims to promote a good relationship between humans and nature.

Susanne de Kraker is an illustrator and art teacher. She loves graphic techniques and warm colours. Nature is an important source of inspiration for her drawings.



ANDRÉ DE BAERDEMAEKER AND SUSANNE DE KRAKER

AN ODD DUCK

EXOTIC OR NATIVE SPECIES? ABOUT RING-NECKED PARAKEETS, EGYPTIAN GEESE, TIGER MOSQUITOES, AND OTHER NEW ANIMALS

Red-eared sliders, parakeets, rabbits, and crayfish all have one thing in common: they don't really belong in Europe. These 'exotic species' are blamed with taking up space and food from native species. But how fair is that? It's not their fault they're here. So, it's high time we hear their story. What exactly is an exotic species? Is their bad reputation justified? And how long do you have to live somewhere to belong there as well? Discover the answers to all of these questions through a series of portraits of a wide range of recognisable animals!

★ A surprising, accessible, and multifaceted book that will change your view of animals and society

★ Including gorgeous full-colour woodcut illustrations

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION



Lotte Stegeman writes children's non-fiction about animals. Her previous books include *The Unicorn and Other Fantastic Animals That Used to Exist*, *Backyard Beasts* and *Green Feet*. Her work has been translated into many languages. For *Us Bears*, Lotte travelled through Alaska, among other places, where she camped with brown bears to study them from up close.

Marieke ten Berge is a freelance illustrator and designer. She is fascinated by nature in the Arctic and wrote *North* about it, which won the Silver Paintbrush Award and was nominated for the Jan Wolkers Award and the 2021 Most Beautiful Book Cover Award. Previously, she also illustrated *Polder*, a book full of birds and other animals.

★ The ultimate children's non-fiction book about bears

★ Author did extensive research observing bears in Alaska

★ Lotte Stegeman's previous books about animals have won awards both nationally and internationally



'You will be amazed by all the beautiful bear species and their crazy habits. The book holds up a mirror to us humans and is full of wonderful anecdotes and astonishing facts.' – *Het Parool*

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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LOTTE STEGEMAN AND MARIEKE TEN BERGE

US BEARS

FINALLY, OUR REAL STORY

Bears are one of the most famous animal species on planet Earth. You would think a book about them wouldn't be necessary anymore. But you might be wrong. There are a lot of prejudices and assumptions about bears flying around. In fact, the average bear is not a monster nor a cuddly animal, the panda is secretly very smart, the koala is not a bear at all and the average grizzly has better things to do than to constantly devour humans. In *Us Bears*, eight different bear species finally get to speak for themselves and tell their real story.

Including the Black Bear, Polar Bear, Grizzly Bear, Panda Bear, Sloth Bear, Sun Bear, Spectacled Bear and Asiatic Black Bear.



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'The jury believes that this book succeeds excellently in conveying important information with an approachable and lightly humorous tone.' – Silver Slate Pencil Jury on *Smarter Than You Believe*

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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LOTTE STEGEMAN AND MARK JANSSEN

SMARTER THAN YOU BELIEVE

Humans are intelligent beings. If we want to, we can accomplish just about anything. We often consider someone smart if they know a lot, get good grades and can think in advance of situations. We also project our ideas about intelligence on animals. But how weird is that? After all, a mantis, flatworm, bumblebee or octopus is a genius in its very own way. Stoats excel at dancing, leafcutter ants build fungus gardens and fireflies give beautiful light shows. This beautifully illustrated book makes you reflect on what (animal) intelligence actually means.



★ *Smarter Than You Believe* was awarded a Silver Slate Pencil in 2025 for its accessible yet informative writing

★ Including a personal foreword by Frans de Waal

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★ *Jealous Apes, Frightened Dogs and Empathetic Rats* was established as the Junior Science Book of the Year 2025 in Austria

★ Including an extensive foreword by Jane Goodall



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LOTTE STEGEMAN AND MARK JANSSEN

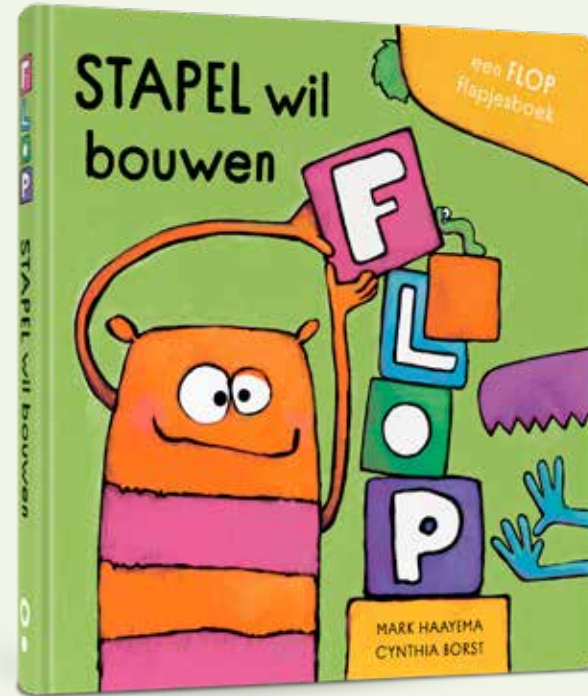
JEALOUS APES, FRIGHTENED DOGS AND EMPATHETIC RATS

In this unique and fascinating book, Lotte Stegeman delves into the hidden emotional lives of animals. For a long time, humans believed that animals had no emotions. We now know better. But what exactly do they feel? At times, it can be difficult enough to understand other people, but fortunately we have words. But what if you are an elephant in mourning? A jealous monkey? Or a terrified dog? In a lively, infectious narrative style, Lotte Stegeman takes you on an amazing journey where you will discover that there is an awful lot going on in many animals' heads. Because sometimes animals are just like people...

‘This book is packed with wonderful stories about animals, which clearly show that they experience all kinds of feelings, just like us. (...) After reading the book, you will not only love animals but also understand them better.’ – Jane Goodall on *Jealous Apes, Frightened Dogs and Empathetic Rats*

Mark Haayema is a creative mind. He writes books and songs and produces television programmes and theatre performances, all for children. Mark has won numerous awards, including the Golden Poetry Star, the Silver Cricket for theatre and the Flag and Pennant (Slate Pencil Award).

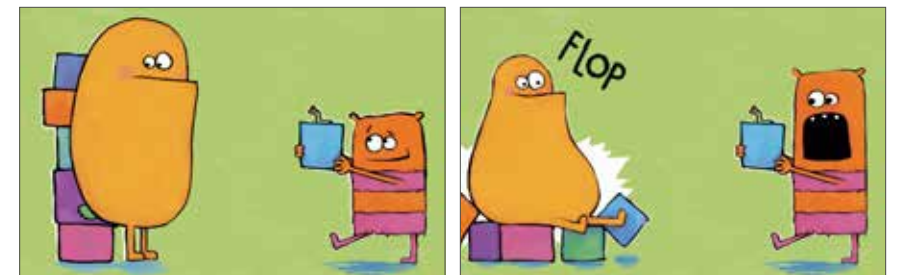
Cynthia Borst illustrates books, makes dolls and crafts sets and dioramas for theatre and television. Cynthia loves small imperfections in the materials she works with.



MARK HAAYEMA AND CYNTHIA BORST

STACK WANTS TO BUILD

Stack is crazy about stacking! Ideally, he would spend the whole day building beautiful towers. But unfortunately, Push, Flop, and Saw have other ideas. They all want to do completely different things, which is difficult. Because a stack is no longer a stack once it has been knocked over, and you can't stack circles either. Oh well... let's try again! A picture book about the importance of focusing on what you love doing and working together with friends.



★ A lift-the-flap book for curious toddlers

★ The first part of a series about Push, Flop, Saw, and Stack

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KOSMOS 24 PAGES MAY 2026

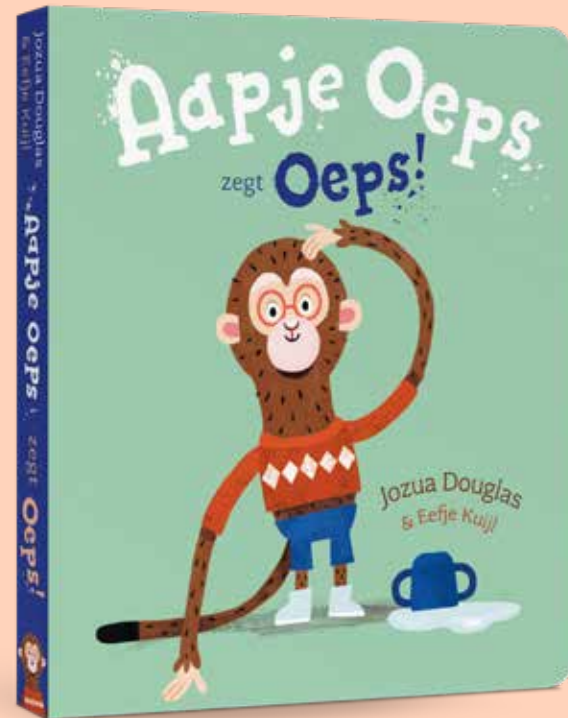
FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Jozua Douglas started his career writing poetry and won several prizes for it. He has since been writing for children. Jozua received the Feather in the Cap from the Dutch Children's Jury for the first two books in his *Costa Banana* series. With *The Nasty Swim Coach*, Jozua won the Hotze de Roos prize. Jozua's books have been translated into eleven languages and the film rights for the *Costa Banana* series and *The Nasty Swim Coach* have been sold.

Eefje Kuil is a freelance illustrator. She has worked for numerous national and international clients, including many publishing houses. She loves to use bright colours and to create new characters.

★ The cardboard edition based on *Monkey Mischief: Champion of Accidents*, which sold over 9.000 copies in the Netherlands

★ Jozua's previous picture books are bestsellers in the Netherlands and have sold internationally



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DE FONTEIN 24 PAGES 2025

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

JOZUA DOUGLAS

MONKEY MISCHIEF: CARDBOARD EDITION

Follow a day in the life of Monkey Mischief, the champion of accidents, as he bumbles his way from one hilarious mess to another! This humorous story by master narrator Jozua Douglas will be highly recognisable to both parents and children.



NICOLE VAN BRUMMELEN

SIMON SERIES

SIMON GOES RIGHT

It's season of migration... but Simon has trouble with differentiating left and right and loses his companions. In his search for his friends, he comes across many animals that will help him find his way back in a peculiar manner: 'Turn two pages to the right and you'll find the whale, maybe he knows where your friends are'. Including a trip from Paris to Australia and many funny interactions, clumsy Simon learns what left and right is while staying completely true to himself.

SIMON, WAIT!

Simon and his friends go on an adventure. But Simon has no idea how time works, so he keeps asking his friends how long he has to wait. 'StiiiiiiIIII aaaa yeeaaarrrrrrr tooo goooo,' says the snail. A year? Simon thinks. That's four more seasons of doing other things! 'Another week,' says the turtle. Simon counts down the days. 'Tomorrow,' says the leopard. One more night of sleep, then. One hour. Just enough time to play hide-and-see. One minute. He can still eat a few French fries. Ten seconds. He can... No, Simon, we're leaving... NOW!

