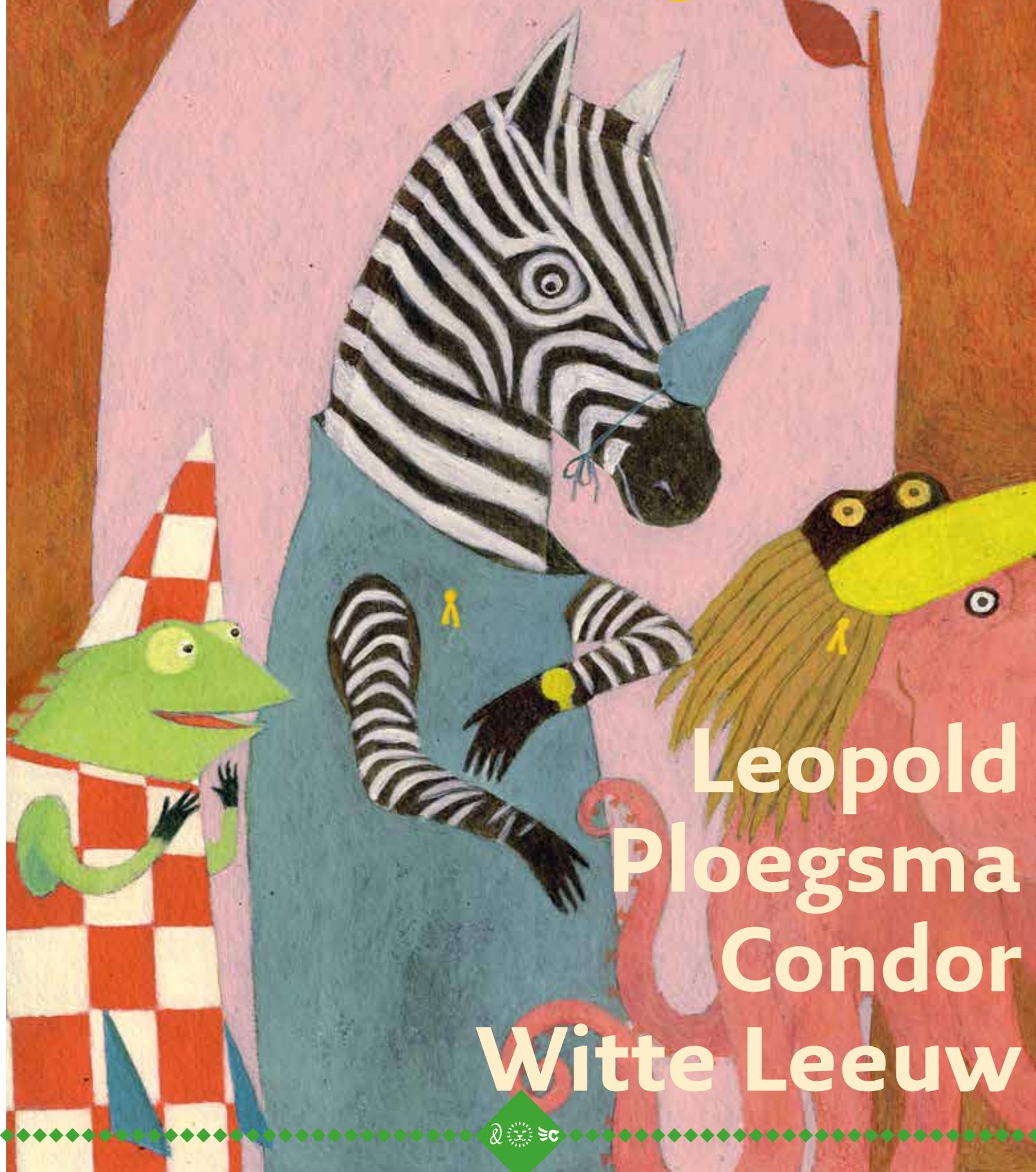




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Leopold Publishers

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 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 *Fright Night* (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 cosy 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!

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 specialising 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*), Yvon Jaspers (*Tess and Tommy*), Reggie Naus (*The Pirates Down the Street*), Vivian den Hollander, Janny van der Molen 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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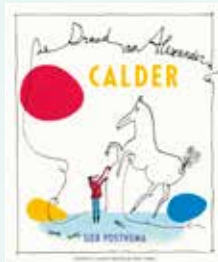
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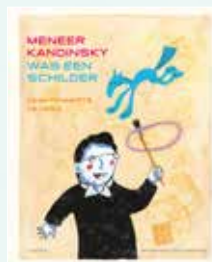
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AWARDS AND NEWS:



Publishing House Leopold celebrates its 100th birthday!



Longlist Boon Literature Award 2023

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 wellknown 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 | January 2023

BOOK ONE:



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



What's up, Squirrel?

Arend van Dam

Illustrated by Alex de Wolf

Learn about emotions with Squirrel

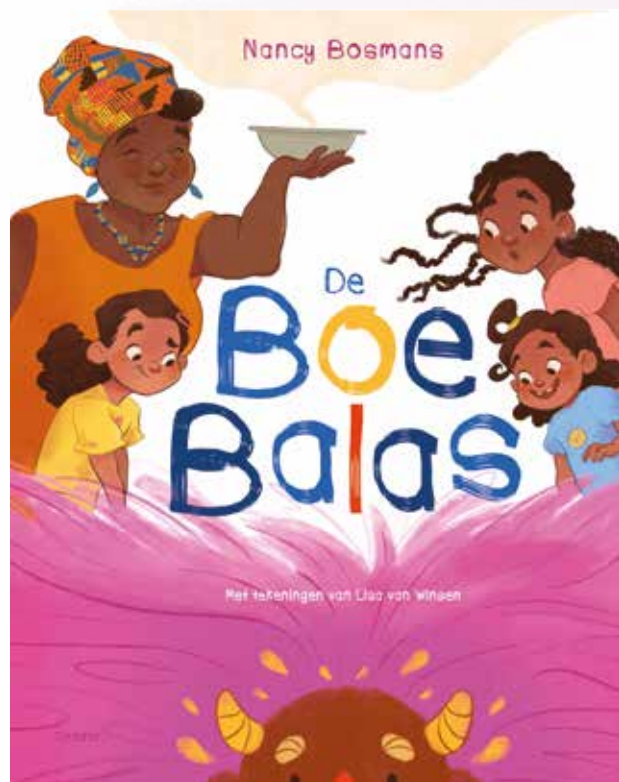
Squirrel sits on the pavement next to a broken scooter. His friends can tell by his face that something's up, but what? Does he look angry? Or frightened? Has he hurt himself? Or is something else the matter? Guess along with them and learn to recognize different emotions.

