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ABOUT KOSMOS YOUTH

For 100 years, Kosmos has been creating the finest non-fiction lifestyle books, ranging from nutrition and health to travel, nature, spirituality and general non-fiction.

In the 70s and 80s, Kosmos was already publishing children's books, housing big national and international authors such as Tony Ross, David McKee, Max Velthuijs, Midas Dekkers and Thé Tjong-Khing. In 2019, Kosmos returned to the children's fiction genre, this time focusing on bestselling commercial fiction. Every one of their series is beautifully illustrated and consists of titles that can be read as stand-alones or as parts of series. Written by Dutch authors, the books always stay on the bestseller list for multiple weeks and have won several renowned Dutch awards.

FOLLOW THE ADVENTURES OF SAAR & JANNA, INSPIRED BY TWO REAL-LIFE SISTERS:

- * More than 900.000 books sold
- * Non-stop on bestseller lists
- * The Sweet Sisters has become a brand: 8 books in the series already, along with cooking books, joke books, to-do books, card games...
- * In 2022, Hanneke de Zoete was the only author of children's books that had four titles in the bestselling books of the year list
- * The podcast that accompanies the series has been streamed more than a million times



- * Winner of multiple awards, including the Children's Jury Award, for which children between the ages of 6 and 12 vote for their favourite book of the year
- * Describing adventures that could happen to any child



"Nou, Janna," zegt mama terwijl ze naar haar jarige dochter kijkt, "wil jij als eerste?" Janna pakt een prikkertje en doet er een spekje aan. De chocola is al bijna gesmolten en begint over de randjes van de fontein naar beneden te stromen. Ze houdt haar prikkertje met het spekje even onder de chocola. "Blijven draaien, anders gaat het druppelen," zegt mama.

Janna draait aan het prikkertje, doet dan haar ogen dicht en steekt het spekje in één keer in haar mond. "Mmmmm," zegt ze. "Hierbij verklaar ik de chocoladefontein voor geopend!"

"Nu ben ik!" roept Saar. "Ik sta vooraan in de rij." Direct vormt er zich een lange rij achter Saar. Iedereen prikt iets lekkers aan een stokje en houdt het in de chocoladefontein.

Als Janna haar buik helemaal vol gegeten heeft, ploft ze neer in een stoel.

"Dit is mijn leukste verjaardag ooit, mam," zegt ze tegen mama, die naast haar zit.

"Poeh, zeg dat wel, maar ik kan geen chocola meer zien," zegt mama.

"Misschien was een heel kasteel van chocola inderdaad wel iets te veel geweest," zucht Janna. "En nu heb ik tóch een schat op mijn verjaardag én heel veel chocola. Dus eigenlijk heb ik toch mijn superfeestje."

"Het is zeker een topfeestje!" roept Saar met haar duim in de lucht, terwijl ze nog een lange vinger onder de chocola houdt. "Als ik jarig ben wil ik dit ook!"



DE ZOETE ZUSJES



HANNEKE DE ZOETE is an author and mum to Saar, Janna and Bram. Her daughters serve as inspiration for her books, treating day-to-day adventures that every kid could star in. Next to stories, she has also written The Sweet Sisters cooking books, joke books and to-do books, along with multiple card games.

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HANNEKE DE ZOETE

The Sweet Sisters

And the Search for the Treasure

Winner of the Children's Jury Award 2021

Saar and Janna go on an adventure to find a treasure. While they are searching, they think of all the fun things they will be able to do when they are rich: living in a castle, having their own chip shop, and owning a swimming pool! But treasure hunting is not as easy as it looks...

A lovely book to read aloud from 4 years old or for children from 7 years old who like to read on their own.

'An attractive-looking book (...) A smooth-running adventure story told with humour in ten chapters (...) Charmful, water-coloured pen drawings form a good complement to the text.' – NBD Biblion

The Sweet Sisters

Go on Holidays

Recognisable situations for all children

Hooray, the Sweet Sisters finally have holidays! Join them and their family on an adventure to a beautiful island. There, no one speaks the same language as they do, but that doesn't matter, because there is plenty to do! You can eat ice-cream, go cycling, take a trip on a fishing boat, walk through the mud and even see seals. And what does Saar find in the sea? Is it a message in a bottle? It will be a holiday to remember!



