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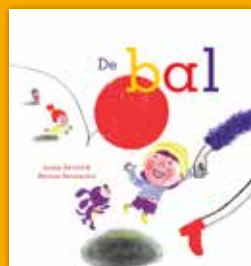
CHILDREN'S
BOOKS



GOTTMER



Recently Sold + Award Winning



The ball
Brazil (Planeta)



Tummy Tom's New Friend
Germany (Jacoby & Stuart)



Tummy Tom and the Missing Teddy Bear
Germany (Jacoby & Stuart)



Time Out
World Spanish & Catalan (Litera Libros); Portugal (offer) & Complex Chinese Characters (offer)



Gran Balconia
Germany (Rotfuchs / Fischer Sauerländer)



From Tongue to Toe
Germany (Rotfuchs / Fischer Sauerländer)



Lucas and Bunny
Germany (Ullmann Medien)



The Park
Greece (Dioptra); France (Éditions de la Martinière); Germany (Jacoby & Stuart); Spanish World Rights & Catalan (Tramuntana Editorial), China (Hsinex)



Violet Soapy's List
Winner Silver Pencil Award
Japan (Iwanami Shoten); Italy (La Nuova Frontiera)



The Unforgettable Tale of Reynaert the Fox
Winner Silver Pencil Award



Bird is Dead
Shortlist Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis 2024
Winner Queen's Knickers Award 2025

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

We can't wait to see you at our stand **4.1, F28** and share our beautiful new books with you!



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



English sample text
available

Original title:
*Het huis van Dikkie
Dik & De vriendjes van
Dikkie Dik*
19 x 19 cm, 10 pages
Board book with flaps
August &
November 2025
Age: 2+

Tummy Tom's House & Tummy Tom's Friends

Jet Boeke

Welcome to Tummy Tom's house! He is the sweetest cat around, but not many have visited his cosy home until now! Tummy Tom gives us an exclusive tour of his home in this brand-new cardboard book series.

Peek into every room, discover yummy treats in the kitchen, and see who's hiding behind the curtains in the hallway in *Tummy Tom's House*! In the second installment, *Tummy Tom's Friends*, you'll meet all his friends, like Cat Mouse, who picks him up for playdates every day, and Squirrel, who lives in the forest. But Tummy Tom's best friend? That's Bear, who always waits for him at home.

With sliders, wheels, flaps and even a mirror, these sturdy little books are packed with surprises. The short and easy texts make it easy to follow along. Perfect for young Tummy Tom fans!



Rights sold: Germany
(Jacoby & Stuart)

*The two Tummy
Tom animated
films have
attracted many
new fans*

*The sturdy book
contains colour-
ful illustrations
and short, simple
sentences*

*Films to be
screened in
theatres in
Germany, France,
Italy, Spain,
Scandinavia and
Australia*



**NEW
Board
Books!**

English sample text
available

Original title:
Coco in het bos +
Coco in de wei
18 x 18 cm, 10 pages
Board books
November 2025
Age: 12 months+

Coco in the Forest & Coco in the Meadow

Loes Riphagen

*Coco hears a sound. Who could it be?
What animal lives in that hole? And where did Coco go?*

Meet Coco, the sweet, quirky little bird from **Loes Riphagen's** popular picture books. In this brand-new series of durable cardboard books, Coco takes you with her on a fun adventure through the forest and into the meadow. Each book features five spreads, each with a big flap to lift: up, down, or to the side!

Also available in the Coco-series:



Yes, Coco Can!
Rights sold: Italy (Clichy), Slovenia (Založba), Turkey (ZNN Network), Vietnam (Nam Nho Ltd), Sweden (Natur och Kultur), Columbia (El Salmon)

Coco and the Weird Thing
Rights sold: Germany (Fischer Sauerländer), Sweden (Natur och Kultur), World Spanish & Catalan (Kokinos)

*Perfect for
toddlers: compact
with simple,
easy-to-follow
text*

*Sturdy, durable
cardboard with
five big, interactive
flaps*

*All books
featuring Coco
have sold almost
400.000 copies*

English sample text
available

Original title:
De grootste reis ooit
22 x 27 cm, 40 pages
Picture book
August 2025
Age: 3+



new!

The Biggest Journey Ever

Loes Riphagen

One ordinary day, the stone under which all the insects are snuggled up is suddenly lifted. Their home is gone! Worm says his cousin has a big stone where they can all live together, but to get there, they must embark on a journey. The. Biggest. Journey. Ever!

So, Moth, Earworm, Worm, the woodlouses, Ant, Weevil and the rest of the gang set off (though Snail runs the other way in his enthusiasm). Their long, thrilling journey takes them over a towering mountain (a bump), across a wild, raging river (a running garden hose), and through the Black Grass Forest (a lawn). With each other and with courage, they tackle huge obstacles and face off against a humongous striped enemy. And just when things get really rough, Snail reappears. One small step for man... One giant leap for bug-kind!

