

SHARED STORIES RIGHTS GUIDE

CHILDREN'S & YA

Autumn 2026

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

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

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

DE FONTEIN

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

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

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

KOSMOS

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

HOUTEKIET

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

ZWARTJES & LABOVIC

Zwartjes & Labović was founded in 2024. They publish fiction and non-fiction that understands, shapes and interprets the zeitgeist.

BORGERHOFF & LAMBERIGTS

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

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SAMMY AND GRANDPA
By Enne Koens & Annet Schaap
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THE D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. BUREAU AND THE BOOK MAFIA
By Jozua Douglas & Geert Gratama
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By Nicole van Brummelen
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WE'RE NOT GOING HOME TODAY
By Enne Koens & Maartje Kuiper
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THE D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. BUREAU AND THE JUNGLE GANG
By Jozua Douglas & Geert Gratama
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THE GRUESOME GENERAL
By Jozua Douglas & Elly Hees
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Remco Volkers is a literary agent and author. His debut children's book, *Pip & Zilver in Americka*, was nominated for the Hotze de Roos Prize in 2023.

Iris Boter is an illustrator and author. She has written more than 30 books and illustrated more than 200, including the *Sweet Sisters* series by Hanneke de Zoete.

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★ An alternative history of topics well-known to children

★ A humoristic guide that teaches children to think critically and to not always believe everything



'The best book I ever read!'
— The sister of your neighbour's aunt

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DE FONTEIN 136 PAGES AUGUST 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

REMCO VOLKERS AND IRIS BOTER

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF GREAT NONSENSE

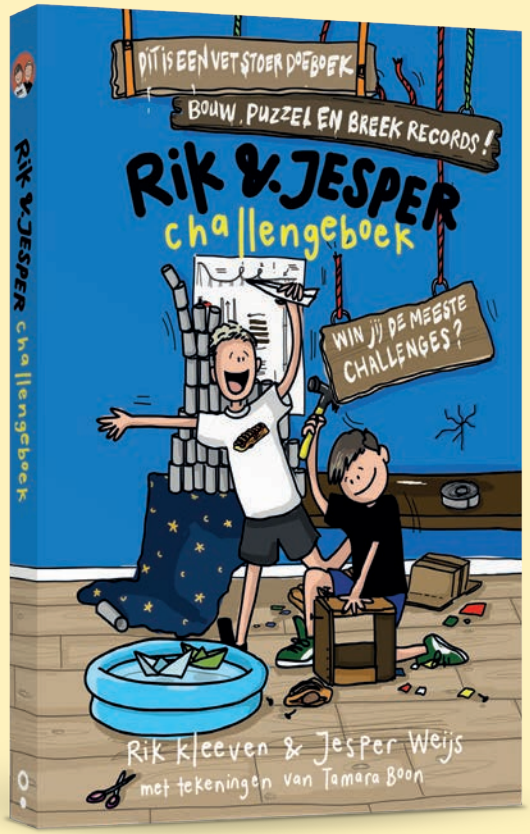
FROM APPLE SAUCE TO SWIMMING AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

Researcher Nicholas Verysmart and his assistant Ree Search are so knowledgeable that you'd almost believe everything they tell you. Do you know, for example, when the first compliment was given? Or that the invention of French fries was accidental? And that gaming, although very fun, if done too often can cause complete stiffening until you are no longer able to move? These are some of the surprising facts you'll find in *The Encyclopaedia of Great Nonsense*. But beware: there's a reason this book is called *The Encyclopaedia of Great Nonsense*. Are you sceptical about the facts in the encyclopaedia, or does something sound too good to be true? Then why not do some research yourself? That way, you will actually learn a lot from *The Encylopaedia of Great Nonsense*!



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. Based on their many adventures, they have written the *Rik & Jesper series*, of which more than 230.000 copies have been sold in the Netherlands.

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



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KOSMOS 96 PAGES OCTOBER 2026

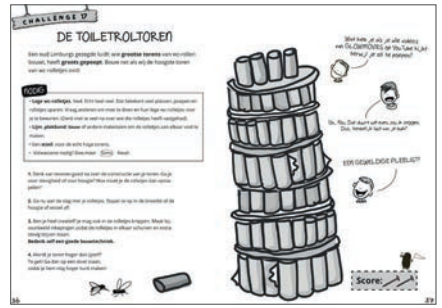
ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

RIK KLEEVEN AND JESPER WEIJS

THE CHALLENGE BOOK

40 HILARIOUS CHALLENGES FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS

Rik and Jesper are best friends and love to win. Preferably when they're playing against each other. In *The Challenge Book*, you will find 40 tasks that will put your skills, creativity and perseverance to the test! Build, draw, solve puzzles, break records and beat your friends mercilessly. Fancy giving it a go?





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Super Chill was created for children, offering playful, educational exercises based on meditation, mindfulness and breathwork that help children handle diverse stimuli and emotions and build mental resilience. Because a whole lot can happen in one day!

★ A 100-day journey based on the work of renowned resilience expert Dr. Michael Ungar

★ Developed with a children's coach and educationalist

★ Well-known from the Super Chill app, used by 200.000 families across different countries, and sponsored by Rituals

★ 10.000 copies sold since its publication in May



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240 PAGES MAY 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

SUPER CHILL

ON ADVENTURE IN YOUR MIND

AN ACTIVITY JOURNAL TO BUILD UP MENTAL RESILIENCE IN 100 DAYS

Hey there! Fancy an adventure? In this book, you'll go on a journey of discovery through your own mind. Using special tools, you'll explore everything that happens in your head every day. What emotions pop up? What choices do you make?

On Adventure in Your Mind includes 100 playful and reflective activity sheets filled with (drawing) challenges, fun facts, jokes, and much more. There are 10 chapters in total, and in each one, you'll discover something new about yourself. Ready to feel super chill?



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

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

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

★ *The Poo Factory Theme Park* has sold more than 400,000 copies worldwide!

★ The series has been translated into thirteen languages

★ Masterfully combines a fictional story with plenty of informative elements



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

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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

THE POO FACTORY THEME PARK SERIES

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

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

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

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

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

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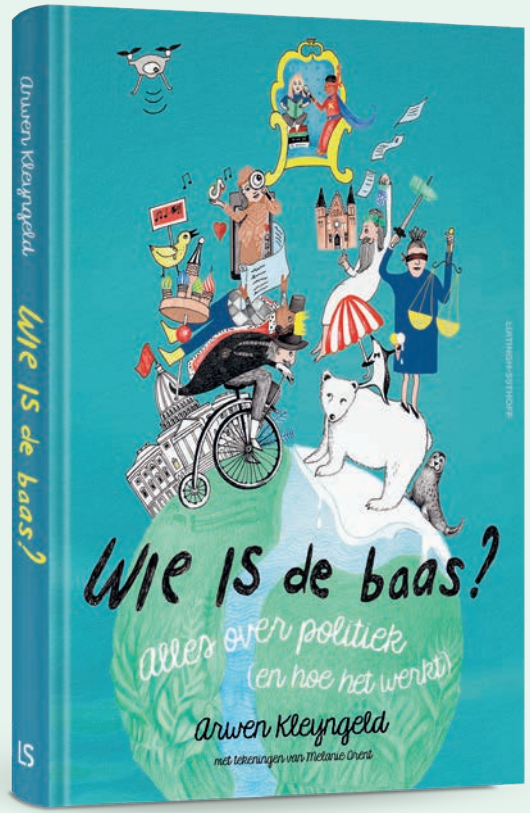
★ A guide for children to understand politics in a clear and playful way

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



'If children want to change something later on, they need to start thinking about it now. *Who is the Boss?* provides a good starting point for that.'
— NRC

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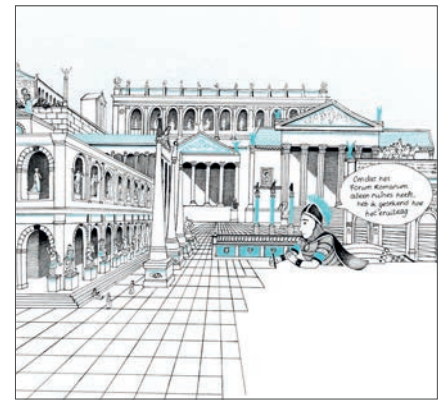
ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

ARWEN KLEYNGELD AND MELANIE DRENT

WHO IS THE BOSS?

HOW POLITICS WORKS

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





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

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

★ Winner of the first Green Slate Award, in collaboration with WWF

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

★ Author did extensive research observing bears in Alaska



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

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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LOTTE STEGEMAN AND MARIEKE TEN BERGE

Bewd met de Groene Griffel 2026

US BEARS

FINALLY, OUR REAL STORY

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





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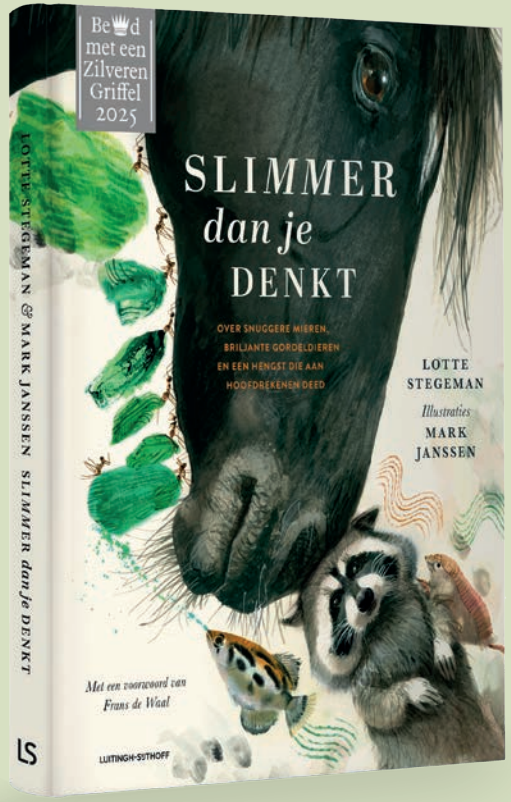
Mark Janssen studied at the Maastricht Academy of Fine Arts. After graduating, he started working full-time as an illustrator. He has since illustrated hundreds of books, including his own picture books. In 2021, he created the official picture book for the Dutch Children's Book Week.

