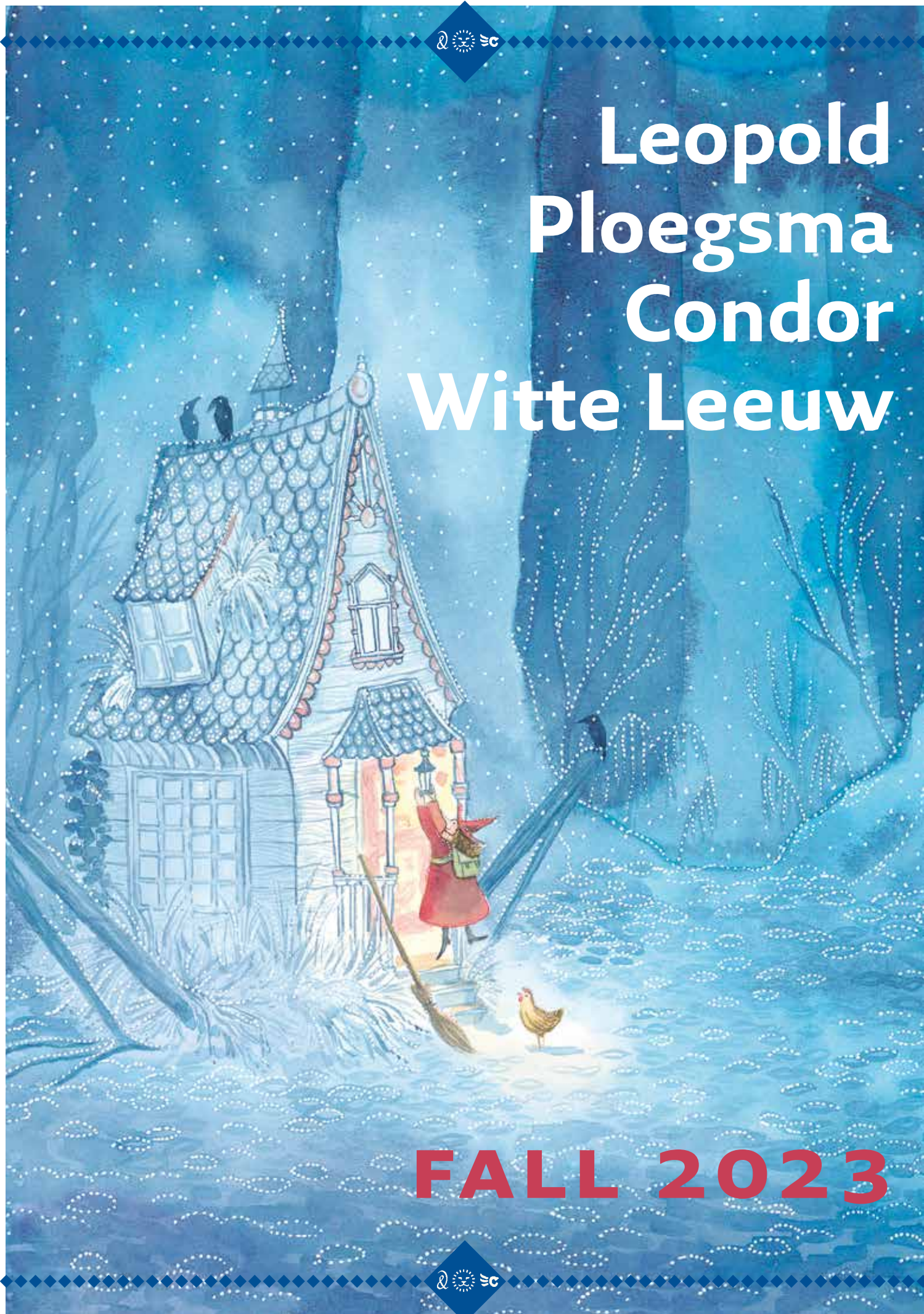




Leopold Ploegsma Condor Witte Leeuw



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Leopold Publishers

Leopold was founded in 1923 and evolved into a children's- and young-adult publishing house in the 1950's. From baby books to books for young adults, from poetry to exceptional non-fiction, Leopold publishes for all ages. Leopold has a lot of collaborations with museums, different organizations and the government.

Leopold hosts a lot of famous Dutch authors, for example the classic works of Tonke Dragt (*The Letter for the King*, *The Secrets of the Wild Wood*). Several popular brands are also published by Leopold, like Frog (Max Velthuijs) and Alfie the Werewolf (Paul van Loon). The beautiful Leopold picture books by renowned illustrators like Annemarie van Haeringen, Wouter van Reek, Thé Tjong-Khing and Kaatje Vermeire are taking a flight due to the fantastic teamwork with museums.

Not only classic authors and popular brands are a big part of Leopold. A younger generation of authors and illustrators is building a vast oeuvre. Books like *Zeb*. (Gideon Samson & Joren Joshua) and *Escape Room 2.0* (Maren Stoffels) shake up the world of children's literature.

Witte Leeuw

Publishing house Witte Leeuw publishes trendy and cheerful books for children from 0 to 12 years old. From the books about Mouse and Bear by Pauline Baartmans and other cozy stories to read aloud, to the intriguing books about space and space travel by astronaut André Kuipers, Witte Leeuw has a book for everybody. Fiction as well as non-fiction books are published by Witte Leeuw. Learn more about nature and farm life with the cheerful characters Fien & Teun and enjoy the adventures of pony Spot in the Spot book series! And if you're looking to go on your own adventure, Marcel Groenewegen's *Gamebook Shadow Crow* is a great pick for you.

Ploegsma Publishers

For well over a hundred years Ploegsma has been part of the Dutch publishing scene. The publishing house was founded in 1905 by Johannes Ploegsma and has been specializing in children's books since the 1960's: adventurous and humorous fiction and non-fiction books for children of all ages. These include many classic titles, such as the books by Astrid Lindgren (*Pippi Longstocking*) and Arnold Lobel (*Frog and Toad*), as well as books by contemporary and very popular authors like Mirjam Oldenhave (*Mister Twister*), Marjon Hoffman (*Rosie's Rules*), Reggie Naus (*The Pirates Down the Street*), Vivian den Hollander, Janny van der Molen, Yorick Goldewijk, Octavie Wolters and Caja Cazemier. Many of these authors have been translated.

Even though a lot has changed in the last hundred years, Ploegsma's love for beautiful books has not!

Condor

Condor is a fast-growing imprint of WPG Kindermedia, and was founded in 2018. We publish children's books that are fun, quirky and exciting. At Condor, you'll find picture books, fiction and non-fiction by new and established authors alike. Some of our new authors have already been translated in Germany, Italy and Denmark, such as Job van Gelder and Marit Kok. Our list also includes popular international series such as *Dog Man* and *The Last Kids on Earth*.

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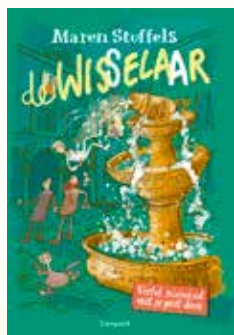
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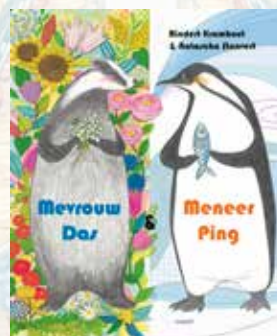
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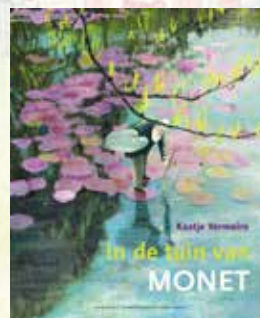
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AWARDS AND NEWS:



Publishing House Leopold celebrates its 100th birthday!



Translation grants:

The Dutch Foundation for Literature supports writers and translators and promotes Dutch literature abroad. Foreign publishers may apply for a subsidy towards translation costs.



100 years Max Velthuijs!

Max Velthuijs (1923–2005) is one of the most well-known Dutch illustrators. Around 1.5 million of his books found their way to living rooms, schools and libraries all over the world and his work was published in more than 35 countries. Max was awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2004 and many Silver and Golden Paintbrushes and Pencils. **Frog** was his alter ego. A sympathetic and naïve optimist. “Isn’t life wonderful!” was his motto. Max could work a year on one book, working on and improving illustrations time after time. Most of all, he wanted the illustrations to seem ‘effortlessly made’.



For information and application forms: Dutch Foundation for Literature, Agnes Vogt, post@letterenfonds.nl, Nieuwe Prinsengracht 89, 1018 VR Amsterdam, T +31 (0)20 520 7300, www.letterenfonds.nl



Picture book | 18.5 x 18.5 cm | 32 pages | July 2023

BOOK ONE & TWO:



THE GRANDPARENTS SERIES BY AREND VAN DAM AND ALEX DE WOLF:



Squirrel Plays Hide and Seek

Arend van Dam

Illustrated by Alex de Wolf

Counting from one to ten!

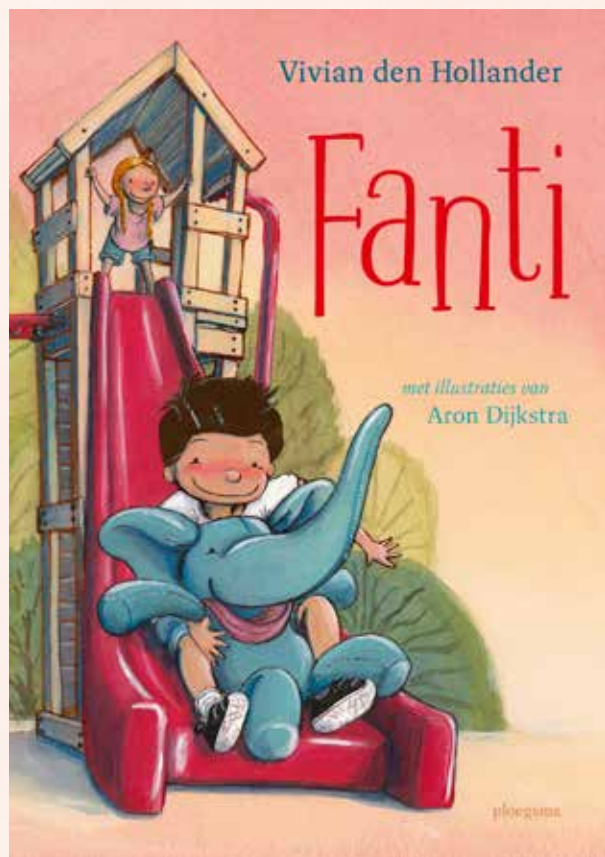
Elephant goes round to Squirrel's house, but he can't find his friend anywhere... Squirrel is hiding! When Elephant has found him, they change places: now Elephant can go and hide and Squirrel will try to find him. But Squirrel can't count to ten yet... Their other animal friends want to join in, and they count to ten first. Giraffe counts leaves, Panda counts bamboo shoots and Monkey counts bananas. Can you count along with them?

- ◆ New book in the Squirrel series!
- ◆ Series for children aged 2 years and up
- ◆ Picture books around concepts such as emotions, colours, shapes and the units of time

Rights sold:

Paralela 24 (Romania), Beijing Dandelion Children's Book House (China). A Friend for Squirrel sold to Mam Nho (Vietnam).

English sample translations available



Fiction | 17 x 24 cm | 128 pages | September 2023

Fanti

Vivian den Hollander

Illustrated by Aron Dijkstra

A boy with a lively imagination!

