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Authors – Eckhart Tolle, Gabor Maté, Don Miguel Ruiz, Louise Hay, A Course in Miracles

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Authors – Malala, Charlie Mackesy, Jake Biggin, Mariann Budde, Andrew Roberts, Brigitte Hamann, C.S. Lewis, Paul Dowswell, Elizabeth Musser, Laura Hillenbrand, Eline Hoogenboom, Rozemijn Aalpoel

KOSMOS

Genres – food & drink, arts & crafts, family & health, parenting, personal growth & spirituality, self-help, icons, travel & leisure, natural history & gardening, gift books

Authors – Jamie Oliver, John Wiseman, National Geographic, Peter Hayman, Deepak Chopra, Alex Ferguson, Baptist de Pape, Ella Woodward, Sascha Blase-van Wagtendonk, Eveline Helmink, Eline Snel, Jord Althuizen

LUITINGH-SIJTHOFF

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Authors – Michael J. Sandel, Michael Puett, Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Thich Nhat Hanh, Pema Chödron, Judith Butler, Dan Jones, Luit van der Tuuk

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Genres – romance, romantasy, feelgood, TikTok-authors

Authors – Colleen Hoover, Rebecca Yarros, Jennifer L. Armentrout, Lucy Score, Holly Martin, Scarlett St. Clair, Cathy Bramley, Elena Armas, Casey McQuiston, Alexis Hall

ZWARTJES & LABOVIĆ

Genres – fiction and non-fiction that understands, shapes and interprets the zeitgeist

Authors – Charlotte Labee, Salih El Saddy, Sophie Visser, Cathy Sweeney, Linn Strømsborg, Clarisse Monahan, Gozde Eyce

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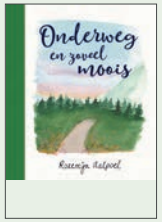

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Rudolph van Veen is a Dutch TV chef, pâtissier and cookbook author of 20 bestselling books. Since 2000, Rudolph has been a regular jury member of the biannual World Pastry Team Championships in the United States. He frequently appears and cooks at international food events all around the globe and is also well-known for his shows on 24Kitchen.

★ A charming cookbook full of comfort food and festive recipes

★ Well-known dishes with an adventurous touch

★ Rudolph van Veen cooks at international food events all around the globe





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RUDOLPH VAN VEEN

DELIGHTFUL WINTER DISHES

MORE THAN 60 (HEART)WARMING RECIPES

In *Delightful Winter Dishes*, Rudolph van Veen presents more than 60 easy-to-make dishes for cold days and December dinners: from soups, stews and casseroles to wintry baked goods and recipes for the holidays. Inspired by different European countries, Rudolph creates surprising and innovative dishes for anyone who wants to serve (heart)warming food during the cold months.







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Claudia Damen is a recipe developer, food stylist and food photographer. Her passion is making a dish look just as delicious as it tastes, so that people want to try it out at home as well.

★ For fans of Ottolenghi's *Flavour*

★ Also including many 'swicy' recipes (sweet & spicy)

★ Claudia Damen is a photographer for well-known brands and books in the Netherlands



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CLAUDIA DAMEN

SPICE IT UP!

SPICY COMFORT FOOD WITH WORLDLY FLAVORS

Spice it up! is the result of the growing popularity of spicy condiments, which have become an indispensable part of supermarkets, kitchen cabinets, and restaurant menus. Think crispy chili oil, gochujang, hot honey, and 'nduja—jars and bottles that increasingly find their way to the fridge but are far from being used to their full potential. Claudia Damen shows you how to use these seasonings as quick flavor boosters. With these accessible fusion recipes, you can transform everyday favorites into weekend-worthy classics. Lots of spice, lots of flavor and no fuss.