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

★ Including a personal foreword by Frans de Waal



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

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 112 PAGES 2024

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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LOTTE STEGEMAN AND MARK JANSSEN

Bekroond met een Zilveren Griffel 2025

SMARTER THAN YOU BELIEVE

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



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

★ Including an extensive foreword by Jane Goodall



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 112 PAGES 2022

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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LOTTE STEGEMAN AND MARK JANSSEN

JEALOUS APES, FRIGHTENED DOGS AND EMPATHETIC RATS

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

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

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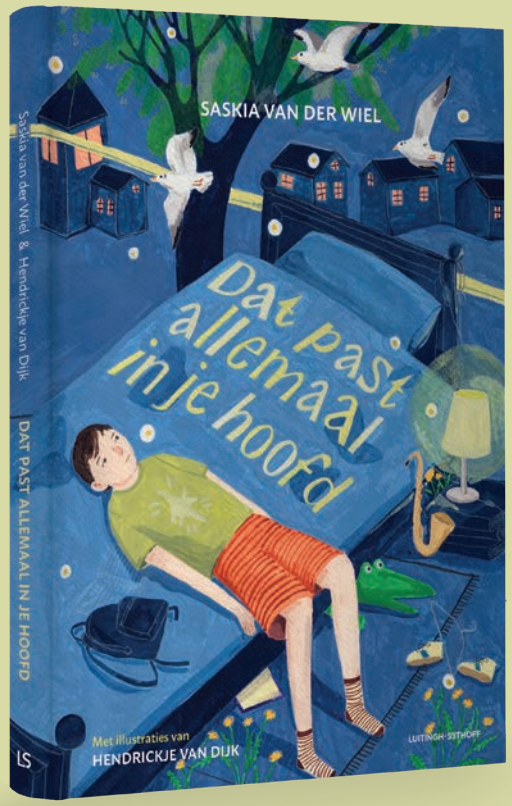
Saskia van der Wiel writes poetry, children's books and young adult novels, for which she has received a Flag and Pennant in the past. She often publishes in magazine *DICHTER.* and has been giving writing lessons to children for 25 years.

Hendrickje van Dijk studied illustration, graphic design and product design. She loves to work with gouache, watercolours and coloured pencils. Her work has previously been published by Plint.

★ Beautiful poetry about relevant topics for children

★ With atmospheric full-colour illustrations

★ Divided into three categories: thinking and dreaming, seeing and hearing and wishing and feeling



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 80 PAGES SEPTEMBER 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

SASKIA VAN DER WIEL AND HENDRICKJE VAN DIJK

ALL THE THOUGHTS THAT FIT IN YOUR HEAD

What goes on in a child's mind? Plenty, as Saskia van der Wiel shows in her poetry collection. From spooky thoughts about quinoa salad, bees going extinct and parents divorcing, to Anne Frank's chestnut tree, duckweed burgers and holidays in a Norwegian cabin. Saskia writes about all sorts of topics in deep lyrical language. The 50 poems in this book show one thing: a child's mind is bigger than you might think!



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Liesbeth Goedbloed is a novelist, poet, columnist and songwriter. Her previous books were praised for their poetic style.

Mariëtte Wilgehof is a graphic designer. She often works with publishing houses, but also creates logos, advertisements and posters for companies. Mariëtte is also the manager of a bookshop in Houten.



★ A moving picture book that will inspire both children and adults

★ Contains themes of fear, trust and sharing

★ Search for the little worm on every page!

★ Liesbeth Goedbloed and Mariëtte Wilgehof's *A Home for Fox* won the Highest Voice Award 2025



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KOKBOEKENCENTRUM 32 PAGES OCTOBER 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

LIESBETH GOEDBLOED AND MARIËTTE WILGEHOF

CAN WE HAVE SOME TOO?

It's winter in the forest. Snow lies everywhere and there's no food to be found. Badger is hungry, and so is Fox! Will the Mouse family share their stack of nuts with them? Will they have enough for themselves? And who's to say it'll ever become spring again? It's easy to be friends in the summer, but can they manage to do so during winter as well?



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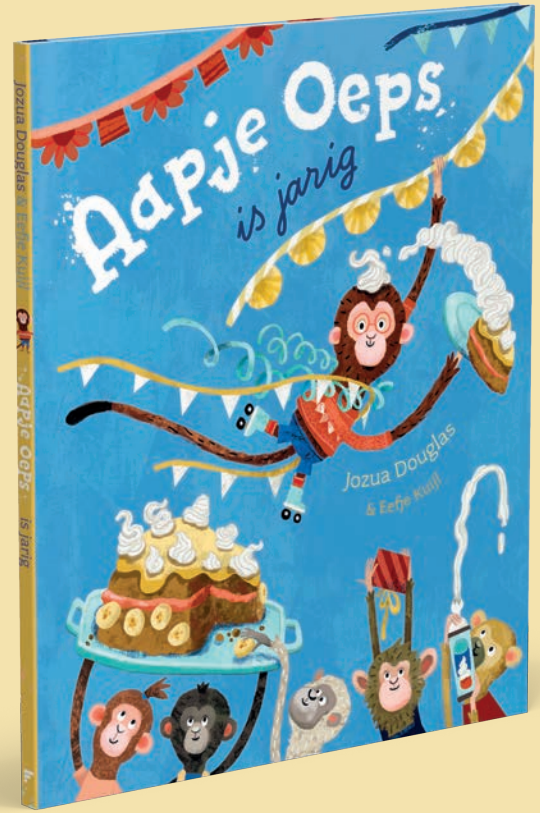
Jozua Douglas started his career writing poetry but has been writing for children for a long time now. Jozua received the Feather in the Cap from the Dutch Children's Jury for the first two books in his *Costa Banana* series. With *The Nasty Swim Coach*, Jozua won the Hotze de Roos Prize. Jozua's books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

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



★ A colorful picture book about being allowed to make mistakes

★ The previous book in the *Monkey Mischief* series sold over 13.000 copies



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DE FONTEIN 32 PAGES NOVEMBER 2026

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

JOZUA DOUGLAS AND EEFJE KUIJL

MONKEY MISCHIEF'S BIRTHDAY

Today is a special day: not one, but six monkeys are celebrating their birthday. At the end of the school day, Monkey Mischief wants to get home as quickly as possible for his birthday party. In the rush, all sorts of things go wrong, but that's precisely why the day ends up being an unexpectedly big party!

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

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

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

★ 11.000 copies of the series sold in the Netherlands



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 32-36 PAGES 2024-2026

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

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NICOLE VAN BRUMMELEN

SIMON SERIES

SIMON GOES RIGHT

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

SIMON, WAIT!

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

SIMON, HAVE A TASTE

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

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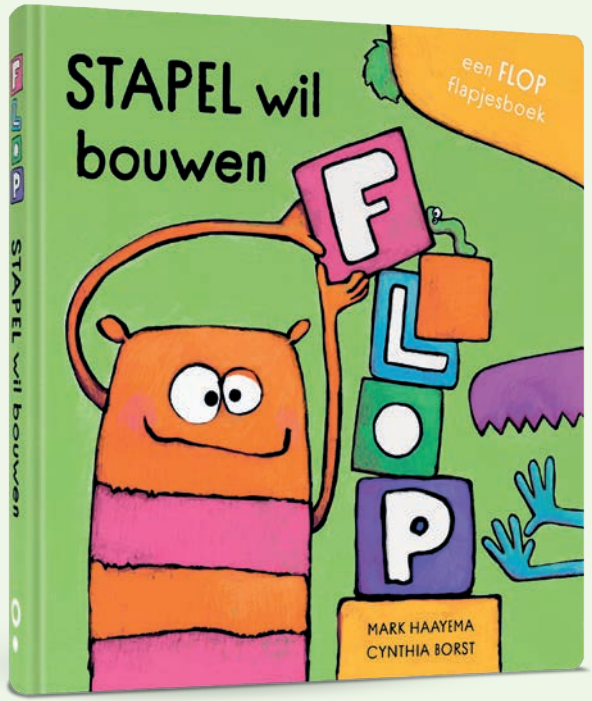
Mark Haayema is a creative mind. He writes books and songs and produces television programmes and theatre perfomances, all for children. Mark has won numerous awards, including the Golden Poetry Star, the Silver Cricket for theatre and the Flag and Pennant.

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



SOON!

★ A lift-the-flap book for curious toddlers



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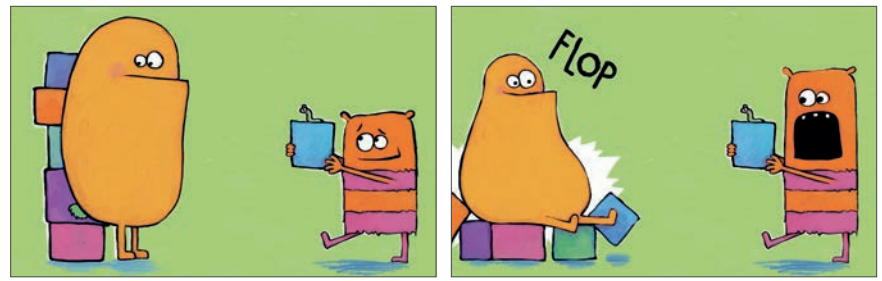
KOSMOS 28 PAGES AUGUST 2026

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

MARK HAAYEMA AND CYNTHIA BORST

STACK WANTS TO BUILD

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



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

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

★ A book about patience and the best gifts in life



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BORGERHOFF & LAMBERIGTS 48 PAGES 2025

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

KATRIEN DE BRUYCKER, RAF WALSCHAERTS AND MIEP EMBRECHTS

TOMORROW IS ONE SLEEP AWAY

Is it my birthday already?
Tomorrow.
Tomorrow? When is tomorrow?
Tomorrow is one sleep away.