*The long awaited
new book by
internationally
renowned picture
book maker Loes
Riphagen*

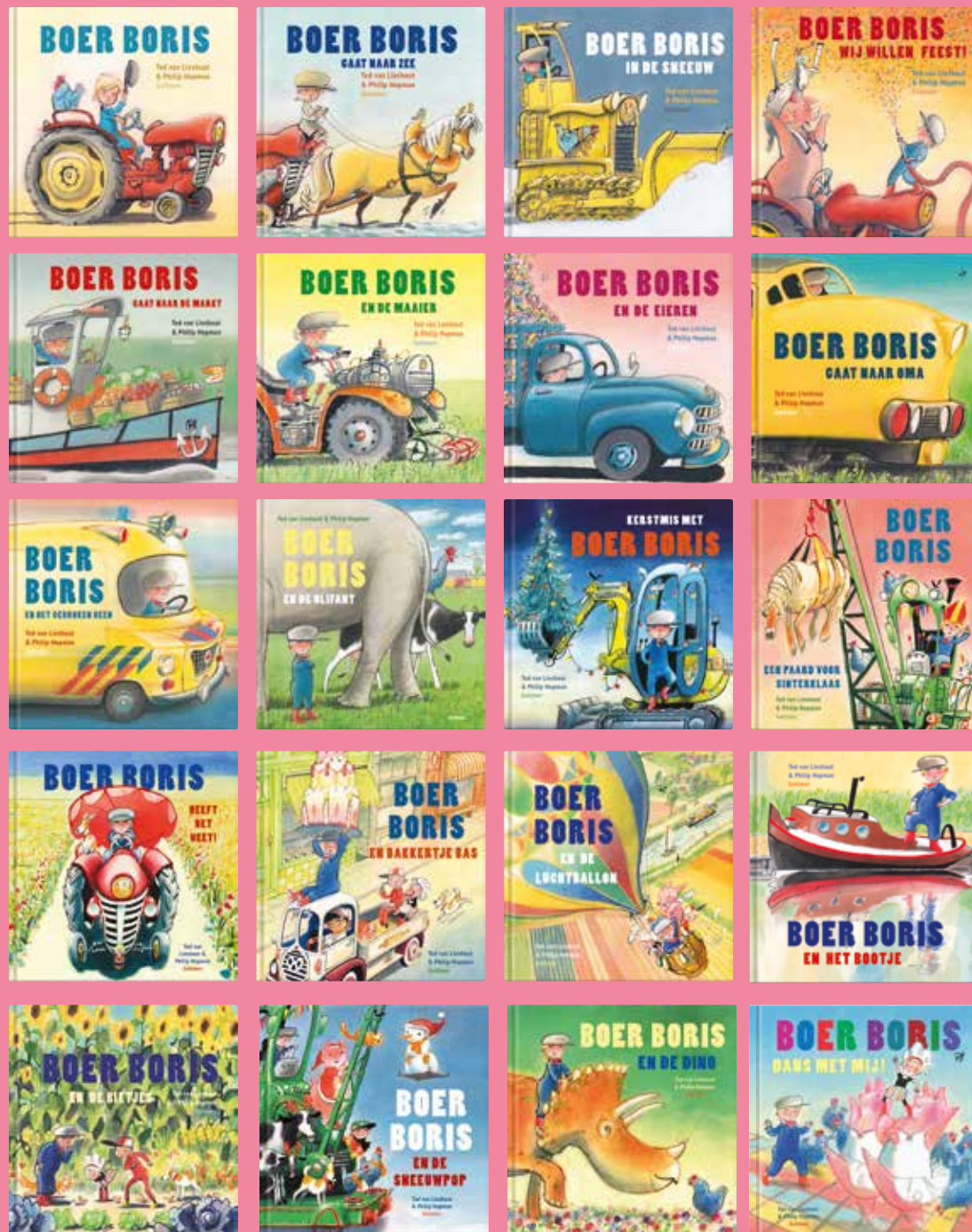
*Packed with
quirky, funny
characters, each
with their own
charm*

*Prepare for a fun
twist at the end
after you have
joined the biggest
journey ever*