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After losing 30 kilos, **Lot Beukers** delved into the science of nutrition. For thirteen years, she has been helping hundreds of thousands of people lose weight and live healthier lives. Her mission is to free the entire Netherlands from a strict diet culture.
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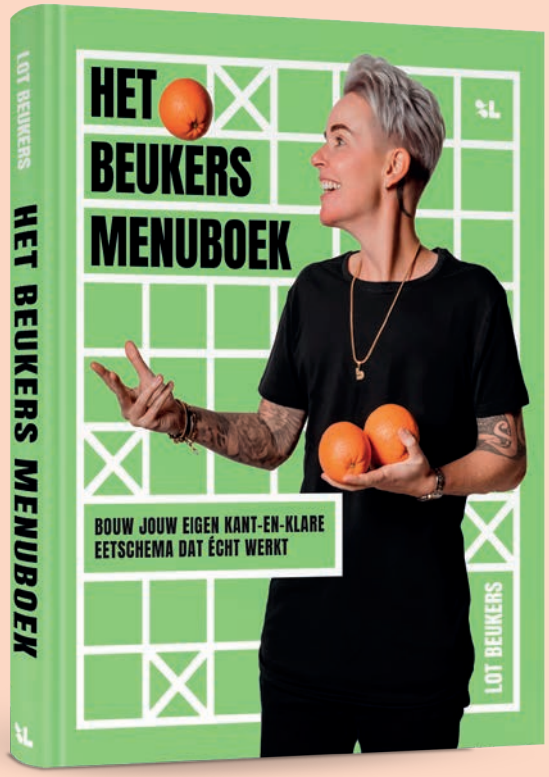
★ Create a no-nonsense plan for any goal

★ With 50 ready-to-eat and tasty recipes

★ Lot Beukers' cookbooks have sold over 120.000 copies in the Netherlands



'Lot's style is direct, but always sincere and with the intention of truly helping you move forward. A breath of fresh air.'
— Dr. Wendy Walrabenstein, dietitian

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LOT BEUKERS

MIX & MATCH MEAL PLAN

CREATING AN EASY MEAL PLAN THAT REALLY WORKS

In *Mix & Match Meal Plan*, Lot doesn't share a standard meal plan for dieting, but rather a menu that suits you and your personal health goals. The book is packed with information about nutrition, recipes and weekly menus, with endless ideas for variety.
Lot Beukers is one of the most unique and beloved lifestyle coaches in the Netherlands. With almost 13 years of practical experience and a no-nonsense approach, she has helped more than 250.000 people reach their diet goals. Lot gives you peace of mind about your eating, and above all: results!



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Dr. Heleen Kibbelaar is a chemist. During her studies, she specialized in cosmetics and afterwards she worked for major companies such as L'Oréal and Unilever. On her popular Instagram account @sciencemeetscosmetics, she now has more than 125.000 followers.

★ Discover the fact and fiction behind marketing claims

★ For anyone who wants to shop more consciously without spending hours researching

★ Dr. Heleen Kibbelaar shares her insights online on @sciencemeetscosmetics



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DR. HELEEN KIBBELAAR

THE BEAUTY BIBLE

HOW TO CHOOSE COSMETICS THAT REALLY WORK

Creams, shampoos, and serums promise all sorts of things. But what actually works, and what's just clever marketing? In *The Beauty Bible*, chemist Dr. Heleen Kibbelaar takes you behind the scenes of the cosmetics industry. In a clear and accessible way, she explains how skincare products are developed, tested, and manufactured, breaks down ingredient lists, debunks myths, and shows which claims are scientifically substantiated and which are not. From skincare to hair care: with *The Beauty Bible* you'll discover which products are truly effective and which ones are not worth the hype.

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Astrid Groenewegen is an expert in applied behavioural science and founder of the SUE | Behavioural Design Academy. She has over fifteen years of experience in designing behavioural interventions for numerous international companies and organisations. Her highly acclaimed work *The Art of Behavioural Design* was placed number 1 in the Management Book Top 100 list.
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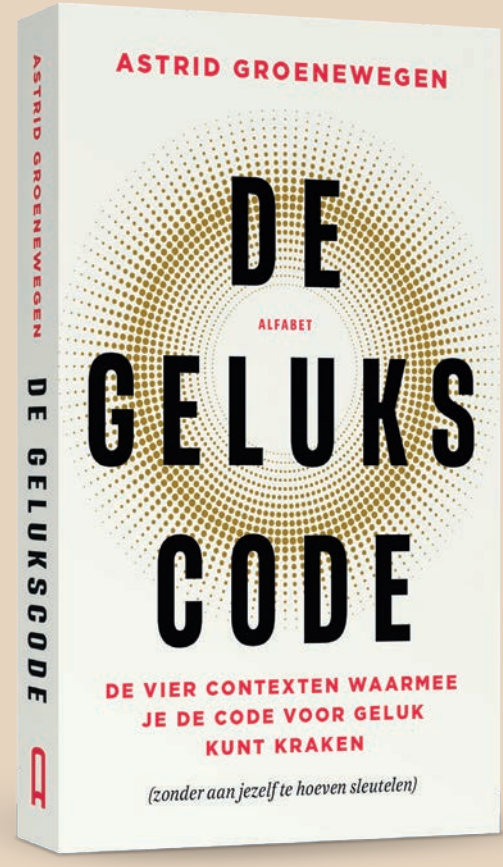
★ Astrid Groenewegen is an expert in behavioural science