About it not quite being your birthday yet... But almost!
About a present that can't be opened yet... But almost!



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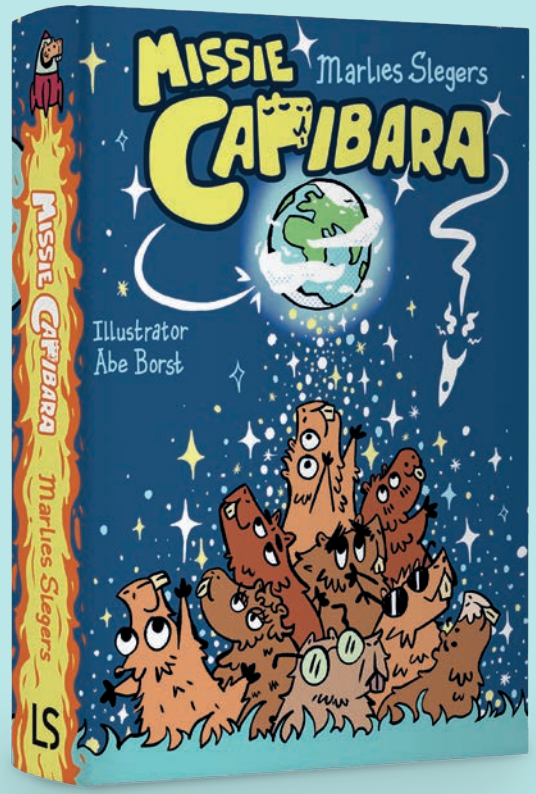
Marlies Slegers grew up in Indonesia and moved to the Netherlands when she was eighteen to study and work. She now has more than fifty books to her name, including the acclaimed *Notes to Pelle*, *We Have Something to Tell You* (nominated for the White Ravens 2024) and *Turtle Girl*. *Notes to Pelle* is currently being adapted into film.

Abe Borst is a cartoonist and illustrator. For him, illustrations are a communication method and a perfect addition to what can be said with words. He runs drawing workshops for children, created comics for *Kidsweek*, and previously illustrated a children's book by Gabriel Martina (Wildebras).

★ An hilarious space adventure including everyone's favorite animal

★ With cheerful illustrations in turquoise

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



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 160 PAGES OCTOBER 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

MARLIES SLEGERS AND ABE BORST

MISSION CAPYBARA

Eleven capybaras and two astronauts are launched into orbit around the Earth. However, an intergalactic superstorm interrupts their mission: the capsule crashes onto the tiny planet CPBRx10. Surrounded by aliens and other bizarre creatures, the capybaras must find a way to survive. There is only one person who knows of this tiny planet's existence: eleven-year-old Matsu. Can he help the capybaras return home safely?



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Charlotte Labee is the founder of the successful training institute and knowledge platform Brain Balance. Through her books, theatre tour and trainings, she has helped 500.000 people achieve their mental health goals. Her book *Brain Under Strain* sold over 150.000 copies in the Netherlands, was on the bestseller list for 64 weeks and is currently being translated into Chinese.

Tamara Boon is an illustrator and designer. Her style is cheerful and inspired by kawaii culture.

★ A new series that helps children understand and manage their emotions and feelings

★ More and more children are experiencing mental health problems

★ An easy way for parents to reconnect with their children

★ Including a Golden Moment and Golden Questions in each chapter to encourage reflection and connection



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ZWARTJES & LABOVIĆ 184 PAGES SEPTEMBER 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

CHARLOTTE LABEE AND TAMARA BOON

NOVA & LUMI

THE MAGICAL DOOR

Nova is 8 years old and loves adventure, nature and football. However, at night he feels insecure and replays moments of the day in his head. Then, he meets Lumi. Through their adventures, they get to know the what-if monster, find the let-it-go stone and tame the wandering thought butterflies.

Through *Nova & Lumi*, author Charlotte Labee wants to help children cope with their feelings and emotions. More and more children are struggling with sensory overload and mental pressure nowadays. The book contains lovely, relatable stories with a touch of magic and is a perfect tool for parents to connect with the children's world. Each chapter includes a breathing pause and some questions meant to increase the communication between parents and children in a natural way.



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

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

★ For fans of Formula 1

★ Adapted to theatre in the Netherlands

★ Guaranteed to make you laugh out loud

★ Bursting with drawings and comics in the colour red

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



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KOSMOS 216-232 PAGES 2025-2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

TOSCA MENTEN AND GEERT GRATAMA

TURBO TEUN

THE GRAND PRIX

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

SQUEALING BRAKES

Following Teun's big win, he and his cousin Flame receive an invitation from world champion Ramses Ralf to take part in a duo karting competition. Teun is keen to compete with his dad, even though he drives like a sleeping snail. Flame and Uncle Engin also form a team, despite the fact that Uncle Engin is permanently disqualified. But who would ever remember that? Once they arrive to the circuit, it turns out there are some old acquaintances hanging about who might just throw a spanner in the works. Will the family manage to secure a victory?

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KEVIN HASSING AND EMANUEL WIEMANS

THE CREEPS SERIES

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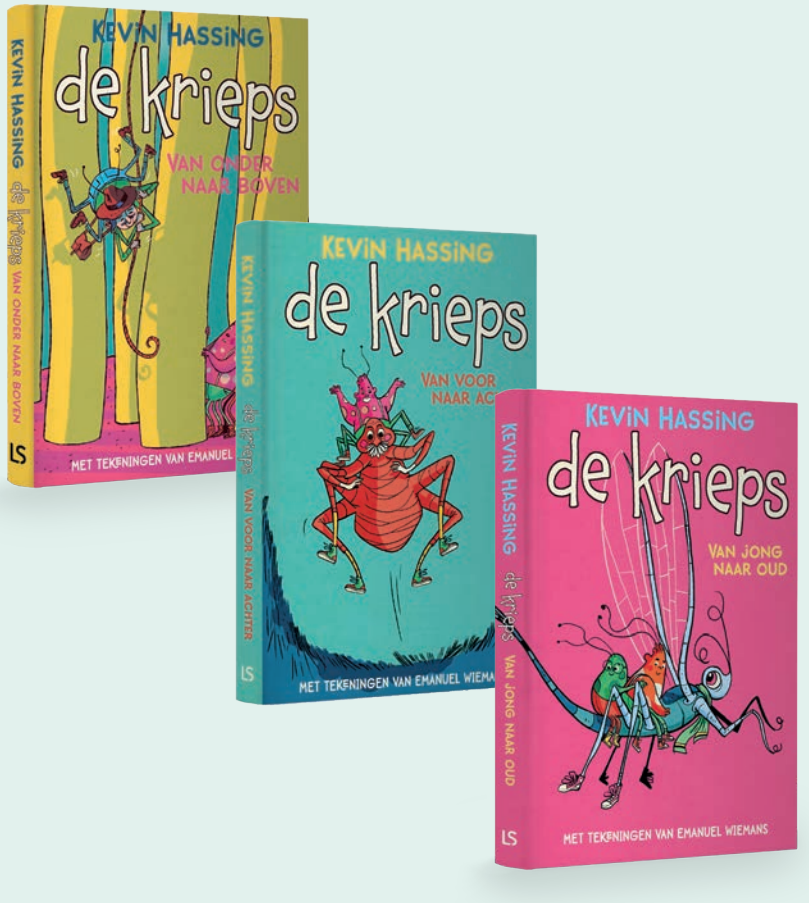
Emanuel Wiemans is an illustrator, animator and storyboard artist, graduated from HKU art school in Utrecht. He mostly illustrates digitally and his work can best be described as vintage yet contemporary.

★ A funny anatomical series through the human body

★ 13.000 copies sold in the Netherlands



'A highly imaginative yet recognisable story for the target audience. […] funny and adventurous.'
– Kinderboekenjournaal

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 128-152 PAGES 2023-2026
ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

UPWARDS

Pear lives with his family in a cozy hair follicle on a girl's head. Just like all other Creeps, Pear is tiny and has four legs, two arms and two antennae. One day, Pear falls off the girl's head. But how is that even possible? And how can Pear ever return home? Fortunately, he gets help from his annoying little sister, Chick. On their way back, they meet many other creatures on the girl's body, like climbing cricket Tarrel, who has special instruments and magical spider rope. The three of them embark on the long and dangerous journey back up the girl's head...

FORWARDS

Dad has fallen off the girl's head and landed on cat Mango, so Pear and Chick try to rescue him along with climbing cricket Tarrel. During their search on Mango, they meet Flo. Flo is the only flea who is afraid to jump, and befriends insecure Pear. While they search for Dad (and in the meantime lose Chick and Tarrel), Pear inspires Flo to take the leap...

ONWARDS

One morning, Chick and Pear meet a mayfly, a winged insect with no mouth. Because he will be dead by the end of the day, Chick and Pear are warned not to befriend him. But they decide to do so anyways and to give him the (only) best day of his life. To do that, they have to find out what the fly wants – and quickly! But how do you talk to someone who doesn't have a mouth?

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

Iris Boter went to art school before becoming an illustrator and writer. She has since illustrated more than a hundred and sixty books and written forty of them as well.