SIMON, HAVE A TASTE

It's dinner time and Simon is hungry. The other seagulls gobble down everything without a second thought: broccoli, stinky cheese and olives. But Simon refuses to eat any of these. Is he really a seagull, then? Simon sets out to investigate other animals. He imitates the way they eat and discovers that he likes much more than he thought. From now on, he will eat like every other animal! Well, except for the dung beetle...



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Nicole van Brummelen works as a copywriter, but always wanted to be a children's book author and illustrator. She regularly gets lost in the streets of her city, Amsterdam. It was one of those adventures that inspired *Simon Goes Right*.

★ A character you'll 100% fall in love with

★ An interactive and hilarious series that teaches kids about the difference between left and right, time awareness and patience and eating all kinds of food!

Miriam Bouwens is a children's book illustrator and author. She loves the city, but also enjoys being in nature, which is reflected in her dreamy and inclusive illustrations. She received the Sardes-Leespluim Award for her picture book *Olivia Dares*.



★ Miriam Bouwens is known for her dreamy, atmospheric, and imaginative illustrations

★ *A Card for the Sweetest Person* includes the powerful themes of loving others—and yourself

★ *Olivia Dares* is a poetic book about the importance of choosing yourself and learning how to say 'no'

★ *Olivia Dares* received the Sardes-Leespluim Award in 2024



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FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

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MIRIAM BOUWENS

A CARD FOR THE SWEETEST PERSON

The children in Ava's class are making cards. 'For someone you hold dear,' says the teacher. Who will Ava send her card to? Miss Bibi is kind. Maybe she'll send the card to her. Or to her mom. She's like a house with a cozy fireplace in it. Or is the card for her dad? He's the best bike repairman in town. Or for Grandma? Or neighbors Sam and Guus? Ava can't decide. Then, she suddenly knows who to send it to...

OLIVIA DARES

There is nothing that Olivia does not dare—until she starts swimming lessons and has to face the diving board. On the day of her swimming exam, it seems even higher than usual. Slowly, she climbs up the steps, her legs shaking. Then, she does something very brave... In dreamy sentences and enchanting illustrations, Miriam Bouwens tells the story of a girl who discovers that being brave sometimes means choosing your own path.



Raf Walschaerts and **Katrien De Bruycker** love writing and love each other even more. Together, they come up with stories, plays, and books for people aged 2 and up.

Miep Embrechts is an illustrator, theatre designer, and visual arts teacher. After years of teaching and working as a designer for a children's theatre company, she is now returning to what she loved doing most as a child: drawing. A dreamy, nostalgic atmosphere is never far away in her work, which is mainly inspired by nature and her own children.

★ A book about patience and the best gifts in life



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BORGERHOFF & LAMBERIGTS 48 PAGES 2025

EFULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

**KATRIEN DE BRUYCKER,
RAF WALSCHAERTS AND
MIEP EMBRECHTS**

TOMORROW IS ONE SLEEP AWAY

Is it my birthday already?

Tomorrow.

Tomorrow? When is tomorrow?

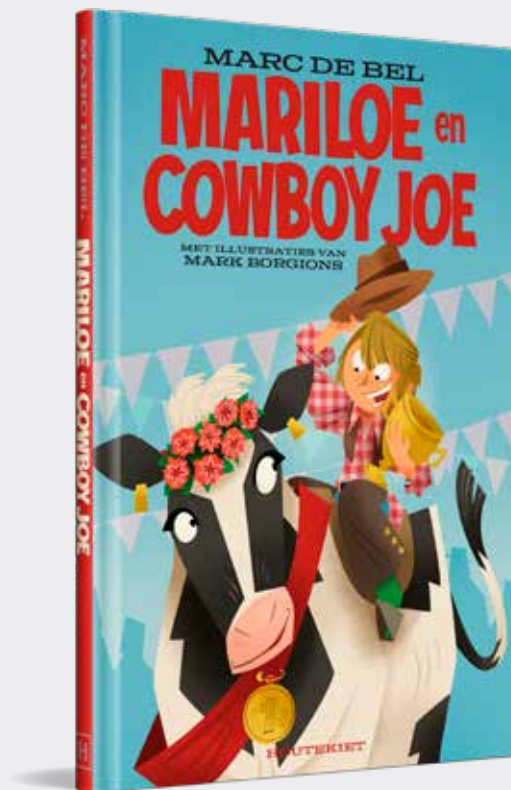
Tomorrow is one sleep away.

About it not quite being your birthday yet... But almost!

About a present that can't be opened yet... But almost!



Marc de Bel published his first book in 1986. Since, he has been a full-time author, publishing over 200 titles and giving over 2000 lectures for all ages. Many of his books have been turned into films and comic books. He is regularly awarded prizes. Among others, he received the Children's and Youth Jury Awards, De Kleine Cervantes and several of his books were awarded the Inclusieve Griffel, for books including characters with disabilities.



'If there is a common thread running through Marc de Bel's books (...) it is that children should be able to tinker, craft, and engage their minds and hands.'

— *De Standaard*

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HOUTEKIET 60 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

MARC DE BEL

MARILOE AND COWBOY JOE

Tobias doesn't say much and doesn't like goofing around with his friends. He prefers to sit with his calf Mariloe under the old oak tree in the meadow. There, he dreams that he is Cowboy Joe, the best rider in the world. Unfortunately, he's been afraid of horses ever since a pony knocked him over and he hit his head on a large rock. So he can't take part in the Big Race that's held every year in the village. Or can he?

Mariloe and Cowboy Joe is a funny, exciting, and touching story about friendship and believing in yourself. Two things that, just like grandma's delicious pancakes, are much more important than winning.

★ A moving story about believing in yourself while being different from the rest

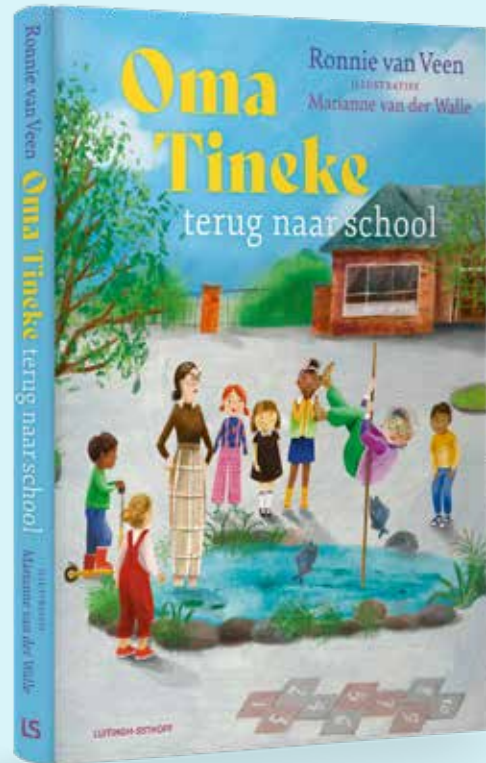
Ronnie van Veen is a podcaster, writer, and father of three children. His previous book, *William Sweetkind: King of Aloeka*, is now nominated for the Hotze de Roos Award. Ronnie writes with remarkable candour and a healthy dose of humour.

Marianne van der Walle is an illustrator. Her drawings are always playful, colourful and atmospheric, with a cheerful twist that makes each illustration lively and surprising.

★ A compilation of entertaining stories about a hilariously crazy grandma

★ Ronnie van Veen's previous book, *William Sweetkind: King of Aloeka*, has been nominated for the Hotze de Roos Award 2026

★ With full-colour illustrations



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 64 PAGES APRIL 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

**RONNIE VAN VEEN AND
MARIANNE VAN DER WALLE**

GRANDMA TILLY BACK TO SCHOOL

With Grandma Tilly in the classroom, school is anything but boring! Puck is in his first year of primary school when Grandma Tilly decides to join him. She can't remember how to write the letter 'm', and that means she has to go back to school. After all, without the *m*, life gets *essy*. But a grandma in Year 1 — is that a good idea or a recipe for disaster?



Tosca Menten is one of the funniest children's book authors in the Netherlands. Her series have won numerous awards, have been adapted into films, and have been translated into many languages. Her humour, sharp observations, and vivid imagination delight children of all ages.

Geert Gratama studied at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy in Amsterdam. He is an illustrator and graphic designer for publishers, theatre companies, advertising agencies, governments and institutions. In recent years, he is experiencing a second youth as an illustrator of children's books.

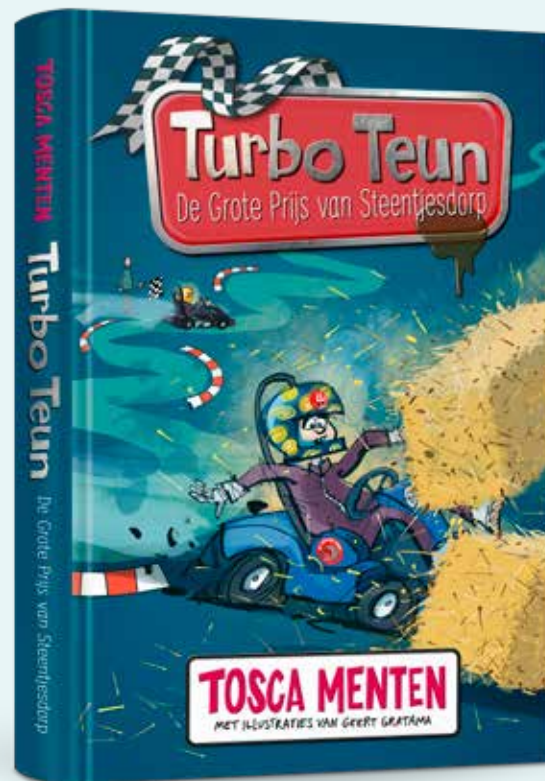
★ For fans of Formula 1

★ Adapted to theatre in the Netherlands

★ Guaranteed to make you laugh out loud

★ Bursting with drawings and comics in the colour red

★ Tosca Menten is well-known both nationally and internationally and her stories have been adapted into film



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KOSMOS 216 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

TOSCA MENTEN AND GEERT GRATAMA

TURBO TEUN

THE GRAND PRIX

Teun is certain that he wants to be a car mechanic, because old cars are awesome and oil smells better than pancakes. He just doesn't like speed. When a kart race is organized to celebrate the opening of the renovated track in the village, Teun's faster cousin Flame is the favourite to win. But the new mayor and his son sabotage the race... so Teun has to save the honour of his family. If he doesn't win the Grand Prix, everything will be lost! Will he succeed? Ready, set... GO!



Peter van Dijk, alias Peter Duijk, is a writer, training actor, creative producer and former publisher. *The Genius Adventures of Tony Confetti* is inspired by the bedtime stories he used to tell his children before going to sleep. The character of Tony is based on his creative son Koen.

Marieke van Ditshuizen has illustrated dozens of books and is known for her colourful, fresh, and timeless style.

★ An ode to neurodivergence

★ A funny adventure with a character you'll hold in your heart forever



'Tony Confetti fits into the tradition of children's books that build on the work of Annie M.G. Schmidt (...) books about children who take matters into their own hands.' – Rubén Rodríguez da Silva

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KOKBOEKENCENTRUM 128 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

PETER DUIJK

THE GENIUS ADVENTURES OF TONY CONFETTI

Tony comes up with a plan to help his father's party shop get back on its feet: he wears a different costume from the shop every day. Free advertising! His teacher is enthusiastic, but the school principal thinks that all children should look the same and therefore wear uniforms. What now?