When you're almost four and are moving to a new house, that's very exciting and also a bit scary. A new room, a new neighbourhood with all those new people... Fortunately it isn't long before Nico meets Fanti, a cuddly elephant who likes adventures and can come and stay with Nico for a while. Together with Fanti Nico explores the world around him: he meets Fem, the girl who lives next door, old mister Augustin with his dog Mollie and Lina from Syria. And when Nico goes to school for the very first time, of course Fanti comes along!

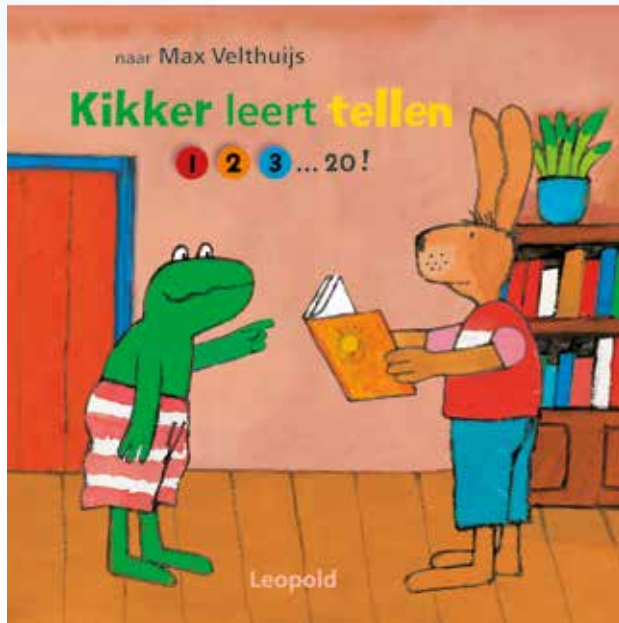
Vivian den Hollander cleverly mixed realism with imagination. Can Fanti really speak, and do all those things she does? Or is it all in Nico's head? That's up to the reader to decide. The colourful, incredibly joyful illustrations by **Aron Dijkstra** enhance Nico's rich world of imagination.

THE FRECKLE & MARSH SERIES BY VIVIAN DEN HOLLANDER:



...AND MORE!

- ◆ Delightful book to read aloud by much loved author Vivian den Hollander
- ◆ An elephant as a best friend



Board book | 22.3 x 22.6 cm | 16 pages | November 2023



For more information about the books by Max Velthuijs, please check out our **Max Velthuijs brochure!**

MORE IN THE FROG LEARNS SERIES:



English sample translations available

Frog Learns to Count

Max Velthuijs

'Can you count, Frog?' asks Bear.
'Yes,' says Frog. 'We have 1 table. And 2 chairs. And 3...
It's very easy, you just add 1 each time!'

Frog and Bear count everywhere. Because there is so much to discover.
Will you count along with Frog?

- ◆ New book in the *Frog Learns* series
- ◆ Learn to count to 20 with Frog





Picture book | 21 x 25 cm | 40 pages | August 2023



ALSO ILLUSTRATED BY SOPHIE PLUIM:



The Cottage without a Witch

Sophie Pluim

Sometimes you have to take matters into your own hands!

Once upon a time there was a cottage in the woods. And in that cottage lived a very old witch. Her hair was grey, her nose was bent with age and even her wrinkles had wrinkles. One day the old witch left her cottage, never to return. The cottage was all alone. The fire had gone out and all the rooms were quiet...

Seasons come and go and the cottage starts to fall into disrepair. It waits and it waits – until one day it decides to take matters into its own hands, and sets out to find a new witch to live with.

Sophie Pluim is a great fan of the Baba Yaga stories. They inspired her to make this picture book – the first one for which she didn't only make the artwork, but also wrote the text. A beautiful, sweet and magical book, showcasing Sophie's love for nature!

- ◆ **Magical picture book about being proactive**
- ◆ **Beautiful artwork reflecting the four seasons**



Picture book | 21.5 x 28 cm | 40 pages | August 2023



Nobody Will See Us

Donna Kroese

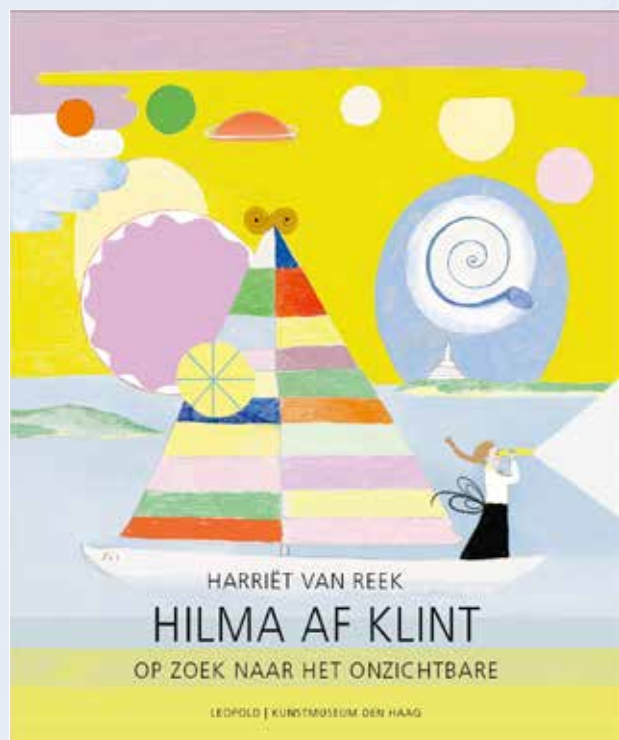
Cheerful and playful picture book about playing hide and seek

Lottie is bored. 'Grandma,' she asks, 'shall we play hide and seek?'

Lottie and her toy friends are good at hiding, but grandma is very good at finding. Wherever they hide, in the closet under the stairs, behind the curtains or in a box in the attic, grandma finds them every time. So Lottie thinks of a clever plan: what if she paints herself the same colour as the kitchen wall, would grandma still spot her then? Trouble begins when Lottie decides to erase herself and bits of the house...

The very talented **Donna Kroese** recently graduated from Breda Art Academy. Her work is warm and cozy, with a lot of attention to detail. We are proud to be publishing her picture book debut!

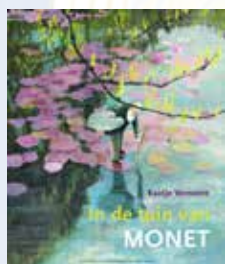
- ◆ **Wonderful debut by up and coming illustrator**
- ◆ **Magical realism that will tickle children's imagination**



Art picture book | 23.5 x 28 cm | 32 pages | October 2023



OTHER BOOKS IN THE ART PICTURE BOOKS SERIES:



...AND MORE!

Hilma af Klint: In Search of the Invisible

Harriët van Reek

New release in the Art Picture Book series

Perhaps it all began on the island of Adelsö in Sweden where Hilma spent her summers, as a child, playing outside. Everything was crawling and wiggling: insects, birds, fish, leaves, flowers... with the clouds passing above, the wind in the trees, the waves breaking on the beach.

Back home in Stockholm, Hilma thinks about the future. About what she wants most of all: to draw nature. When she goes to art school, she must work precisely – must draw what exists. But Hilma hears, feels and sees more... in small artistic circles, in secret.

It would take more than a hundred years before the world discovered her 'treasure for the future'. Her large abstract works were painted before the acclaimed artists Mondrian, Malevich and Kandinsky depicted pure forms.

- ◆ Picture book accompanying exhibition of Hilma af Klint and Piet Mondrian
- ◆ Hilma af Klint THE discovery of the art world of the 21st century

For more information about Leopold's Art Books, please check out our **Art Picture Books brochure!**

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Picture book | 23.5 x 33 cm | 40 pages | January 2024



The press about *The Starling's Song*:



'*The Starling's Song*' is an artistic picture book that clearly emphasizes the importance of observing your surroundings to appreciate the beauty of nature. It takes the form of a stacking story, where the starling's song becomes increasingly elaborate. – Dutch Library Association NBD/Biblion

ALSO BY OCTAVIE WOLTERS

This Will Be Forever

Octavie Wolters

All her life author and artist Octavie Wolters has been wondering how the birds see our world. It would be amazing to be able to talk to them. Do they see nature in the same way we do? In this way she ponders the world around her, but also herself. More and more she discovers she is a tiny dot in a big picture.

This Will Be Forever contains twelve beautiful linocuts, this time in bright colours! For every month there is a full-page print accompanied by a poetical, touching text. About everything you cannot see yet is there, about the secrets of life, about what nature teaches us.

Octavie Wolters made her picture book debut in 2021, with the acclaimed and award-winning *The Starling's Song*. It was awarded a Silver Paintbrush and the rights were sold to six countries, including England. Two years onward it was time for a new project!

◆ **Amazing new work by Silver Paintbrush winner and World Illustration's Award nominee Octavie Wolters**

◆ ***The Starling's Song*: big international success, sold to 6 countries**

Rights sold:

The Starling's Song is sold to Camelozaampa (Italy), Rue du Monde (France), MEAV (Turkey), Yeolmaehana (Korea), Pushkin Press (World English/U.K.), Freies Geistesleben (Germany).



Picture book | 23.8 x 28.6 cm | 32 pages | August 2023

Above the Clouds

Annemarie van Haeringen

Discovering infinity and finding a friend

Monkey is the best climbing goat. She just moved to Paradise Lane, in The Meadow, in Goat Land, in Europe, on Earth, in the Universe. Monkey wants to climb as high as possible!

Snow White holds the ladder that brings her even higher, beyond the clouds, towards the Milky Way. But then Monkey loses touch with the ladder...

Floating in space she wonders where it all ends. She hits the ladder again and climbs down, back to Snow White. Together they wonder. What is infinity? Does it exist?



ALSO BY ANNEMARIE VAN HAERINGEN:



Rights sold:
Snowwhite Knits a Monster is sold to France, Korea, the USA, Japan, China, Denmark and Germany

- ◆ A philosophical exploration
- ◆ By Silver and Golden Pencil-winner Annemarie van Haeringen
- ◆ Van Haeringen's work is translated into more than 25 languages!

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Picture book | 21 x 28 cm | 40 pages | November 2023



ALSO ILLUSTRATED BY RICK DE HAAS:



...AND MORE!

A Midwinter Night

Rick de Haas

Grandma is looking forward to Christmas and is busy making dinner preparations. But what's keeping her children and grandson? They are late, and grandma feels lonely. It's the first Christmas without grandad. Fortunately there are some very friendly ghosts around, who come to visit, pretending to be the family she's waiting for. They mistake the nativity on the mantelpiece (where the family photo's normally sit) for grandma's family and dress up as shepherds; they also bring in some sheep from a nearby field. Then finally the family arrives. Grandma is very happy to see them and they sit down to eat. But why are there sheep walking around in the kitchen?

This picture book by **Rick de Haas** is like a warm blanket on a cold winter evening. His beautiful illustrations play with light and dark, and the story is a wonderful mix of humor and feeling.

- ◆ Warm, wintery picture book by the masterful Rick de Haas
- ◆ Timeless and touching story
- ◆ Books illustrated by Rick de Haas have been published in the U.S.A., Hungary, Germany, Denmark, Ukraine and Russia



Picture book | 23.8 x 28.6 cm | 32 pages | August 2023

MORE SPOUT ELEVEN PICTURE BOOKS:



Rights sold:

Books by Harmen van Straaten are sold to the U.K., Italy, France, Germany, China, Denmark, Turkey and Japan.

Spout Eleven Counts to 10... 11

Harmen van Straaten



Third picture book in the Spout Eleven series!