★ In the *Welcome to Avontura* series, children always save the day

★ Cheerful, imaginative stories full of action, friendship and technology



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KOKBOEKENCENTRUM 128-136 PAGES 2025-2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

THIJS NOORLANDT AND IRIS BOTER

WELCOME TO AVENTURA

THE SECRET OF MONTE PESTO

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

THE MYSTERY OF THE GOLDEN COIN

Matt and his friends have found a mysterious golden coin at the bottom of the Water Battle attraction. Could this coin be part of the secret treasure hidden in the amusement park? A book including themes of poverty and the distribution of wealth.

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Floris Göbel is a nature and animal expert and has one mission: to share his knowledge of and passion for animals and nature with as many people as possible. He is the presenter of various (children's) programs and a welcome guest on talk shows.

Esther van de Bund is a comic artist and illustrator. Known for her sharp observations, humour, and refusal to be confined to one genre, Esther's work encompasses a wide range of themes and styles.



★ *The Hunt for the Animal Thieves* was nominated for the 2025 Children's Jury Award

★ 24.000 copies of the series sold in the Netherlands

★Full of interesting facts about animals and nature



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KOSMOS 224 PAGES 2024-2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

FLORIS GÖBEL AND ESTHER VAN DE BUND

FLORIS AND MISTER TORTELLINI SERIES

THE HUNT FOR THE ANIMAL THIEVES

Floris is a volunteer at the animal ambulance and has the most exciting adventures together with his snake Mister Tortellini. One day, they discover that an animal thief is operating in town. More and more animals start disappearing. Floris and Mister Tortellini go on the hunt and try to return all the animals safely to their homes. Will they succeed?

THE EGG OF THE ELEPHANT BIRD

Floris is given an important assignment: the egg of the extinct elephant bird is in danger of falling into the wrong hands. Together with his faithful companion, Mister Tortellini, Floris follows a treasure map to get ahead of the thieves. But time is running out. Will Floris and Mister Tortellini be the first to find the egg?

EXPEDITION WHALE

When Floris discovers a humpback whale calf entangled in a net, he embarks on a nerve-wracking rescue mission at sea along with Mister Tortellini and their friends. Their quest is fraught with danger, and when, after a violent storm, they are shipwrecked on a mysterious island, all hope seems lost. Will Floris manage to reunite the calf with his mother before it's too late?

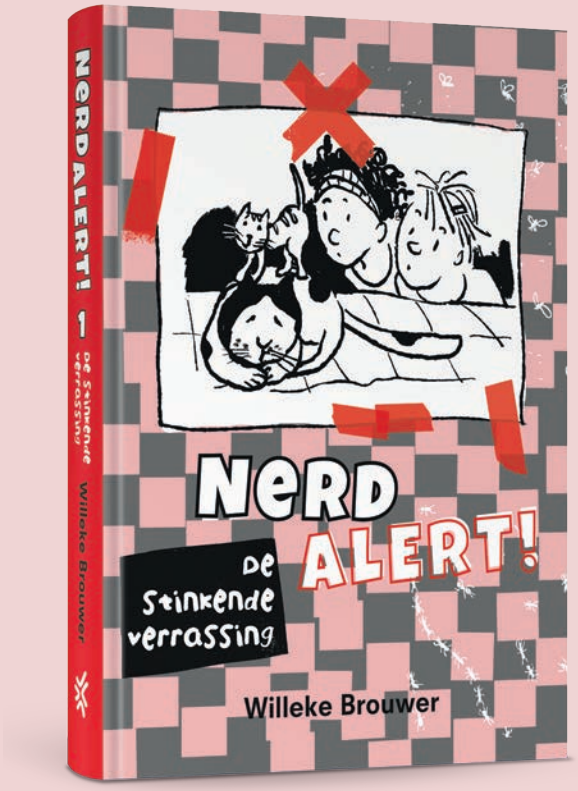
Willeke Brouwer is a writer and illustrator. She is well-known for her long running daily cartoon in the *Nederlands Dagblad* newspaper and the children's series *Silvester* and *Lotte Nevermind*, which have sold over 40.000 copies in total.

★ The first part in the *Nerd Alert!* series

★ A celebration of neurodivergence

★ A funny and relatable story about the importance of standing up for yourself

★ Willeke Brouwer's previous children's books have sold over 40.000 copies in the Netherlands



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KOKBOEKENCENTRUM 224 PAGES FEBRUARY 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

WILLEKE BROUWER

NERD ALERT!

THE STINKY SURPRISE

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



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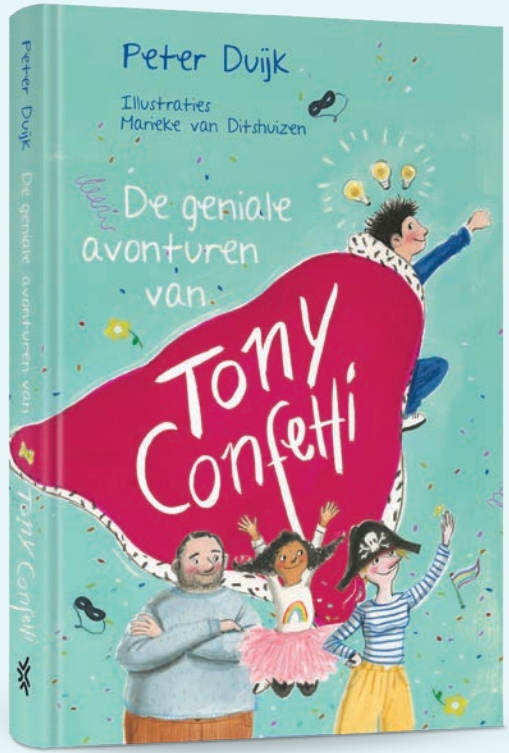
Peter van Dijk, alias Peter Duijk, is a writer, training actor, creative producer and former publisher. *The Genius Adventures of Tony Confetti* is inspired by the bedtime stories he used to tell his children before going to sleep. The character of Tony is based on his creative son Koen.

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

★ An ode to neurodivergence

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



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

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KOKBOEKENCENTRUM 128 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

PETER DUIJK

THE GENIUS ADVENTURES OF TONY CONFETTI

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

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



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

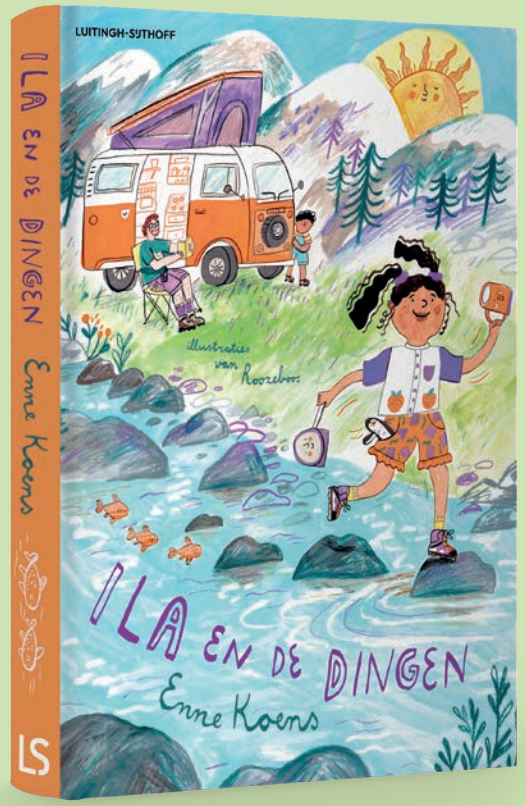
Anne Roos Kleiss, better known as **Roozeboos**, creates cheerful and energetic drawings. She studied at the Willem de Kooning Academy and the Cambridge School of Art.

★ Once again, Enne Koens shows that imagination is a force to be cherished

★ About divorce and the difficulty of changes

★ Beautifully illustrated with orange as the accent color

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



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 160 PAGES SEPTEMBER 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

ENNE KOENS AND ROOZEBOOS

ILA AND THE TALKING OBJECTS

Ila is going on holidays with her dad and little brother. Her mum is staying at home because Ila's parents are getting divorced. Without her mum, everything is different. Fortunately, some things – like Mum's mug, the sound of the motorbike or her sleeping bag – remain the same. All the things in the camper van come to life and seem to want to tell Ila something. But what? Through conversations with all the different objects, Ila gets the support she needs to come to terms with the big changes in her life.



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★ Nominated for the Ludoq Award for Best Philosophical Book 2026

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

★ For all children who have trouble sitting still in class

★ Cheerful illustrations with yellow as the accent colour

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



'Enne Koens offers encouragement to children who feel like no one understands them.'
— de Volkskrant

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 128 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

ENNE KOENS AND ROOZEBOOS

BOMMEL AND ME

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

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





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

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

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

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



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

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 176 PAGES 2013-2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION
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ENNE KOENS AND ANNET SCHAAP

SAMMY SERIES

SAMMY AND GRANDPA

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

SAMMY AND MUM

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

SAMMY AND DAD

Sammy is going to stay with his dad. It's quite exciting, as he's only just gotten to know him. But how do you behave like a son? And how do you become a dad without any practice? They soon discover that they share the same dream: to fly like a bird. With the help of extraordinary people and plenty of imagination, they try to achieve the impossible. Meanwhile, Sammy also teaches his dad a thing or two about love...

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Lotte Proot completed an acting degree in Maastricht and worked with various theatre companies. She is currently an actor and acting coach. *Meis and Egg* will mark her debut as a children's book author.

★ A moving story about dementia, identity and letting go

★ Recommended by Enne Koens

★ Cover and endpages by Italian artist Ilaria Mancini



9+

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 176 PAGES OCTOBER 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

LOTTE PROOT

MEIS AND EGG

'Is Grandpa broken?' I ask softly.
'No, I don't think so. Grandpa is very strong. He can't be broken,' says Grandma.