Readers aged 7 to 99 will enjoy the adventures of Tony Confetti, whose mind is always racing and who is so authentically himself that it's contagious!



Thijs Noorlandt is a journalist and program maker at *Groot Nieuws Radio*. Through his books and school visits, he wants to encourage children to share their vision of how the world should be.

★ The start of the *Welcome to Avontura* series, where children always save the day

★ A cheerful, imaginative story full of action, friendship and technology



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KOKBOEKENCENTRUM 128 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

THIJS NOORLANDT

THE SECRET OF MONTE PESTO

Living in an amusement park—who doesn't dream of that? For Matt, it's perfectly normal. His parents work at Avontura, the best amusement park in the country, and after school, Matt has the wildest adventures there with his friends Saar and Joris. But the strict director threatens to ruin the mood, just as the Amusement Park of the Year competition is about to take place. When technician Aldo gives them a mysterious assignment, an exciting mission begins...



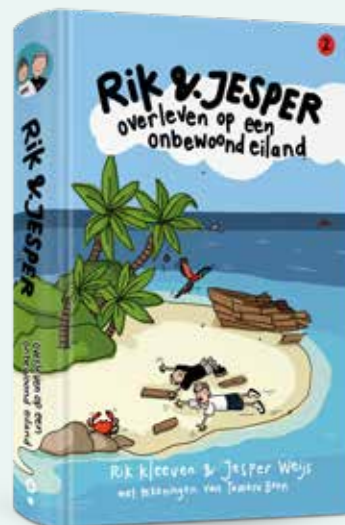
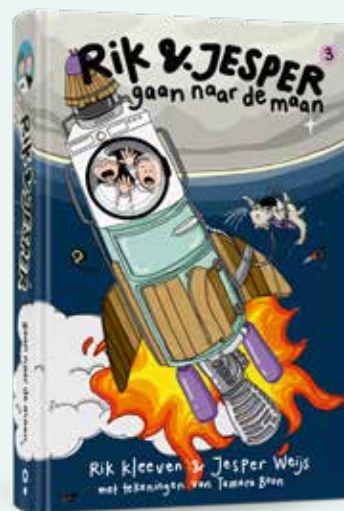
SOON!

Rik and Jesper are neighbours and love to build things. They often construct large structures in Jesper's garden, such as a roller coaster, a water park or a giant bed.

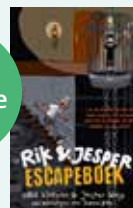
Tamara Boon is an illustrator and designer. Her style is cheerful and inspired by kawaii culture. *Rik & Jesper* is the first graphic novel series she illustrates.



- ★ For fans of *Phineas and Ferb*
- ★ Over 120.000 copies of the series sold in the Netherlands
- ★ Full of humour, adventures, and creative plans
- ★ The first two titles in the series have been nominated for the Child-rens Jury Award in 2024 & 2025



Also available



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KOSMOS 256-312 PAGES 2023-2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

RIK KLEEVEN AND JESPER WEIJS

RIK & JESPER SERIES

RIK & JESPER MAKE A MESS

Rik and Jesper live (almost) next to each other—there is only one house between them. That in itself is not so bad, but unfortunately that is where grumpy neighbour Arie Zemelaar lives, who hates both children and noise. Which is too bad, because Rik and Jesper are building almost every day! And that causes a lot of noise. And sometimes things go wrong... like on the day of The Disaster. It has to do with an underground corridor system, a big number of bizarre structures and a plague of unusual pets...

RIK & JESPER SURVIVING THE UNCHARTED ISLAND

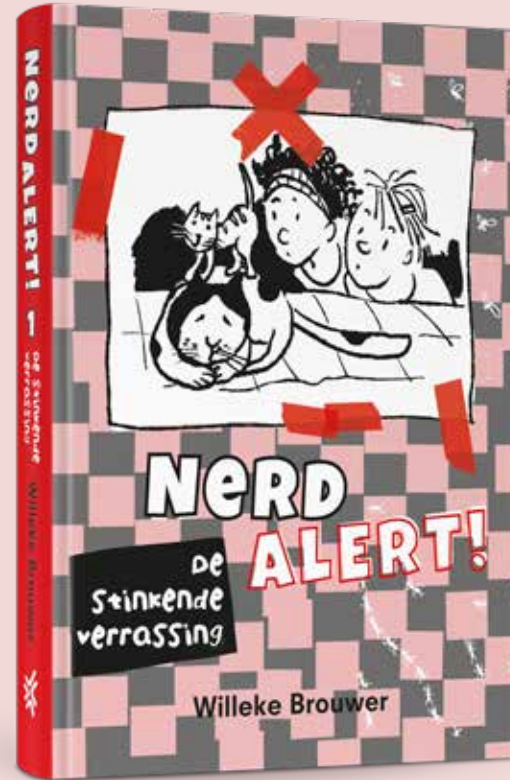
Rik and Jesper take part in the famous velvet duck race. In the midst of it, they run into a hideous waterspout and end up on a deserted island. They decide to build a hut and survive by eating coconuts and mangoes. But... are they really the only ones on the island? Rik and Jesper start to hear strange noises and, on top of that, some of their things keep disappearing. Will Rik and Jesper ever get off the island? And who actually won the race?

RIK & JESPER TO THE MOON

Rik & Jesper are tasked with building a plastic bottle rocket. Of course, that's way too boring, so they build a real rocket. But they never intended to end up on the moon! When Jesper is taken away by aliens, it's up to Rik to rescue him. But the aliens don't want to lose their new cleaner and will do anything to keep Jesper. Will Rik and Jesper make it back home?

Willeke Brouwer is a writer and illustrator. She is well-known for her long running daily cartoon in the *Nederlands Dagblad* newspaper and the children's series *Silvester* and *Lotte Nevermind*, which have sold over 40.000 copies in total.

- ★ The first part in the *Nerd Alert!* series
- ★ A celebration of neurodivergence
- ★ A funny and relatable story about the importance of standing up for yourself
- ★ Willeke Brouwer's previous children's books have sold over 40.000 copies in the Netherlands



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KOKBOEKENCENTRUM 224 PAGES FEBRUARY 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

WILLEKE BROUWER

NERD ALERT!

THE STINKY SURPRISE

In the *Nerd Alert!* series, we follow Anna and her friends, who are different than the rest of their peers at school. And how do you deal with that? That's what Anna, who is autistic and highly gifted, wants to know. Every day, she clashes with the rest of the world: Anna loves insects and silence, while her class loves sports and noise. With the help of her best friend Olivia, Anna starts a club where being a nerd is cool. A book with a beautiful message, to which many children will relate.

Rico Hop had ideas for children's books for over twenty years before he made his debut with *Thwart & Co*. Rico is also a songwriter and theatre producer.

Bas Schel has been working as an illustrator for almost ten years. Since 2021, he has been illustrating Rico Hop's work.

★ Discusses themes of greed, rivalry, and the true meaning of happiness

★ A nod to real life issues in a light-hearted and funny way

★ Filled with illustrations

★ Rico and Bas previous series *Thwart & Co* received the Hotze de Roos Award and has been adapted into a successful theatre show



RICO HOP AND BAS SCHEL

FRUMP & GRUMP AND THE BATTLE FOR THE MOSSFOXWOODS

Curl lives with her father, dog and goat in a ramshackle cottage in the Mossfoxwoods. An oak tree grows through the roof, and the chimney is crooked and leaning. They wouldn't want to live anywhere else. But danger lurks: Frump and Grump, the two richest men in the world, want to buy the forest and tear everything down. That can't happen! Fortunately, Curl gets help from an unexpected source. She comes up with a brilliant plan, complete with fake news and clever tricks...

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 288 PAGES APRIL 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

Enne Koens writes children's books, plays, songs, short stories, and novels for adults. Her books have achieved success in translation, with nominations for the renowned German Children's Literature Award and the Italian Strega and Cento Awards, among others.

Anne Roos Kleiss, also known as Roozeboos, is an illustrator who creates cheerful and energetic drawings. She studied illustration at the Willem de Kooning Academy and the Cambridge School of Art.

★ Nominated for the Ludoq Award for Best Philosophical Book 2026

★ About growing up at your own pace and having unique talents

★ For all children who have trouble sitting still in class

★ Cheerful illustrations with yellow as the accent colour

★ Enne Koens has been translated into nine languages and her books have been adapted into film and theatre both nationally and internationally



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 128 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

ENNE KOENS

BOMMEL AND ME

My real name is Yuki, but in my mind I'm a dog. It all started with Sam. Pretending to be dogs was our game. We were called Bommel and Thief.

Yuki and Sam love pretending they are dogs. But in fourth grade, everything changes. They have to sit still in class all day, something Yuki finds difficult. One day, when the class gets too rowdy, Yuki turns into Bommel and things go wrong. The two friends get into a fight. Yuki then comes up with a plan to make things right. With help from an unexpected source and Bommel's detective skills, Yuki embarks on an exciting adventure...

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Annet Schaap is an illustrator and author. She has now illustrated over two hundred books. In 2017, she made her debut as an author with her children's novel *Lampie and the Children of the Sea*, which won all major awards, was adapted for TV and translated into many languages.

★ *Sammy and Grandpa* won the Flag & Pennant Award 2014

★ *Sammy and Mum* is nominated for the Reader's Jury 2026

★ With illustrations by Golden Slate Pencil and Golden Paintbrush winner Annet Schaap



‘Enne Koens makes you both forget about the great writers who in the past created wonderful grandfathers (...) as much as reminding you of them. The grandpa you wish every child had.’
— From the jury report of the Flag & Pennant Award

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 176 PAGES 2013 & 2024

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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ENNE KOENS AND ANNET SCHAAP

SAMMY SERIES

SAMMY AND GRANDPA

Sammy is nine years old and lives with his grandpa four days a week. He has never met his father. Sammy loves being with his grandpa, who was a truck driver and sailor, and always tells great stories. When Sammy asks if everything his grandpa tells him really happened, Grandpa replies: ‘Distinguishing between fact and fiction is for boring people’. But Sammy wants to know the answer to some questions: What happens to you when you’re dead? How do we know what colour dinosaurs were? Where does the wind start? And will Grandpa get better when he ends up in the hospital? A touching story about what it’s like to lose your grandpa and best friend.

SAMMY AND MUM

Sammy’s grandfather was the best storyteller. But now he isn’t there anymore, and Sammy longs for the father he has never known more than ever. Together with his mother, Sammy goes to England in search of him. Secretly, his best friend Tessa travels after them. On the back of the motorbike of his new grandparents, Sammy gets closer and closer to his father. It becomes a fantastic road trip, crazier than Grandpa could have imagined...

Lida Dijkstra studied art history and archaeology in Leiden. Her earlier works include *King Solomon's Ring* (nominated for the Woutertje Pieterse Prijs 2017), *Tut's Shadow* (winner of the Young Beckman Award 2023) and *The Miracle Storyteller* (winner of the Golden Slate Pencil, Silver Slate Pencil and Young Beckman Award 2025; nominated for the Boon Literature Prize, De Kleine Cervantes and the Readers' Jury 2026).