- ◆ New book in the Squirrel series!
- ◆ Series of 3 books 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



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



The Boebalas

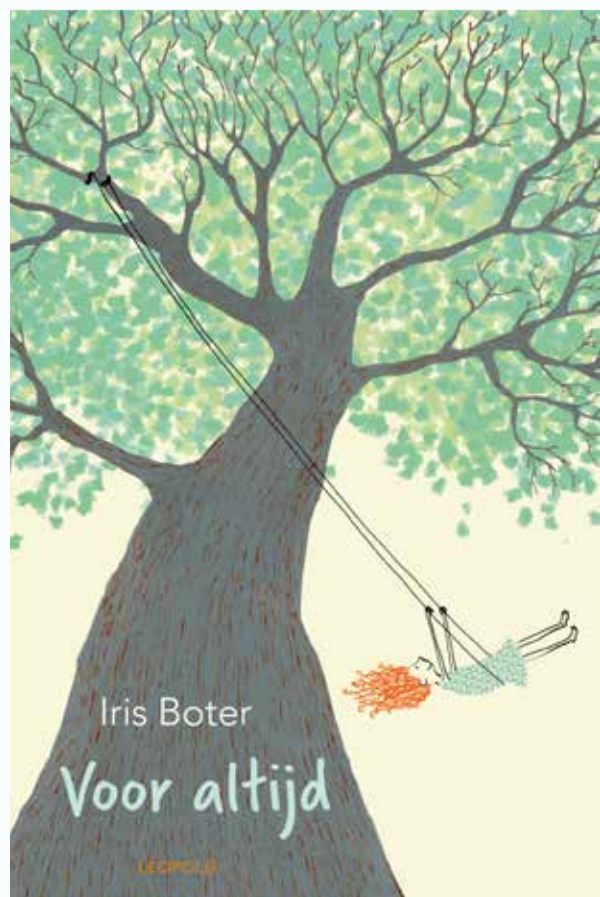
Nancy Bosmans

Illustrated by Lisa van Winsen

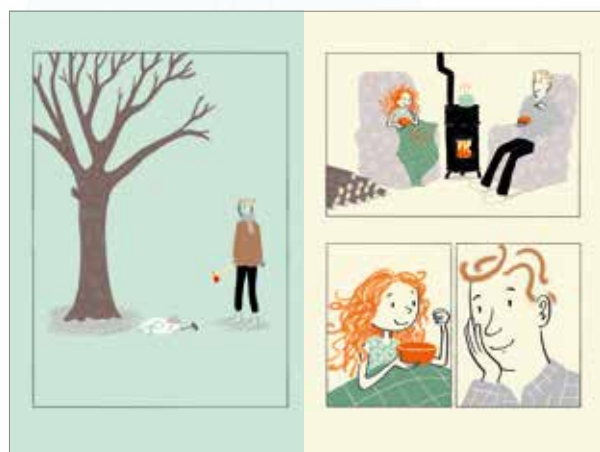
Neah, Ayah and Avah go over to Granny's for dinner. They're served up something they've never eaten before. It looks awfully unusual. Yuck, their minds are made up. They really don't like it! Fortunately, Granny knows a rather exceptional monster: the Boebalas! He takes the children on an adventure to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



Picture book | 16.3 x 24.6 cm | 40 pag. | November 2022



Forever

Iris Boter

A touching story about the circle of life

Near the house is an old tree.
It's a faithful friend. You can swing on its strong branches, picnic in its shade, hide among its leaves and take shelter beneath it from the rain.
'Daddy, will it stay like this forever?' the girl asks.
Then it starts to snow. The girl falls ill. And the wood for the stove runs out.
Dad is forced to choose...

- ◆ Story of loss and new life
- ◆ A picture book that invites discussion

The press about *Forever*:

'Forever is a sensitive, hopeful book about making difficult choices and the circle of life. – *Lekker lezen, reading tips for the whole family*



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

Beyond the Clouds

Annemarie van Haeringen

Discovering infinity and finding a friend

Monkey is new in the neighbourhood. She lives on Paradise Lane, in The Meadow, in Goat Land, in Europe, on Earth, in the Universe. She is called Monkey because she is the best climber. She is up in a tree in seconds. Always higher, that's what she wants. Snow White offers a ladder so she can climb even higher, above the clouds, on her way to find the Milky Way. But then she 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, her new found friend. 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 | 29.8 x 24.6 cm | 32 pages | March 2023



The Party

Janneke Ipenburg

A fantastic animal dress up party

The forest is in an uproar. There's going to be a party! The animals dress up in their finest and excitedly wait in a long queue. Everyone is allowed inside. Except for Chameleon, no matter what he tries. And then suddenly, he's welcome after all. The party is upbeat and getting wilder. 'It's a bit too crowded for my taste,' Chameleon grumbles. He starts searching for a way out, only to discover he isn't the only one... Everyone is welcome; you're never all alone.

◆ Illustrated and written by the 2022 Silver Pencil winner for *All the Wishes in the World*

The press about *All the Wishes in the World*:

'This is only her second children's book, but her charming style makes you long for more. – Daily newspaper *Trouw*





Illustrated Poems | 16.3 x 24.6 cm | 48 pages | April 2023



ALSO BY MILJA PRAAGMAN:



English translations available

I See You

Milja Praagman

Wonderful poems and vibrant drawings give a poetic perspective to feelings and family ties. All about floating on your back with your ears underwater, a boat on its way to later, falling in love, a day full of happiness and so much more...

- ◆ Beautiful images and surprising poems blend to form an original heart-warming language
- ◆ Lovely for children as well as their parents

The press about Milja Praagman's *Close*:

'Poems full of wonder'

– Daily newspaper *De Morgen*

'Clear shapes, sophisticated patterns, a warm palette

– these are drawings to immerse yourself in.'

– Daily newspaper *Het Parool*

'Each print has its own character and could be displayed on the wall as a poster.' – Daily newspaper *De Volkskrant*

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Books by Milja Praagman are sold to France, Germany, the U.K., China (Complex Chinese/Simplified Chinese), Korea, Italy and Denmark, Spain, Vietnam and Iran.

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Picture book | 21 x 25 cm | 48 pages | January 2023



MORE MORTIMER BOOKS:



Mortimer makes a Promise

Gitte Spee

Charming picture book about the curious and courageous pig Mortimer

At the zoo with his friends, Mortimer sees a sea lion, a seahorse, a sea cow... Even a sea cucumber! It makes him wonder: could there also be a sea *pig*? According to an old dusty book the answer is yes! And so he builds a submarine to go and look for the sea pig in the deep dark sea. His friend Elephant just laughs at him; that old and dusty book must have been a book of fairy tales, he says...

So when after a perilous journey Mortimer finally does find the sea pig, he is over the moon. Now he can prove to Elephant that he was right! But the sea pig asks him to keep his existence a secret. He doesn't want to end up in a fish tank, or worse, on someone's plate! Mortimer promises not to tell anyone.

Mortimer safely makes it back home, and Elephant asks him whether he found the sea pig. 'No,' says Mortimer, 'the sea pig does not exist.' Because a promise is a promise!

- ◆ **Adventurous and witty story with a valuable message: when you make a promise, you have to keep it!**
- ◆ **For children who are ready for a slightly bigger story than the average picture book**

English translation available of Mortimer and the Big Storm and Mortimer makes a Promise



Picture book | 21 x 25 cm | 32 pages | May 2023

The press about *Professor Klutz's Zilch Machine*:

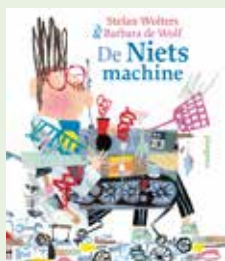
'Geniously funny picturebook!'

– book critic Pjotr van Lenteren

'A delicious story that doesn't just amuse the child, but also the person who reads the book to them.'

– book platform *LIBRIS*, Ineke van Nispen

MORE BY STEFAN WOLTERS & BARBARA DE WOLF:



Circus Pavlof

Stefan Wolters

Illustrated by Barbara de Wolf

If you're creative and flexible, you can solve every problem!

Circus Pavlof celebrates its 50th anniversary! High time for a party, and a big show has been announced. The audience is ready to be amazed, the spotlights come on, the music starts... But then things start to go wrong. The clown has a broken heart, the magician has accidentally magicked himself away and the lion tamer calls to say he can't make it as he's currently inside the tiger's stomach. One by one all the artists cancel their performance, and the whole show is in danger of collapsing. What can the circus director do!? Perhaps he can pluck someone from the audience to lend a hand...?