Meis lives with her grandpa and grandma. Grandpa is her best friend. But lately, he's been forgetting more and more things. When Meis catches him at night hiding his wallet in the freezer and wandering outside, her worries grow. It turns out he has Alzheimer's disease, the fast-progressing form. When Grandpa unexpectedly has to go to the hospital, the house feels quieter than ever. Then, Meis finds an egg abandoned by a blackbird. She decides to hatch it herself. From that moment on, Meis and Egg are inseparable. Until Grandpa comes home again. Because he will return home, won't he?



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

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

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

★ Packed with humour, action and mysterious alien visitors

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



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

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DE FONTEIN 248 PAGES MAY 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

JOZUA DOUGLAS

THE DISCOVERY OF YIPPEETER

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







Michael Reefs is one of the most widely read Dutch-language children's authors of the moment. His books have been nominated for the Hotze de Roos Prize and the Children's Jury Award, amongst others.



MICHAEL REEFS

NIGHT HEROES

IN THE HEART OF THE DARKNESS

Orfeo moves to Shadowvalley with his parents, but he soon realizes that something isn't quite right. The internet doesn't work well, guards patrol the village, and there's always fog at night. His neighbour Nisha tells him that every year, a child from the village disappears. She's afraid she'll be next. When Nisha is indeed abducted, Orfeo sets out to investigate. He finds himself in the D.I.M., a monstrous world where the witch Yashihana carries out her sinister plans. To stop her once and for all, Orfeo must not only risk his life, but ultimately also accept who he really is.



★ For fans of *Percy Jackson* and *Stranger Things*

★ First part in a brand-new series full of Japanese folklore and mythology

★ Written in short, exciting chapters with many cliffhangers

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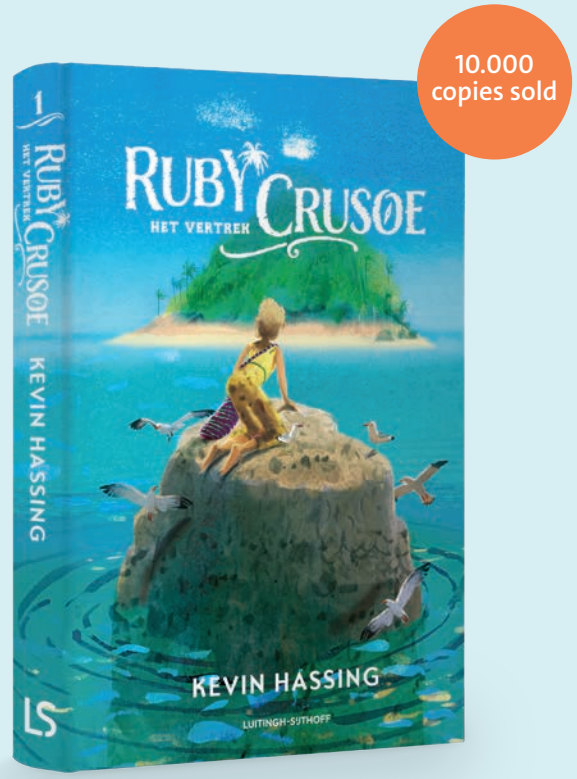
★ The start of a new trilogy by bestselling author Kevin Hassing

★ Atmospheric cover and full-colour endpapers by Mark Janssen

★ Kevin Hassing's *Robin & Captain Cross Beard* series is currently being adapted into film and theatre



10.000 copies sold

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

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 160 PAGES MARCH 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

KEVIN HASSING

RUBY CRUSOE

THE DEPARTURE

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



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

★ Over 150.000 sold copies

★ Book two, three and four in the series have won the Children's Jury Award between 2022-2024

★ Adapted for film and theatre in the Netherlands



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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 240-283 PAGES 2020-2024

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KEVIN HASSING AND LINDE FAAS

ROBIN AND CAPTAIN CROSS BEARD SERIES

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

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

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

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

★ With Wesley from *William Sweetkind* as the main character

★ Can be read independently

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

★ Cover and full-colour end-papers by Mark Janssen



'Van Veen seamlessly weaves reality and fantasy together.'
— *Trouw*

10+

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 192 PAGES NOVEMBER 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

RONNIE VAN VEEN

WESLEY THE EMPEROR

Wesley hates stories and fantasy. And because his classmate William loves to tell annoying stories, he bullies him whenever he can. But now it's July and there is no school, and with everyone away for holidays, Wesley is bored. Under a railroad bridge, he meets Luuk, a mysterious man who drags him into an adventure involving a steam locomotive, an underground station, talking sheep Bettie, and killer rabbits. Only Wesley can save the world from destruction. But does his imagination stretch far enough?

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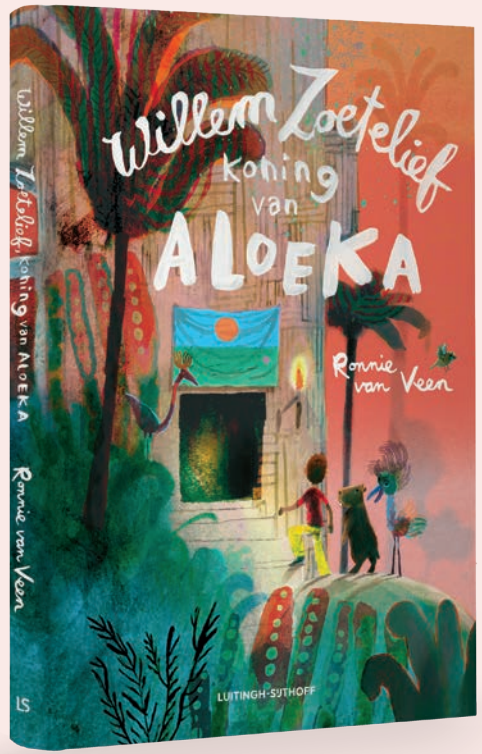
★ Nominated for the Hotze de Roos Prize and the Ludoq Award for Best Philosophical Book 2026

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

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

★ Cover and full-colour end-papers by Mark Janssen



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

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS
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RONNIE VAN VEEN

WILLIAM SWEETKIND: KING OF ALOEKA

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



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Bouwien Jansen worked as an editor at *Kidsweek* and *7Days* for many years. She is now a freelance journalist for various (children's) magazines, including *Rangers Report* (WWF). She previously wrote *Backyard Beasts* in collaboration with Lotte Stegeman.

★ Winner of the Silver Slate Award 2026

★ Nominated for the Ludoq Award for Best Philosophical Book 2026

★ Included in the selection of the Dutch Foundation for Literature

★ For readers of *Lampie and the Children of the Sea*

★ About friendship, fantasy and family secrets

★ With cover and full-colour endpapers by Sanne te Loo



'*Pebble* gives you the wonderful feeling that miracles really can happen'
— *Trouw*

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 144 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

BOUWIEN JANSEN

PEBBLE

Kat moves to her deceased uncle's house on the outskirts of town. His house is a magical place. Among the rattling armour, mysterious statues, and stuffed animals, Kat finds a pebble. It's gray and boring, but Kat slips it into her pocket and forgets about it. Suddenly, strange things start happening. In the tree in her garden, she finds an inventor; on her uncle's grave, she finds a man playing the guitar; and a girl with no legs shares her deepest secret. The pebble seems to do things that a regular, boring pebble could never do...



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Astrid Sy is a historian, presenter of history TV programme *Andere tijden* (*Different Times*) and writer. She was involved as a researcher in the development of the Dutch National Holocaust Museum. From 2026 to 2028, Astrid will be the Dutch Ambassador for Children's Books.



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

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

★ Nominated for the Children's Jury 2026



'With *The Window Cleaner of Rijksmuseum*, Sy demonstrates that she is exceptionally skilled at making history relatable and accessible.'
— *Kinderboekenrijk*

10+

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 208 PAGES 2024

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

ASTRID SY

THE WINDOW CLEANER OF RIJKSMUSEUM

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

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

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

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

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

★ Including a checklist with the birds mentioned in the book

★ Adapted to theatre in Turkey



'An ode to the bird world.'
— *Nederlands Dagblad*

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 200 PAGES 2023-2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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ARJAN DWARSHUIS AND MARIEKE TEN BERGE

BRADY THE BITTERN SERIES

BRADY THE BITTERN AND THE SECRET OF THE SWAMP

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

BRADY THE BITTERN SPREADS HIS WINGS

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

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

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

★ Included in the IBBY Honour List 2026

★ Winner of the Children's Bookstore Award 2025

★ Nominated for the 2025 Woutertje Pieterse Prize

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

★ Author drew inspiration from the stories of child refugees



17.000 copies sold

'A much-needed book' — *Het Parool*

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

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 216 PAGES 2024

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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ENNE KOENS AND MAARTJE KUIPER

WE'RE NOT GOING HOME TODAY

'If you can flee once, you can do it again,' says Dad.
'Have we fled before?'
'Yes, Mirza.'