★ Including the latest scientific insights

★ Author's previous work on behavioural design was a bestseller in the Netherlands



'A must-read for anyone who wants to change something'
– Managementbook.nl on *The Art of Behavioural Design*

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ASTRID GROENEWEGEN

THE HAPPINESS CODE

THE FOUR CONTEXTS THAT CAN HELP YOU CRACK THE HAPPINESS CODE (WITHOUT HAVING TO CHANGE YOURSELF)

How do you become happy? Many people think that if you work hard enough on yourself, you will automatically feel more satisfied and fulfilled. But nothing could be further from the truth. In *The Happiness Code*, behavioural scientist Astrid Groenewegen demonstrates that the key to happiness lies outside of ourselves. Based on the latest scientific insights, she distinguishes four contexts—curiosity, flow, skill, and connection—that create the ideal conditions for happiness to arise. This groundbreaking book offers a practical model that can be applied immediately, both in your work and personal life.

- Curiosity: Focus on your environment and those around you, see the world as a place full of possibilities
- Flow: Be completely absorbed by what you are doing, feel in harmony with your surroundings
- Mastery: Feel that you are growing, that you can do today what you couldn't do yesterday
- Connection: Feel that you matter, that you are heard, seen, and understood

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Carien Karsten is a psychotherapist, coach, speaker, and media commentator, known for her accessible approach to psychological topics. She has written several bestsellers, including *Express Your Fear* and *Escaping Burn-Out*.

★ Carien Karsten's books have sold over 100.000 copies in the Netherlands



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CARIEN KARSTEN

THE ART OF CHOOSING

In this hyper-anxious society, psychotherapist Carien Karsten is seeing more and more clients who get stuck because of choice overload. Life has turned into a maze of seemingly endless choices and doubt is often seen as something that must be overcome. Karsten turns that perspective on its head and shows how doubt is not the end of thinking, but the beginning of a careful and personal decision-making process. *The Art of Choosing* offers insight, reflection, and practical exercises for anyone who wants to discover how choices shape you, especially in uncertain times.

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Elise Cordaro is an online marketing specialist. On her blog *mysig*, she shares her experiences and offers tips to help people gain more control over everyday life and feel at home in a world that is made for neurotypical people. This autumn, Elise Cordaro is publishing a second book on motherhood.
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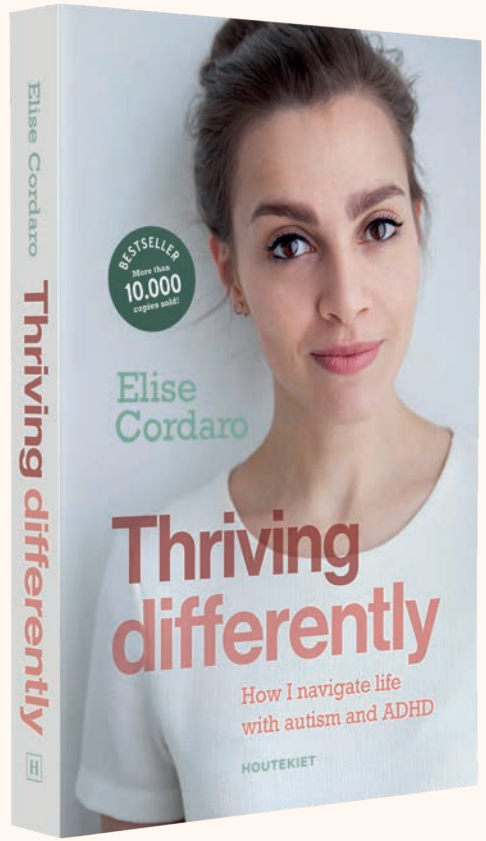
★ According to research, 50 to 70% of individuals with autism also have ADHD