Thé Tjong-Khing is a freelance illustrator. He was born in Indonesia in 1933 and moved to the Netherlands in 1956. Khing has won many awards, including the Golden Paintbrush Award three times.

★ A sequel to the story of *Reynaert the Fox*

★ Awarded with a Flag and Pennant in 2012

★ Lida Dijkstra won the Golden Slate Pencil Award in 2025 for *The Miracle Storyteller*

★ With full-colour illustrations by three-time Golden Paintbrush Award winner Thé Tjong-Khing



‘Beautifully narrated and illustrated’
— *Vrij Nederland*

‘Lida Dijkstra combines the original story with creative new inventions, resulting in a magnificent book.’
— *jaappleest.nl*

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 128 PAGES FEBRUARY 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

LIDA DIJKSTRA AND THÉ TJONG-KHING

TALES FOR THE FOX BROTHERS

Fox cubs Rosseel and Reinardine grow up without a father. He has been gone for so long that they can hardly remember him. According to their mother, he was a hero. When the fox cubs are caught stealing a sausage by Bruun the Bear, it turns out that Bruun knew their father Reynaert very well. He tells the fox cubs stories about him, although in his stories, their father isn't a hero, but a cunning fox. Could that be true?



Jozua Douglas started his career writing poetry but has been writing for children for a long time now. Jozua received the Feather in the Cap from the Dutch Children's Jury for the first two books in his *Costa Banana* series. With *The Nasty Swim Coach*, Jozua won the Hotze de Roos prize. Jozua's books have been translated into eleven languages and the film rights for the *Costa Banana* series and *The Nasty Swim Coach* have been sold.

★ A new adventure by prolific and award-winning Jozua Douglas, whose books have sold over 500.000 copies

★ Packed with humour, action and mysterious alien visitors

★ An exciting space adventure about trust, friendship, and thinking critically in times of AI



'A hilarious, exciting book for kids who love a fair dose of comedy in their stories.'

— *Algemeen Dagblad*

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DE FONTEIN 248 PAGES MAY 2026

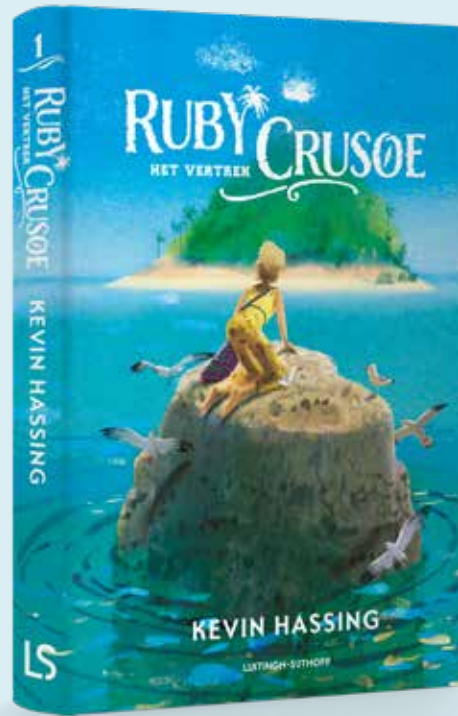
ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

JOZUA DOUGLAS

THE DISCOVERY OF YIPPEETER

Welcome to Yippeeter! The most enjoyable planet in our galaxy. On Yippeeter, it's always holidays. There are no schools and no one has to work, because Omni, a friendly supercomputer, takes care of everything. When Raf and Solar end up on Yippeeter due to a misunderstanding, they go from one surprise to another. Yippeeter seems like a wonderful paradise, but Raf and Solar soon discover that not everything is as peaceful as it seems. Since the arrival of a strange spaceship from planet Drillox, supercomputer Omni has been making more and more mistakes. Do the new visitors have something to do with this? And what are these mysterious guests up to?

Kevin Hassing is an actor as well as an author. He has appeared in several Dutch drama series, audiobooks and cartoons, including as the voice of Dave in *ALVINNN!!!* and *the Chipmunks*. Recording audiobooks inspired Kevin to write his own children's books. With his much beloved series *Robin and Captain Cross Beard*, Kevin has won the Children's Jury Award three times, showing he is a favourite amongst Dutch children. In 2025, he was the writer of the Children's Book Week Gift Book.



'Kevin Hassing knows perfectly how to create adventures in a wondrous setting.'

— *Trouw*

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 160 PAGES MARCH 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

KEVIN HASSING

RUBY CRUSOE

THE DEPARTURE

Twelve-year-old Ruby, daughter of the famous Robinson Crusoe, dreams of adventure. While her brothers shudder at their father's stories, Ruby longs to survive on an island, like her father did. So she secretly jumps aboard a ship, only to be stranded on a desert island weeks later. She soon discovers that survival is, above all, difficult and lonely. Just when she is about to throw in the towel, she makes a terrifying discovery. The island seems to be anything but deserted...



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Linde Faas graduated with honours from the St. Joost School of Art and Design in Breda with her animated film *According to the Birds*, for which she won several international prizes. In addition to illustrating children's books, she works as a cartoon animator and as an artist of autonomous drawings.

- ★ Over 55.000 sold copies in the Netherlands
- ★ Book two, three and four in the series have won the Children's Jury Award between 2022-2024
- ★ Adapted for film and theatre in the Netherlands



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 240-283 PAGES 2020-2024

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS
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KEVIN HASSING AND LINDE FAAS

ROBIN AND CAPTAIN CROSS BEARD SERIES

A five-part series full of adventure, friendship, identity, (found) family and girl power. Each book can be read as a stand-alone or as part of the series.

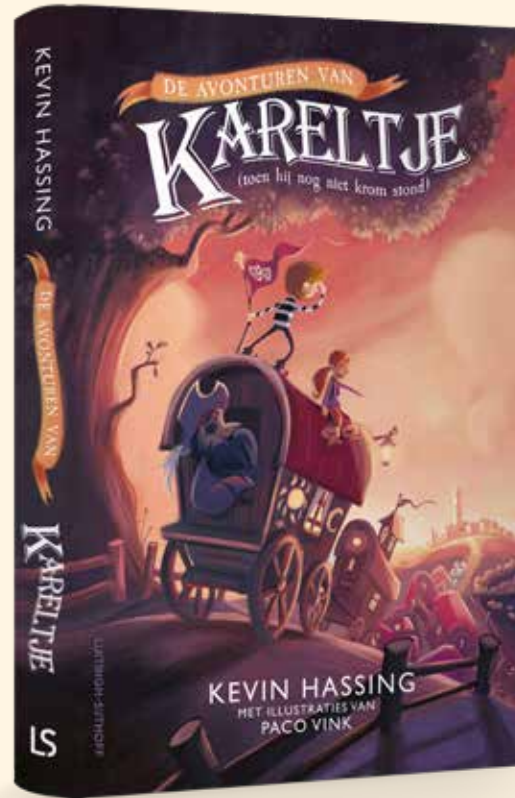
Robin is an orphan and lives in Castleshire. One day, the town is attacked by a gang of pirates led by greedy Ramon, who used to be a member of The 5 Snakes. Only Robin manages to escape. With only a charm and the vague instructions from a wise woman, Robin sets off to look for Captain Cross Beard, an old pirate that might be the only one who can help them. But finding Cross Beard is one thing; convincing him to take on his old rival is another. Fortunately, Robin has an important ace up her sleeve... Along the way, Robin and Captain Cross Beard will make many friends, who will accompany them on countless adventures.

‘The reader is drawn into this suspenseful adventure story from the very first page (...) Author Kevin Hassing portrays the most wonderful, colourful characters in an equally special environment, packing it all in with a good dose of humour.’

— *Friesch Dagblad*

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Paco Vink is an illustrator and animator. He studied animation at the Willem de Kooning Academy in Rotterdam and made animated films and TV series for over a decade. Since 2020, he has been working as a freelance illustrator doing what he loved most as a child: drawing stories.



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 128 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

KEVIN HASSING

THE ADVENTURES OF KARELTJE

(WHEN HE WAS NOT YET CROOKED)

Crooked Karelkje, the beloved pirate from the *Robin & Captain Cross Beard* series, wasn't always crooked. As a child, he was just Karelkje and he stood as straight as a plank. Together with his parents, Karelkje lives in a caravan and travels around with a miscellaneous crew. Karelkje and his best friend Hinkelien are inseparable. It's a happy time. Until one day everything changes and Karelkje becomes crooked forever...

- ★ For old and new fans of the *Robin & Captain Cross Beard* series
- ★ Can be read as a stand-alone
- ★ Includes classic themes of bullying and empathy
- ★ With beautiful full-colour illustrations by Paco Vink
- ★ QR code with the author's explanation on how to perform the theatre piece in the story



Jeroen Blankendaal is a children's book author and entrepreneur. His debut, *The Mystery of Haamstede*, was enthusiastically embraced by thousands of readers. Jeroen dreams of a world where all children enjoy reading. With his stories, he hopes to spark children's imagination and that they fall in love with books through the magic of exciting stories.



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★ A fantastic adventure in a world where no one gets older than sixteen...

DE FONTEIN 288 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

JEROEN BLANKENDAAL

SWAPPED

Trough a mysterious ring, Max ends up in another body and in an unknown world where no one grows up. Upon arrival, he discovers that the real owner of his new body has accepted a ridiculous task, which Max must now complete. Max wants nothing more than to return home, but that seems impossible. Especially when he discovers the real reason behind his transformation. And what does a fourteen-year-old know about saving the world?

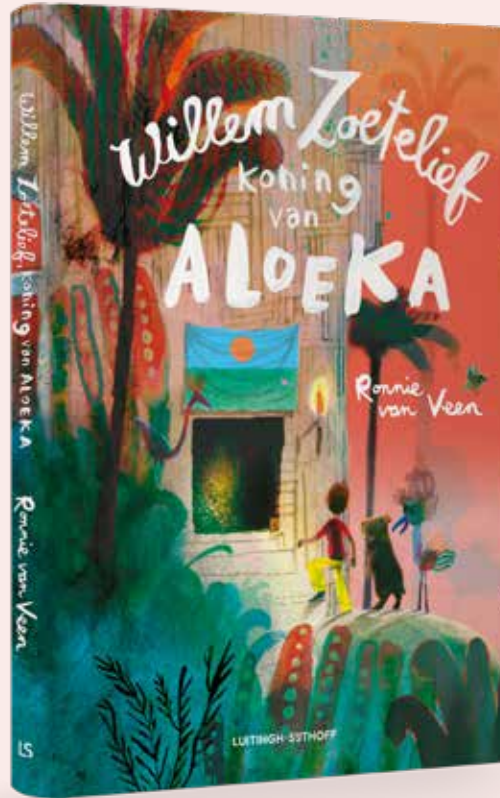
Ronnie van Veen is a podcaster, writer, and father of three children. He has previously published books for young adults. Ronnie writes with remarkable candour and a healthy dose of humour.