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HANNEKE DE ZOETE

The Sweet Sisters

Help the Environment

A topical story, for all kids who care about nature!

In *The Sweet Sisters Help the Environment*, Saar and Janna go all out to save nature and protect their playground.

Saar is shocked when she sees on TV that the earth and the environment are not doing well. Can't she and Janna help a little? The Sweet Sisters have to get to work right away, because there are plans to build an office where their favourite playground in the forest is located. They devise a strategy to save nature, as well as their tree house. And not just any simple strategy: they even plan to visit the mayor! Will the Sweet Sisters succeed in stopping the building plans?

The Sweet Sisters

Solve the Mystery

Saar and Janna want to build a secret hut in the attic. While playing there, they find a beautiful golden key among the old junk, suitcases, Christmas stuff and old toys. But where does the mysterious key fit? Mum says nothing, and dad is away for work for a few days. It's a mystery! Saar and Janna wouldn't be the Sweet Sisters if they didn't turn this into an exciting scavenger hunt. Can you help them?

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RIK KLEEVEN AND JESPER WEIJS

Rik & Jesper I

Rik and Jesper Make a Mess

For fans of *Phineas and Ferb*

Full of humour, adventures and creative plans

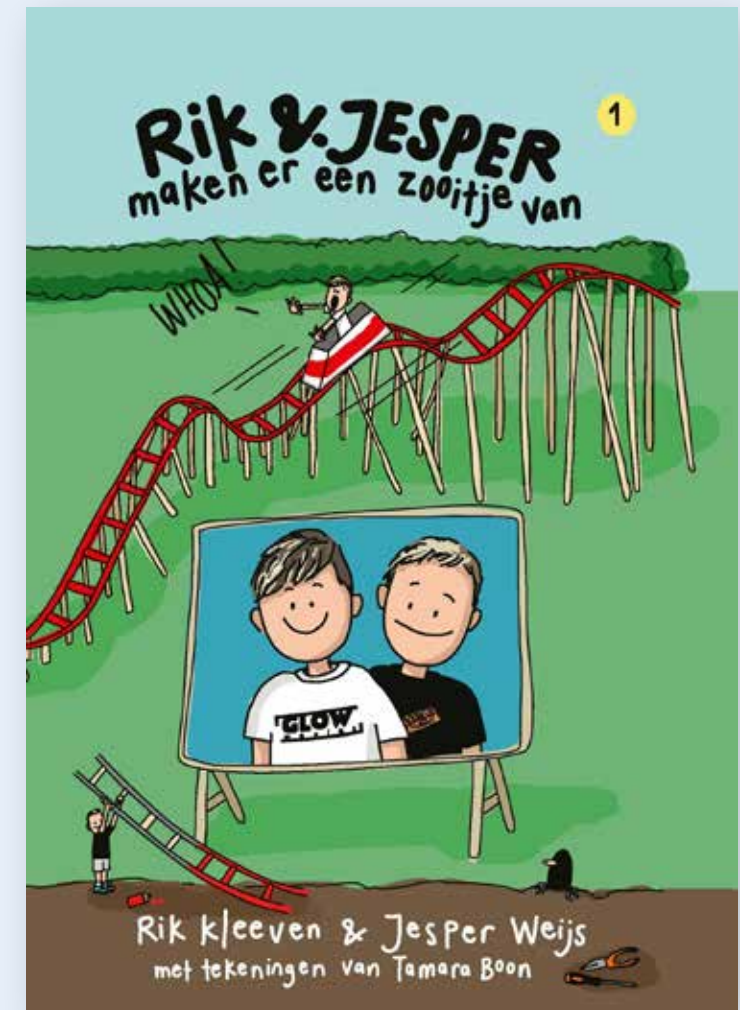
On the bestseller list since publication, 18.000 sold copies in 5 weeks

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

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

rikenjesper.nl

With illustrations by Tamara Boon



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RUTGER VINK AND THOMAS VAN GRINSVEN

The Adventures of Rutger, Thomas & Paco I

The Magic Collar

#1 bestselling title of 2022, has not left the bestseller list since publication

Winner of the Children's Jury Award 2022

Rutger, Thomas and Paco form a family in real life

Rutger, Thomas and their dog Paco are sent a package with presents for Paco. But from that moment on, strange things start to happen. Who sent the package? And why is Paco behaving so strangely? When he disappears, Rutger and Thomas spring into action to solve the mystery and save their dog.