★ The book sold over 15.000 copies in Belgium



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ELISE CORDARO

THRIVING DIFFERENTLY

HOW I NAVIGATE LIFE WITH AUTISM AND ADHD

Does a trip to the supermarket wear you out? Do you get stressed when your plans get disrupted? Do you feel like the world doesn't quite suit you? Nothing to worry about, because everyone feels like that sometimes, right?

Elise Cordaro only discovered at 27 that she has autism and ADHD. At first, psychologists dismissed her request for help. After all, she seemed perfectly normal, had two master's degrees and had been living alone for a while. She turned out to be a master of camouflage. Over the years, she developed strategies to handle the everyday things others take for granted: studying, working, shopping, housework, small talk... The diagnoses came as a relief. Finally, she had an explanation for why everything required so much effort. In this book, Elise speaks candidly about how she deals with her dual diagnosis and encourages fellow neurodivergent readers with concrete tips, mind hacks and inspiration to function better with autism and ADHD.

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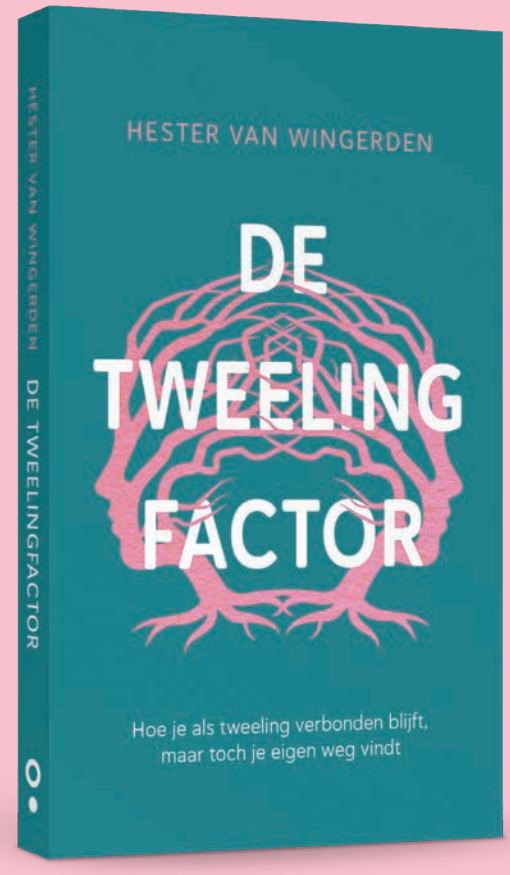
Hester van Wingerden is part of a set of identical twins. She is also a cultural anthropologist, a leadership trainer, and writes about adolescence in multiple birth families in *Meerlingen Magazine*. Since 2011, she runs a coaching practice for (young) adult twins and their parents.

★ An inspiring and practical book for twins

★ Hester van Wingerden is a twin coach



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HESTER VAN WINGERDEN

THE TWIN FACTOR

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED AS TWINS WHILE ALSO FINDING YOUR OWN PATH

Twins are special: you have a soulmate from the cradle to the grave. But what if that bond stirs up friction? For example, when success seems unevenly distributed or one falls in love and the other doesn't? How do you discover your own identity without losing each other? Where does 'we' end and 'I' begin?

The Twin Factor helps to understand the unique world of twins and the tension between connection and autonomy. With relatable stories, scientific insights, and practical exercises to develop your own identity without losing the twin bond, this book is an essential read for twins and the important people in their lives.

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Tessa Heinhuis is a child psychologist, studied at Harvard Medical School, and works as a teacher at a high school. She is also the mother of Bodi, Daaf, and Sem.