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



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★ Nominated for the German Children's Literature Award and the Italian Strega and Cento Awards

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

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

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



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

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LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 184 PAGES 2017

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

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ENNE KOENS AND MAARTJE KUIPER

I'M VINCENT AND I'M NOT SCARED

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

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



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

★ *Notes to Pelle* is being adapted into film

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

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



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

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

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MARLIES SLEGERS

NOTES TO PELLE

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



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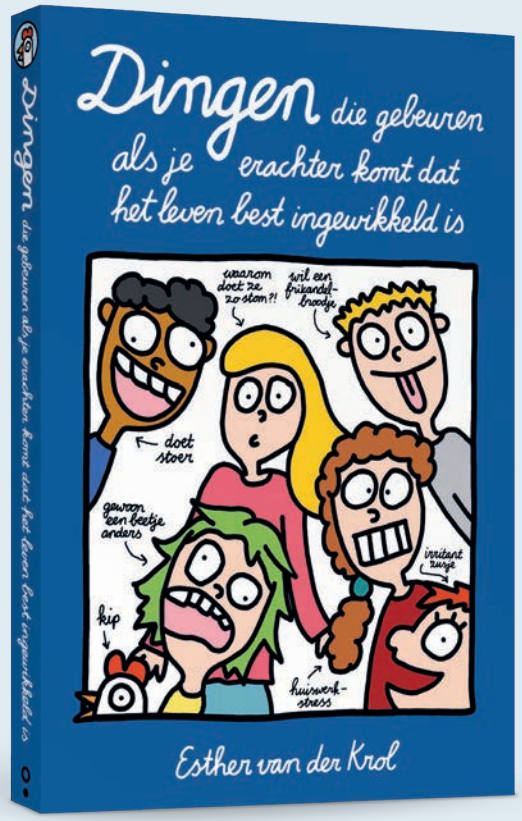
Esther van der Krol worked as a primary school teacher before pursuing a career as a writer. In 2017, her first play, *Dirty Laundry and White Sheets*, was published. Various scenes from the play have won awards. In addition to writing, Esther works as an illustrator and as an image columnist for *AD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

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

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

★ With full-colour illustrations



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KOSMOS 176 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

ESTHER VAN DER KROL

THINGS THAT HAPPEN ONCE YOU FIND OUT LIFE IS QUITE COMPLICATED

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

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Lida Dijkstra studied art history and archaeology. Her earlier works include *King Solomon's Ring* (nominated for the Woutertje Pieterse Prijs 2017), *Tut's Shadow* (winner of the Young Beckman Award 2023) and *The Miracle Storyteller* (winner of the Golden Slate, Silver Slate and Young Beckman Award 2025).

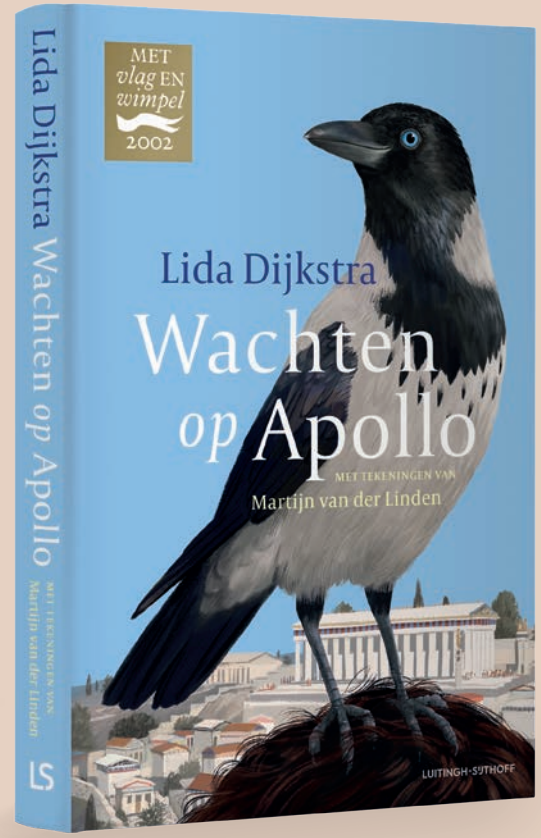
Martijn van der Linden is a renowned illustrator. His books are published all over the world and he has received multiple awards for his illustrations. Martijn is well-known for his surrealist animal portraits and colourful landscapes.

★ An original and compelling adaptation of six of Ovid's myths from the *Metamorphoses*

★ Awarded with a Flag and Pennant in 2002

★ Lida Dijkstra won multiple literary awards with her previous retelling *The Miracle Storyteller*

★ With full-colour illustrations by Martijn van der Linden



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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

LIDA DIJKSTRA AND MARTIJN VAN DER LINDEN

WAITING FOR APOLLO

A long queue of people is gathering outside the Temple of Apollo. It's Oracle Day in Delphi and everyone wants to consult the sun god or thank him. Suddenly, an exhausted, colourful crow lands on a boy's head. The crow – whose name is Cornix – can talk. To pass the time, the bird begins to tell stories about Orpheus and Eurydice, Arachne and Minerva, and King Midas. A compelling story written by the Dutch queen of retellings.

'An exciting, humorous and moving children's book that introduces young readers to the ancient world in a thoroughly enjoyable way.'
— Literatuur zonder leeftijd

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

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

★ Winner of the Silver Paintbrush Award 2025

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

★ Nominated for the IBBY Biennal of Illustrations in Bratislava

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



'The illustrations are so atmospheric that you can almost smell the scenes.'
—Jury of the Silver Paintbrush Award

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ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS
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LIDA DIJKSTRA AND DJENNÉ FILA

THE MIRACLE STORYTELLER

ON THE TRAVELS OF MARCO POLO

Bewd met de Gouden Griffel 2025

Bewd met een Zilveren Penseel 2025

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

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



'Giving famous stories a new life; that is the power of Lida Dijkstra … *The Miracle Storyteller* is captivating in the adventures and heart-warming in the characters that are described.'
—Jury of the Golden Slate Award

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Bert Vereycken holds a Master's degree in translation and is a former journalist. He won the John Flanders Prize (1988) and Radio 1's Song Lyrics Competition (2006). In his writing, Bert loves to focus on the past, which he sees as a treasure chamber full of stories.

★ Based on historical facts and thorough research on the unique story of Napoleon's son

★ With drawings by Kevin Sezgin



12+

HOUTEKIET 160 PAGES AUGUST 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

BERT VEREYCKEN

HOW NAPOLEON'S SON BECAME MISERABLE

There isn't a soul in the world who doesn't know French Emperor Napoleon. But did you know he had a son? The little boy looks up to his famous dad with admiration. Unfortunately, when the emperor falls from grace, his life is turned upside down too. Little Napoleon is swept up in an avalanche of misfortunes, but clings to the people who love him and fights back with a moving tenacity. This breathtaking story is two centuries old, but you'll read it as if it were unfolding before your very eyes. No knowledge of history is required: as a reader, you'll have a front-row seat to the events described in the book.







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Marc de Bel published his first book in 1986. Since, he has been a fulltime author, publishing over 200 titles and giving over 2.000 lectures for all ages. Many of his books have been turned into films and comic books. He is regularly awarded prizes. Among others, he received the Children's and Youth Jury Awards, De Kleine Cervantes and several of his books were awarded the Inclusieve Griffel, for books including characters with disabilities.

★ A novella based on the beginning years of Vincent van Gogh's career

★ Uses passages from Vincent van Gogh's diary and the correspondence with his brother Theo

★ Marc de Bel is Belgium's best-known children's author



14+

HOUTEKIET 72 PAGES JUNE 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

MARC DE BEL

MISTER VINCENT'S DRAWINGS

In the summer of 1879, the young Vincent van Gogh sets off from the Borinage, where he is living as a minister amongst miners, to Brussels. He feels his art is misunderstood and wants to show his sketches and drawings to his former teacher and mentor, Reverend Pieterszen. When Vincent arrives in Brussels, he takes the opportunity to visit a few friends and acquaintances. One of them is Otto Geerling, with whom the artist stays for a few days, leaving a portfolio of his sketches and drawings behind for safekeeping. This encounter will always stay in Jeanne's memory, Otto's dreamy nineteen-year-old daughter.

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Zoë van der Meer is a young, talented author from Amsterdam. In high school, she discovered that she could process her feelings and experiences through art and language. This resulted in *The Great Doors*, which is her debut at only 16 years old.

★ About mental health, pressure to perform and anxiety in high school students

★ For all teenagers who want to understand themselves better

★ Used in Dutch schools to discuss mental health

★ Includes a playlist



13+

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 80 PAGES SEPTEMBER 2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

ZOË VAN DER MEER

THE GREAT DOORS

HIGH SCHOOL IN 24 PROSE POEMS

From a young age, Zoë loves being on stage to sing and act. But when she starts high school, she becomes insecure and loses sight of who she is. To find the words to express her experiences, she begins writing prose poems. About panic attacks, the constant pressure to perform and depression, but also about resilience and personal growth. Originally created as an end of the year project, this collection is an honest and candid voice for a new generation of young people searching for stability and hope.

DISCOVER OUR SELECTION OF CHILLING THRILLERS...



★ Jennefer's thrillers are well-known for their stunning plot twists, surprising even experienced readers

BREAKING POINT

by Jennefer Mellink

What if you're at school and suddenly hear gunshots? Four teenagers are trying to survive in a world that does not understand them. Finn becomes increasingly entangled in extremist ideology, whilst Noor's fear of what he is becoming grows day by day. Isaac is desperately searching for his way out of a difficult home situation, and Bram tries to live with the traumas he carries. Then a school shooting strikes their school...

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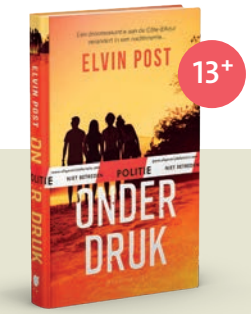

★ Elvin's YA thrillers *No Way Back* and *Catch* were both nominated for the Young Jury Award and sold over 24.000 copies

UNDER PRESSURE

by Elvin Post

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

DE FONTEIN 256 PAGES MARCH 2026



★ Mel Wallis de Vries has sold more than a million copies worldwide
★ Author has received the Young Jury Award 7 times

INSANE

by Mel Wallis de Vries

I'll choose you. I'll track you down. I'll catch you.
What do you do when the serial killer the whole country is hunting down is intersted in you? Seventeen-year-old Emily is determined to survive. But how do you stop a killer who's one step ahead of the police? And is there a link to Emily's twin Sophie, who was found dead in a park two years ago?