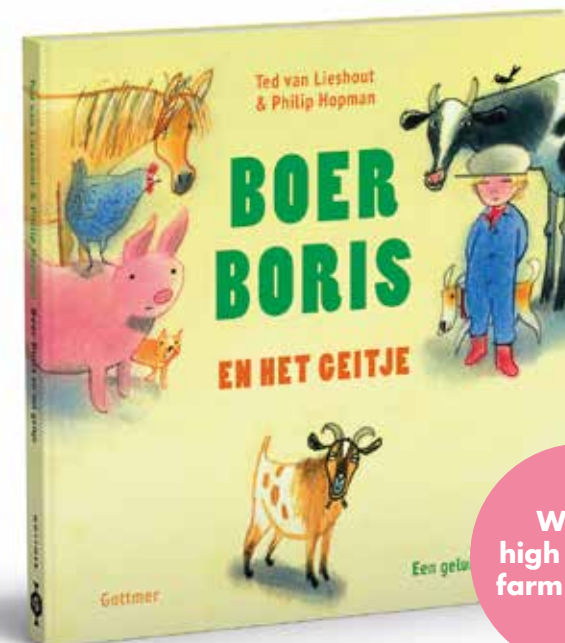
Also available by Loes Riphagen:

Rights sold: France (Versant Sud), Germany (Fischer Sauerländer), Simplified Chinese (Gingko), Taiwan (Wordfield), Italy (Terre di Mezzo Editore), World English (Pushkin Press), Slovakia (Ikar) & World Spanish & Catalan (Kókinos)



The little farmer no one can help but love!

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



English sample text available

Original title: *Boer Boris en het geitje*
21,5 x 21,5 cm, 14 pages
Cardboard book with sounds
October 2025
Age: 2+

Farmer Freddie and the Little Goat Ted van Lieshout & Philip Hopman (ill.)

A cheeky little goat shows up on Farmer Freddie's farm, ready to munch on the delicious green grass. The animals are surprised by this bold visitor, but the goat is unbothered and eats to his heart's content — then, after having been kindly asked to leave, promptly steals the tractor for a ride home!

Farmer Freddie and the Little Goat brims with fun farm sounds, and it's got a charming story to go along with all the noise!

Ever since 2012, **Ted van Lieshout** and **Philip Hopman** have been working tirelessly on their series of books about Farmer Freddie, Sue, Barry and the farm. The two are a true top duo: Ted van Lieshout received the Theo Thijssen Prize in 2009 and Philip Hopman was awarded the Max Velthuijs Prize in 2022, each for their awe-inspiring oeuvre. *Farmer Freddie* has made his mark worldwide, with titles already published in Simplified Chinese, Macedonian and Russian.

The first sound book from an award winning picture book duo

The perfect introduction to the Farmer Freddie series

Philip Hopman is showcasing his work at the Illustration Biënnale in Bratislava this year



English sample text
available

Original title: *Blote Billie*
26 x 23,7 cm, 32 pages
Picture book
June 2025
Age: 3+

new!

Bare Butt Billy

Erik van Os, Elle van Lieshout & Myriam Berenschot (ill.)

On a sunny day, little Billy runs around in his bare bottom, giggling all the way! Mummy chases him, but Billy's not stopping. And when Daddy tries, off he goes again! Soon, Uncle Drew, buddy Don, Aunt Wilma, and Grandma Swan are all in on the chase, but Billy and his butt are just too fast. When the police get involved, things take an unexpected turn!

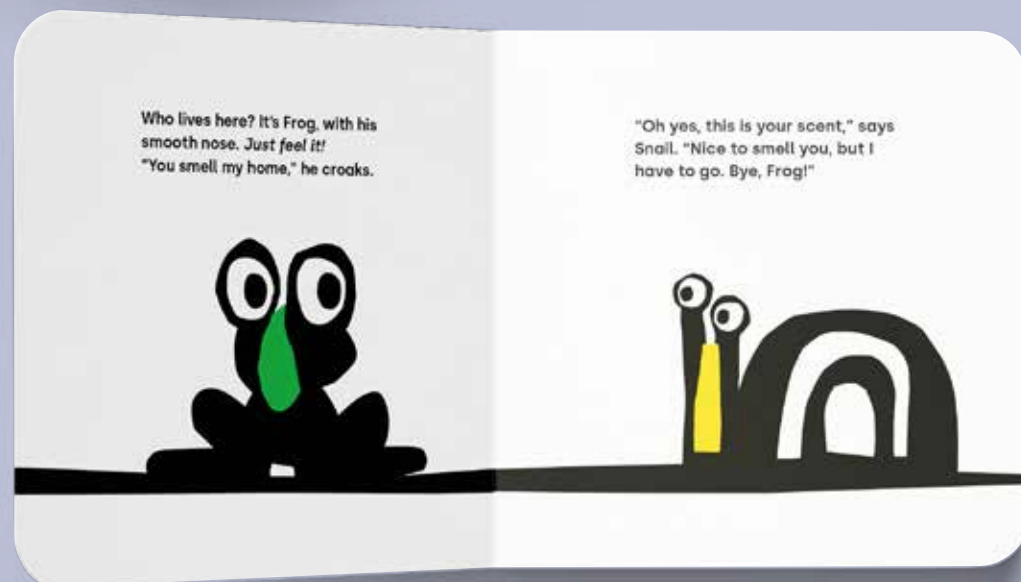
Bare Butt Billy is a hilarious, sun-soaked adventure that will have everyone giggling at the cheeky toddler's antics. Written in playful rhyme by **Erik van Os** and **Elle van Lieshout**, with bright, lively illustrations by **Myriam Berenschot**.