- ◆ By succesful duo Stefan Wolters and Barbara de Wolf
- ◆ Quirky picture book with an inspiring message hidden beneath the hilarious surface

Rights sold:

Commander Spacey Finds a New Planet sold to *Freies Geistesleben* (Germany).



Art Picture book | 23.8 x 28.6 cm | 32 pages | March 2023

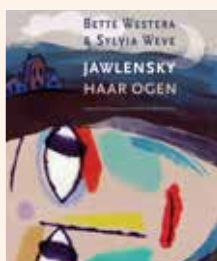
A Summery Sunday

Gerda Dendooven

*Inspired by the Flemish
Expressionists*

The funfair is in full swing in the village and people toast each other in the café. The sun shines over the meadows along the river where fishermen cast their lines. Lovers stroll and pleasure boats glide across the water. Sounds of jazz music echo from the villa. Painters drink tea in the garden and discuss life, art and their aspirations. A summery Sunday afternoon, until dusk gently falls.

◆ **New release in the Art Picture Books series**

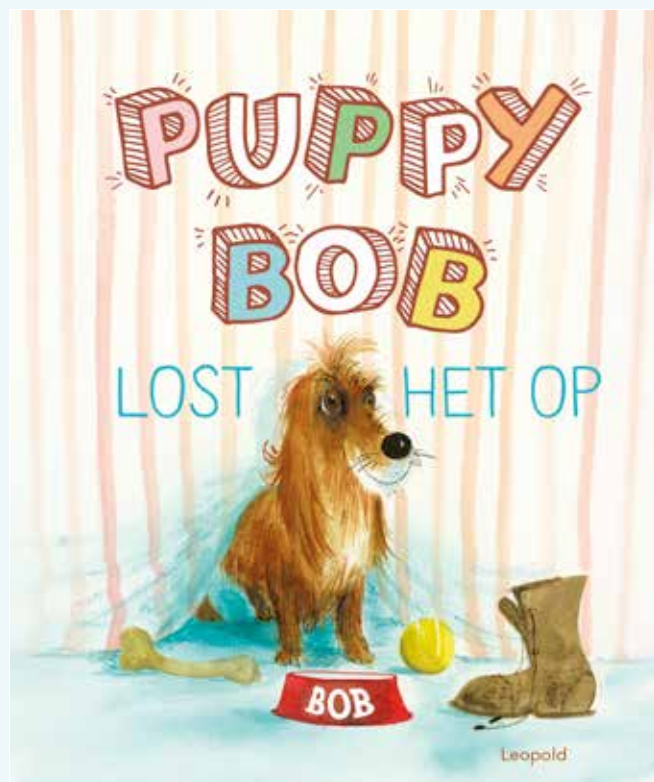


For more information about Leopold's Art Books,
please check out our **Art Picture Books brochure!**

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Picture book | 23.8 x 28.6 cm | 32 pages | November 2022

Puppy Bob To the Rescue

Harmen van Straaten



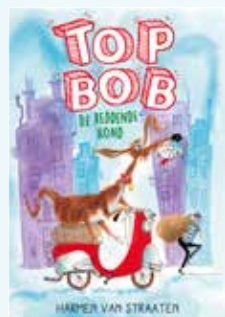
Even a hero starts out as a puppy!

Puppy Bob gets new owners: Mr and Mrs Drill. They still have loads to learn about dogs. Bob loves digging holes in the garden. He likes hiding things. Peeing inside seems perfectly natural... And he really doesn't like dog school. But fortunately, he makes new friends there: Skipper Dachshund and Daisy Poodle. Together they'll survive whatever's thrown their way!

And has Bob learned any new tricks? Definitely! Have his owners misplaced something again? Our hero Bob to the rescue!
WAF! WAF! WAF!

◆ **Beloved rescue dog Top Bob now as a picture book**

THE TOP BOB SERIES FOR EARLY READERS:

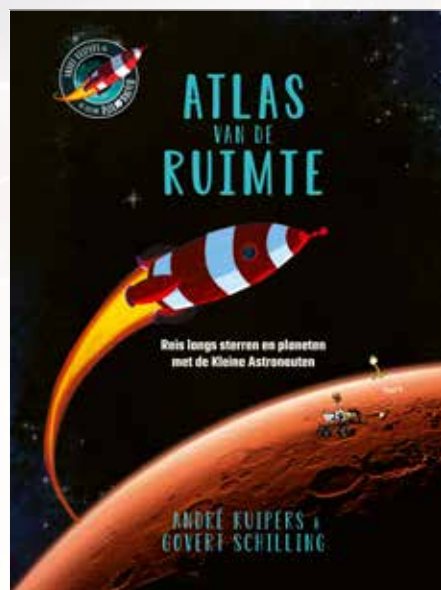


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Books by Harmen van Straaten are sold to the U.K., Italy, France, Germany, China, Denmark, Turkey and Japan.



Two new non-fiction releases in *The Little Astronauts* series!



Picture book/ Non-fiction | 24 x 33.3 cm | 48 pages | November 2022



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

Space Atlas

André Kuipers & Govert Schilling

Illustrated by Paco Vink

Travel to extraordinary places in the universe together with the Little Astronauts. Visit the moon, the planets in our solar system, stars and stellar nebulae. *Space Atlas* is an unique book combining photos and illustrations. An unforgettable journey – it will make you look at the night sky in a completely different way!

For more information about the *The Little Astronauts series*, check out [The Little Astronauts series page!](#)

For more information about *The Little Astronauts* brand, check out [this brochure!](#)

Becoming an Astronaut

André Kuipers

Illustrated by Paco Vink

How can I become an astronaut? is the question astronaut André Kuipers is most often asked. In this playful book he answers the questions of his young readers and reveals a secret at the end!



Read aloud book | 17.3 x 24.6 cm | 112 pages |
February 2023

- ◆ The reader can choose the gender of the 'I'
- ◆ Surprising family structures
- ◆ Full-colour illustrations by Aron Dijkstra



Nout and I in Spinning Space

Fleur Doornberg-Puglisi

Illustrated by Aron Dijkstra

Dazzling debut where the commonplace is extraordinary, and diversity is the norm

Two kids think up Spinning Space: an exciting place you can travel to, but only if you... 'To tell the truth, Nout and I don't actually know ourselves.'

Together, they try finding the best way to get there. During their search, they meet all the neighbours living in their street. The world gets bigger and bigger. And Spinning Space turns out to be the finest, most beautiful place they could have ever imagined.

Fleur Doornberg-Puglisi works as a library teacher at an international school in Sweden. There, she encounters different family structures and lifestyles, which she often misses represented in children's literature. This gave her the idea for a read-aloud book with a main character who has no name and no gender.

Aron Dijkstra is a writer and illustrator. His drawing style is characterised by dynamic perspectives, accessibility and warm colours. He enjoys working with traditional materials including ink, pencil and paint.





Fiction | 17.3 x 24.6 cm | 160 pages | November 2022

- ◆ Inspiring stories for kids about refugee children
- ◆ Based on real-life stories
- ◆ Full-colour illustrations by Saskia Halfmouw

ALSO BY MARTINE LETTERIE:



Children From Far Away

Martine Letterie

Illustrated by Saskia Halfmouw

Samuel wraps his arms around his grandpa's waist. 'Why aren't you coming with me, Grandpa?' Grandpa gives Samuel a kiss. 'Go now.' Samuel glances over his shoulder one last time. Then tightly presses his cuddly bear against his chest.