DE FONTEIN 232 PAGES OCTOBER 2026



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

SCARE ZONE

by Sophie Wester

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

DE FONTEIN 176 PAGES 2025

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

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

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

★ Nominated for the 2025 Best Book for Young Adults Award

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

★ A search for hope in a hopeless and unfair world



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

13+

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF 288-304 PAGES 2024-2026

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

CHARLOTTE BRUGMAN

KLIMAX SERIES

KLIMAX

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

PROJECT PEACE

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

MONICA HAAK

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

★ Monica Haak writes YA that discusses difficult topics in a painfully recognisable, but beautifully comforting way

★ On eating disorders, grief, popularity and secrets

★ Author works with teenagers on a daily basis

★ Dual narrative



15+

DE FONTEIN 208/240 PAGES 2024/2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

WHAT NO ONE KNOWS

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

DARK CLOUDS OF CONFETTI

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

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

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

★ Nominated for the SB YA-Award 2026

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

★ The author spent fifteen years writing and perfecting the story



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

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HOUTEKIET 384 PAGES 2025

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION & SYNOPSIS

LAURE OOMENS

DUAL BREATH

When blood and magic collide, the truth is deadlier than fate itself...
Elena's dreams are on fire: night after night, she smells smoke, feels the heat on her skin, and time and again, an unknown face stares right at her. But it is only when her grandfather disappears and she stumbles upon a mysterious book that her world is turned upside down forever.
What should have been a search for her grandfather turns out to be a slow-closing trap. Because some secrets do not stay hidden forever. Some paths turn against you. And some forces pull you deeper, whether you want them to or not. In a battle against something she does not understand, Elena must make choices that will determine her future—and that of many others.

NON-FICTION



Jelmer Jepsen, Alexander van Daele & Hanne Snel

The Super Sleep Machine

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 6+, 48 pages, 2023

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



Govert Schilling & Tjarko van der Pol

Did the Ancient Greeks have Rockets?

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 96 pages, 2020

Rights sold: Simplified Chinese

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



Govert Schilling & Tjarko van der Pol

To the Moon

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 96 Pages, 2024

Rights sold: Simplified Chinese

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



Pieter Feller & Louize Perdieus

The Book of Wolves

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 128 Pages, 2021

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



Bouwien Jansen, Lotte Stegeman & Marieke Nelissen

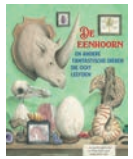
Backyard Beasts

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 96 Pages, 2019

Rights sold: German, Russian

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



Lotte Stegeman & Marieke Nelissen

The Unicorn & Other Fantastic Animals That Used to Exist

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 104 Pages, 2020

Rights sold: Simplified Chinese, Russian

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



Sterrin Smalbrugge

Sterrin's Reptile Journey

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 144 Pages, 2021

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



Patsboem!

Nutty for Nature

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 224 Pages, 2022

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



Lotte Stegeman & Marieke ten Berge

Green Heroes of the Animal Kingdom

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 96 Pages, 2022

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



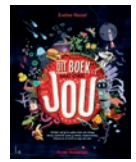
Kim Verhaeghe

Giraffes Don't Sink

HOUTEKIET

Age 15+, 224 Pages, 2023

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



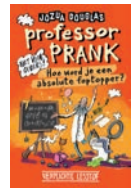
Eveline Hensel & Kristel Steenbergen

This Book Is All About You

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 80 Pages, 2023

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



Jozua Douglas & Geert Gratama

Professor Prank series

DE FONTEIN

Age 8+, 256 Pages, 2024- 2025

Become the king of April Fool's day with these brilliant pranks (NOT FOR PARENTS!!!). Over 16.000 copies sold.

PICTURE BOOKS



Wilma Geldof & Janneke Ipenburg

Bees Don't Baa, Dr Growlybear

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 3+, 34 Pages, 2022

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



Tjibbe Veldkamp & Wouter Tulp

Take my Hand

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2017

Rights sold: Korean, Simplified and Complex Chinese, Italian

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



Jozua Douglas & Eefje Kuijl

Monkey Mischief: Champion of Accidents

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2023

Follow the adventures of Monkey Mischief, who flounders around, but in the end turns out to be concealing a true inner hero. 13.000 copies sold.



Jozua Douglas & Eefje Kuijl

Monkey Mischief: Cardboard Edition

DE FONTEIN

Age 2+, 24 Pages, 2025

Follow a day in the life of Monkey Mischief, the champion of accidents, as he bumbles his way from one hilarious mess to another!



Jozua Douglas & Loes Riphagen

Kiss-Kiss Crocodile

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2016

Rights sold: German, Simplified Chinese

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



Jozua Douglas & Marieke Nelissen

The Monster Bouncing Booming Book

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 36 Pages, 2017

Rights sold: Simplified and Complex Chinese, Lithuanian

A beautiful story about a boy who accidentally turns his parents into monsters. 9.000 copies sold.



Tjarko van der Pol

I Want a Different Bed!

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2021

Rights sold: Norwegian

The ultimate wordless picture book for young children at bedtime.



Ineke Upperman & Emanuel Wiemans

Off!

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 32 Pages, 2022

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



Kristen Westrik

The Hunt for the Thief

DE FONTEIN

Age 3+, 40 Pages, 2025

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



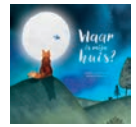
Marian De Smet & Marja Meijer

Do You Have a Little Time for Me?

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 4+, 32 Pages, 2021

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



Liesbeth Goedbloed & Mariëtte Wilgehof

A Home for Fox

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

Age 4+, 40 Pages, 2024

A stunning picture book about homesickness and feeling welcome in a new place.



Giovanca Ostiana & Anne Sara Schenk-Verloop

I'd Rather Be Me

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

Age 4+, 40 Pages, 2024

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



Miriam Bouwens

A Card for the Sweetest Person

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 4+, 32 Pages, 2025

Ava wants to send a card to the sweetest person in her life, but there are so many to choose from... A story about loving others, and yourself.



Miriam Bouwens

Olivia Dares

DE FONTEIN

Age 4+, 32 Pages, 2024

Rights sold: Italy

There is nothing that Olivia does not dare–until she starts swimming lessons and has to face the diving board. On the day of her swimming exam, she does something very brave... A poetic story about choosing yourself and learning how to say no.

READ ALOUD



Pieter Feller & Marieke Nelissen

Scratch & Sneeze series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 4+, 112 Pages, 2016-2018

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





Henrieke Herber & Miriam Bouwens

Nadia's Day & Nadia's Night

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 5+, 96 Pages, 2022 & 2024

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



Jeanine Cronie & Iris Boter

Saïd & Anna series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 5+, 64 Pages, 2024-2025

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



Marc de Bel

Mariloe and Cowboy Joe

HOUTEKIET

Age 5+, 60 Pages, 2025

Tobias doesn't say much, but likes to spend time with his best friend, the calf Mariloe. But to participate in the Big Race he needs to confront his fears...



Ronnie van Veen & Marianne van der Walle

Grandma Tilly: Back to School

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 6+, 64 Pages, 2026

Grandma Tilly forgot the letter 'm' and has to go back to school. But is having a grandma in school really a good idea?

CHAPTER BOOKS



Hanneke de Zoete & Iris Boter

Sweet Sisters series

KOSMOS

Age 7+, 96 Pages, 2020-2025

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



Rutger Vink & Thomas van Grinsven

Rutger, Thomas & Paco series

KOSMOS

Age 7+, 176 Pages, 2021-2022

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



Britt Dekker

Horse Talk series

KOSMOS

Age 7+, 96 Pages, 2023-2025

A series for all horse fanatics about Britt and her horse George. Over 66.000 copies sold.



Manon Sikkel & Katrien Holland

Secret Agent series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 7+, 128 Pages, 2016-2024

Max has two grandmas. One grandma loves crocheting and doing puzzles. The other grandma is a secret agent. More than 105.000 copies of the series sold.



Marte Jongbloed & Iris Boter

Wies & Grandma Wisse series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 7+, 128 Pages, 2019-2023

A series full of the crazy adventures of Wies, her grandma Wisse and all of their (young and old) friends. 21.000 copies of the series sold.



Jozua Douglas & Elly Hees

The Nasty Swim Coach

DE FONTEIN

Age 7+, 208 Pages, 2021

Rights sold: Italy, Norway, Slovenia, Turkey, Albania

Lev's father has one goal: Lev must become the best in his swimming team. But then Lev discovers a secret his coach is hiding... 61.000 copies sold.



Manon Sikkel & Katrien Holland

Sara Paletti series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 7+, 128–152 Pages, 2022–2025

A series following the hilarious adventures of Sara and her neighbours. Over 11.000 copies of the series sold.



Marte Jongbloed & Iris Boter

Herre series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 288 Pages, 2016-2018

Imaginative and engaging stories about ordinary people in extraordinary situations. 30.000 copies sold.



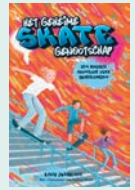
Daan Verver & Paco Vink

Gym Teacher Daan series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 192 Pages, 2024-2025

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



Roos Zwetsloot & Sophie Pluim

The Secret Skate Society

KOSMOS

Age 8+, 144 Pages, 2025

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



Rik Kleeven & Jesper Weijs

Rik & Jesper series

KOSMOS

Age 8+, 256-312 Pages, 2023-2026

Rik and Jesper are neighbours and love building things together, but their adventures don't always go as planned... For fans of *Phineas and Ferb*. Over 230.000 exx of the series sold.

MIDDLE GRADE



Lida Dijkstra & Martijn van der Linden

King Solomon's Ring

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 7+, 128 Pages, 2016

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



Jozua Douglas & Elly Hees

Costa Banana series

DE FONTEIN

Age 8+, 176-256 Pages, 2015-2020

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

Film Rights Sold: Phanta Basta

In this funny series, you go on adventures with Rosa and Fico, the children of Pablo Fernando, the crazy president of Costa Banana. His laws lead the kids to hilarious adventures. Over 220.000 copies of the series sold in the Netherlands.