*Ten elephants set off to put out a fire.
'Out of the way, out of the way, move aside!'
Watch out! There's a hole in the road fire truck!
For one of the elephants, this is really bad luck...
He's catapulted away, as he lets out a whine.
Now our firefighters are only a total of nine.*

On the way to a fire, one elephant after another disappears. But Spout Eleven, aka firefighter Dan, saves them all, bringing their number back to ten, or even better, eleven... Because you can always count on Spout 11!

- ◆ Heart-warming, loveable hero
- ◆ First book reprinted within two months of release
- ◆ By internationally successful illustrator and author Harmen van Straaten
- ◆ Fun-filled count and see book: learn to count to 11 and back again!

For more information about the books by Harmen van Straaten, check out our **Harmen van Straaten brochure!**



Picture book | 23.5 x 28 cm | 32 pages | November 2023

My Crocodile Sleepover

Harmen van Straaten



It's evening and the doorbell rings. 'Oh no,' says Dad. 'Probably another package for the neighbours. They're never home.' Tim goes to check. There's a large box on the doorstep. There's no address on it. He slides it into the hallway. What could be inside? Suddenly the box moves. A crocodile steps out and announces, 'I've come to sleepover.' He grabs a suitcase from the box. 'Nice to meet you. My name is Croco Booty.' That's how we got him! Now... how do we get rid of him?

ALSO BY HARMEN VAN STRAATEN:



...AND MORE!

Rights sold:

Books by Harmen van Straaten are sold to the U.K., Italy, France, Germany, China, Denmark, Turkey and Japan.

- ◆ Something a bit different from Harmen van Straaten
- ◆ A new and amusing classic in the making, in rhyme

For more information about the books by Harmen van Straaten, check out our **Harmen van Straaten brochure!**



Fiction | 21 x 25 cm | 64 pages | August 2023

- ◆ Cheerful and identifiable read-aloud stories
- ◆ Ellen Brudet is the founder of Colourful Goodies in Amsterdam, a shop filled with toys that every child can identify with
- ◆ Full-colour illustrations by Maruga Koops

Nine & Mella: At Our House

Ellen Brudet

Illustrated by Maruga Koops

Nine and Mella have a Dutch mum and a Surinamese dad. The twins are proud of their Surinamese and Dutch roots. And they love nothing more than playing with the children in their neighbourhood!

For example, with Bibi, who has lots of freckles; with Lin, who's of Asian descent; and with Mike, who needs to use a wheelchair. Nine's absolute best friend is Romy, a girl with Down Syndrome.

A cheerful read-aloud book about children getting along in a neighbourhood full of colour and diversity. Everyone has a place here!





Picture book | 21.5 x 28.5 cm | 40 pages | October 2023



ALSO BY KEES DE BOER:



Prize Winning Kids

Kees de Boer

Real attention is worth more than a thousand prizes!

Robbie and Ann's dad is proud of his children. Very proud. Extremely proud. For everything they do, he gives them a prize. Eating all their vegetables, making a drawing, building a Lego castle: anything they do results in a trophy. Robbie and Ann are fed up with all those trophies, and they decide to become a bit less good, perhaps that will help... So they hide dad's dumbbells, smear them with glue, make them soapy and slippery. When dad becomes weightlifting champion, they present him with a giant cup. Dad is taken aback: he'd rather have a big hug from his children. And then, finally, the penny drops!

A funny picture book that shows how awards lose their meaning when you drown someone in them, and that what children really want is attention, not prizes!

◆ **Hilarious picture book with a serious message**



Collection of animal verses | 20.3 x 25.4 cm | 64 pages
November 2023



Verstapen

Hee hallo, is jij daar,
is de winter al gegaan?
Wij hebben met zijn allen
net een winterslap gedaan.

En nu zijn we dus bang
dat we de lente zijn vergeten.
We hoopten dat jij daar misschien
wat meer over zou weten.

Wat zeg je? Januari?
Dan zijn wij juist veel te vroeg!
Kom heren, terug ons hol in.
Slapen kun je nooit genoeg!



Kriebel

Zouden krabben zich ook krabben
als ze kriebel hebben?
Of krabben krabben zich niet zelf,
maar krabben krabben soms elkaar?

Ik zou het echt niet weten
(en dit klinkt een beetje raar),
maar van dat kletsen over krabben
gaat het jeuken in mijn haar.

A Tower of Tigers

Lizette de Koning

Illustrated by Gareth Lucas

Fun for all ages!

Illustrator **Gareth Lucas** has more than 120,000 followers on Instagram and sells his art across the globe. We selected 26 of his best animal drawings and asked Lizette de Koning to write witty poems to accompany them. Gareth Lucas is a master in portraying animals with feeling and humor.

Take for example the group of bears who look at you as if they are being surprised by a photographer... In this way Gareth Lucas draws funny animal groups, with a unique look and feel and a lot of fun. Together with the poems, this makes for a true delight!

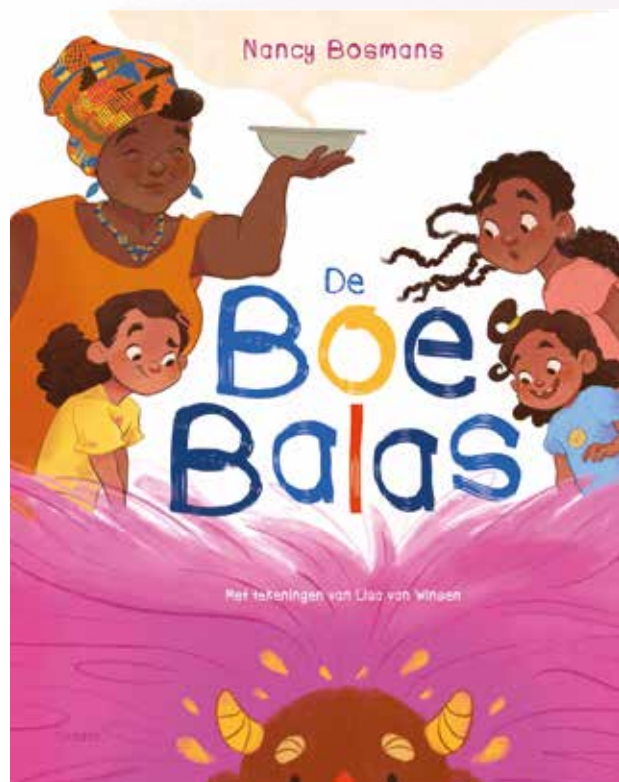
Lizette de Koning is a master of the light verse, short and witty texts parents and children want to read again and again. This book is no exception and will be cherished in nurseries everywhere.

- ◆ Collection of delightful animal verses to accompany Gareth Lucas's amazing animal portraits
- ◆ Ideal for reading aloud

ALSO BY LIZETTE DE KONING:



...AND MORE!



Picture book | 22 x 28 cm | 40 pages | July 2023



The Boebalas

Nancy Bosmans

Illustrated by Lisa van Winsen

Neah, Ayah and Avah go over to Granny's for dinner. They're served up something they've never eaten before. It looks awfully unusual. Yuck, their minds are made up. They really don't like it! Fortunately, Granny knows a rather exceptional monster: the Boebalas! He takes the children on an adventure to discover new tastes, textures and flavours, as well as their cultural heritage.

Writer **Nancy Bosmans** has wonderful childhood memories of her Ghanaian mother, who told her splendid stories about her native country at the dinner table. This included the tale of the Boebalas – a monster who visited if you didn't eat everything on your plate. It's important for Nancy that these inclusive stories, which reflect her Ghanaian background, be set down on paper. **Lisa van Winsen's** colourful drawings also reflect this aim. Along with Nancy, she makes sure the details are right on the mark – down to the children's hair styles.

- ◆ A taste adventure and cultural journey!
- ◆ Story reflecting Ghanaian culture
- ◆ Colourful illustrations by
Lisa van Winsen



Fiction | 15 x 20 cm | 40 pages | November 2023



ALSO BY KOOS MEINDERTS:



An Ocean of Paper

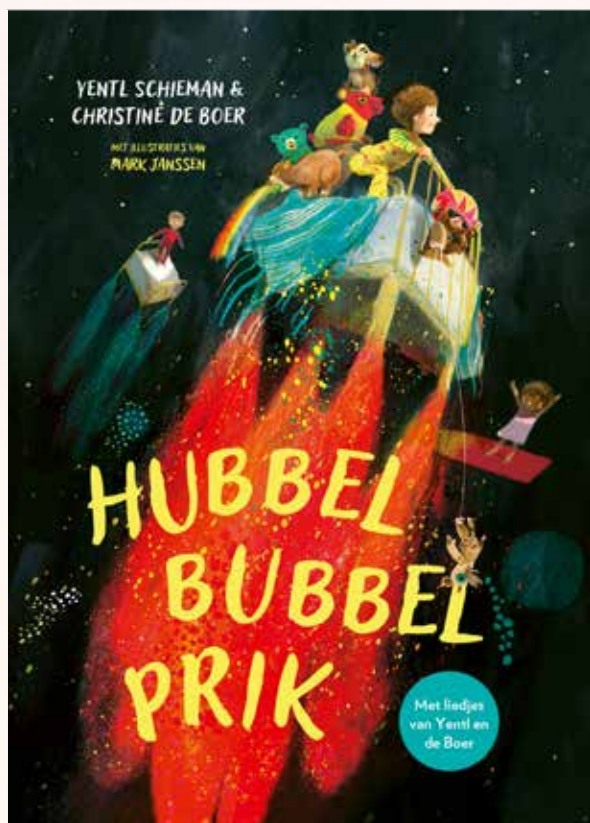
Koos Meinderts

Illustrated by Sietse Muis

On a lovely day, when Otis goes to the well for a brand new story, it's not a book he hoists up, but a girl, dark and beautiful. He only knows girls from pictures in books. This girl is real, she smells like ripe apples. Charlie is her name, and she lives a few pages back, all by herself, in a place where nothing ever happens and nobody ever drops by, no matter how long you wait.

Charlie and Otis set out on an adventure. They can choose to go up, down, forward or backward. A remarkable journey ensues, and an unexpected friendship blossoms. They go up in a hot air balloon, descend into a mine, fish words out of a waterfall and meet a lighthouse keeper who is also a writer. But he is lost for words, maybe they can help him... This book is an ode to the beauty of books, and to the adventures you can have by reading them.

- ◆ A beautiful gift for all ages
- ◆ Sietse Muis makes ingenious 3D-art works crafted from old, forgotten books, thus giving them a new life
- ◆ Koos Meinderts is a multi-award winning author (a.o. Golden Pencil, Book Lion, Willem Wilmink Award and Annie M.G. Schmidt Award)



Fiction | 17 x 24 cm | 96 pages | November 2023

- ◆ Yentl and de Boer are a popular Dutch cabaret duo
- ◆ The duo has won the Annie M.G. Schmidt Prize for best Dutch song twice
- ◆ Wonderful colour illustrations by top illustrator Mark Janssen
- ◆ A book that reads like a musical
- ◆ Includes a QR code that leads to a playlist of original songs!

Hubble Bubble Fizzle

Yentl Schieman

& Christine de Boer

Illustrated by Mark Janssen

Yentl and de Boer's fairytale-like, adventurous children's book debut. Full of jokes, fantasy and songs!

Ko likes to do things that are not allowed. For instance, shaking a large bottle of Hubble Bubble Fizzle with extra fizz up and down, until it explodes. And giving his father's hair a bit of a trim while he's napping. When his father discovers that his hair is gone, Ko is in big trouble. He flees to his room and wishes he could fly to outer space on his bed. He's fascinated by the stars and planets. Then suddenly flames come out of the bed's legs... and off he goes!