'A free-spirited and cheerful book with lighthearted humor, unburdened by prudishness.' - *Trouw*

*A fun, light-
hearted chase
with a comic twist*

*Rhyming text full
of cheeky humour*

*Giggle together at
all the bare butts!*



With scents and tactile illustrations!

English sample text available

Original title: *Dit is Slak*
18 x 18 cm, 16 pages
Cardboard book with scents and tactile elements
November 2025
Age: 3+

This Is Snail Lotte Meeuwissen

Little Snail has been playing outside for a while, but she needs to get home now that it's dark. Only... she can't see very well anymore. How will she find her way home? She thinks of the delicious sweet treats her mum's making. She imagines it so deeply, she can almost smell it! That's when she gets an idea: she'll follow her nose! Along the way, Snail passes strange dens with unusual smells. Those aren't her home! But then, she finds a den with a very familiar scent: sweet and comforting. It smells just like home.

This Is Snail is a very special and inclusive project here at Gottmer: a tactile board book with scents and textures. Perfect for all young children, especially those with visual impairments. Created by designer **Lotte Meeuwissen**, it's a story that explores the power of other senses in a world that often focuses on sight.

Special project: cardboard book with scents and tactile elements

All children should be able to experience stories equally

Lotte Meeuwissen investigates the role of the other senses in the visually dominant world we live in



NEW
Second book
in the series!

English sample text
available

Original title:
De wirwarwezens op weg!
18,8 x 24 cm, 128 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
June 2025
Age: 5+

The Tangled Weasels on the Road!

Yvonne Jagtenberg

Arti the weasel is tired of the daily grind: housework, laundry, the plants... His friend Bub has a good idea: they're going on a trip! Arti is over the moon and starts packing. The car is loaded up. Maybe a bit too much: the cake needs to go on the roof, as there is no more space in the car. It's almost like they're moving house — and then they are off!

After the success of *The Tangled Weasels*, in which we got to know the friendship, humour and conflicts of Arti and Bub, double Golden Brush winner Yvonne Jagtenberg now takes us on a new adventure. This time, Arti and Bub get in the car, drive out of the woods and into the wide world!

The Tangled Weasels is a witty new storybook series by **Yvonne Jagtenberg**, the creator of *Balottie* and *Go, Percy!* Her work is known for its unique illustration and playful narratives that spark children's imaginations. With her dry humor, Jagtenberg masterfully addresses complex themes in an accessible way, making her books both entertaining and moving.

'The Tangled Weasels have the atmosphere of Toon Tellegen, but less philosophical, with the understated dialogue of Bert and Ernie.'
– JaapLeest





English sample text
available

Original title:
Sprookjes van ergens
19,5 x 23,5 cm,
168 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
September 2025
Age: 5+
Word count: 26.500

Fairy Tales from Somewhere Thé Tjong-Khing

The master storyteller and renowned illustrator Thé Tjong-Khing presents his unique twist on sixteen fairy tales. These stories originate from all over the world and date back to ancient times, yet their enduring power remains unchanged. Meet a vibrant ensemble of lesser-known and diverse fairy tale characters, including a brahmin and a tiger from India, and sisters Lolla and Lilia from Italy. The expressive characters, depicted in Thé Tjong-Khing's signature drawing style, leap off the page.

Thé Tjong-Khing (b.1933) is one of the most celebrated children's book makers in the Netherlands. He has created a substantial and intriguing body of work, and at 92 years old is not only still working every day, but is better at his craft than ever. Khing has received numerous awards for his work, including the illustrious Max Velthuijs Prize. His books, such as *Where Is the Cake*, *Art with Cake*, *Picnic with Cake*, *Bosch*, and *Jake and the T.rex* have been translated into various languages.



Also in this series:

*Brand new fairy
tales from one of
the most cher-
ished narrators
and illustrators in
the Netherlands*

*More than
120,000 copies
of this fairy tale
series have been
sold!*

*Thé Tjong-Khing
was nominated for
the Astrid Lind-
gren Memorial
Award 2025
and the Hans
Christian
Andersen Award
2026*

English sample text
available

Original title: *Een kerstdans voor de koning*
23 x 27 cm, 40 pages
Picture book
October 2025
Age: 4+
Word count: 1400



A Christmas Dance for the King

Paul Biegel & Linde Faas (ill.)