★ Practical and immediately applicable insights

★ Based on information from psychologists, educationalists and parenting experts



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TESSA HEINHUIS

HAPPY MOM & HAPPY KID

Happy mom

The secret to a happy mom mindset

In *Happy Mom*, Tessa Heinhuis reveals the secret to the happy mom mindset. This book, based on years of scientific research, shows how changing your mindset can help you become a happy mom, despite (or even because of) all the changes that motherhood brings. The book is filled with theory, practical tools, and inspiring stories about the personal growth you experience as a mother.

Happy kid

The secret to a self-confident child in a world full of stimuli

In *Happy Kid*, you'll discover how your choices can help your child thrive. In a world full of stimuli and pressure to perform, children often lose their balance. We live in an age where we're always 'switched on', and, as a result, children are increasingly overstimulated, tired and insecure. How do we give our children the best possible support, especially now? For parents of children between 4-12 years old.

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Bart van der Leenen's world revolves around complex psychological puzzles, the person behind the story, and the story behind the person. He was the founder and CEO of several companies, mentored various startups, and wrote opinion pieces for different types of media. In recent years, Bart has shifted his focus to human connection and has started coaching and guiding individuals, couples, families, family businesses and teams toward clarity, reconnection, long-lasting solutions, and personal growth.

Mieke Mievis studied family and sexuality sciences. She owns two private practices as a relationship therapist and sexologist, and has founded a therapeutic centre. Maaike also gives trainings, contributes to various radio and television programmes, writes articles, and has authored several books.

★ The first book that makes relationship therapy possible without the help of a therapist

★ Also includes conversation starters for even the strongest couples



BORGERHOFF & LAMBERIGTS 224 PAGES FEBRUARY 2026

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BART VAN DER LEENEN & MIEKE MIEVIS

DARLING, CAN WE HAVE A CHAT?

GIVE THIS BOOK TO YOUR PARTNER AND GET YOUR STALLED RELATIONSHIP MOVING AGAIN

Is your relationship going through a difficult period and is communication becoming increasingly difficult? All you have to do is give this book to your partner. Without saying a word.

From page one, this book helps you and your partner start talking constructively again and to work on your relationship together. This book will help you find out exactly where your relationship stands and what steps your partner is willing to take with you. The book guides you step by step towards safe and constructive conversations about even the most sensitive topics. Without theory and outside help, *Darling, Can We Have a Chat?* will bring you closer together again and will allow you to work towards a renewed, long-lasting connection.

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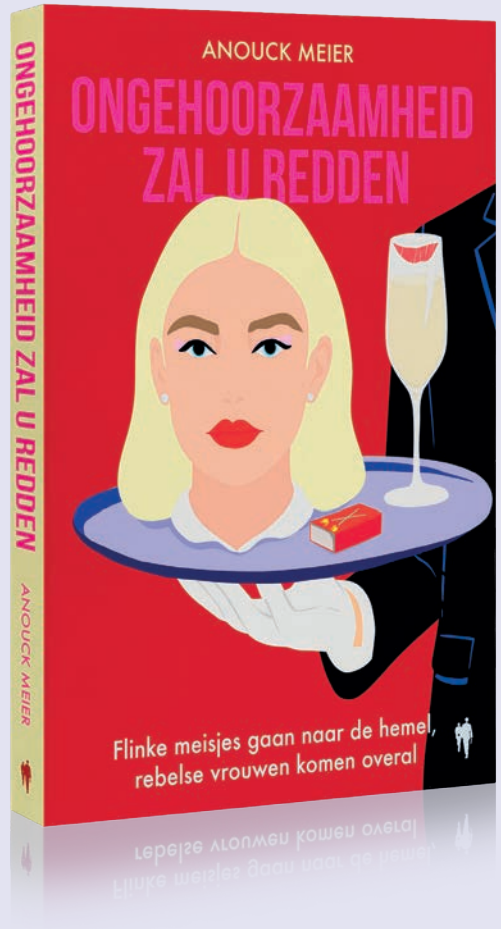
Anouck Meier is an entrepreneur, author, political scientist, and former solicitor at a prestigious US firm. Her podcast *Work & Life* (*Werk & Leven*) has over half a million followers. She taught more than 2,000 women to take control of their own time and wants to contribute to female empowerment and gender equality through her coaching, podcasts and training courses. Her previous book with a feminist lens, *Choose Yourself Before You're Dead*, was a bestseller in Belgium, with 10.000 copies sold.