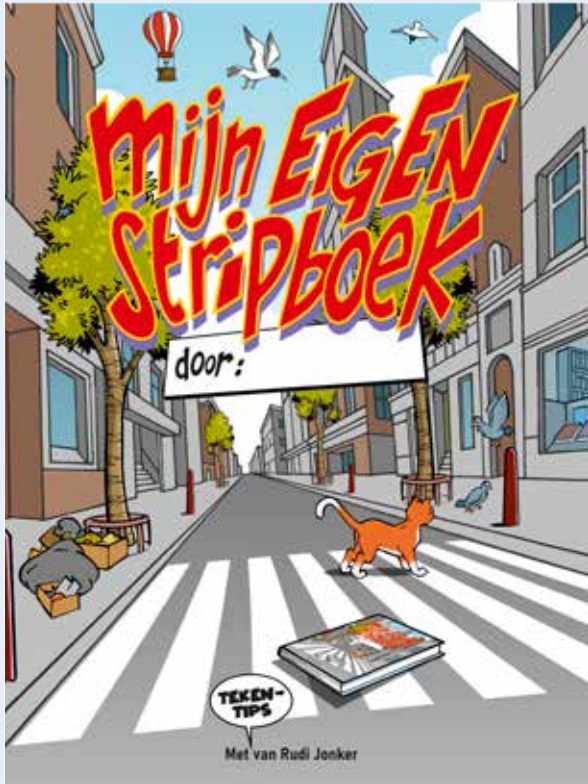
So begins this whirlwind, musical adventure in which Ko discovers a planet for naughty kids. A place where children can explore nougat caves, take custard showers, drive fast sports cars... And encounter the biggest bottle of Hubble Bubble Fizzle imaginable.

But what if Ko still wants to return home? Together with his friends he goes all out not to miss the last chance to fly back. But will that even be possible...?

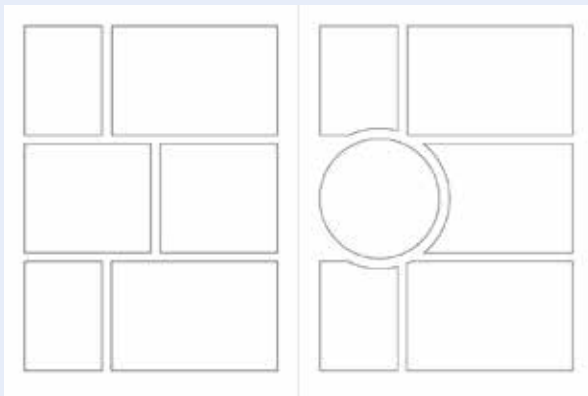


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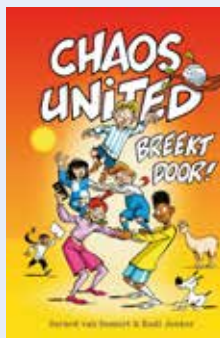
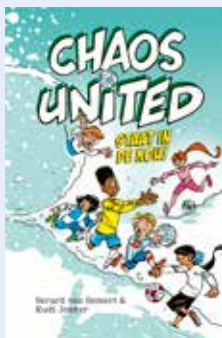
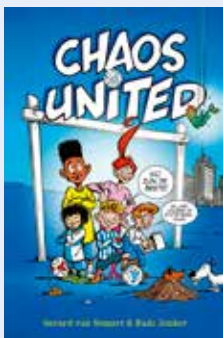




Activity book | 21 x 28 cm | 64 pages | June 2023



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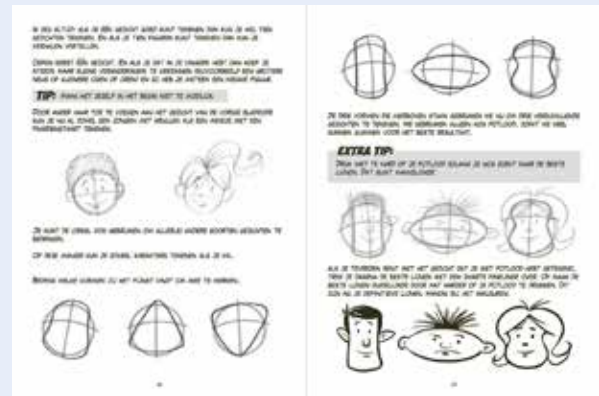


My Very Own Comic Book

Rudi Jonker

Wouldn't it be great? Having your very own comic book to show to your parents or grandparents!

This book contains pages of different panels where you can draw your own story. It's arranged so you can tell a short comic strip tale in a few pages, and then go on to the next adventure. In the back of the book there are all kinds of handy drawing tips from Rudi Jonker, a veteran Dutch comic book artist. He regularly teaches at schools and uses his experiences to tailor his drawing tips: short, handy, fun and useful for everyone. Even for children who are not yet good at drawing.



- ◆ A 'bullet journal' filled with tips for wanna-be-cartoonists
- ◆ Stimulates creativity in children



Fiction | 15 x 22 cm | 128 pages | August 2023

Mart with the Cart

Rian Visser

Illustrated by Hélène Jorna

Mart loves the forest. He flies between the trees on a stormy day. He collides with the branches. His wings break off. Sand blows in his eyes. He falls and falls... into a new world.

Yasim is walking on the beach. He finds Mart there and takes him home. Mart can't walk. Yasim builds him a super cart that can fly as well. This way he can go to school. And so Mart's new life begins. He makes a new friend. And meets an old girlfriend again. Strange things start happening in the village. What, if anything, does Mart know about this?

- ◆ Author Rian Visser won a Silver Pencil 2022 for *All the Wishes in the World*
- ◆ Exciting and moving story about being different, for young readers
- ◆ Illustrations in full colour

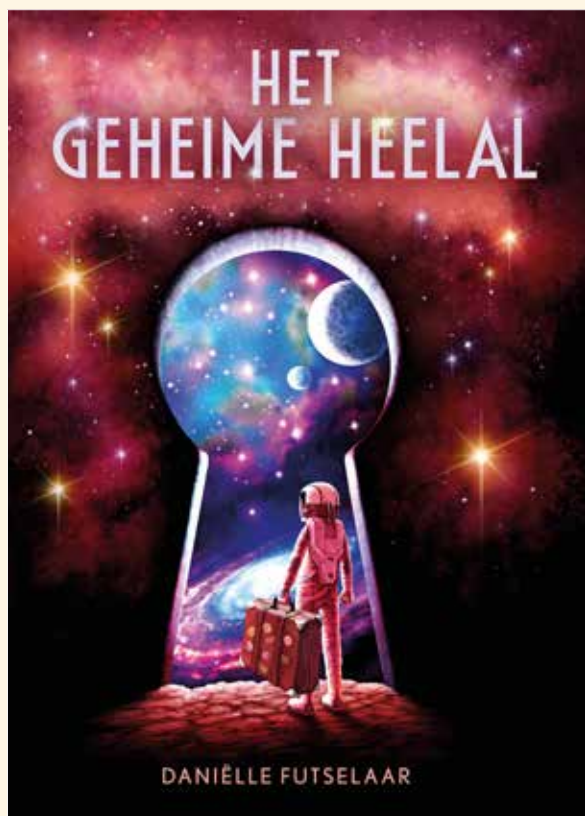
ALSO BY RIAN VISSER:

FIRST READERS

POETRY 9+



Beeld met een Zilveren Griffel 2022



Picture book | 24.5 x 33 cm | 48 pages | October 2023

André Kuipers & Govert Schilling about *The Secret Universe*:

'Daniëlle Futselaar skillfully captures the magic of the universe in both words and images, resulting in this unique picture book.' – astronaut André Kuipers

'A super-original and beautifully illustrated introduction to the magical world of the universe. This will inspire many curious children.' – well-known science writer and astronomer Govert Schilling

ILLUSTRATED BY DANIËLLE FUTSELAAR:



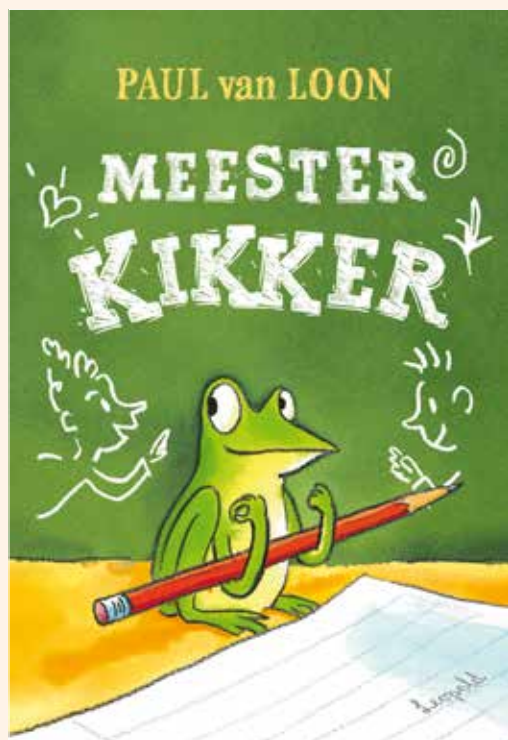
The Secret Universe

Daniëlle Futselaar

Would you trade the safety of your bedroom for a planets from a spaceship? Maybe you've already put on your astronaut helmet, but be careful! You don't want to accidentally end up in an asteroid field or black hole, or run out of fuel. That's why Jesse becomes a space-voyage tester. He'll guide you through the universe, show you where to bungee jump in a nebula, ski the ice geysers and how to save fuel by swinging around a planet. Jesse will uncover the secrets of the universe for you, while showing you the most beautiful places imaginable.

Daniëlle Futselaar illustrates for organizations including NASA, the SETI Institute, the Anton Pannekoek Institute for Astronomy, as well as several universities around the world.

- ◆ **Deluxe picture book in cooperation with the Dutch Boerhaave Museum – a treasure trove of science and medicine**
- ◆ **Astronaut André Kuipers and the internationally-acclaimed astronomy journalist and writer Govert Schilling are fans**
- ◆ **Daniëlle Futselaar exquisitely depicts what the secrets of the universe might look like**



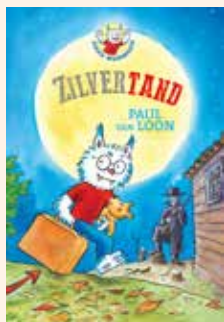
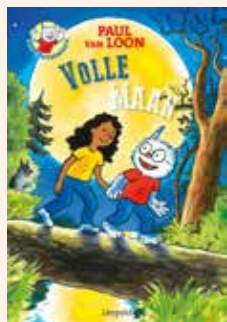
Fiction | 15 x 22 cm | 144 pages | September 2023
(first edition: 1995)

- ◆ More than 100,000 copies sold
- ◆ Timeless classic by the popular Dutch author Paul van Loon
- ◆ New full colour illustrations by Hugo van Look

Rights sold:

Nieko Rimto (Lithuania), Purunnamu Publishing (Korea).

SERIES BY PAUL VAN LOON:



...AND MORE!

Mr Frog's Class

Paul van Loon

Illustrated by Hugo van Look

'At times, I'm a frog. That's my mega secret. Nobody is allowed to know, except you.'

Sita, Wouter and the other children in the class laugh. Of course, the teacher is joking. Until one day he shows up for class with pondweeds in his hair. His clothes are wet and torn. The teacher tells them a stork attacked him...

A hilarious classic by Paul van Loon about a highly unusual teacher. Now available in a beautiful new edition bursting with colour.