Samuel, Tamar, Azad and Fatima are normal kids. Until war breaks out. They are forced to leave everything and everyone they know behind, in search of a place where they'll be safe.

In this read-aloud book, **Martine Letterie** describes the lives of four children who've had to flee war and violence along with their families. She based these stories on interviews with children from Syria and Afghanistan.



Rights sold:

Work by Martine Letterie was sold to Lithuania (Terra Publica) and Germany (Carlsen Verlag).





Fiction | 17.3 x 24.6 cm | 272 pages | November 2022

MORE IN THE GORGE-SERIES:



For an overview of all the Gorgle books and products, please see our **Gorgle brochure!**

The Gorgles and the Last Chance

Jochem Myjer

Illustrated by Rick de Haas

The Gorgles' breathtaking final adventure, imaginatively illustrated by Rick de Haas

Suddenly, Melle sees a huge bald eagle. Guard-Gorgle Jukko and a sleeping Border-Gorgle from the Far North are riding on its back. Jukko sounds the alarm: the Buglies are on their way south extra early this year. And the Purple-spotted green-spot Bugly is putting more and more Gorgles into a mysterious deep sleep.

Who is going to protect the Human children now? Of course, Melle has a brilliant Plan.

That is the start of a thrilling and treacherous journey past fjords and waterfalls all the way to the frozen tundra in the Far North. Melle, Limoni and Katja, together with a team of the smartest and strongest Gorgles in the world, go all out to save the Gorgles from their demise.

- ◆ More than 700,000 Gorgle books and products sold in the Netherlands
- ◆ Extremely popular with children, teachers and parents
- ◆ Epic, thrilling and thick closing part

Rights sold:

The Gorgles are sold to Freies Geistesleben (Germany), Turbine (Denmark), Albatros Media (Czech Republic), Chitarium (Ukraine) and Dobraya Kniga (Russia).



Non-fiction | 21 x 26 cm | 64 pages | April 2023

- ◆ **Contemporary and hip non-fiction book for children, about consent**
- ◆ **Over 10.000 copies sold of their first book: *Yes, but, like... HOW?! Reading together about body, love and making babies***

Yes, but, like... HOW?!

Philippine van der Goes

& Karen Middelburg

Illustrated by Agnes Loonstra

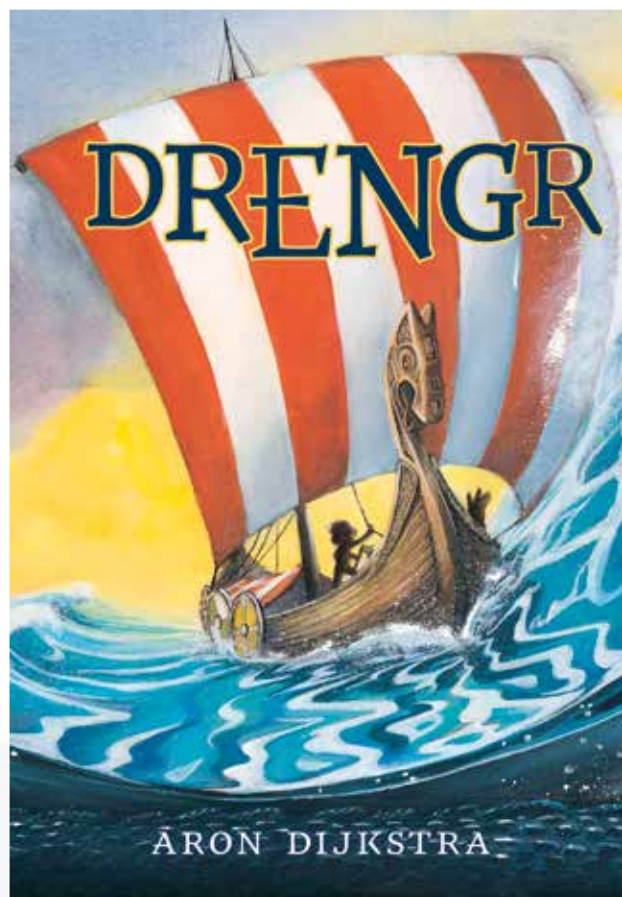
Your body belongs to you – a book about consent

One of the most important things to teach a child is how to say yes and no. To be clear about what they do want and what they don't want, and to realize that it's important that other people respect that. So when your auntie wants to give you a kiss while you'd rather she didn't, it's okay to say so. And it's wrong for parents to push you into giving in, because that just teaches you that your boundaries are not important and you have no say in what happens to your body.

At the same time, it's equally important to teach kids to express what they do like and want. That forms the basis for happy relationships as adults.

The aim of the book is to encourage parents and children to talk about expressing boundaries, wishes and consent together.

Philippine van der Goes is a coach, author and mother of a young son. **Dr. Karin Middelburg** is a gynaecologist and mother of three. Together they decided to write the book they themselves missed as parents to young kids: honest books about sexual education, with a sense of humour and with room for diversity.



Fiction | 14.5 x 21.8 cm | 240 pages | March 2023

Dreng

Aron Dijkstra

Even misfits can be heroes!

For the Vikings it's all about 'dreng'. It's engraved in the wooden beams of their houses, the boards of their ships and the iron of their swords and axes. Everyone wants to be dreng. Because dreng means tough, brave and strong.

If there is anything that 10-year old Sigi isn't, it's tough, brave and strong. Wherever he goes, misfortune follows, and the inhabitants of Lilleby believe that Sigi is like a magnet for Loki, the god of chaos and trouble. And so generally they avoid him as much as possible.

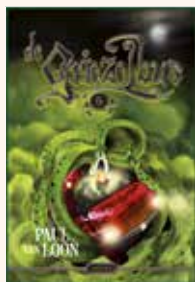
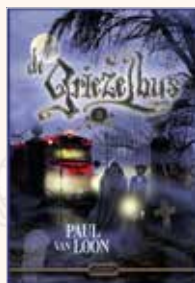
When Einar, the son of chief Eirik, publicly challenges Sigi one evening, the chief gives Sigi one last chance to prove he is one of them. Sigi is provided with a boat and an axe, and sent on a mission to kill the Midgard Serpent. Only then will he free himself from Loki, and will he be allowed to return to the village...

- ◆ Impressive and gripping fiction debut by illustrator Aron Dijkstra
- ◆ For fans of John Flanagan's *Ranger's Apprentice* series
- ◆ A real Viking adventure



Fiction/Graphic novel manga style | 16 x 23 cm |
216 pages | October 2022

THE HORROR BUS SERIES:



Rights sold:

The Horror Bus series is sold to Bayard Press (France), Dituria (Albania), Salani (Italy), Nieko Rimto (Lithuania), Gimm-Young Publishers (Korea).