RUTGER VINK, THOMAS VAN GRINSVEN AND THEIR DOG PACO form a loving family. Rutger and Thomas are content creators. On their channels, they share fun and original challenges and they discuss social topics.

rutgerthomaspaco.nl

Illustrated by Sabine van der Stadt



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RUTGER VINK AND THOMAS VAN GRINSVEN

The Adventures of Rutger, Thomas & Paco 2

The Time Machine

Both books in the series are continuously on bestseller lists

Over 275.000 sold copies of part one and two

Winner of the Children's Jury Award 2023

The feline Professor Whiskers continues to thwart Rutger, Thomas and Paco. In the second part in the series, he sends them to the past with a time machine. It takes them to the time of the Egyptians, dinosaurs, Vikings and much more. How should Rutger, Thomas and Paco travel back to the present? And will they succeed in eliminating Professor Whiskers once and for all? An adventure full of humour and suspense, accessibly written.

'It's a smoothly written story full of twists and turns, wacky nonsense and references to popular culture (...) For a children's book, it has a particularly modern form. Not only are there lots of colourful cartoon-like illustrations in it, by Sabine van der Stadt, but, surprisingly, short parts of the story are told in well-drawn comic strips as well. This provides pace and variety to the story. The books seem to be a successful link between the strongly image-driven YouTube and internet culture and that of the written word.' – NRC

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NATHAN RUTJES AND SANDER MEIJ

The Lavezzi Mysteries I

The Vanished Masterpiece

Follow the humorous adventures of Lavezzi and various historical characters in *The Lavezzi Mysteries* series

A fun way to get in touch with relevant characters from the fields of sport, science and history

Lavezzi is playing football when suddenly a wonderful machine comes sailing out of the sky. World-famous Leonardo da Vinci steps out of it and announces he has lost one of his paintings. Lavezzi seems to be the only one who can help him, so together they make a journey through Italy, getting closer and closer to the solution. Travel along through the world of Leonardo da Vinci and solve the mystery of the lost masterpiece while learning about the renowned artist and the Italy he lived in.



NATHAN RUTJES is a former professional footballer. After he stopped playing football, he started appearing on TV programmes such as *RTL Late Night*, *Zappsport* or *Wie is de Mol*. He has received multiple awards for his appearances in the media. The main character in his book is inspired by his son Lavezzi, who is also a TV presenter for children's programmes.

lavezzimysteries.nl

With illustrations by
Lisanne Termoshuizen



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BRITT DEKKER

Horse Talk

A Foal at the Stables & Winter Adventures on Horses

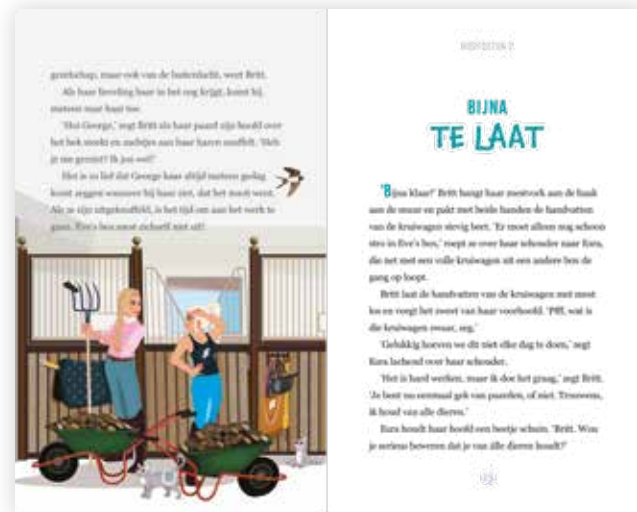
A series for all horse fanatics!

Horse Talk centres on the adventures of Britt and her horse George.

In *Horse Talk: A Foal at the Stables*, George is rather nervous.

Could it be because he is going to become a father soon?

In *Horse Talk 2: Winter Adventures on Horses*, Britt and her friend Esra go on a horse-riding adventure in Lapland.



BRITT DEKKER is a renowned Dutch dressage rider, presenter and actress. On social media she is very popular amongst horse fanatics.

With illustrations by
Bianca van Loon



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