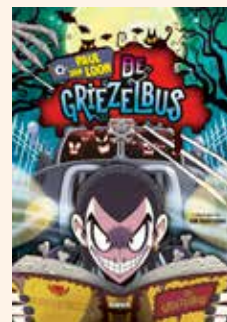
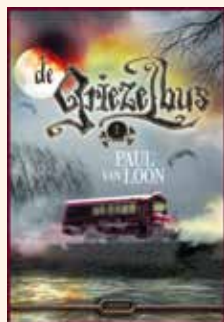
The press about *Mr Frog's Class*:

'Great book: witty, fun and unusual.' – HEBBAN.NL, reading community in the Netherlands and Belgium

'Mr Frog's Class is rightly my all-time favourite children's book! I read it at least once a year and will definitely read it to my own children later on.' – reader, GOODREADS.COM

'Wonderful, humorous book. Perfect for reading by yourself, but also brilliant for reading aloud. Success guaranteed.

A timeless recommendation.' – PLUIZUIT.BE, reviews of quality kid's and YA literature



...AND MORE!



Fiction | 15 x 22 cm | 144 pages | September 2023

ALSO IN THE *MILLIONAIRE CHILD* SERIES:



Millionaire Child: A Disastrous Space Voyage

Ilona de Lange

Illustrated by Micky Dirkzwager

Silver and Lennon cannot believe it: they get to go to outer space in a rocket! Along with a few millionaires, some scientists and a famous vlogger who will report on the journey. The spaceship is beyond amazing. Although strange things begin to happen on board...

Suddenly, their adventure turns into a nightmare: something is wrong with the spaceship and the crew has disappeared without a trace. Silver and Lennon must pull out all the stops to survive this perilous journey and safely return to Earth...

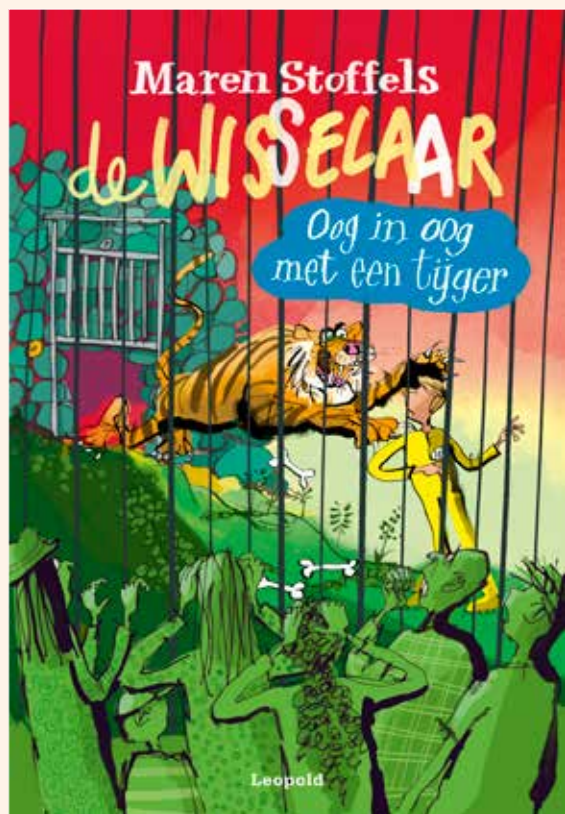
- ◆ Book five of the *Millionaire Child* series
- ◆ Exciting, zany new adventure
- ◆ Can be read separately from the other books
- ◆ Cheerful, detailed illustrations by Micky Dirkzwager

The press about the *Millionaire Child* series:

'Hilarious and adventurous!' – *Bookstore Stevens*

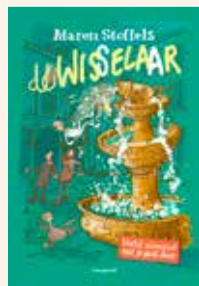
'Exciting and brimming with fantasy!' – *HEBBAN.NL*,
reading community in the Netherlands and Belgium

'Think of *The Treehouse* series, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Home Alone*. Here's a wonderful book to add to the list! It has everything kids love: suspense, humour and lots of fantasy.' – *Leesbevorderingindeklas.nl*, promoting reading in the classroom



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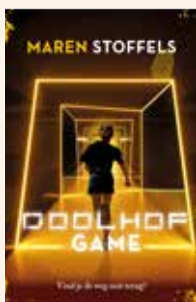
ALSO IN THE EXCHANGER SERIES:



'A great find.' – daily newspaper *Trouw*

'This exciting adventure will spark your imagination tremendously.' – *HEBBAN.NL*, reading community in the Netherlands and Belgium

ALSO BY MAREN STOFFELS,
FOR 10+:



English translations available

The Exchanger: Looking a Tiger in the Eye

Maren Stoffels

Illustrated by Geert Gratama

*Anders turns with a startled jolt.
It feels like his heart might burst.
The tiger is right behind him...*

Anders is an Exchanger. He can switch lives with those in need of help or others who must do something that makes them nervous. But then during Exchanger Camp he gets a life-threatening assignment...

- ◆ New, stand-alone second part of this recently-released series for kids 9+:
The Exchanger
- ◆ Brimming with adventure and fantasy
- ◆ Humorous black & white illustrations by Geert Gratama

Rights sold:

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The Exchanger 1 sold to *Pagony* (Hungary).





Fiction | 14 x 21.5 cm | 144 pages | June 2023
(first edition 1998)

ALSO BY MIRJAM OLDENHAVE:



Rights sold:
Mirjam Oldenhavé's work is published in Germany (Coppentrath) and Hungary (Pagony).



...AND MORE!

A Friend with Fists

Mirjam Oldenhavé

Illustrated by Charlotte Dematons

Heartfelt novel about bullying and friendship, and standing up for each other

Jake just moved and has to go to a new school, which he is dreading. To prepare, he makes these two lists:

DISASTERS

- Being bullied.
- The playground: where should I stand?
- Everyone sees me, they laugh.
- The classroom: where should I sit?
- Having to stand in front of the class.

SOLUTIONS

- Mum comes with me.
- They're already bullying someone else.
- Nobody notices me.
- Becoming ill.

But it doesn't go like Jake feared at all: one of his new classmates is a tough girl, Naomi, and she wants to be his friend! Jake is happy. But he soon finds out that disasters are not a thing of the past just yet...

In 2023 **Mirjam Oldenhavé** celebrates 25 years as a writer. In 1998 her first book came out: *A Friend with Fists*, about shy and insecure Jake who is dreading to go to a new school. This story has stood the test of time perfectly: it is witty, relatable and in between the lines it raises serious matters, like bullying and children who have to fend for themselves.

- ◆ **Revised edition of Mirjam Oldenhavé's debut novel**
- ◆ **Witty and relatable, with serious themes such as bullying and self-reliance**



Fiction | 14 x 21.5 cm | 208 pages | June 2023

Hanna Panna and the Secret of Villa Forza

Judith Williams

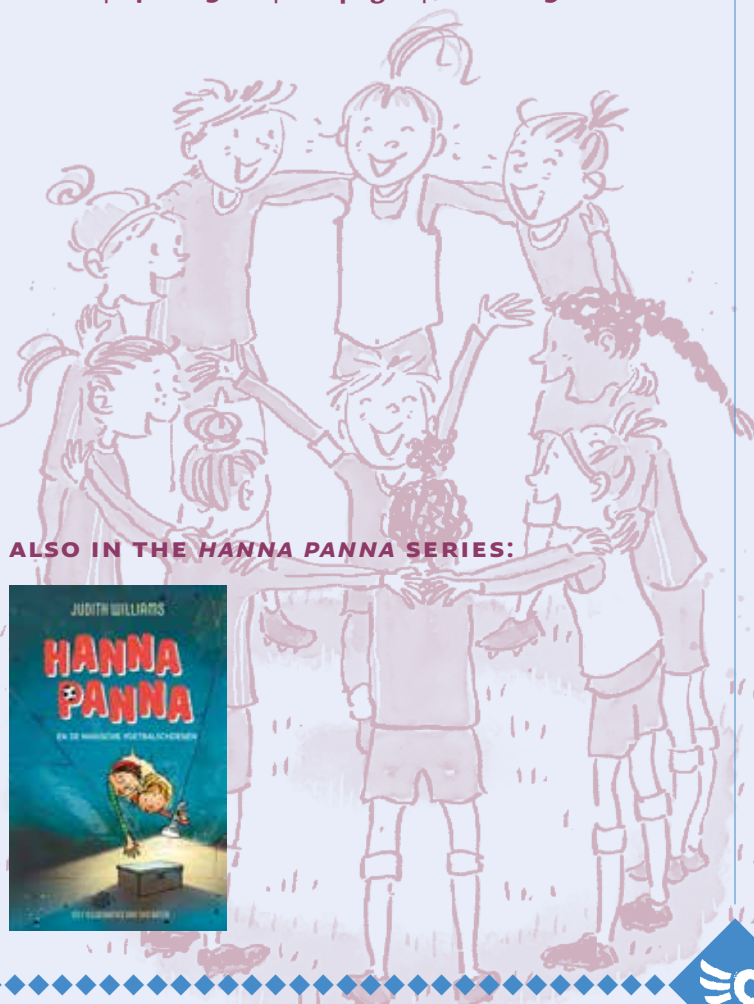
Illustrated by Iris Boter

Hanna is the luckiest girl in the world: she gets to play football for the best club in town! But then a huge fire breaks out in their clubhouse and money is needed to rebuild it. Everyone springs into action, including Hanna. Together with her friends, she starts doing odd jobs at Villa Forza, the mansion next to the football field. They soon discover that a huge secret is hidden behind the doors of the mansion. It's up to Hanna to find out exactly what's going on...

Judith Williams is a communications manager and mother of three daughters. The oldest two play football at a high level. Her coverage of women's football has appeared on *Vrouwenvoetbalnieuws*, and she keeps a blog, *Soccertalk*, about the dreams and ambitions of her daughters. Hanna Panna is her first children's book series.

Iris Boter is a writer and illustrator. Her drawings appear in the work of Dutch authors such as Carry Slee, Jacques Vriens and Barbara Scholten. She also illustrates the award-winning *Zoete Zusjes* (Sweet Sisters) series. In 2022, Iris' book *Forever* was published.

- ◆ An exciting story full of football action, hidden secrets and unexpected plot twists.
- ◆ Second book in the *Hanna Panna* series



ALSO IN THE HANNA PANNA SERIES:





Fiction | 14.8 x 21.5 cm | 224 pages | September 2023

The press about *The Forbidden Dunes*:

'If this book had existed during my youth, I would have rushed to the library multiple times to borrow it again and again. I laughed heartily and felt pain just like in real life.'

– author **Lisa Weeda**, winner of the Bronze Owl & Shortlist Libris Literature Award 2022

'Touching. Much is left unspoken, but it's there all the more.' – **Jacques Vriens**, author of highly praised books *Cool Kids Don't Cry* and *War Without Friends*

'This book is not only full of beautiful observations, in which Visser creates her characters sharply, but it also does something that only very good books do: it gives you the feeling that you gain a friendship along with it.'