The Horror Bus

Paul van Loon

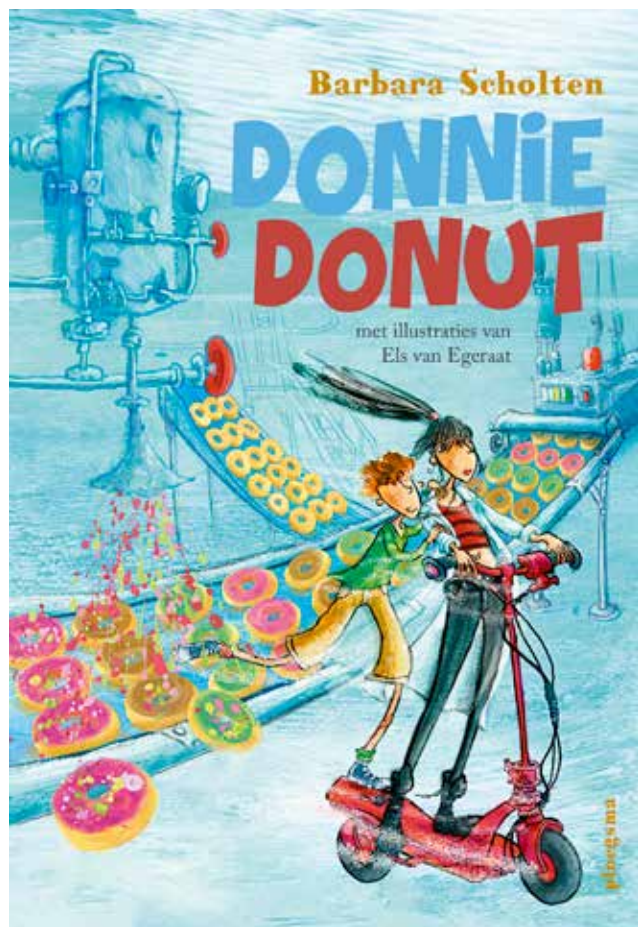
Illustrated by Kim Deokyeong

'Welcome to The Horror Bus! This is going to be a ride you'll never forget!'

Thirty years ago, the very first book in the *Horror Bus* series appeared: a story within a story in which the writer P. Onnoval takes a school class on an outing in a sinister, dark bus. On the way, he tells scary stories. Are these actually made up or is there something more to it? Decades later, *The Horror Bus* still has readers of all ages on the edge of their seats. To mark this anniversary, publishing house Leopold and Paul van Loon are releasing a special edition of *The Horror Bus* in comic book form, created by the Korean Kim Deokyeong. Paul van Loon adapted the text with his spot-on gruesome humour – for his earliest fans, as well as brand new readers!



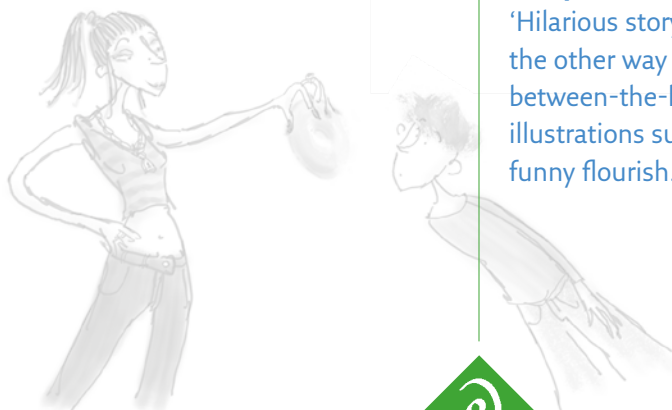
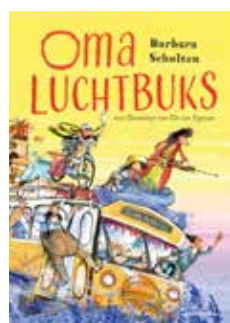
- ◆ The perfect combination of Dutch and Korean inspiration in this new edition of *The Horror Bus*
- ◆ Chilling for children age 9+
- ◆ The Horror Bus: a series of seven volumes!



Fiction | 14.8 x 21.5 cm | 176 pages | October 2022

- ◆ A whacky adventure for 9 years and up
- ◆ By the author of the successful book *Granny Get Your Gun!*

ALSO BY BARBARA SCHOLTEN:



Donny Doughnut

Barbara Scholten

Illustrated by Els van Egeraat

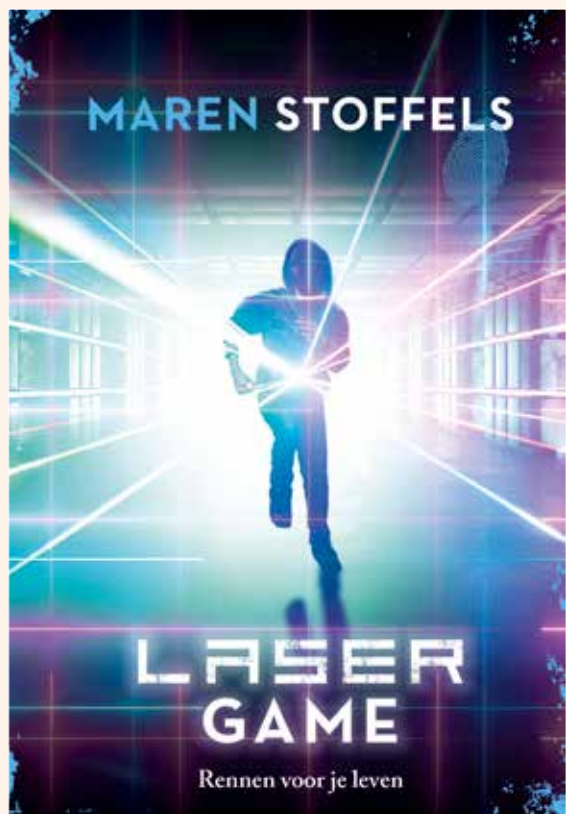
Hilarious tale full of adventure

According to his teacher, Donny is a 'Neppy': No Education Possible. She suggests that from now on Donny only comes to school for half the day and will occupy himself elsewhere after the lunch break, so he'll be less trouble for her. And so his mother arranges a job for him, delivering doughnuts for the Dingleddy doughnut factory where she is the manager of the green production line. Donny's job is to pick up doughnuts at the factory and deliver them somewhere in their own town; how hard can it be? Although Donny promised his mum to stay out of trouble, things already go wrong during his first week when Dot Dingleddy, the owner of the doughnut factory, has to go on a business trip and asks Donny to feed her two expensive Sphynx cats, Peach Precious and Silver Star. They escape... If Dot finds out, Donny will lose his job, and what's worse: so will his mum! Donny decides he has to get the cats back any which way.



The press about *Granny Get Your Gun!*:

'Hilarious story in which imagination overtakes reality (and the other way round), a proper page turner full of witty in-between-the-lines jokes. The numerous black and white illustrations support and enliven the text with an incredibly funny flourish.' – **Dutch Library Association NBD/Biblion**



Fiction | 15 x 22 cm | 144 pages | October 2022

Laser Game

Maren Stoffels

Gaming for your life!

Silvijn and Noor get into a huge argument with their classmates Milan and Fee. They decide to settle it in Silvijn's parents' laser game hall. At night. When nobody is around. But then two figures in balaclavas force their way into the building. Burglars!

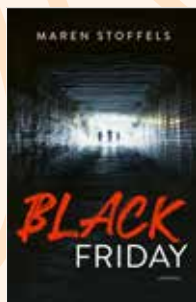
In this thriller Maren Stoffels once again masterfully manipulates the characters' motives and the reader's expectations, as only she can.

- ◆ **Second thriller for 10+ from well-known thriller writer Maren Stoffels**
- ◆ **Earlier work by Maren has been published in the USA**

10+ THRILLER BY MAREN STOFFELS:



13+ THRILLERS BY MAREN STOFFELS:





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

ALSO BY MIRJAM OLDENHAVE:



Lanya's Lives

Mirjam Oldenhavé

Caught between two cultures

This is the true story of 16-year old Lanya. As a young child she and her family fled Iraq. Once in the Netherlands Lanya and her sister were placed in foster care while her parents try to deal with their problems. When after seven years the family finally get their residency permit and a house, Lanya's big struggle begins. Her parents expect their children to act 'normal' again. Normal, like when they were living in Iraq. Lanya can't do this, she feels she needs to live her own life and make her own choices. To prevent an arranged marriage, she goes into hiding...