*'Tomorrow is Christmas!' commanded the king.
'But sire, it's only October...'*

But the king does not care – he yearns for Christmas, and he wants a special tree. Now! When a dancer arrives at the palace seeking work, the grumpy king appoints her to be the tree. She must stand frozen on one leg, adorned with baubles and garlands, and is not allowed to move. However, when she has had enough, she breaks into a whirlwind dance, leaving the king in a state of Christmas-themed shock. This magical story, a beloved and whimsical classic, comes to life again in **Linde Faas'** sparkling illustrations, immersing the reader in the enchanting atmosphere of **Paul Biegel's** writing style.

Paul Biegel (1925-2006), a Dutch author and masterful storyteller 'with an outlaw's heart', is best known for his children's books full of fairy tales, magical adventures, and fantasy stories. For his work, he received two Golden Pencils, four Silver Pencils and the Woutertje Pieterse Award (twice!), among many other awards. The illustrations in his books are created by the very best illustrators in the Netherlands and Flanders, including award-winning artists Charlotte Dematons, Mies van Hout, Linde Faas and Carl Hollander.

*In 2025,
we celebrate the
life and work of
Paul Biegel, who
was born 100
years ago.*



new!

English sample text
available

Original title:
Dit wil je lezen!
 13,5 x 20,5 cm
 144 pages
 Hardcover, small black
 and white illustrations
 October 2025
 Age: 9+
 Word count: 25.000

Must Read!

Marc ter Horst

Stan's dad, who is a driving school instructor, takes everything he reads at face value. When he sees a white van promoting their social media with the words 'Follow us!', he promptly starts following the van around. And when Driving School Buttermen rebrands as Driving School Perfect, he quits on the spot. He's not perfect, so he won't be able to work there anymore. That same logic has left him with a closet full of useless gadgets he ordered just because the ads said 'Order Now!' Stan refuses to let the world shout orders at his father (and everyone else!) any longer and launches a street campaign against advertising, information overload and misleading claims. Can he help his father navigate this loud world, and will his little campaign help make the world a little less overwhelming?

Silver Pencil winner **Marc ter Horst** does not shy away from complicated topics. *Must Read!* is a funny, fast-paced, and delightfully offbeat story that gets readers thinking about just how much information we all have to deal with nowadays. Marc ter Horst' other books have been translated into 13 languages, totaling more than 25 translations of his works, both fiction and non-fiction.

Also available by
Marc ter Horst:

Rights sold:
 Italy (*La Nuova
 Frontiera*)



English sample text
available

Original title:
Mijn oma is een heks
16,2 x 22,5 cm,
128 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
August 2025
Age: 7+
Word count: 8000



new!

My Grandma is a Witch

Naomi Tieman & Nadia Meezen (ill.)

In Anna's class, everything is always perfectly in order — everyone's on time, the desks are neat, and everyone follows the class rules about cleanliness and routine. It's great for learning and focus, but it tends to get a little, what's the word... boring. That is, until Steve shows up. Everything about Steve is extraordinary: from his colourful school lunch to his constant cheerful humming and his freckles, which seem to dance around on his nose. And wait—did his eyes just change colour? Steve is magical and one-of-a-kind, thanks to his grandmother, who is anything but normal. Steve's grandma is a witch. A real one! When Anna and Steve invite Grandma to school, one thing's for sure: things are about to get much more colourful! And Anna starts to wonder if maybe she herself is not as ordinary as she thought.

My Grandma is a Witch is a fast-paced, whimsical, and easy-to-read story by **Naomi Tieman**, perfect for early readers. The magical illustrations by **Nadia Meezen** add just the right touch of enchantment.

*Naomi Tieman
brings a delightful,
fantastical
story to life*

*Nadia Meezen's
illustrations are
filled with magic
and imagination*

*Short sentences
and snappy chapters
make reading
a breeze – and a
lot of fun!*

*The first book in a
new series*



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

'Annekarijn Overduin has successfully balanced magic, fantasy, adventure, and humor in this story. The joy of storytelling shines through the pages, making it a captivating read for children. It's also a delightful choice for reading aloud. Don't miss out on this book!' – Boekwijzer



NEW
Second book
in the series!

English sample text
available

Original title:
*De best wel ongelofelijke
terugkeer van Torre*
14,5 x 21,5 cm,
320 pages
Hardcover, full-colour
illustrations
June 2025
Age: 10+
Word count: 66.000

Torre's Rather Remarkable Return

Annekarijn Overduin & Sophie Pluim (ill.)

A year after his great adventure, Torre returns to his uncle's wondrous mountain cabin for another summer. After a difficult and lonely year, he is thrilled to be reunited with Uncle Fons. Joined by Torre's cheeky goat friend Wetnose, they set out on their long-awaited expedition. But their plans fall through when Fons breaks his ankle during a severe storm. It is up to Torre and Wetnose to find help. When a mudslide blocks the only path to the village, Torre seeks out to find his old friends, the earth gnomes. As he navigates the wilderness, danger lurks behind every tree and turn. Just as things are about to go horribly wrong, he meets a mysterious girl who calls the forest her home. With her help, he attempts to bring Uncle Fons to safety. But can she be trusted? And was it really wise of Torre to ask the gnomes for help?