– author **Jaap Robben**, Longlist International Bookerprize 2021

The Forbidden Dunes

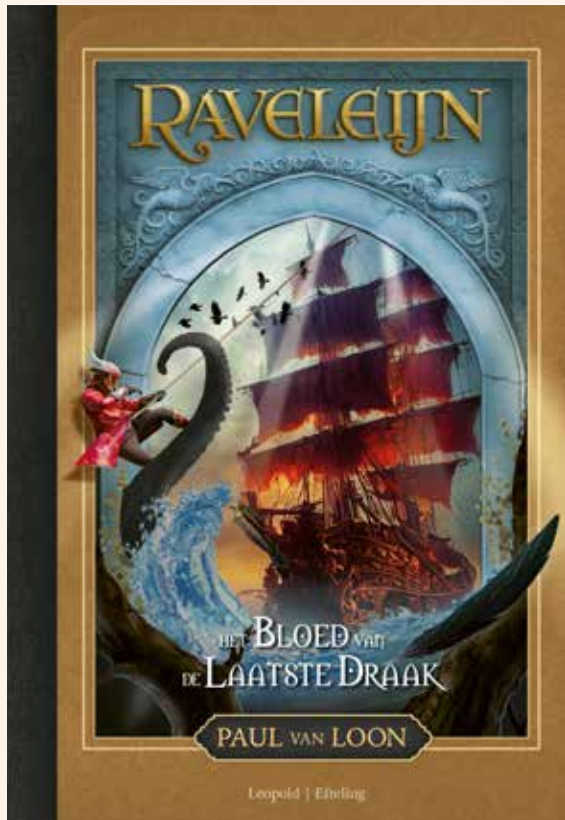
Marjolein Visser

Illustrated by Sophie Pluim

From the moment Eline joins Mila's class, Mila has a great wish – to become best friends. Mila is the only one with whom Eline doesn't stutter. Together, they come up with a 'brilliant plan' so Eline gets passing grades. Then they can go on to the next year together and camp in the Forbidden Dunes in secret during the summer holiday. But everything turns out differently than they expect...

Finally, Mila sees only one solution: disappear, to those Forbidden Dunes where nobody will ever find her.

- ◆ Poignant children's book debut by a literary talent
- ◆ Timely story about growing up in poverty, unequal opportunities and a friendship that changes everything
- ◆ Lavishly illustrated; includes main character Mila's diary

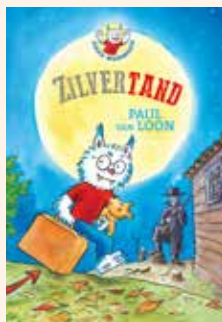
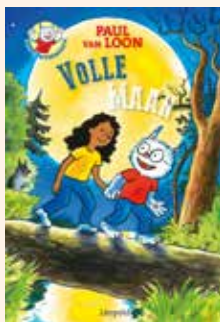


Fiction | 14.8 x 21.5 cm | 304 pages | September 2023

ALSO IN THE RAVELEIJN SERIES:



OTHER SERIES BY PAUL VAN LOON:



...AND MORE!

Raveleijn: The Blood of the Last Dragon

Paul van Loon

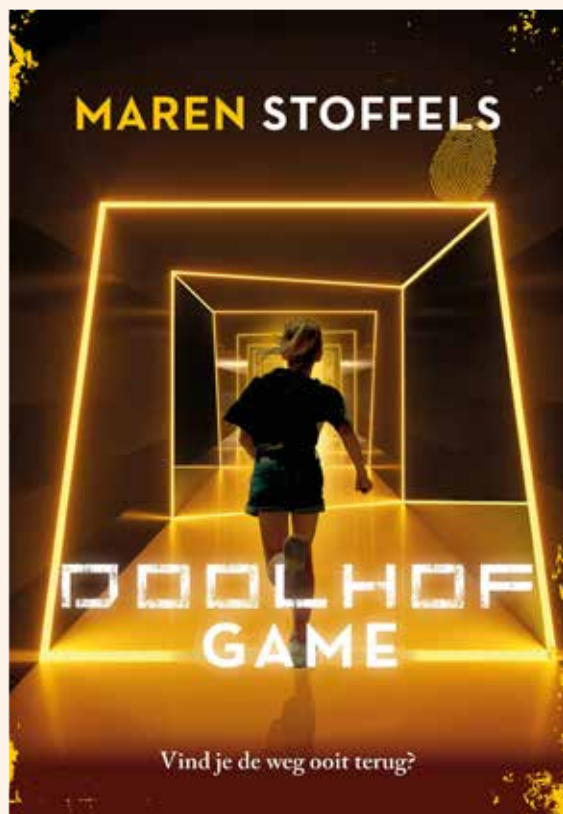
Illustrated by De Efteling

Thomas lives in Raveleijn, a world where he is destined to marry Samira. A falcon pecks Samira in the cheek. Afterwards, she falls seriously ill with a virus that quickly spreads through all of Raveleijn. Even Count Olaf gets infected. There is only one cure for the virus: the blood of a thousand-year-old dragon. Thomas must again call on the courageous Five to save the day. Together, they must cross the Raveleijn Sea to the island where the last dragon lives...

- ◆ Long-awaited third book of the *Raveleijn* series!
- ◆ Can be read independently of the earlier books
- ◆ Full colour illustrations
- ◆ Over 150.000 copies sold of the first two books in the Raveleijn series
- ◆ By the author of the internationally successful *Alfie the Werewolf* and *Horror Bus* series



...AND MORE!



Fiction | 14.8 x 21.5 cm | 144 pages | October 2023

10+ THRILLERS BY MAREN STOFFELS:



ALSO BY MAREN STOFFELS,
FOR 13+:



English translations available

Maze Game

Maren Stoffels

Maze Game opens its doors! Who dares to take part?! Morris signs up for the challenge with his friends. In this game you must search for the exit of the huge maze by completing tasks along the way. But then Lune suddenly disappears. They need to look for her! Is this part of the game? Or is Lune in real danger? And will they ever find their way back?

- ◆ Third thriller for 10+ from well-known thriller writer Maren Stoffels
- ◆ Earlier work by Maren is currently published in the USA

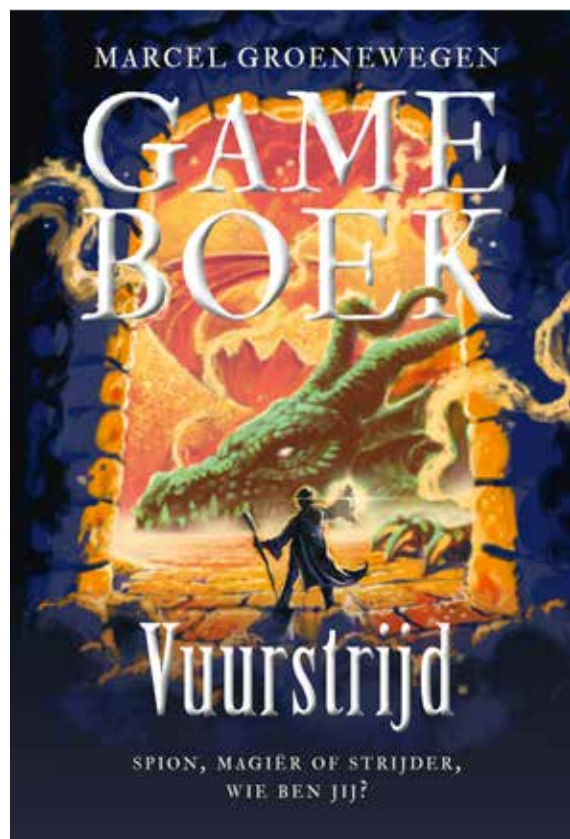
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...see more 13+ thrillers by Maren Stoffels on the [No Exit](#) page.



Fiction | 14.5 x 21.5 cm | 232 pages | October 2023

The press about *Gamebook Shadowcrow*:

'It's fantastic to see how well this book resonates with children. My daughter (a non-reader) even reads it in the car, on the climbing frame, after school. Imaginative and very exciting. This is truly one of those books that gets kids into reading.' – [Leesbevorderingindeklas.nl](https://leesbevorderingindeklas.nl), promoting reading in the classroom

ALSO BY MARCEL GROENEWEGEN:



Winner of the Hotze de Roos Award 2023!

English sample translation available

Game Book Firefight

Marcel Groenewegen

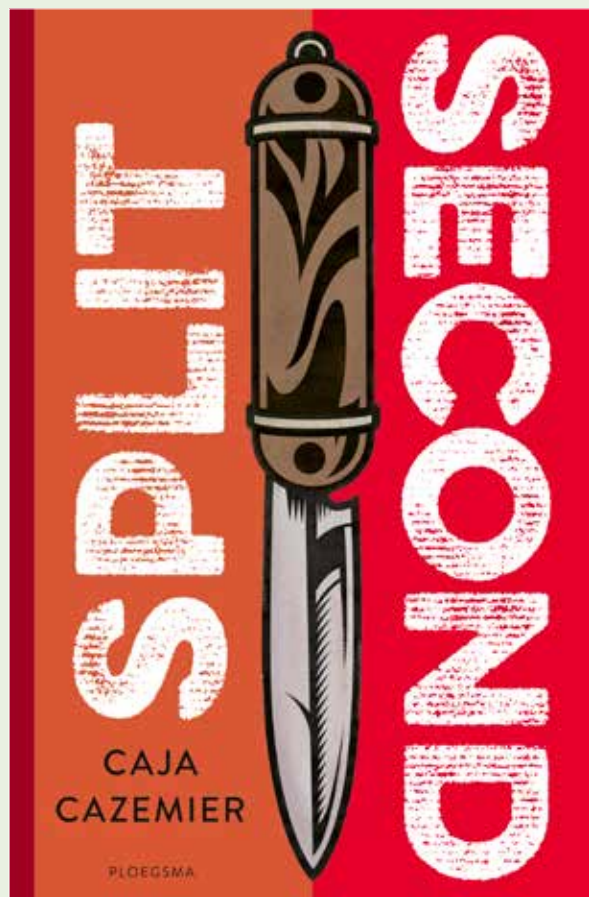
Illustrated by Maarten Donders

It's time for your new mission, Shadow Crow.

In this book, you're the hero: Shadow Crow. You receive a task from Tabulas the magician that you're not happy with. Your best friend Isolde is tasked with something much more important. She must search for the *Book of the Dead*. Disgruntled, you begin your mission... which slowly becomes more interesting as you discover more and more traces of the dangerous witch Cassandra.

Will you manage to solve the riddles? Can you crack the codes? Will you defeat the stone golems and the giant worms? The choice is yours. After each paragraph, you determine where the story goes. Your mission takes you to the heart of the gold mines, past a graveyard full of skeleton warriors and way up north, where Cassandra is hiding.

- ◆ Choose what kind of hero you want to be and decide on the course of action
- ◆ Second GAME BOOK by Marcel Groenewegen
- ◆ A story that reads like a game
- ◆ Generously illustrated



Fiction | 14 x 21.5 cm | 240 pages | May 2023

Split Second

Caja Cazemier

Gripping, topical YA about an ordinary boy who stabs someone

In a split second everything can change...

All his friends carry a knife, so for Theo (15) it goes without saying that he has one too: obviously you need to have a knife in order to defend yourself. But what could happen when you actually use it, is something he hasn't really thought about. Until it's too late...

All of a sudden Theo is a criminal. Police, juvenile prison, probation, shame and guilt, it's all happening to him. Theo is in shock. Wasn't he just an ordinary boy, leading an ordinary life? Now his life has become a nightmare, and he's the only one who can find the way out.

In order to write this book, **Caja Cazemier** studied the current culture among teenagers who find it normal to carry weapons. She also spoke with a juvenile court judge, a detective, a probation officer and a teenager who stabbed someone.

♦ **Important and topical themes:**
weapons and crime among young people

♦ **Caja Cazemier is an author as well as a youth coach**

ALSO BY CAJA CAZEMIER:



...AND MORE!