★ A passionate plea for female disobedience

★ With a healthy dose of criticism and humour



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ANOUCK MEIER

DISOBEDIENCE WILL SAVE YOU

GOOD GIRLS GO TO HEAVEN, BAD GIRLS GO EVERYWHERE ELSE

One is not born, but rather becomes a Good Girl. From an early age, women learn everything they shouldn't be: angry, jealous, greedy, ambitious, lazy, selfish, horny. The seven original deadly sins have become an invisible corset that keeps women in check. In *Disobedience Will Save You*, Anouck Meier shreds that oppressive straitjacket with her sharp pen, feminist truth bombs, and a generous dose of humour. From witch hunts to the mental load, from crab mentality to precarious pension plans, from muzzles to size zero: the system is persistent, subtle and everywhere. This book is a playful invitation to claim more space and to live life to the fullest.

★ Anouck Meier's previous book *Choose Yourself Before You're Dead* sold 10.000 copies and was on the bestseller list for 10 weeks in Belgium

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Clarisse Monahan is the founder of Venus In Retrograde, an astrology-focused brand offering a range of services, from one-on-one consultations to corporate team-building and product activations. As Soho House's resident astrologer, Clarisse travels globally, reading cards and delivering lectures on (carto-) astrology around the world. Next to teaching Astrology and Tarot classes, Clarisse is also the astrology columnist for *Vogue Scandinavia*, and wrote *Astrocartography: An Astrologer's Guide to Where You'll Thrive*.

★ Ancient wisdom applied to modern (dating) life

★ Grab your deck, pour yourself a glass of wine (or three), and dive into your social life, tarot style



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CLARISSE MONAHAN

MODERN TAROT

FOR RELATIONSHIPS, FRIENDSHIPS & SITUATIONSHIPS

Ever wished you had a way to decode the messy, magical world of modern relationships? In *Modern Tarot*, you'll find just that—whether you're figuring out if that late-night text actually means something, wondering if your BFF is truly ride-or-die, or navigating the grey area of a situationship, this book is your go-to guide. This book takes you on a journey through the cards like never before. From love to ghosting, frenemies to soulmates, Soho House's resident astrologer helps you find clarity, peace, and maybe even a little bit of closure—because, let's be real, we all need that sometimes.







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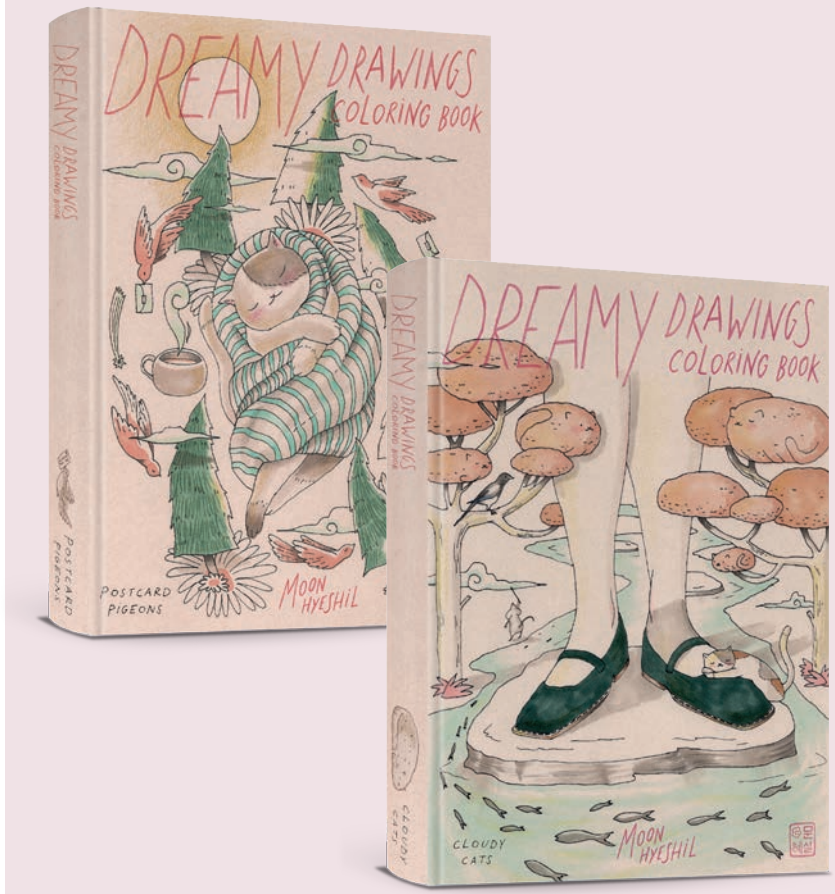
Moon Hyeshil is a Korean-Dutch illustrator and designer. She has worked for the Dutch National Opera & Ballet, *Vogue*, *Elle* and *Het Parool*. She has previously published two books (one of them a children's book) and illustrated a stylish city guide.