★ Nominated for the Hotze de Roos Award and the Ludoq Award for Best Philosophical Book 2026

★ An ode to the power of fantasy to escape the harsh reality

★ Mixing humour and imagination with realistic themes of bullying, poverty and family relationships

★ Cover and full-colour endpapers by Mark Janssen



‘My top three favorite books include two books by Roald Dahl and *William Sweetkind: King of Aloeka*.’
— Noud, 10 years old

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS
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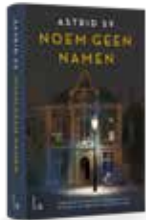
RONNIE VAN VEEN

WILLIAM SWEETKIND: KING OF ALOEKA

William Sweetkind wants nothing more than to travel. But with an unemployed father, there is no money for holidays. Fortunately, William has Aloeka: an island with its own flag, anthem, and unique bird species. William travels there in the evenings by closing his eyes to have all kinds of adventures. One day, unwelcome guests arrive on its coast. They chase King William from his castle and turn the island upside down. Can William reconquer his island? And can he convince school bully Wesley of the existence of Aloeka?



Astrid Sy is a historian, presenter of history TV programme *Andere tijden* (*Different Times*) and writer. She was involved as a researcher in the development of the Dutch National Holocaust Museum.



★ A compelling adventure about time travel, history, art and identity

★ With *Name No Names*, Astrid Sy won the 2023 Young Beckman Prize for best historical novel

★ Tipped by the Children's Jury 2026



13.000
copies sold

ASTRID SY

THE WINDOW CLEANER OF RIJKSMUSEUM

Since the death of his father, Freddie has been the Rijksmuseum's window cleaner. One night, he discovers thieves stealing paintings. But these are not normal paintings, as you can travel through time with them! Freddie sets out to investigate with the help of Isabella, the girl from his favourite painting, and together they stumble upon a crazy plot. As Freddie travels through Amsterdam during different time periods, he discovers not only his personal history but also that nothing is what it seems inside museums...

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 208 PAGES 2024

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

Arjan Dwarshuis is a bird expert. Next to guiding tours to spot birds, he makes documentaries and writes books about them as well. He also hosts *De Vogelspotcast*, a podcast about bird spotting, and he appears weekly on radio programme *Humberto*. In 2016, Arjan broke a world record by seeing 6.852 different bird species in one year.

Marieke ten Berge is a freelance illustrator and designer. She is fascinated by nature in the Arctic and wrote *North* about it, which won the Silver Paintbrush Award and was nominated for the Jan Wolkers Award and the 2021 Most Beautiful Book Cover Award. Previously, she also illustrated *Polder*, a book full of birds and other animals.

★ An exciting, humorous and gripping story you'll fly through

★ With topical themes such as migration and the environment in the background of the story

★ Including a checklist with the birds mentioned in the book

★ Adapted to theatre in Turkey



‘An ode to the bird world.’
— *Nederlands Dagblad*

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 200 PAGES 2023-2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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ARJAN DWARSHUIS AND MARIEKE TEN BERGE

BRADY THE BITTERN SERIES

BRADY THE BITTERN AND THE SECRET OF THE SWAMP

Suzie loves birds and often goes to the swamp near her house to watch them. One winter day, she is skating when she falls through the ice. To her surprise, she is rescued by Brady, a talking bittern. This makes her think of her demented grandmother's stories about the Mouthy Swamp. Suzie stumbles upon an ancient legend that seems to have something to do with Brady. Meanwhile, she tries to get the grumbling bittern a girlfriend and helps him to open his eyes to the world and birds around him.

BRADY THE BITTERN SPREADS HIS WINGS

Suzie has not seen her friend Brady for a while. Until he suddenly shows up during a warm summer night asking for help. Brady has fallen in love with bittern Elly, but she has suddenly disappeared. Fortunately, a bird researcher can help them: Elly has flown south for the annual bird migration. While Suzie travels to Portugal with her parents during the summer holidays, Brady secretly flies along. They hope to find Elly on the way. But it becomes a journey full of dangers, with hunters, forest fires and persistent drought. Will they succeed in finding the love of Brady's life again?

Enne Koens writes children's books, plays, songs, short stories, and novels for adults. Her books have achieved success in translation, with nominations for the renowned German Children's Literature Award and the Italian Strega and Cento Awards, among others.

Maartje Kuiper is an illustrator and designer. Her illustrations are characterised by their graphic, stylised design. In 2020, she received a Flag and Pennant (honourable mention) from the jury of the Golden Paintbrush Award.

★ Winner of the Children's Bookstore Award 2025

★ Nominated for the 2025 Woutertje Pieterse Prize

★ Best Children's Book of 2024 according to *Het Parool*

★ Enne Koens' books have been translated into nine languages and have sold over 37.000 copies in the Netherlands

★ Author drew inspiration from the stories of child refugees



'A much-needed book' – *Het Parool*

'A captivating adventure and an important exercise in empathy' – *Trouw*

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 216 PAGES 2024

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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**ENNE KOENS AND
MAARTJE KUIPER**

WE'RE NOT GOING HOME TODAY

'If you can flee once, you can do it again,' says Dad.

'Have we fled before?'

'Yes, Mirza.'

One day, without warning, ten-year-old Mirza is taken back to his home country by his father. They move into the isolated house that belonged to his deceased grandparents. The house is extremely dilapidated, and Mirza is frequently woken in the night by screams from the mountains. At his new school, he does everything wrong, not knowing the rules or customs. Mirza longs for just one thing: to go home, back to his best friend. Then, he discovers what his father has been hiding from him this whole time, and he realises that there is no going back...

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★ *I'm Vincent and I'm Not Scared* and *You Can See the Whole World From Here* are both being adapted into movies

★ *I'm Vincent and I'm Not Scared* has been adapted into theatre and opera by various national and international companies



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 184 PAGES 2017

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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ENNE KOENS AND MAARTJE KUIPER

I'M VINCENT AND I'M NOT SCARED

For Vincent, school is like survival camp: you never know exactly when the next disaster might strike, so you better be prepared. That's why Vincent knows the Survival Manual inside out and always carries a can of tools with him to get him through any unforeseen situation. But the worst is yet to come: school camp. Then, Jasmijn joins his class, and that changes everything...

I'm Vincent and I'm Not Scared is a book that talks about important issues in a hopeful way, with a main character you will want to keep in your heart forever.

'Koens' style is light-hearted and full of beautiful and original observations. With her stories, Koens places you directly in the events, while at the same time transporting you into the inner world of the characters.' — *Het Parool*

Enne Koens writes children's books, plays, songs, short stories, and novels for adults. Her books have achieved success in translation, with nominations for the renowned German Children's Literature Award and the Italian Strega and Cento Awards, among others.

Maartje Kuiper is an illustrator and designer. Her illustrations are characterised by their graphic, stylised design. In 2020, she received a Flag and Pennant (honourable mention) from the jury of the Golden Paintbrush Award.

★ *You Can See the Whole World From Here* was awarded a Bronze Slate Pencil Award in 2022 and is nominated for the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis 2025

★ *I'm Vincent and I'm Not Scared* and *You Can See the Whole World From Here* are both being adapted into movies



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 168-184 PAGES 2019 & 2021

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE WORLD FROM HERE*: GERSTENBERG VERLAG (GERMANY), CAMELOZAMPA (ITALY), MEANDER (CZECH REPUBLIC) AND PAGONY (HUNGARY). **FILM RIGHTS SOLD TO PHANTA BASTA**
RIGHTS SOLD FOR *THAT SUMMER WITH JENTE*: GERSTENBERG VERLAG (GERMANY) AND CAMELOZAMPA (ITALY)

ENNE KOENS AND MAARTJE KUIPER

YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE WORLD FROM HERE

One day, Dena finds a letter. It's from someone who misses someone else very much. Dena is determined to deliver the letter to the right person, but that turns out to be more difficult than she thought, so she asks her clever friend Vito and her neighbour Kevin for help. Without knowing so, she is actually searching for the missing link in her own life. Dena finds clues everywhere, but each answer also raises new questions. And in the end, it all leads to the mystery of her own family...

THAT SUMMER WITH JENTE

Against her will, Marie moves to a new neighbourhood. She leaves behind Zoë, her best friend and almost sister, but, luckily, she makes a new friend on her first day: Jente. During the summer, they go swimming, have sleepovers and spy on boys. With Jente, every day is an adventure, but sometimes she suddenly gets angry and is rude to Marie. As the summer progresses, Marie starts to feel like something is off. Can you always trust others, as was the case with Zoë, or is this friendship different? A story about the friendship between two girls in the process of discovering themselves and the world around them.

‘Enne Koens makes you forget about the great masters of literature.’

— *de Volkskrant*

Marlies Slegers grew up in Indonesia and moved to the Netherlands when she was eighteen to study and work. She now has more than thirty books to her name, including the acclaimed *Notes to Pelle* and *We Have Something to Tell You*, nominated for the White Ravens.

★ Tipped by the Children's Jury 2026

★ Marlies Slegers masters the art of writing about serious themes in a light-hearted tone

★ A touching story about a girl with an alcoholic mother

★ Author has been translated into German, Italian, Catalan and Russian

★ Marlies' previous book *We Have Something to Tell You* has been nominated for the White Ravens



‘How I love writers who surprise you.’
— *De Grote Vriendelijke Podcast*

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 232 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

MARLIES SLEGERS

TURTLE GIRL

Thirteen-year-old Elvis loves history, writing and collecting. She has a secret caravan in the woods, where she hides from her mother when she has had too much to drink. In the caravan, Elvis keeps old, discarded things she finds on the streets, including a turtle she discovers at a dumpster. Then she meets Sid, the eccentric boy next door, who is the opposite of Elvis in everything, and who for some reason is making a lot of efforts to become her friend. Slowly, Elvis crawls out of her shell, and when her mother is once again very drunk, Elvis makes a drastic decision.



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★ *Notes to Pelle* is being adapted into film

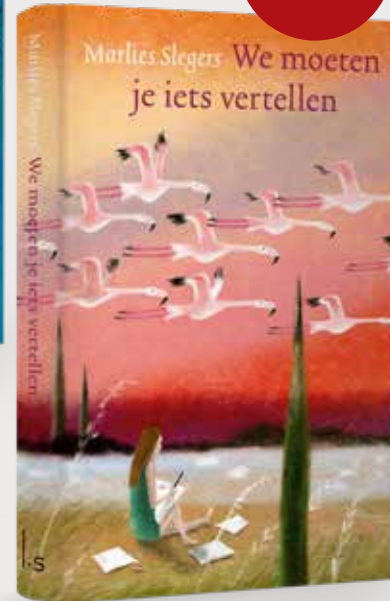
★ *We Have Something to Tell You* was nominated for the White Ravens 2024

★ Author has been translated into German, Italian, Catalan and Russian

★ Marlies Slegers masters the art of writing serious themes in a light-hearted tone



16.000
copies sold



8.000
copies sold

‘Marlies Slegers paints a touching and engaging portrait of a boy coping with and overcoming the loss of his deceased father.’ — *Trouw* on *Notes to Pelle*

10+

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 232 PAGES 2020 & 2023

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

RIGHTS SOLD FOR *NOTES TO PELLE*: DRESSLER VERLAG (GERMANY), IL CASTORO (ITALY), FOLIANT BOOKS (KAZACHSTAN (RUSSIAN)) AND ANIMALLIBRES (CATALAN, VIA ASTERISC AGENTS). FILM RIGHTS FOR *NOTES TO PELLE* SOLD TO LET'S TALK VIDEO

MARLIES SLEGERS

NOTES TO PELLE

It's been a year since twelve-year-old Pelle lost his father to cancer. The 'house borer' is what he calls the disease, because it's like a beetle who creeps into your house and eats it up from the inside. Then, Pelle receives a shoe box full of notes and objects that belonged to his dad. The notes are a collection of strange assignments, and Pelle is determined to carry out each and every one of them. This gets him into all kinds of comical and awkward situations and also brings new people into his life, who help him and his mother to gently start embracing life again...