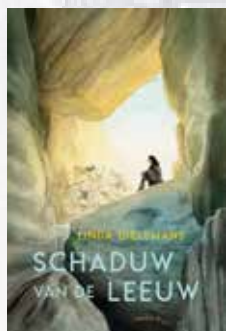
Fiction | 14.8 x 21.5 cm | 448 pages | October 2023

The press about *The Lion's Shadow*:

'Linda Dielemans writes brilliantly, with lively dialogue, and brings a piece of history to life. A very successful historical children's book that leaves you hoping for a follow-up'

– Toin Duijx in *Wykein*

ALSO BY LINDA DIELEMANS:



King's Game

Linda Dielemans

Illustrated by Sanne te Loo

Exciting adventure surrounding the famous Lewis chess pieces - seventy-nine walrus-ivory figures from the 12th century. The story unfolds from three surprising viewpoints: a girl who turns her handicap into her strength (because she can only see sharply up close, she can carve ivory like no other); the viewpoint of the chess pieces themselves; and the viewpoint of the boy who finds the pieces hundreds of years later in 19th century Scotland.

Linda Dielemans combines her expertise as an archaeologist and skills as an author in beautifully-written fiction.

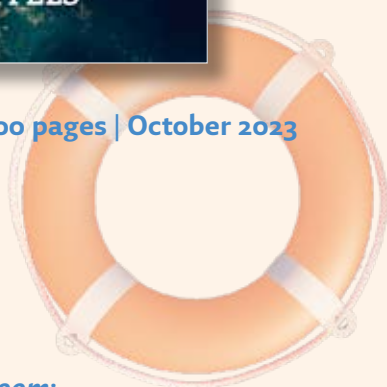
- ◆ **Wonderfully adventurous historical YA novel about the famous Lewis chess pieces**
- ◆ **Linda Dielemans introduces an exceptional archaeological find to children in a unique, exciting format**
- ◆ **Full-page plates in vibrant colours; illustrated by Sanne te Loo**

Rights sold:

Linda Dielemans' book The Lion's Shadow was sold to Freies Geistesleben (Germany) and Trebaruna (Portugal).



Fiction | 14.8 x 21.5 cm | 200 pages | October 2023



The press about *Escape Room*:

'Blood-curdling exciting!' – [HEBBAN.NL](https://hebban.nl), reading community in the Netherlands and Belgium

'Stoffels knows how to build up the tension, but what's going to happen stays a mystery for a long time.'

– thrillersandmore.com

ALSO BY MAREN STOFFELS, FOR 13+:



English translations available

No Exit

Maren Stoffels

How do you escape a nightmare?

*Welcome to No Exit.
The place for you,
so that others are safe.*

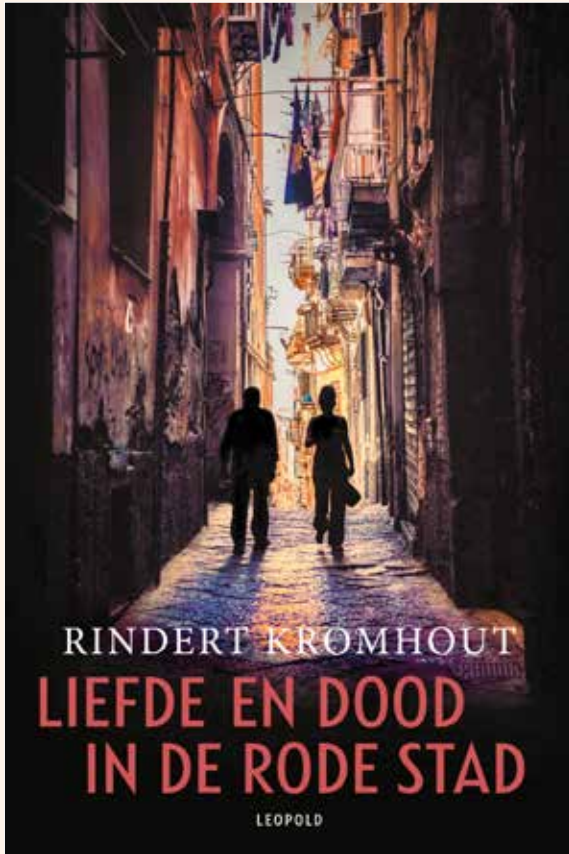
Vesper boards a luxury cruise ship. She thinks she's going on holiday, but nothing could be further from the truth. She has been enrolled in No Exit, a re-education program for bullies. Far away from the outside world, Vesper soon realizes that No Exit knows no boundaries. She's in mortal danger, along with everyone else on board. And then there's that one fellow captive, who claims to be innocent. Vesper must escape. But how is that even possible in the middle of open sea?

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Fiction | 14 x 21.3 cm | 144 pages | November 2023

ALSO BY RINDERT KROMHOUT:



'A successful novel about dreams, about reality, which can be harsh at times, and about a confusing, intimate friendship with an unexpected ending.'
– daily newspaper *Friesch Dagblad*

KROMHOUT'S BLOOMSBURY TRILOGY:



Love and Death in the Red City

Rindert Kromhout

Mahmood is nineteen in the turbulent Bologna of the 1980s. He gives up on his studies to become a chef. At local markets and working in the kitchens of various restaurants, he learns the trade in practice. And he falls in love – with the much older Davide. Can their love really, truly exist? As in *The Puppeteer of Lampedusa*, Rindert Kromhout transports the reader to the sun-drenched streets of Bologna and its eventful history.

- ◆ Wonderful, new YA novel by Rindert Kromhout
- ◆ Standalone novel in which some characters from *The Puppeteer of Lampedusa* make a comeback
- ◆ Splendid historical novel about an impossible love

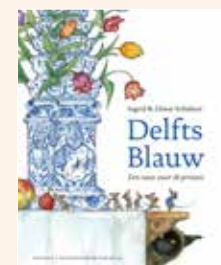
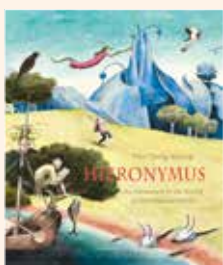
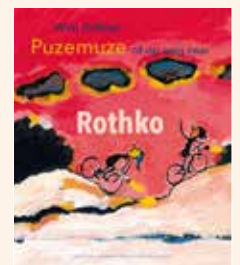
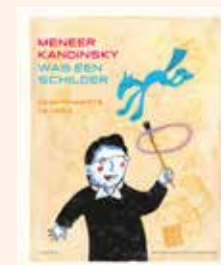
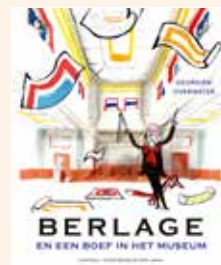
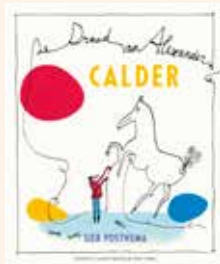
KROMHOUT'S MANN TRILOGY:



Art Picture Books series

- ◆ Picture books about art, for all ages
- ◆ Collaborations with museums and exhibitions

'In the world of books for children and young adults, one of the finest initiatives in years: this collaboration between publishing house Leopold and the Kunstmuseum in The Hague.'
- daily newspaper *Leidsch Dagblad*



For more information about Leopold's Art Picture Books, please check out our [Art Books brochure!](#)



Board book | 19 x 19 cm | 16 pages | June 2022

For more information about the books by Max Velthuis, please check out our [Max Velthuis brochure!](#)

A SELECTION OF BOOKS IN THE FROG SERIES:



Series: *Frog* Max Velthuis



Have you heard of Frog and his friends?

Hare, who knows a lot. Pig, who bakes the best pies. Rat, who always knows a solution. Duck, who wants to be with Frog first and foremost. And Bear, who gets to live with Frog!

There are Frog-books for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Discover Frog and his friends' world!

Max Velthuis (1923-2005) is one of the most well-known Dutch illustrators. Around 1,5 million of his books found their way to living rooms, schools and libraries all over the world and his work was published in more than 35 countries. Max was awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2004 and many Silver and Golden Paintbrushes and Pencils. **Frog** was his alter ego. A sympathetic and naïve optimist. "Isn't life wonderful!" was his motto.

Max could work a year on one book, working on and improving illustrations time after time. Most of all, he wanted the illustrations to seem 'effortlessly made'.

◆ Most loved character in The Netherlands



English sample translations available



Picture book | 21 x 25 cm | 96 pages | June 2023

IN THE BORA SERIES:

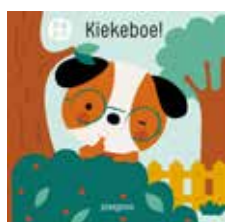


Cloth books | 13 x 13 cm | 8 pages



Board books | 18 x 18 cm | 18 pages

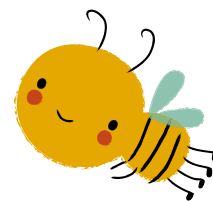
Picture book
21 x 25 cm | 60 pag.



Board book with pull tabs
15 x 15 cm | 10 pages

Teething books
10 x 10 cm | 8 pag.

Series: Bora Baby Books



Meet **BORA**: a brand-new range of fun books for the littlest bookworms! Fresh and playful, and 100% Dutch design by **Deborah van de Leijgraaf**.

Mouse, Bee, Bear, Sloth and many other animal friends feature in these jolly books for babies and toddlers. From baby's first cloth book in black and white (perfect for babies from the age of 6 months) to a crinkle book that stimulates the senses. And from a cotton cloth book with wooden teething ring, to a sturdy harmonica board book with growth chart.

In this newly released *Bora* book, toddlers will be encouraged to discover new words. Young children can easily relate and recognize the different themes, making learning feel like play!

- ◆ Co-production possibilities
- ◆ Successful series
- ◆ 100% Dutch design
- ◆ Birth announcement cards available on the Bora baby platform





Board book | 21 x 21 cm | 32 pages | September 2023

Series: *Mouse*

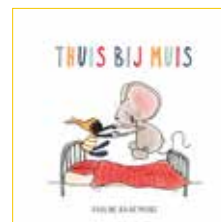
Pauline Baartmans



The books about little friends Mouse and Bear are about recognizable situations and events for kids from age 2 and up. From a baby joining the family (*There'll Be A Little One*) to learning how to count (*Mouse Counts to Ten*). Pauline illustrates with warm and soft colours.

In this new Mouse board book: *Fall with Mouse* Mouse and Bear put on their boots and go outside, searching for mushrooms and making a big pile of leaves. Oops, where did Bear go? Six short stories with a cozy fall feeling.

BOOKS IN THE MOUSE SERIES:



Rights sold:

Christmas with Mouse is sold to arsEdition (Germany).





Board book with mirror | 19 x 19 cm | 18 pages
June 2023

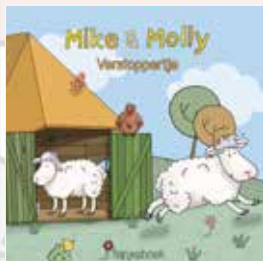
Series: *Mike & Molly* Van Hoorne

Mike & Molly:

Meh! Mike and Molly bleat. Their white woolly coats are wonderfully warm and soft. Hehehe! The horse neighs. He prances with his hooves and swings his tail. Hey, that's you in the mirror! Say: Peekaboo! Discover with Mike & Molly how the farm animals look and sound. A cheerful board book with a little mirror to play endless peekaboo!