Author **Mirjam Oldenhavé** was Lanya's (not her real name) foster mother. Writing this book was something she's wanted to do for a long time. She tells this often heartbreaking and tragic story in a light, witty way which makes it even more poignant.

- ◆ Moving, gritty and important
- ◆ With extraordinary black and white art work by Carolien Wesselink
- ◆ 2023: Mirjam Oldenhavé's 25th anniversary as a writer

Rights sold:

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

...AND MORE!



Fiction | 13 x 19.7 cm | 200 pages | March 2023

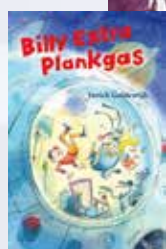
The press about *Movies Showing Nowhere*:

'The author pulls it off to convincingly present an impossible reality. [...] Without being pedantic, he provides life lessons about the power and comfort of memories in an imaginative, riveting and moving story, and he creates a unique universe as a worthy successor to Roald Dahl.' – **Dutch Library Association NBD/Biblion**

'*Movies Showing Nowhere* is a novel of ideas for children. [...] Yorick Goldewijk has a poetic, imaginative writing style. [...] And this is precisely what makes this book special: Goldewijk doesn't just challenge his readers to look at things in a new way, he is also confident that they will be able to do so.'

– **Belgian national newspaper Het Nieuwsblad**

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Thousand & I

Yorick Goldewijk

New book by **GOLDEN PENCIL WINNER** Yorick Goldewijk

Standing at my window overlooking the white concrete towers of Surdus, I always think of you. That moment when you turned up your face and looked at the sun, and then – perhaps only for a second – straight into my eyes. The moment I found that among all the others who were all the same and never looked me in the eye, there was someone like me.

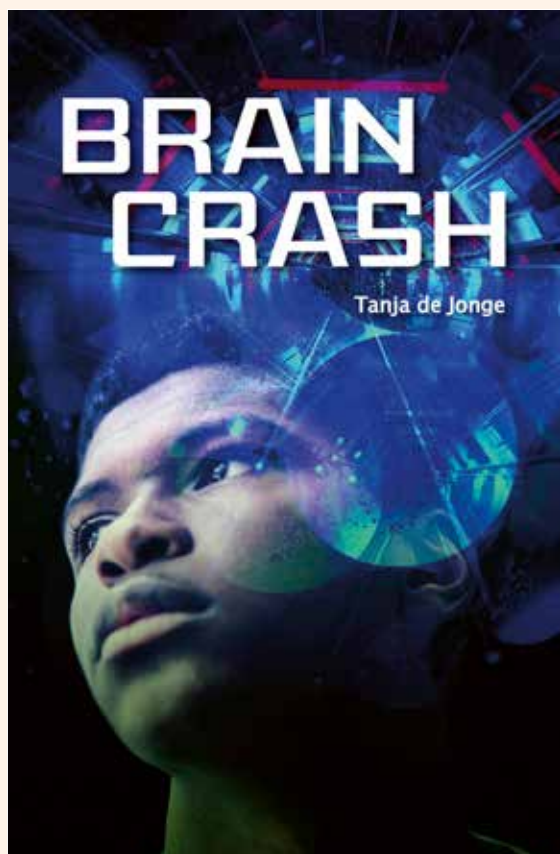
For Eight every day is the same: get up, go to the Promenade – where speakers incessantly blurt out the Principles of obedience – take the train to the Terminal, perform pointless tasks, go back to her cell in the tower block. Till that one moment. It unbalances her. For if you deviate, you will be terminated. At first Eight tries to fight these confusing new feelings, the emerging urge for freedom, to be an individual, but for her there is no way back now...

From award winning author **Yorick Goldewijk** comes this startlingly beautiful story about what it means to be human and the need to be yourself, even if you might have to pay the highest price.

- ◆ **Intriguing, suspenseful, deeply moving**
- ◆ **The ending hits you like a hammer**
- ◆ ***Movies Showing Nowhere*: 30.000 copies sold**

Rights sold:

Movies Showing Nowhere sold to the UK (World English, Pushkin Press), Italy (Gallucci Editore), Turkey (Can), Taiwan (Global Kids Books), Korea (Green Spinach Publishing), Denmark (Forlaget Bolden).



Fiction | 14 x 21.3 cm | 224 pages | October 2022

The press about *Braincrash*:

'A sensational nail-biting youth thriller' – [HEBBAN.NL](https://hebban.nl),
reading community in the Netherlands and Belgium

ALSO BY TANJA DE JONGE:



Braincrash

Tanja de Jonge

What if you are no longer in charge of your own thoughts...?

'Welcome,' said a tinny male voice. Dylan was startled. 'To proceed, please sign in first. Then insert your index finger into the scanner for body identification.' Body identification, Dylan thought. What's that? He extended his hand toward the box and stuck his index finger in the hole. Instantly, he felt a sharp sting. He flinched backwards.

Dylan needs to deliver a mysterious letter to a business park. Days later he's found on the side of a busy road, with no memory of what transpired. Gradually, more and more images flash through his mind. Memories or nightmares? Dylan's sister Indy and her best friend Aya go in search of the truth.

- ◆ **Exciting, well-written thriller**
- ◆ **Tanja de Jonge even gets young people reading who aren't keen on the idea.**
Like no other author, she brings together suspense, adventure, danger and a strong protagonist in a blood-curdling plot



Fiction | 14 x 21.5 cm | 192 pages | November 2022

The press about *Autumnville*:

'*Autumnville* has quite a sinister atmosphere. Just like the protagonist Hugo, the reader feels something is very wrong... This effect is so powerful that you fear the denouement is going to be a disappointment. But nothing could be further from the truth: one after the other all the pieces of the puzzle fall into place. We have seldomly read a children's book that is so fundamentally ominous.'

- Daily newspaper *Het Nieuwsblad*

'If you're looking for a compelling children's book, *Autumnville* is what you want. [...] The importance of reading books, and above all using your imagination and not feeling ashamed about that, have a key role in this story and are very well presented. The characters are credible [...] and the way the truth is revealed at the end of the book by way of newspaper clippings is unique and ingenious.'

- Reader's quote, *Deleestreïn, Kinderboeken.nl*

Autumnville

Rick Meijer

Mysterious and suspenseful

It's just an ordinary day in the town of Autumnville when Hugo gets to do something extraordinary: for the first time his father lets him lock up the bookshop all by himself. He carefully checks that there are no more customers in the shop. But when Hugo closes the door behind him and wants to put the key in the lock, he hears a girl call out his name. The voice seems to come from inside the bookshop, but Hugo is certain there can be nobody in there. However, there's no-one on the street either...

Right from the beginning the reader is sucked into Hugo's world. And while you try to unravel the mystery of the girl, the feeling creeps up on you that something's not right. It isn't until the very end that all the pieces of the puzzle fall into place - and leave the reader speechless.

- ◆ For fans of *Stranger Things*
- ◆ Haunting pageturner
- ◆ Combined with enchanting music-album '*Autumnville*', composed by Rick Meijer and Barry van Spronsen!

'Together with Hugo, the reader will unravel the mystery. The feeling that something is not right will grow more and more towards the end. Until everything falls together in the last pages of the book. Exciting story and vivaciously written.' - Dutch Library Association *NBD/Biblion*



Fiction | 14 x 21.3 cm | 256 pages | January 2023

The press about Erna Sassen's work:

'*Untitled* gave the judges goosebumps. An overpowering and heartfelt book – poignantly written, pure in tone and surprisingly contemporary.'