The second adventure of **Annekarijn Overduin's** now classic adventure series is even more thrilling than the first. Overduin keeps readers on the edge of their seats from the first page to the last, while **Sophie Pluim's** atmospheric illustrations bring the magical forest and its inhabitants to life. A breathtaking adventure full of feeling, action and humour for young and old alike. And unsurprisingly, the series is a big hit with teachers.

Annekarijn Overduin has once again written a layered and magical adventure

Sophie Pluim's evocative illustrations complement the story beautifully



Torre is back!

English sample text
available

Original title: *Toen Thor
het nog liet donderen*
21 x 28 cm, 240 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
October 2025
Age: 9+
Word count: 47.500



new!

When Thor Still Split the Sky

Stories about the Gods of the Far North

Bette Westera & Annemarie van Haeringen
(ill.)

Nordic mythology is packed with famous stories about the powerful gods of the North, which have fascinated the world for centuries. While fanciful and magical, the stories have always highlighted the gods' silly very human-like squabbles and concerns.

Bette Westera, a multi-award-winning author, recently celebrated her 25th anniversary as a writer. In her book *When Thor Still Split the Sky* she skillfully weaves together these tales from the Edda with humor, creativity, and a touch of poetry. Experience everything from Loki's cunning tricks to Thor's wedding, from the ash tree that connects all things to Idun's magical apples, and from the creation of the world to the inevitable end of time: Ragnarok. **Annemarie van Haeringen**, who recently won the prestigious Max Velthuijs Prize, created powerful illustrations that breathe new life into these timeless myths. She added an extra layer of meaning to the stories, making them feel as if they were written just yesterday.

*A delightful
retelling of the
Edda, the Nordic
tales of the gods*

*Luxuriously
executed book in
a beautiful large
format*

*An amazing
collaboration
between two
acclaimed
children's book
creators*



English sample text
available

Original title: *Er vloog een vliegje in de vla*
20,5 x 32,5 cm,
96 pages
Hard cover,
full-colour illustrated
August 2025
Age: 9+
Wordcount: 10.500



new!

A Fly Flew in the Custard

Tasty poems and juicy stories about food
Bette Westera & Sylvia Weve (ill.)

Eating (or being eaten) is at the core of all living things — but while we do it every day, have incorporated it into our languages at metaphors and centered our cultures and habits around it. Eating rarely takes the spotlight as it does in this unique book. The award-winning duo **Bette Westera** and **Sylvia Weve** masterfully illustrate how this universal topic can be transformed into poetry and imagery. In this poetry collection, they explore a variety of food-related themes, including table manners, veganism, and the spectrum of flavours from sweet and salty to umami. Together, they create a richly satisfying banquet of humour, recipes, poems and made-up stories.

A Fly Flew in the Custard is a clever, surprising feast of poems where nothing is off the table!



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

Rights sold: Germany
(Susanna Rieder Verlag)
China (Dolphin Books)



Golden Pencil 2020
Silver Brush 2020
Woutertje Pieterse Prize 2020

Rights sold:
Germany
(Susanna Rieder Verlag)

English sample
translation available

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



Featured
by the Dutch
Foundation for
Literature

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

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

Barbara de Wolf is showcasing her work at the Illustration Biënnale in Bratislava this year!

When Big Dog Cries

Tamara Bos & Barbara de Wolf (ill.)

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

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



Also available
from illustrator
Barbara de Wolf:

English sample
translation available

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



Illustrated
by Silver
Brush winner
Puck Koper

Rose Saves the Firefighters

Anke Kranendonk & Puck Koper (ill.)

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

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



Also available by
Anke Kranendonk:

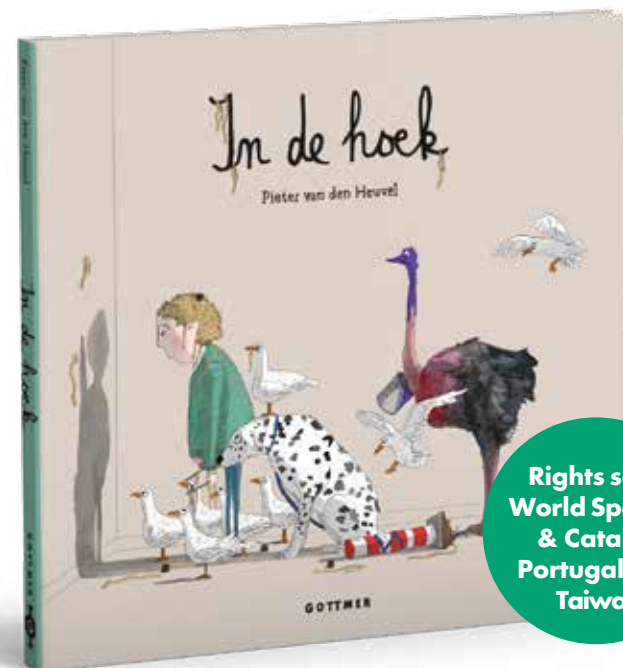
Silver Brush winner Puck Koper was nominated for the Premio Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi 2025