A heart-warming story about a highly intelligent boy who slowly learns to accept the death of his father in his own unique style.

WE HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU

With these words, the parents of thirteen-year-old Hazel announce their divorce, shattering the family into pieces. Hazel is sent to stay with her grandmother, who lives on an island. Hazel is very unhappy about this, for how can she keep her parents together if she is not there?

While tidying the cluttered house of her dementia-stricken grandmother, she finds a box full of her father's photos and belongings and a stack of letters her grandfather kept hidden. Hazel realises that her mission to keep her parents together is doomed to failure. Meanwhile, on the island, she meets Kean, the dreamy boy who quotes poetry, his extraordinary cousin Raven, and Grandma's blind dog, Vincent. That summer, Hazel learns all about letting go and acceptance, in all of its forms...

‘An ode to love, in all of its forms.’

— *Wijs met Taal* on *We Have Something to Tell You*

Esther van der Krol worked as a primary school teacher before pursuing a career as a writer. In 2017, her first play, *Dirty Laundry and White Sheets*, was published. Various scenes from the play have won awards. In addition to writing, Esther works as an illustrator and as an image columnist for *AD Haagsche Courant*.



ESTHER VAN DER KROL

THINGS THAT HAPPEN ONCE YOU FIND OUT LIFE IS QUITE COMPLICATED

Life can be messy, stressful, and confusing — especially when you're 13 and everything suddenly seems complicated. In this hilarious graphic novel, five completely different teenagers try to navigate life. Sam and Jet are twins, and that is usually quite fun. Jet is good at drawing, has girl problems, and might be in love with Ajoub (if only he wouldn't act so ANNOYING!). Sam is different. Julia lives for love. Her little sister is a menace. Gary is a weird guy, but otherwise okay. And sometimes you just need Superchicken in your life. Especially when life gets complicated. Fortunately, there's plenty to laugh about in this hilarious graphic novel full of recognisable, embarrassing, and funny situations.

★ With a great deal of humour and honesty, Esther van der Krol shows how difficult life can sometimes feel for teenagers

★ A relatable graphic novel for both teenagers and their parents!

★ With full-colour illustrations

12+

KOSMOS 176 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

Lida Dijkstra studied art history and archaeology in Leiden. Her earlier works include *King Solomon's Ring* (nominated for the Woutertje Pieterse Prijs 2017), *The Beast with the Power of Ten Horses* and *Tut's Shadow* (winner of the Young Beckman Award 2023).

Djenné Fila is an illustrator. She graduated with honours from the St. Joost School of Art and Design. She uses different layers and techniques in her art, creating atmospheric images full of structure. She has received Paintbrush Awards in 2023 and 2025.

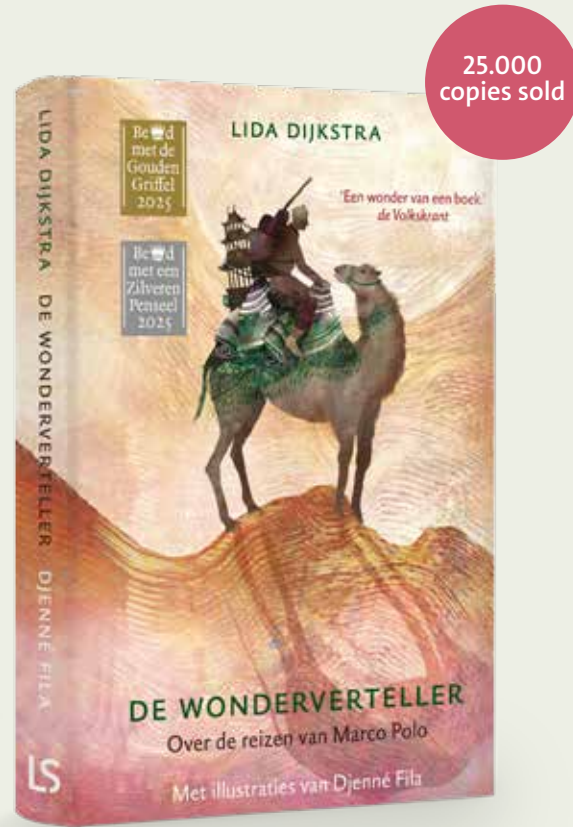
★ Tripple winner of the Golden Slate Pencil, the Silver Slate Pencil and the Young Beckman Award 2025

★ Winner of the Silver Paintbrush Award 2025

★ Nominated for the Boon Literature Award, De Kleine Cervantes and the Readers' Jury 2026

★ Nominated for the IBBY Biennial of Illustrations in Bratislava

★ Both author and illustrator have done thorough research for this book



‘The illustrations are so atmospheric that you can almost smell the scenes.’

— *Jury of the Silver Paintbrush Award*

12+

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 208 PAGES 2024

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

RIGHTS SOLD: KASTANIOTIS (GREECE, VIA LIVIA STOIA)

LIDA DIJKSTRA AND DJENNÉ FILA

THE MIRACLE STORYTELLER

ON THE TRAVELS OF MARCO POLO

Genoa, 1298. Topina, a cleaner in prison, has never left her hometown. Prisoner Marco Polo, on the contrary, has travelled all over the world. People come to prison every day to hear his wonderful stories. But Marco has had enough of telling the same story over and over, so Topina secretly arranges for a fellow prisoner to write all the stories down.

Marco Polo's stories contain endless plains, mountains touching the sky and seas of pearls. But also fabulous animals, opulent palaces and the unpredictable prince Kubilai Chan. As Topina breathlessly listens to the stories, she learns about the grandeur of the world and doubts her own small existence for the first time.



‘Giving famous stories a new life; that is the power of Lida Dijkstra ... *The Miracle Storyteller* is captivating in the adventures and heart-warming in the characters that are described.’

— *Jury of the Golden Slate Pencil Award*

Wilma Geldof is a full-time writer and writing instructor. In 2014, she published the YA novel *Every Day, A Drop of Poison*, for which she received the Thea Beckman Award for best historical YA novel. Her renowned book *The Girl With the Braids* was awarded the German Gustav-Heinemann-Friedenspreis and was nominated for the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis and the White Ravens.



★ It takes courage to face the past and strength to let it go again

★ A brilliant story about a mother-daughter relationship

★ Including essential themes of connection, identity and trust

★ Sheds light on the underexposed vulnerable position of women after WWII

★ *The Girl with the Braids* was translated into 8 languages



‘We know things are not black and white, but through these interesting life stories, Geldof emphasizes that message.’ — Jaap Friso

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 336 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

RIGHTS SOLD: GERSTENBERG (GERMANY)

WILMA GELDOF

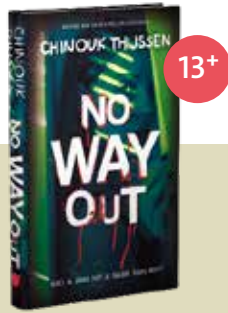
THE GIRL WHO WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE

ARE YOU MORE THAN YOUR PARENTS' CHOICES?

1961. In the year of the Eichmann trial, sixteen-year-old Ditte gets a school assignment on World War II. She is paired with the new girl in the class, Rivka. But Ditte knows virtually nothing about the war past of her mother, Nora. She doesn't even know who her biological father is. Since her mother refuses to tell her anything, Ditte starts her own investigation. The truth is more disconcerting than she could have imagined. Are you more than your parents' choices? And can she remain friends with Rivka?

1943. Sixteen-year-old Nora yearns for life: love, dancing, being happy. But war brings her life to a stop. During a resistance job, she meets a boy with whom she does not want to fall in love with, but it is insurmountable. This love changes her life forever.

DISCOVER OUR SELECTION OF CHILLING THRILLERS...



13+

★ Chinouk has sold more than 65.000 books in the Netherlands

★ *No Way Out* is currently nominated for the ThrillZone Award 2025

★ Author won the Young Jury Award in 2022 with *Hostage*

NO WAY OUT

by Chinouk Thijssen

For the last few months, Rotterdam has been plagued by a very aggressive gang of burglars. They have their sights set on expensive villas, but Aya still chooses to keep babysitting at her usual address in the villa district. One day, she starts receiving calls from an anonymous number. At first, she thinks it's a prank, but when she threatens to call the police, the unknown voice replies, 'That will be of no use. I'm already inside of the house.'

DE FONTEIN 224 PAGES 2025



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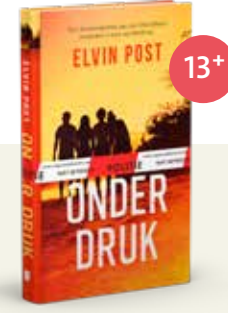
★ Over 85.000 copies of Eva Burgers' previous books have been sold in the Netherlands

FREEZE!

by Eva Burgers

Linn leaves for Austria to work as a ski instructor during the holidays. But something is amiss in the idyllic village: a mysterious disappearance, family secrets, and a dispute over property threaten to disrupt the peace. When Linn hears about the missing girl Anne, she decides to investigate for her journalism assignment. But what starts as curiosity turns into a dangerous confrontation in which nothing is what it seems. Will Linn dare to stand up for what she believes in, even if the truth changes everything?

DE FONTEIN 240 PAGES FEBRUARY 2026



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★ Elvin's YA thrillers *No Way Back* and *Catch* were both nominated for the Young Jury Award and sold over 20.000 copies

UNDER PRESSURE

by Elvin Post

Fenna and Noor travel to Nice with their boyfriends to celebrate passing their final exams. But what should have been a dream holiday quickly turns into a nightmare. Just before their departure, Noor finds out that Julian has cheated on her. Fenna and Tygo are also having problems. In the heat of the Côte d'Azur, Noor meets the handsome Gaël. Then someone is found dead and Fenna is accused of murder...

DE FONTEIN 256 PAGES MARCH 2026



13+

★ Sophie Wester's previous work was nominated for the Thrillzone Award 2024 and was longlisted for the Hebban Thriller Award 2025

SCARE ZONE

by Sophie Wester

Nina loves horror films and bloody classics, but her best friend Holly hates it. Fortunately, Nina has met Locusta and Babadook online, with whom she can share her greatest passion. They decide to meet each other in real life and choose a horror escape room to do so. But scary things quickly start happening and Nina feels as if someone is spying on her. What happens when the line between game and reality becomes blurred? And what happens when you discover that the scariest monsters aren't in films, but in the people around you?

DE FONTEIN 176 PAGES 2025

Charlotte Brugman was a development worker and lived all over the world, including Congo, California and Tajikistan, before settling in Amsterdam. She currently writes scripts for TV and film, as well as Young Adult books.