Jozua Douglas, Elly Hees & Geert Gratama

The Terrible Twins series

DE FONTEIN

Age 8+, 192 Pages, 2014-2024

Rights sold: Albania, France, Turkey, Italy, Norway

Max and Lottie aren't normal twins: their acting skills and jokes are as ingenious as they are harmless! Until, one day, something goes wrong... 50.000 copies of the series sold.



Jozua Douglas & Geert Gratama

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

DE FONTEIN

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

Rights sold: Turkey

When Lev's father reads about a crime in the library, he thinks Lev should solve it. But then he himself accidentally becomes the police's main suspect... 68.000 copies of the series sold.



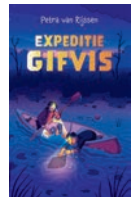
Jozua Douglas & Geert Gratama

The Hair Thief and Other Remarkable Adventures

DE FONTEIN

Age 8+, 264 Pages, 2025

Fourteen crazy and hilarious adventures by the award-winning Jozua Douglas, told with lots of imagination. 9.000 copies sold.



Petra van Rijssen

Expedition Poison Fish

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

Age 8+, 96 Pages, 2025

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



Els Pelgrom & Thé Tjong-Khing

Little Sophie and Lanky Flop

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 128 Pages, 2023

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

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



Els Pelgrom & Sylvia Weve

The Living Head

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 272 Pages, 2022

A book with a philosophical undertone about two singular friends.



Els Pelgrom & Sanne te Loo

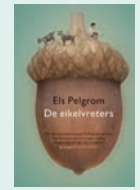
Bombaaj

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 112 Pages, 2024

Rights sold: German

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



Els Pelgrom

The Acorn Eaters

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 240 Pages, 2022

Rights sold: German, English, French, Japanese

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



Els Pelgrom

The Winter When Time Was Frozen

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 240 Pages, 2022

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



Marte Jongbloed

My Father's War

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 144 Pages, 2025

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



Marte Jongbloed

Where Is the Admiral?

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 128 Pages, April 2026

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



Marte Jongbloed

13 Minutes and 1300 Bombs

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 112 Pages, 2024

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



Marc de Bel

Blinker series

HOUTEKIET

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

Rights sold: Danish, German, Italian

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



Twiggy Bossuyt

Niko & Nico

HOUTEKIET

Age 10+, 128 Pages, 2023

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



Esther Wittenberg

Elfling series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 272 Pages, 2024-2025

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



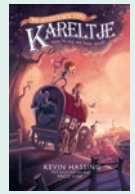
Petra van Rijssen

Sky Island series

KOKBOEKENCENTRUM

Age 10+, 224 Pages, 2024-2025

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



Kevin Hassing

The Adventures of Kareltje

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 128 Pages, 2025

Kareltje lives in a caravan and travels around with a miscellaneous crew. Kareltje and his best friend Hinkelien are inseparable. Until one day everything changes and Kareltje becomes crooked forever...

12.000 copies sold.



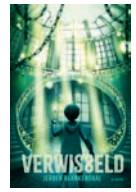
Lida Dijkstra & Thé Tjong-Khing

Tales for the Fox Brothers

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 8+, 128 Pages, 2026

Growing up without their father, Rosseel and Reinardine only know stories in which he is a hero. Then, Bruun the Bear starts telling them tales in which their father is rather a cunning fox...



Jeroen Blankendaal

Swapped

DE FONTEIN

Age 10+, 288 pages, 2025

Max wakes up in a different world and a different body, set out to accomplish an impossible task. A fantastical adventure in a world where no one lives past the age of sixteen.



Enne Koens & Maartje Kuiper

You Can See the Whole World From Here

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 216 pages, 2021

Rights sold: Germany, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary. Film rights sold to Phanta Basta

Dena finds a letter. In her search to deliver it to the right person, she discovers her own family secrets.

6.000 copies sold.



Enne Koens & Maartje Kuiper

That Summer With Jente

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 184 pages, 2019

Rights sold: Germany, Italy

Marie moves to a new city and befriends Jente. With Jente, every day is an adventure, but sometimes she gets mad for no reason... A story about two girls in the process of discovering themselves and the world around them. 6.000 copies sold.



Marlies Slegers

We Have Something to Tell You

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 232 pages, 2023

Hazel's parents are divorcing, so Hazel is sent to spend the summer with her grandmother. On the island, she will learn all about letting go and acceptance... Nominated for the White Ravens and 9.000 sold copies in the Netherlands.



Marlies Slegers

Turtle Girl

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 10+, 232 pages, 2025

A touching story about a young girl with an alcoholic mother and a secret caravan in the woods. Tipped by the Children's Jury 2026. 10.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.

YOUNG ADULT



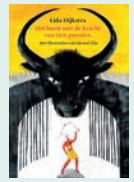
Marc de Bel

The Prickle Sisters series

HOUTEKIET

Age 12+, 280 Pages, 2024-2025

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



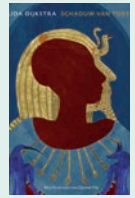
Lida Dijkstra & Djenné Fila

The Beast with the Power of Ten Horses

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 12+, 168 Pages, 2019

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



Lida Dijkstra & Djenné Fila

Tut's Shadow

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 12+, 160 Pages, 2021

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



Peter van Gestel

Winter Ice

DE FONTEIN

Age 12+, 250 Pages total, 2018

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

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



Will-Limba Moleka

Limbaverse

HOUTEKIET

Age 13+, 224 Pages, 2024

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



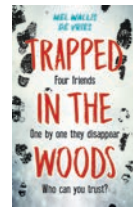
Aletta André

The Girl Who Cycled Across India

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 192 Pages, 2021

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



Mel Wallis de Vries

Trapped in the Woods

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 288 Pages, 2023

Rights sold: Arabic World Rights, Germany, Hungary

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



Mel Wallis de Vries

Obsessed

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 224 Pages, 2025

When four friends are involved in a car accident, one of them goes missing. Soon, the remaining friends are drawn into a dangerous game, uncovering secrets that must stay buried if they want to survive. 12.500 copies sold.



Margje Woodrow

Fake Trip

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 288 Pages, 2023

Rights sold: Arabic World Rights, Germany

While everyone is hoping to relax on a school trip to Barcelona, a horrible accident happens in the Sagrada Familia. Gruesome details are spread via social media, but what is real? Full English translation available. Over 24.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Margje Woodrow

Payback

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 232 Pages, 2024

TikToks revealing the secrets of both students and teachers are trending at Sunflower High School. Laurie finds herself in a sick game where she is forced to do eerie things. If she refuses, she and her friends will be in great danger... 8.000 copies sold.



Cis Meijer

Missing in Paris

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 240 Pages, 2023

Rights sold: Arabic World Rights, Germany

Lottie becomes suspicious when she unexpectedly receives a postcard from her sister Nina, who has gone to Paris to work as a fashion model. On the card, she discovers a secret cry for help. Full English translation available. Over 18.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Cis Meijer

The Challenge

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 224 Pages, 2025

Kate's school camp is inspired by the Special Forces and includes extreme challenges. But then Kate's ex-boyfriend is found dead on the street. What happened? 8.000 copies sold.



Elvin Post

No Way Back

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 256 Pages, 2022

What would you do if you found a bag containing 80,000 Euros? And the bag turned out to belong to a group of dangerous criminals... Over 13.000 copies sold.



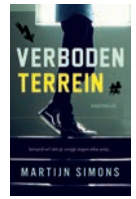
Elvin Post

Catch

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 256 Pages, 2023

When Rose gets to know Noah via Catch, a new app for young people, she is on cloud nine. Will their encounter become her biggest mistake ever? 11.000 copies sold.



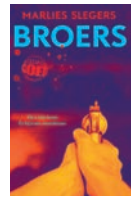
Martijn Simons

Forbidden Territory

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 224 Pages, 2025

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



Marlies Slegers

Brothers

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 112 Pages, 2023

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



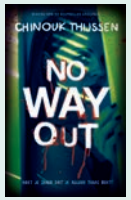
Juultje Koffeman

Nomen Nescio

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 96 Pages, 2023

A topical story on far-right extremism and refugees.



Chinouk Thijssen

No Way Out

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 224 pages, 2025

While babysitting in the villa district, Aya receives anonymous calls. She threatens to call the police, but the caller is already inside of the house... Over 7.000 copies sold.



Eva Burgers

Freeze!

DE FONTEIN

Age 13+, 240 pages, 2026

Linn works as a ski instructor in Austria when she learns about a girl from the village who has gone missing. She decides to investigate, but what if the truth changes everything? 5.000 copies sold.



Wilma Geldof

The Girl with the Braids

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 336 Pages total, 2018

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

This poignant story about betrayal and trust, loyalty and love is based on the life of the Netherlands' youngest female resistance fighter, Freddie Oversteegen. Over 32.000 copies sold in the Netherlands.



Wilma Geldof

The Girl Who Wasn't Supposed to Be

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 15+, 336 pages, 2025

Rights sold: Germany

In 1943, Nora falls in love with a German soldier. This love changes her life forever. In 1961, Ditte gets a school assignment through which she discovers her mother's past. Are you more than your parents' choices? Nominated for the Best Book for YA Award.



Astrid Sy

Name No Names

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 13+, 448 Pages, 2021

Rights sold: Germany

Three young women become involved in the smuggling of Jewish children during WWII. The book has been adapted to theatre and musical in the Netherlands and Germany and has sold over 15.000 copies in the Netherlands.



Floortje Zwigtman

A Green Flower trilogy

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 14+, 1616 Pages total, 2015

Rights sold: German, Danish

An unequalled magnum opus by a female Charles Dickens. 9.000 copies sold.



Stefan Raatgever

The Boy Who Jumped off the Cliff series

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

Age 15+, 224-272 Pages, 2022–2026

Film rights sold: Willy Waltz International

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