A picture book full of pace and plenty of action

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

English sample
translation available

Original title: *In de hoek*
26×24,5 cm, 40 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 3+
Wordcount: +-300
Publication date:
May 2025



Rights sold:
World Spanish
& Catalan
Portugal and
Taiwan

Rights sold:

Litera Libros (World Spanish & Catalan)

Portual (offer)

Taiwan Complex Chinese (offer)

*A wonderfully
witty picture
book with a
humorous ending*

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

Time-Out

Pieter van den Heuvel

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

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



Also available by
Pieter van den Heuvel:

English sample
text available

Original title:
Dippy Das moet verhuizen
25×26 cm, 32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+
Wordcount: +-495
Publication date:
February 2025



Created by
an award-
winning duo

Billie Badger Has to Move

Marjet Huiberts & Wendy Panders (ill.)

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

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

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

*Vibrantly
illustrated by
Silver Brush
winner Wendy
Panders*



English sample
translation available

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

 **Successful
Title**

Rights sold:
Germany (Ullmann Medien)

*Warm and funny
picture book by
the versatile
Jan Paul Schutten*

*Sanne te Loo's
prints are highly
appealing and
capture the
imagination*

*Moving story
about an
unexpected
friendship for life*



**Featured in
the catalogue
of the Dutch
Foundation for
Literature**

Lucas and Bunny

Jan Paul Schutten & Sanne te Loo (ill.)

Hello! Yoo-hoo! Are you there? I have a question, he said. Do you happen to know who I am? What kind of animal am I? I don't know anything anymore...

Lucas and Bunny start their adventure when Lucas, a fox, is running at full speed and accidentally collides with Bunny, a rabbit, who hits his head on a tree. When Bunny regains consciousness, he is afraid of Lucas. To their surprise, Lucas has lost his memory and doesn't remember who he is. Bunny is injured and unable to walk, so he convinces Lucas that he is a deer in need of help. Together, they search for a safe shelter to protect themselves from hunters and to allow Bunny to heal. But as time passes, Lucas starts to regain his memory bit by bit...

Lucas and Bunny is a charming interplay between Golden Pencil winner **Jan Paul Schutten** and the award-winning illustrator **Sanne te Loo**.



*Also available by
Jan Paul Schutten:*

English sample
text available

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



**Full of
humour and
a touch of
philosophy**

Glasses for Fox

Daan Remmerts de Vries

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

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

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

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



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

English sample
translation available

Original title:
De lijst van Violet Sopjes
14,5x21,5 cm, 224 pages
Hardcover, illustrated
in black and white with
a spot colour
Age: 9+
Word count: 33.500

 **Successful
Title**

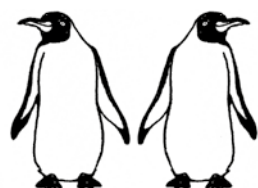
Rights sold:

Japan (Iwanami Shoten)
Italy (La Nuova Frontiera)

*Surprising and
light-hearted
story about a
quirky girl*

*Yoko Heiligers
is showcasing
her work at the
Illustration
Biënnale in
Bratislava this
year.*

*Masterfully
shows the reality
of a child
dealing with
social anxiety*



**Winner Silver
Pencil Award**

Violet Soapy's List

David Vlietstra & Yoko Heiligers (ill.)

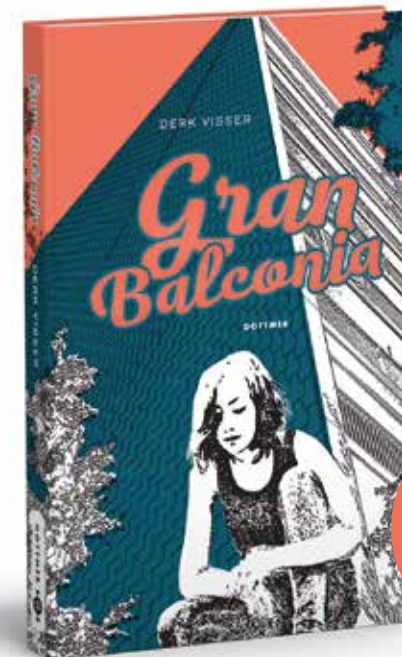
This year at school, eleven-year-old Violet has a great idea: she wants to go on a playdate with every child in her class once. She puts up a list of all her classmates in her bedroom and starts meeting up with each one. Violet discovers that there are some truly unique individuals in her class. She experiences the strangest adventures, which she reports extensively in her notebooks. But when the play dates seem to become too wacky to be true the story takes an unexpected turn...