★ For fans of *The Hunger Games*, *The Maze Runner* and *Black Mirror*

★ *KlimAX* was the Most Popular Storytel Original in the 2023 Dutch YA category

★ Nominated for the 2025 Best Book for Young Adults Award

★ A page-turner including current themes such as AI, the climate and totalitarianism

★ A search for hope in a hopeless and unfair world



‘The hot topics like climate change, computers taking over, the hyperloop and digital gadgets will get you thinking. — Storytel listener

13+

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 288-304 PAGES 2024-2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

CHARLOTTE BRUGMAN

KLIMAX SERIES

KLIMAX

It is 2123 and the world is kept in balance by a super-smart, self-learning system. By assigning behavioural points, the algorithm prevents humanity from destroying the planet once again. Finn and Dunya, two young hackers, compete against each other to become the best programmer of the year and so earn a large number of points. When they accidentally discover a fault in the system, they suddenly have to work together to fight for freedom. And not just their own...

PROJECT PEACE

2124. To combat climate change, AX rules the world. But Finn and Dunya have discovered that the system is corrupt. They become involved in Project Peace, a secret operation to eliminate the AX leader once and for all. While Finn works his way up within the resistance and falls under the spell of charismatic Zadie, Dunya follows the trail of her missing mother in no man's land. Meanwhile, civil war breaks out. Can chaos be averted?

Monica Haak works in the mental health sector as a remedial educationalist for children and young adults. In her books, she combines her professional knowledge with her own experiences. Breaking taboos is her main mission.



MONICA HAAK

WHAT NO ONE KNOWS

FOOD ISN'T THE ONLY THING VAYA AND JESSE ARE FIGHTING AGAINST...

Vaya and Jesse both suffer from eating disorders, each in their own way. While outsider Jesse is struggling to come to terms with the loss of his brother, popular Vaya is doing everything she can to hold on to her status. When they find out they share the same therapy group, they are very unhappy. But it turns out they have more in common than they thought...

‘Recognising you have a problem is so important, and it doesn’t mean you’re weak or unable to do something by yourself anymore. But it does set something in motion that can lead to help, a solution or at least an improvement.’ – Monica Haak

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DE FONTEIN 208 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

★ On eating disorders, grief, popularity and secrets

★ Author works with teenagers on a daily basis

★ Dual narrative

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MONICA HAAK

DARK CLOUDS OF CONFETTI

WHEN PRETENDING NO LONGER WORKS

Abby wants nothing more than to be happy. With strict parents and a twin sister who seems to have found her dream man, Abby really tries to keep her relationship with her boyfriend Milan perfect. But that's tough when you have to deal with manipulation, gaslighting and abuse.

Joan can't remember the last time she was carefree. Running a household as a high school student, having three side jobs, and a four-year-old brother and depressed mother to take care of, Joan can never rest. And then there's that cute girl at work... When she finds a secret that could drive the family apart forever, time starts ticking for Joan.

Dark Clouds of Confetti is a contemporary Young Adult that discusses difficult topics in a painfully recognisable, but also beautifully comforting way.

- ★ A YA novel covering themes of abuse, alcoholism and narcissism
- ★ Author works with teenagers on a daily basis
- ★ Dual narrative

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DE FONTEIN 232 PAGES 2024

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

Laure Oomens has been passionate about writing since she was young. She applies this passion in her own company, LoCo, where she works as a copywriter, as well as helping entrepreneurs enhance their own copywriting skills and boost their brand visibility. Laure also works as a ghostwriter and has contributed to various books. *Split Breath* is her debut as an independent author. The novel is a tribute to her grandfather.



‘A truly thrilling story in which Laure Oomens demonstrates her remarkable imagination. The character development is captivating and shows beautiful, powerful growth.’ – *Stoerleesvoer.nl*

15+

HOUTEKIET 384 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

LAURE OOMENS

DUAL BREATH

When blood and magic collide, the truth is deadlier than fate itself..

Elena’s dreams are on fire: night after night, she smells smoke, feels the heat on her skin, and time and again, an unknown face stares right at her. But it is only when her grandfather disappears and she stumbles upon a mysterious book that her world is turned upside down forever.

What should have been a search for her grandfather turns out to be a slow-closing trap. Because some secrets do not stay hidden forever. Some paths turn against you. And some forces pull you deeper, whether you want them to or not. In a battle against something she does not understand, Elena must make choices that will determine her future—and that of many others.

★ For fans of magic, hidden legacies, and stories in which the past refuses to die

★ The author spent fifteen years writing and perfecting the story

NON-FICTION



Jelmer Jepsen, Alexander van Daele & Hanne Snel

The Super Sleep Machine

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 6+, 48 pages, 2023

An adventure-packed journey of discovery through the world of sleep.



Govert Schilling & Tjarko van der Pol
Did the Ancient Greeks have Rockets?

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 96 pages, 2020

Rights sold: Simplified Chinese

An exciting journey through the history of rockets and space travel, from the ancient Greeks to present day.



Govert Schilling & Tjarko van der Pol
To the Moon

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 96 Pages, 2024

Rights sold: Simplified Chinese

A richly illustrated book full of information about everyone's favourite celestial body.



Pieter Feller & Louize Perdieu

The Book of Wolves

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 128 Pages, 2021

A fascinating journey through the world of the wolf, a creature shrouded in myth.



Bouwien Jansen, Lotte Stegeman & Marieke Nelissen

Backyard Beasts

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 96 Pages, 2019

Rights sold: German, Russian

Playful, interactive non-fiction about the wild mammals of Europe.



Lotte Stegeman & Marieke Nelissen
The Unicorn & Other Fantastic Animals That Used to Exist

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 104 Pages, 2020

Rights sold: Simplified Chinese, Russian

A stunning natural history museum on paper, detailing animals that are extinct or endangered.



Sterrin Smalbrugge

Sterrinn's Reptile Journey

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 144 Pages, 2021

Learn all about the reptiles of different continents and how the landscape, climate and humans affect them; newly discovered and almost extinct species; and much more!



Patsboom!

Natty for Nature

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 224 Pages, 2022

Weekly questions and answers to make the earth a little bit greener. In collaboration with WWF.



Lotte Stegeman & Marieke ten Berge
Green Heroes of the Animal Kingdom

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 96 Pages, 2022

Cheerful non-fiction about animals and the clever ways in which they help the climate.



Kim Verhaeghe

Giraffes Don't Sink

HOUTEKIET

Age 15+, 224 Pages, 2023

137 fantastic insights on science, for both teenagers and older readers. Full English translation available.



Eveline Hensel & Kristel Steenbergen

This Book Is All About You

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 80 Pages, 2023

Discover your connection to smart animals, the bacteria under your armpits, cow farts, rivers in the air, and much more.



Jozua Douglas & Geert Gratama
Professor Prank series

DE FONTEIN

Age 8+, 256 Pages, 2024- 2025

Become the king of April Fool's day with these brilliant pranks (NOT FOR PARENTS!!!). Over 13.000 copies sold.

PICTURE BOOKS



Wilma Geldof & Janneke Ipenburg

Bees Don't Baa, Dr Growlybear

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 3+, 34 Pages, 2022

An original and interactive picture book about the sounds animals (should) make, including a twist in the end!



Tjibbe Veldkamp & Wouter Tulp

Handje?

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2017

Rights sold: Korean, Simplified and Complex Chinese, Italian

A colourful story about a smart girl that goes her own way to arrive to the zoo. 10.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Jozua Douglas & Eefje Kuijl

Monkey Mischief: Champion of Accidents

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2023

Follow the adventures of Monkey Mischief, who flounders around, but in the end turns out to be concealing a true inner hero.



Jozua Douglas & Loes Riphagen

Kiss-Kiss Crocodile

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2016

Rights sold: German, Simplified Chinese

The perfect bedtime story about Tim and the animals that help him go to sleep. 12.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Jozua Douglas & Marieke Nelissen

The Monster Bouncing Booming Book

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 36 Pages, 2017

Rights sold: Simplified and Complex Chinese, Lithuanian

A beautiful story about a boy who accidentally turns his parents into monsters.



Tjarko van der Pol

I Want a Different Bed!

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2021

Rights sold: Norwegian

The ultimate wordless picture book for young children at bedtime.



Ineke Upperman & Emanuel

Wiemans

Off!

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2022

A fast-paced picture book about all the sights and sounds of Formula 1.



Kristen Westrik

The Hunt for the Thief

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 40 Pages, 2025

A picture book full of facts about the police, with a clue on every page.



Marian De Smet & Marja Meijer

Do You Have a Little Time for Me?

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 4+, 32 Pages, 2021

A contemporary picture book for all toddlers and their busy (grand) parents!



Liesbeth Goedbloed & Mariëtte

Wilgehof

A Home for Fox

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

Age 4+, 40 Pages, 2024

A picture book full of facts about the A stunning picture book about homesickness and feeling welcome in a new place.



Giovanna Ostiana & Anne Sara

Schenk-Verloop

I'd Rather Be Me

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

Age 4+, 40 Pages, 2024

A cheerful, colourful story focusing on children's identity and self-worth.

READ ALOUD


Pieter Feller & Marieke Nelissen

Scratch & Sneeze series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 4+, 112 Pages, 2016-2018

An endearing series about two stray cats and their adventures in the neighbourhood.



Henrieke Herber & Miriam Bouwens

Nadia's Day & Nadia's Night

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 5+, 96 Pages, 2022 & 2024

A dreamy series about a little girl and the magic she sees in the world around her.



Jeanine Cronie & Iris Boter

Saïd & Anna series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 5+, 64 Pages, 2024-2025

Saïd and Anna always play in the repair shop of Saïd's parents. New stuff comes in daily, and everything is waiting to be repaired!

CHAPTER BOOKS



Hanneke de Zoete & Iris Boter

Sweet Sisters series

KOSMOS

Age 7+, 96 Pages, 2020-2025

Follow the adventures of Saar and Janna: two sisters with a big imagination who are always having fun. More than a million copies sold in the Netherlands.



Rutger Vink & Thomas van Grinsven

Rutger, Thomas & Paco series

KOSMOS

Age 7+, 176 Pages, 2021-2022

A smoothly written story full of twists and turns revolving around Rutger, Thomas, their dog Paco and the evil Professor Whiskers. Half a million copies sold.



Britt Dekker

Horse Talk series

KOSMOS

Age 7+, 96 Pages, 2023-2025

A series for all horse fanatics about Britt and her horse George. Over 54.000 copies sold.



Manon Sikkel & Katrien Holland

Secret Agent series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 7+, 128 Pages, 2016-2024

Max has two grandmas. One grandma loves crocheting and doing puzzles. The other grandma is a secret agent. More than 70.000 copies of the series sold.



Marte Jongbloed & Iris Boter

Wies & Grandma Wisse series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 7+, 128 Pages, 2019-2023

A series full of the crazy adventures of Wies, her grandma Wisse and all of their (young and old) friends. 20.000 copies of the series sold.



Jozua Douglas & Elly Hees

The Nasty Swim Coach

DE FONTEIN

Age 7+, 208 Pages, 2021

Lev's father has one goal: Lev must become the best in his swimming team. But then Lev discovers a secret his coach is hiding...



Manon Sikkel & Katrien Holland

Sara Paletti series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 7+, 128-152 Pages, 2022-2025

A series following the hilarious adventures of Sara and her neighbours. Over 10.000 copies of the series sold.