– Jury Woutertje Pieterse Award 2022

'Sassen has developed into a writer who knows how to capture the adolescent voice like no other... Tears of laughter and tears of emotion follow one another in this exciting and stunningly well-written book for young people.'

– Jury Nienke van Hichtum Award 2021

ALSO BY ERNA SASSEN:



Beware of Best Friends

Erna Sassen

Illustrated by Martijn van der Linden

What happens when you can no longer confide in your best friend? Joshua is furious with Sergio, but he also needs his advice. He doesn't know what to do about Lindsey who drives all the boys crazy. Yet, she always gets upset about 'how they look at her'. Lindsey is much more complicated than he thought. What does it mean when she sends him a heart emoticon? How do you move on from kissing to sex? How do you know what the other person wants? And do you necessarily have to be in love to have sex? If there's anyone who can answer Joshua's questions, then it's Sergio. A hilarious, moving, disarming young adult novel – emotionally penned by Erna Sassen, as is her talent.

- ◆ Stand-alone sequel to *Untitled*
- ◆ Beautiful black-and-white illustrations by the multi-award winning Martijn van der Linden
- ◆ Unique for a juvenile novel for this age group: generously illustrated
- ◆ *Untitled* was awarded the Nienke van Hichtum Prize 2021, nominated for Best Book for Young People and the Woutertje Pieterse Prize 2022 and was on the Young Jury's tip list

Rights sold:

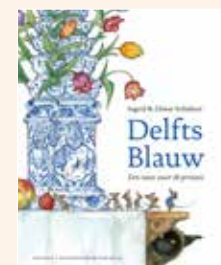
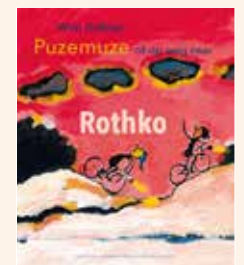
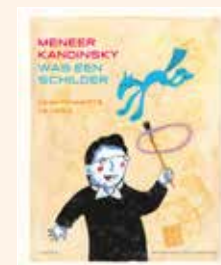
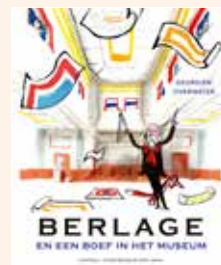
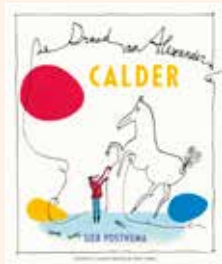
Untitled is sold to Freies Geistesleben Verlag (Germany).

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*

'Art history doesn't get any better than this.' - Daily newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*



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!](#)

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

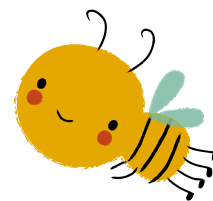
Picture book
21 x 25 cm | 60 pag.



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 recognise 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



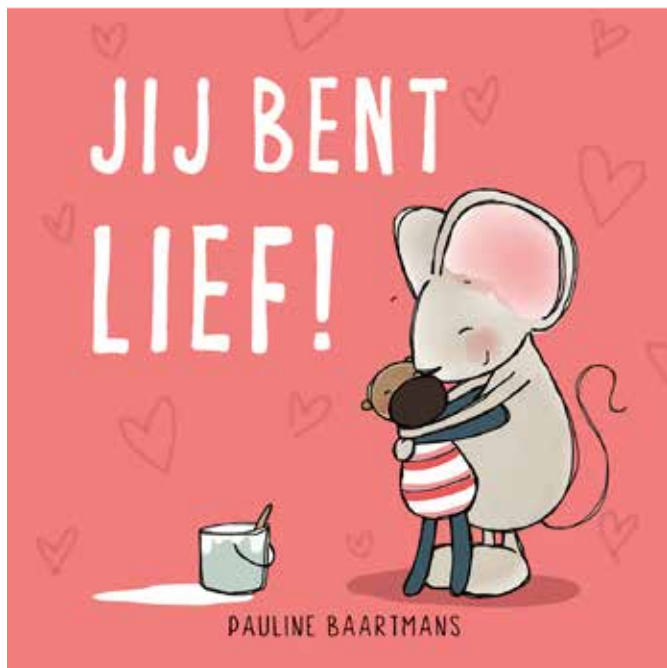
Crinkle book
15 x 15 cm
8 pages



Table top games | 15 x 15 cm



Board book | 21 x 21 cm | 32 pages | March 2022



Board book | 11 x 11 cm | 24 pages | March 2022

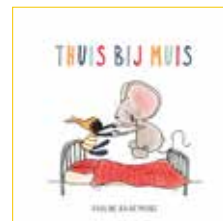
Rights sold:
Christmas with Mouse
is sold to arsEdition (Germany).

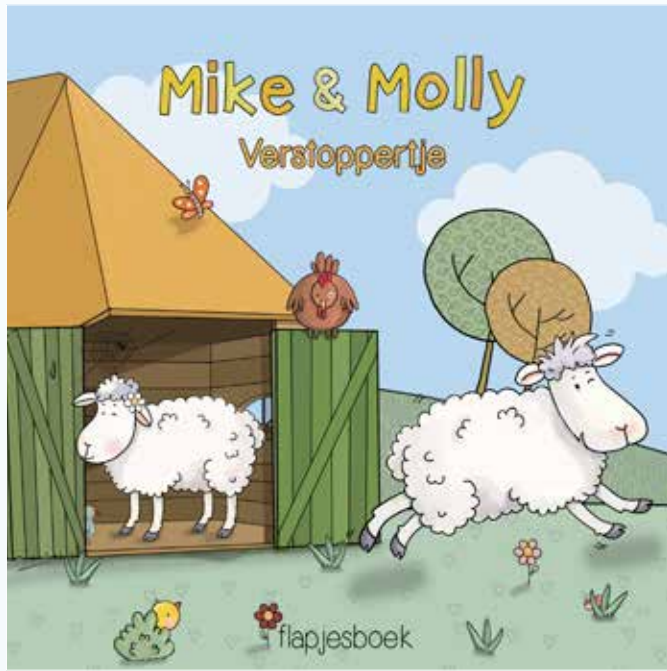
Series: *Mouse*

Pauline Baartmans

The books about little friends Mouse and Bear are about recognisable 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.

BOOKS IN THE MOUSE SERIES:



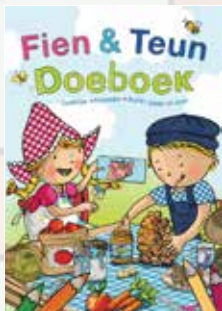


Board book with flaps | 26 x 26 cm | 10 pages
November 2022

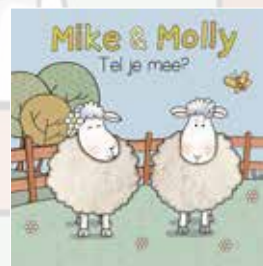
Series: *Mike & Molly* Van Hoorne

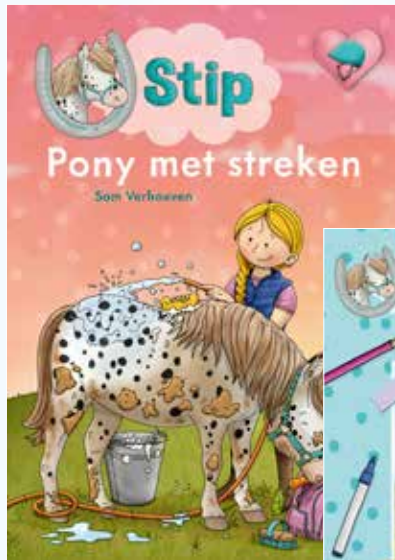
Reading and searching together!
Mike and Molly play hide and seek at the farm.
'3, 2, 1... I'm coming to find you!' Molly is going to look for Mike. Lift the flaps and join Molly in her search for Mike!