With *Violet Soapy's List*, **David Vlietstra** has written an endearing and original story, peppered with a good dose of humour, about a quirky girl who instantly captures your heart. Besides being a writer, Vlietstra also teaches. He shares his love for books with the youngest readers in the third year of primary school. The graphically strong illustrations by **Yoko Heiligers** make the intriguing world of Violet extra special.

Press:

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

'Storyteller craftsmanship.' – *de Volkskrant*



**Rights sold
recently**

English sample
text available

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

Rights sold:

Germany (Rotfuchs
Fischer Sauerländer)

**Press on
Gran Balconia:**

*'Essential reading
for teenagers
with a comfortable
life.'* – *Trouw*

*'An honest, raw
portrait.'* – *NRC*

*'Visser has a
soft spot for
marginal figures
and knows how
to turn them
into convincing
heroes.'*
– *de Volkskrant*

Gran Balconia

Derk Visser

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

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



*Also available by
Derk Visser:*

Rights sold:
Italy (Camelozampa)

English sample
translation available

Original title:
*Schaam je gerust dood
voor je ouders*
14,5x20,5 cm, 192 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 11+
Word count: 27.900

 **Successful
Title**

*A must-read
brimming
with humor,
insights, and
witty advice*

*Featuring
cartoon-style
illustrations
by Emma
Ringelding*

*Tackles the
important
topic of
mental health
for teenagers*



**Multiple print
runs already**

It's OK to Feel Embarrassed by Your Parents

And more fantastic tips for teenagers

Jan Paul Schutten & Emma Ringelding (ill.)

In his new book, **Jan Paul Schutten** delves into the challenges of teenage life, starting with the fundamental question of how to get to know yourself. Jan Paul then navigates through chapters on friends, addiction, and infatuation, ultimately revealing the quickest route to a happy life. The journey is never dull: you'll learn how to perfect your eye-roll, hack your own thoughts, understand why you should never hover over a sewer drain, and why it's perfectly fine to be embarrassed by your parents sometimes. In this book, Jan Paul Schutten mixes engaging psychological insights with plenty of humor, featuring fun tests, quirky letters, and useful tips. **Emma Ringelding's** cartoon-like illustrations bring everything to life!

It acknowledges the importance of feeling okay about being embarrassed by your parents and avoids offering canned advice to rebellious teens. Instead, it provides the crucial insight that you're never alone and shows how a bit of self-awareness can help you avoid some common pitfalls. Along the way, you'll pick up a lot of tips and useful information.

English sample
translation available

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

**Rights sold
recently**

Rights sold:
Germany (Rotfuchs /
Fischer Sauerländer)

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

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

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



From Tongue to Toe

Discover the world, start at your body

Geert-Jan Roebbers & Wendy Panders (ill.)

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



*Also available by Geert-Jan Roebbers
and Wendy Panders:*

Rights sold:
World English (Greystone Books);
Spain (Ediciones Siruela);
Italy (Beisler Editore);
Korea (PAN Publishing);
Japan (Yama-Kei);
Germany (Rotfuchs / Fischer Sauerländer)



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Peter Pan
15 x 19 cm, 272 pages
Hardcover, full-colour
illustrations
Age: 9+
September 2025

Illustration
rights
available

Peter Pan

J.M. Barrie & Floor Rieder (ill.)

Few stories have a greater claim to the status of classic than *Peter Pan*. And those who read it understand why: when Peter Pan takes Wendy and her brothers to the island of Neverland to settle a long-standing feud with Captain Hook, it is at once blood-curdling, funny and moving, and an ode to the infinite power of fantasy. Floor Rieder, with her unique, powerful, and bold style, makes *Peter Pan* an even more quirky and original book than it already was.

Floor Rieder is an illustrator and designer, mostly known for her children's books. In 2014, she won the prestigious Golden Pencil Award for her illustrations of the book *The Mystery of Life*, by Jan Paul Schutten. In the same year Floor illustrated *Alice in Wonderland* to great critical acclaim. Her work has been awarded national and international prizes and has been internationally published widely. 'Her completely unique style distinguishes itself in accurate drawn black pen lines, an almost maniacal eye for detail and an altogether use of the two-dimensional plane.' – The Golden Pencil jury



Also available by Floor Rieder:

Rights sold *Alice in Wonderland*:
World English (Pushkin Press), Germany
(Gerstenberg Verlag), Russia (Samokat),
Simplified Chinese (Ginkgo)

Special edition,
hardback with
linen binding

Each country has
its own trans-
lation, which can
be combined with
the illustrations of
the internationally
well-known artist
Floor Rieder

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edition a brand
new translation
was made and
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Esther Ottens

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