Kevin Hassing & Emanuel Wiemans

The Creeps series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 7+, 128-152 Pages, 2023-2024

This imaginative series follows the adventures of the Creeps: tiny creatures that live on the human body. 11.000 copies of the series sold.



Marte Jongbloed & Iris Boter

Herre series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 288 Pages, 2016-2018

Imaginative and engaging stories about ordinary people in extraordinary situations.



Daan Verver & Paco Vink

Gym Teacher Daan series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 192 Pages, 2024-2025

Ritchy cannot sit still, but he can use all his energy in gym teacher Daan's classes. Discusses bullying and friendship and includes examples of sport and stretching exercises.



Floris Göbel & Esther van de Bund

Floris and Mister Tortellini series

KOSMOS

Age 8+, 208-224 Pages, 2024–2025

Floris is a volunteer at the animal ambulance and has the most exciting adventures together with his snake Mister Tortellini. Over 16.000 copies sold.



Roos Zwetsloot & Sophie Pluim

The Secret Skate Society

KOSMOS

Age 8+, 144 Pages, 2025

Rose and her friends discover an abandoned skate park full of mysterious symbols deep in the woods and encounter a boy who can skate exceptionally well.

MIDDLE GRADE



Lida Dijkstra & Martijn van der Linden

King Solomon's Ring

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 7+, 128 Pages, 2016

A lively and contemporary retelling of the story of King Solomon's ring.



Jozua Douglas & Elly Hees

Costa Banana series

DE FONTEIN

Age 8+, 176-256 Pages, 2015-

2020

Rights sold: World English Rights, Germany, Italy, Turkey

Film Rights Sold: Phanta Basta

In this funny series, you go on adventures with Rosa and Fico, the children of Pablo Fernando, the crazy president of Costa Banana. His laws lead the kids to hilarious adventures. Over 200.000 copies of the series sold in the Netherlands.



Jozua Douglas, Elly Hees & Geert Gratama

The Terrible Twins series

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DE FONTEIN

Age 8+, 192 Pages, 2014-2024

Max and Lottie aren't normal twins: their acting skills and jokes are as ingenious as they are harmless! Until, one day, something goes wrong... 45.000 copies of the series sold.



Jozua Douglas & Geert Gratama

The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau series

DE FONTEIN

Age 8+, 208-283 Pages, 2021-2023

When Lev's father reads about a crime in the library, he thinks Lev should solve it. But then he himself accidentally becomes the police's main suspect... 65.000 copies of the series sold.



Jozua Douglas & Geert Gratama

The Hair Thief and Other Remarkable Adventures

DE FONTEIN

Age 8+, 264 Pages, 2025

Fourteen crazy and hilarious adventures by the award-winning Jozua Douglas, told with lots of imagination.



Petra van Rijssen

Expedition Poison Fish

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

Age 8+, 96 Pages, 2025

An exciting adventure that challenges children to do the right thing, even when no one around them does so. Focuses on environmental topics.



Els Pelgrom & Thé Tjong-Khing

Little Sophie and Lanky Flop

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 128 Pages, 2023

Rights sold: Danish, German, English, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish

A moving book about a sick girl and her imaginary adventures with her dolls.



Els Pelgrom & Sylvia Weve

The Living Head

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 272 Pages, 2022

A book with a philosophical undertone about two singular friends.



Els Pelgrom & Sanne te Loo

Bombaaj

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 112 Pages, 2024

Rights sold: German

An endearing story set in Spain, told from the perspective of family dog Bombaaj.



Els Pelgrom

The Acorn Eaters

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 240 Pages, 2022

Rights sold: German, English, French, Japanese

Treating themes such as poverty, social inequality and resilience in the years after the Spanish Civil War.



Els Pelgrom

The Winter When Time Was Frozen

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 240 Pages, 2022

During the winter of 1944, Noortje and her father are evacuated from the city. Life in the countryside feels almost peaceful—until starving refugees begin arriving and German soldiers are stationed on the farm. Winner of the Golden Slate Pencil Award.



Marte Jongbloed

My Father's War

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 144 Pages, 2025

Against the backdrop of the Cold War, an autistic boy searches for his missing father. Full English text available.



Marte Jongbloed

Where Is the Admiral?

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 128 Pages, April 2026

The story of Admiral Michiel de Ruyter and the Battle of Chatham. Was Michiel a naval hero, a pirate—or both?



Marte Jongbloed

13 Minutes and 1300 Bombs

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 112 Pages, 2024

A moving novel about a thirteen-year-old boy during the Rotterdam bombing of 1940.



Marc de Bel

Blinker series

HOUTEKIET

Age 10+, 160-208 Pages, 1989-2023

Rights sold: Danish, German, Italian

Blinker and his friends experience a series of exciting adventures in their village and beyond. Three books in the series have been adapted into film.

Twiggy Bossuyt



Niko & Nico

HOUTEKIET

Age 10+, 128 Pages, 2023

An inspiring story about a difficult family situation, an unexpected friendship and believing in yourself.



Esther Wittenberg

Elfing series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 272 Pages, 2024-2025

A trilogy about kings, knights, Elfings and magic. For fans of Tonke Dragt's *The Letter for the King*. Nominated for the Max Junior Vleermuis 2024 and the Hotze de Roosprijs 2025.



Petra van Rijssen

Sky Island series

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

Age 10+, 224 Pages, 2024-2025

The series follows the adventures of twelve-year-old Harry and Summer, who live on Sky Island. The series makes children aware of major climate issues in a playful way.



Marc de Bel

The Prickle Sisters series

HOUTEKIET

Age 12+, 280 Pages, 2024-2025

The Pickle sisters are unique. Fortunately. No other child leaves such a trail of destruction behind as Lien, Sien or Fien do. Turned into a movie and musical in Belgium. Full English translation available.



Lida Dijkstra & Djenné Fila

The Beast with the Power of Ten Horses

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 12+, 168 Pages, 2019

A masterful retelling of the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur.



Lida Dijkstra & Djenné Fila

Tut's Shadow

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 12+, 160 Pages, 2021

The beautiful story of Tutankhamun's sister Anke. Winner of the Young Beckman Award 2023 for best historical novel.



Peter van Gestel

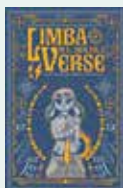
Winter Ice

DE FONTEIN

Age 12+, 250 Pages total, 2018

Rights sold: Germany, France, Italy, Ukraine, China, South Korea, Russia & Latin America

A heartfelt literary tale about friendship, set in 1947 post-war Amsterdam. Over 50.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Will-Limba Moleka

Limbavere

HOUTEKIET

Age 13+, 224 Pages, 2024

A series where different literary genres are explored book by book.



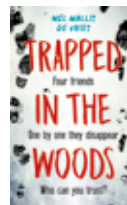
Aletta André

The Girl Who Cycled Across India

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 192 Pages, 2021

A topical YA novel about courage and perseverance in challenging times, inspired by the true story of Jyoti Kumari.



Mel Wallis de Vries

Trapped in the Woods

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 288 Pages, 2023

Rights sold: Arabic World Rights, Germany, Hungary

Four friends spend the Christmas holidays in a cottage, where they get snowed in. One by one, they disappear. Who can you trust? Full English translation available. 70.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Mel Wallis de Vries

Broken

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 128 Pages, 2024

Alice is invited to a New Year party with five other people from her same school. The group is very diverse and soon tensions begin to rise. Somewhere outside, there is a murderer... 14.000 copies sold.



Mel Wallis de Vries

Obsessed

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 224 Pages, 2025

When four friends are involved in a car accident, one of them goes missing. Soon, the remaining friends are drawn into a dangerous game, uncovering secrets that must stay buried if they want to survive.



Margje Woodrow

Fake Trip

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 288 Pages, 2023

Rights sold: Arabic World Rights, Germany

While everyone is hoping to relax on a school trip to Barcelona, a horrible accident happens in the Sagrada Familia. Gruesome details are spread via social media, but what is real? Full English translation available. Over 23.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Margje Woodrow

Payback

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 232 Pages, 2024

TikToks revealing the secrets of both students and teachers are trending at Sunflower High School. Laurie finds herself in a sick game where she is forced to do eerie things. If she refuses, she and her friends will be in great danger...



Cis Meijer

Missing in Paris

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 240 Pages, 2023

Rights sold: Arabic World Rights, Germany

Lottie becomes suspicious when she unexpectedly receives a postcard from her sister Nina, who has gone to Paris to work as a fashion model. On the card, she discovers a secret cry for help. Full English translation available. Over 15.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Cis Meijer

Game On

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 224 Pages, 2022

Five friends receive a mysterious invitation to take part in a macabre game. How far will you go for your friends? Winner of the Young Jury Award. 17.000 copies sold.



Cis Meijer

The Challenge

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 224 Pages, 2025

Kate's school camp is inspired by the Special Forces and includes extreme challenges. But then Kate's ex-boyfriend is found dead on the street. What happened?



Jennefer Mellink

The Dog Walking Service

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 160 Pages, 2025

Skylar starts a dog walking service and discovers one of the dog owners lost his wife twenty years ago. When she spends a night in the woods with her friend, one of them doesn't come home...What happened?



Elvin Post

No Way Back

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 256 Pages, 2022

What would you do if you found a bag containing 80,000 Euros? And the bag turned out to belong to a group of dangerous criminals... Over 12.000 copies sold.



Elvin Post

Catch

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 256 Pages, 2023

When Rose gets to know Noah via Catch, a new app for young people, she is on cloud nine. Will their encounter become her biggest mistake ever?



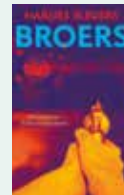
Martijn Simons

Verboden Terrein

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 224 Pages, 2025

Adam and three of his classmates write a paper about the school grounds. On the day of the presentation, one of them doesn't show up. Then, another student disappears a week later...



Marlies Slegers

Brothers

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 112 Pages, 2023

Who was responsible for the attack that killed Raf's best friend? Does it have something to do with the estranged relationship Raf has with his brother Carlos?



Juultje Koffeman

Nomen Nescio

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 96 Pages, 2023

A topical story on far-right extremism and refugees.



Wilma Geldof

The Girl with the Braids

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 336 Pages total, 2018

Rights sold: Italy, Germany, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Azerbaijan & Russia. Film rights sold to Pearl Pictures.

This poignant story about betrayal and trust, loyalty and love is based on the life of the Netherlands' youngest female resistance fighter, Freddie Oversteegen. Over 30.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Astrid Sy

Name No Names

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 448 Pages, 2021

Rights sold: Germany

Three young women become involved in the smuggling of Jewish children during WWII. The book has been adapted to theatre and musical in the Netherlands and Germany and has sold over 11.000 copies in the Netherlands.



Floortje Zwigman

A Green Flower trilogy

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 14+, 1616 Pages total, 2015

Rights sold: German, Danish

An unequalled magnum opus by a female Charles Dickens.



Stefan Raatgever

The Boy Who Jumped off the Cliff
series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 15+, 224-272 Pages, 2022–2026

Film rights sold: Willy Waltz

International

Nineteen-year-old Alec's life changes with the arrival of a new classmate. Björn triggers feelings in Alec that he has – until now – always managed to hide.