- ◆ **Mike & Molly: soft, warm and sweet board books for children age 0-3**

MORE MIKE & MOLLY:





Fiction | 21 x 25 cm | 64 pages | June 2019

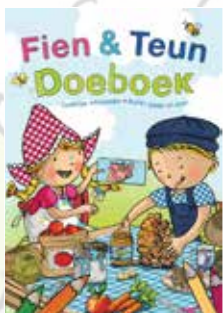
Series: *Fien & Teun* Van Hoorne

Fien & Teun:

Join the adventures of Fien and Teun! Together with pig Sebastian, cow Rosa and dog Pim, Fien and Teun live on a farm where they have the best and most funny adventures.

- ◆ Learn about life on a farm!
- ◆ Funny and informative stories
- ◆ Fien and Teun Theatre tour, TV-series, products, real life adventure farm and more!

THE FIEN & TEUN SERIES BY VAN HOORNE:





Fiction/Non fiction | 17 x 24 cm | 48 pages
July/November 2023

BOOKS IN THE SPOT SERIES:



Rights sold:

Pony Adventures: sold to Bogoo Books (Denmark), Albatros Media (Czech Republic).

The Pony Handbook: sold to Bogoo Books (Denmark).

Series: *SPOT*

Sam Verhoeven



This is Spot, a mischievous, funny and sweet Shetland pony with spots. He is a champion in escaping his meadows and rolling around in the mud, and he's always in for an adventure (and a carrot or two).

- ◆ Entertaining stories for pony and horse admirers
- ◆ Filled with interesting facts about horses
- ◆ For early readers





Fiction | 17 x 24 cm | 64 pages | June 2023

ALSO IN THE LITTLE ASTRONAUTS SERIES:



ALSO BY ANDRÉ KUIPERS:



Series: *The Little Astronauts*

André Kuipers



André Kuipers about the Little Astronauts:

'It is my mission to inspire children with science, technology and the pristine beauty of our unique planet.'

For every child that wants to go on an exciting mission in space with the Little Astronauts!

André and Valentina are staying at the space station, just like real astronauts. Professor Korolov asks if they want to help him with an important, but also super-secret space experiment. André hesitates. It sounds very interesting, but also dangerous. Then the alarm goes off. A piece of space debris is heading straight for the space station...

Astronaut André Kuipers has flown to space twice. He lived and worked a total of 204 days aboard the international space station ISS.

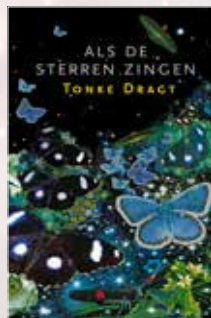
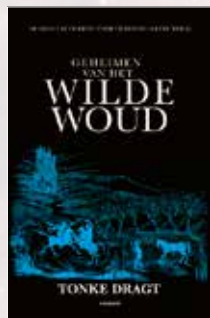
◆ Read more about *The Little Astronauts* brand in the brochure!





Fiction | 15 x 22.8 cm | 456 pages | 1962

WORKS BY TONKE DRAGT:



Children's classics

Tonke Dragt

Discover the bestselling books by Dutch author of children's classics Tonke Dragt

- ◆ *The Letter for the King* - more than 3 million copies sold
- ◆ International bestselling author - translated into more than 33 languages
- ◆ NETFLIX SERIES of *The Letter for the King*

'Through her stories, Tonke Dragt encourages young people to be [...] authentic and assess their situation themselves instead of leaning on others' - **IBBY Netherlands**



AWARDS AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS FOR TONKE DRAGT'S WORK:

2007 - Japanese Child Welfare and Culture Award
2005 - Vitorine Hefting Award
2004 - The best of the Golden Pencils
1995 - Buxtehude Bulle Award

1990 - Flag & Pennant
1976 - State Prize for Children's Literature
1971 - Nienke van Hichtum Award
1963 - Children's Book of the Year



Read aloud fiction (bind-up) | 17 x 24 cm | 80 pages
January 2024

- ◆ A mini-witch with a heart of gold!
- ◆ A charming full colour read aloud book for all little wizards and witches!

BOOKS IN THE FUCHSIA THE MINI-WITCH SERIES:



Series: *Fuchsia the Mini-Witch*

Paul van Loon

Illustrated by Saskia Halfmouw

Paul van Loon – winner of three **GOLDEN BOOKS**

'Wakkabakkaboo!' Fuchsia lives in the Witch Forest with her dad Kwark the Wizard.

In the forest and at Witch School, she has all kinds of adventures.

Fuchsia is very mischievous. She likes to try out spells from the Great Book of Witchcraft, while it's strictly forbidden. And sometimes it goes totally wrong. Oops!

But Fuchsia also has a heart of gold. She's very tough and not afraid of anything.

And she gives witches who are bullies their just desserts: It's your own fault, witch reward!

'Fuchsia has stolen my heart. Paul van Loon once again confirms the ultimate mastery of his craft. Highly recommended.'

– reader's quote



Fiction | 14.8 x 21.5 cm | 112 pages | August 2023

BOOKS IN THE FRECKLE AND MARSH SERIES:



Series: *Freckle and Marsh*

Vivian den Hollander

Illustrated by Juliette de Wit

No criminal is safe from these two detectives!

Freckle and Marsh are best friends and proper sleuths. Marsh never leaves the house without her notebook, because you never know what suspicious things you might see! She jots them all down. Another thing she would never forget to bring, are marshmallows. When she eats them, she can think extra well, she claims. Her best friend Freckle isn't always as keen on doing detective stuff, but he would never let Marsh go at it alone. Marsh's cousin Nelson is a police officer. That way, Freckle and Marsh often hear interesting information, and sometimes they even get the chance to help him solve a case!

- ◆ Riveting detective series
- ◆ With black and white illustrations





Series: *The Pirates Down the Street*

Reggie Naus

Illustrated by Mark Janssen

Imagine your next-door neighbours are pirates... And that they don't live in an ordinary house, but in a kind of boat-shaped construction made from pieces of wreckage. They have a proper canon, which they actually fire for fun, and a guard shark swimming around their small moat. And they do everything the pirate way, because if there is anything they hate, it's landlubber stuff.

So the Blunderbusses are a proper pirate family. For years they used to sail the seven seas, but now they want to settle down. Captain Blunderbuss and his wife Betsy have a son: Billy. And then there is Grandpa Blunderbuss. He is the roughest pirate that ever lived, and people tell the wildest stories about him. Grandpa Blunderbuss is always thirsty, particularly for rum.

Michael lives in the house next to the pirates. He is the only person in their 'decent' neighbourhood who enjoys having the pirates around. He and Billy soon become best friends.

Fiction | 15 x 22 cm | 208 pages

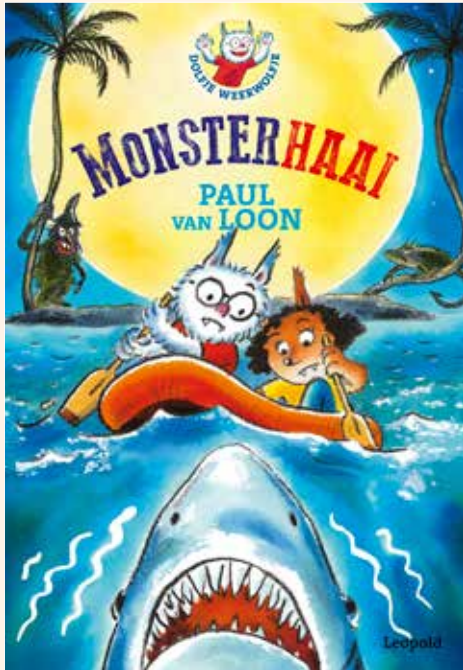
BOOKS IN THE PIRATES DOWN THE STREET SERIES:



Rights sold:

Carlo Gallucci Editore (Italy) , Kilavuz Kitap Yayin Egitim (Turkey).

- ◆ Funniest pirates you'll ever read about!
- ◆ With black and white illustrations
- ◆ More than 50,000 copies sold
- ◆ 2nd movie *The Pirates Down the Street* the success of Summer 2022!
- ◆ 1st movie *The Pirates Down the Street* released in Russia, Germany and Italy

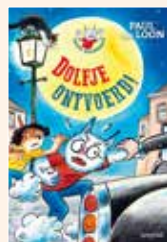
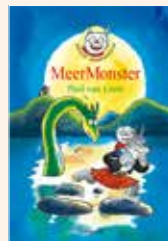
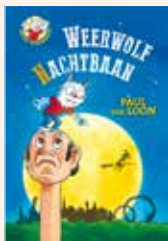
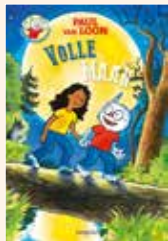
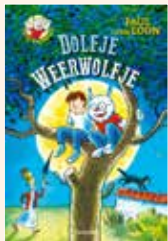


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Fiction | 15 x 22 | 144 pages | April 2023

- ◆ More than 1 million books sold: most popular series in the Netherlands by award winning author Paul van Loon

BOOKS IN THE ALFIE THE WEREWOLF SERIES:



Series: *Alfie the Werewolf*

Paul van Loon

Illustrated by Hugo van Look

Paul van Loon – winner of three **GOLDEN BOOKS**

Alfie is just a boy like any other boy.
Except for three nights a month, when the moon is full and he turns into a werewolf.

A fluffy white werewolf who wears glasses.
At first this gets Alfie very upset. He even thinks about running away.

But his foster parents don't seem to mind he's a werewolf.

Thank goodness, because now he has a place he can call home.

During the full moon he experiences thrilling adventures, together with his girlfriend Noura, his foster brother Timmy, Grandpa Werewolf and his werewolf cousin Leo.



Rights sold: LAPA Uitgewers (South-Africa), Qingdao Publishing House (China), Nieko Rimto (Lithuania), The Old Lion Publishing House (Ukraine).



Fiction | 14 x 21.5 cm | 160 pages | September 2023

Series: *Rosie's Rules*

Marjon Hoffman

Illustrated by Georgien Overwater

Rosie thinks it's ridiculous that grown-ups get to decide everything. She thinks she can do way better and makes up her own rules:

If someone swaps something with you when you haven't really had a chance to think about it properly, it's okay to steal it back!

If your parents think you should visit old people because you can learn so much from them, they shouldn't complain when these people teach you the wrong things.

Some things you should never do with your eyes closed!

BOOKS IN THE ROSIE'S RULES SERIES:



◆ **Tv-series *Floor Rules* wins International EMMY KIDS award**

◆ **Hit-series in the Netherlands, 500,000 books sold**

◆ **Short stories, quirky heroin**



Full English translation available

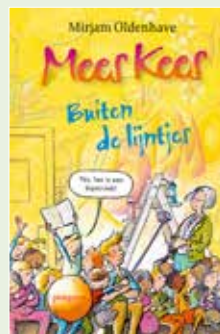
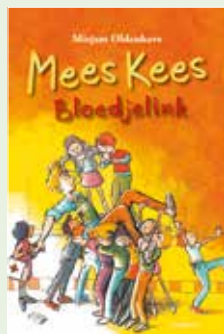


Fiction | 14 x 21.5 cm | 136 pages

English sample translations available

◆ More than 800,000 copies sold

BOOKS IN THE MISTER TWISTER SERIES:



Series: *Mister Twister*

Mirjam Oldenhavé

Illustrated by

Rick de Haas



Mister Twister is a trainee, so he's not completely sure about all the things a schoolteacher is supposed to do. But fortunately he has a classroom full of experts! The children teach him that a Spiderman movie is practically a nature documentary, because what is a spider, if not 'nature'? Also, it's much more efficient to let one person make all the sums and then let the others copy the answers!

Besides the book series, there have been five very successful movies, a tv-series and a tv-quiz about the much-loved trainee.



'Everything Oldenhavé writes has pace.' – national newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*

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