THE FIEN & TEUN SERIES BY VAN HOORNE:



MORE MIKE & MOLLY:





Fiction | 17 x 24 cm | 48 pages | June 2022

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*

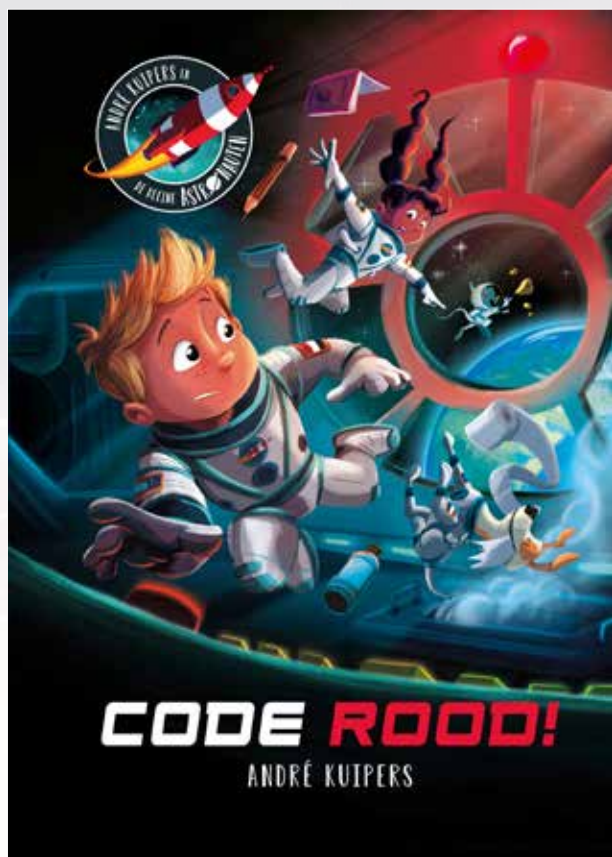
Sam Verhoeven



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).

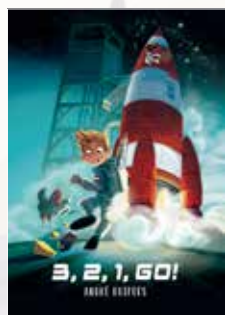
- ◆ Entertaining stories for pony and horse admirers
- ◆ Filled with interesting facts about horses
- ◆ For early readers



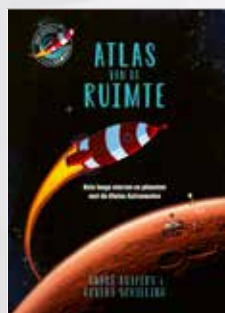


Fiction | 17 x 14 cm | 64 pages | April 2022

ALSO IN THE LITTLE ASTRONAUTS SERIES:



ALSO BY ANDRÉ KUIPERS:



Series: *The Little Astronauts*

Astronaut

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 on their way to the space station to do all kinds of experiments. They are weightless and float through the rocket, just like everything else around them: a pencil, sweets and even a toilet roll. When the Little Astronauts are approaching the space station it is clear that there is something very wrong: the space station is inoperative. They cannot board it immediately. CODE RED comes into effect. André and Valentina must try everything to make their mission a success.

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

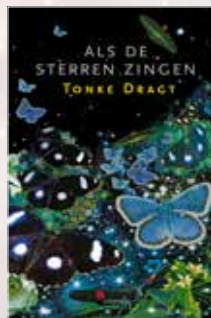
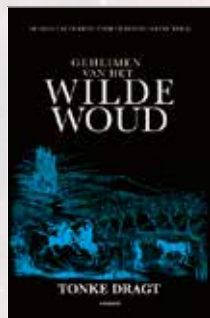
◆ **Read more about *The Little Astronauts* brand in the brochure!**





Fiction | 15 x 22.8 cm | 456 pages | 1962

WORKS BY TONKE DRAGT:



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

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**



Fiction | 15 x 22 cm | 48 pages

- ◆ A mini-witch with a heart of gold!
- ◆ Exciting adventures for early readers

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!



Fiction | 14.8 x 21.5 cm | 112 pages | August 2022

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!

BOOKS IN DE FRECKLE AND MARSH SERIES:



- ◆ 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

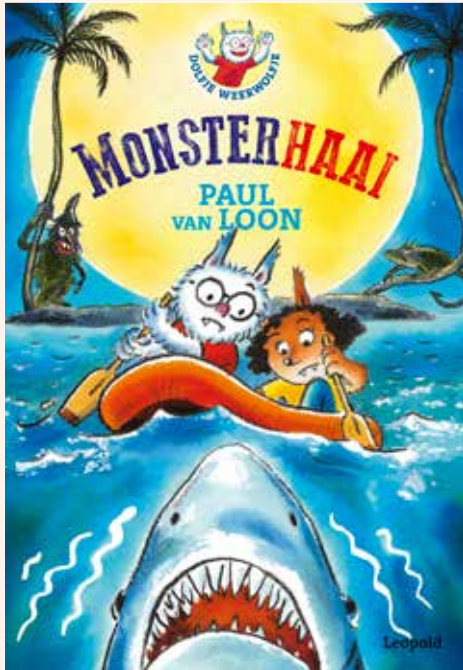
BOOKS IN THE PIRATES DOWN THE STREET SERIES:



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



English
translations
available

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:



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

Series: *Alfie the Werewolf*

Paul van Loon

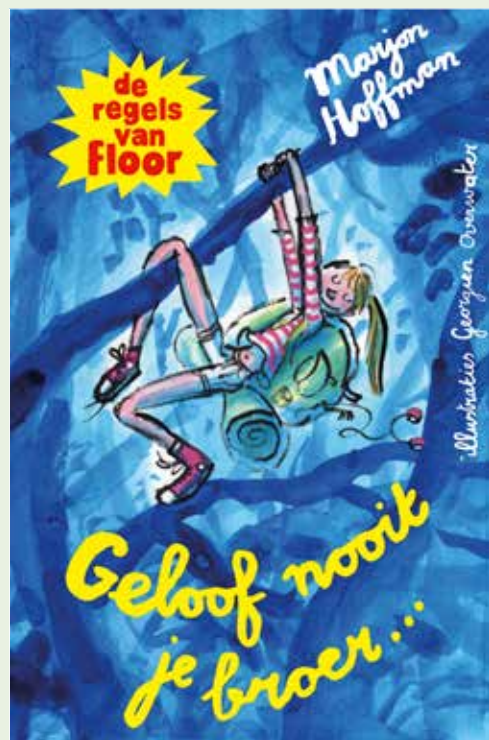
Illustrated by Hugo van Look

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.





Fiction | 14.5 x 21.8 cm | 128-144 pages

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



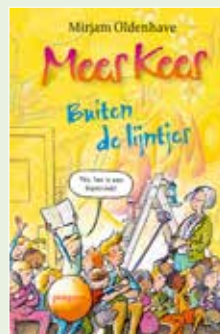


Fiction | 14 x 21.5 cm | 136 pages

English sample translations available

◆ More than 800,000 copies sold

BOOKS IN THE MISTER TWISTER SERIES:



Rights sold:
Coppenrath
(Germany),
Pagony (Hungary).

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 school teacher 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!

Apart from 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*