★ Soft animal and nature themed coloring pages

★ Cosy x elegant



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MOON HYESHIL

DREAMY DRAWINGS

POSTCARD PIGEONS & CLOUDY CATS

Step into the dream world of Moon Hyeshil to relax, let go, let your imagination run wild and discover your creativity while colouring. Moon Hyeshil creates hand-drawn illustrations that are not only cosy and cute, but also original, stylish and refined – for anyone who wants to add colour to their world.







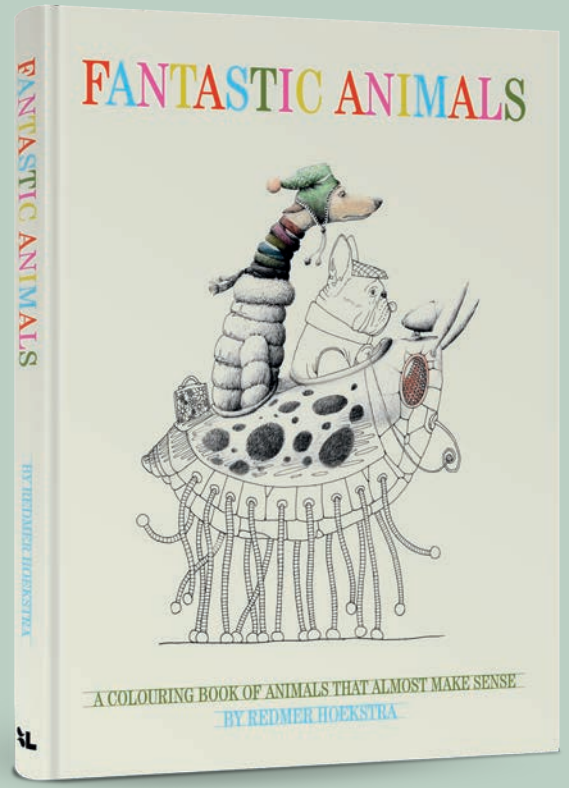


Redmer Hoekstra is a visual artist and illustrator. He loves to create fantastical and surreal worlds that you'll want to step into. Together with Heinen Delfts Blauw, he has a tableware range that is available worldwide.

★ For fans of coloring books that offer more than just relaxation

★ The illustrations are works of art in themselves

★ Redmer Hoekstra works for weeks on an illustration



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REDMER HOEKSTRA

FANTASTIC ANIMALS

A COLORING BOOK FULL OF ANIMALS THAT ALMOST MAKE SENSE

Enter the surreal world of Redmer Hoekstra, where logic gives way to fantasy and imagination reigns. Meet quirky animals, and enjoy the absurd details and little philosophical jokes in the different drawings. Every page invites you to explore and be amazed.







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Carla Kamphuis is an architect, designer, and bestselling author of several creative books. In addition to designing buildings, she also channels her creativity into her passions: drawing and brush lettering.

10.000 copies sold

10.000 copies sold





★ A step-by-step guide

★ For lovers of (vegetable) gardens and the outdoors



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CARLA KAMPHUIS

DRAWING GARDENS

FROM POTS AND PLANTS TO GREENHOUSES AND WHEELBARROWS

In *Drawing Gardens*, illustrator Carla Kamphuis takes the reader outside for a series of atmospheric garden scenes. Expect cheerful images, funny details, and lots of greenery! Carla shows you how to use a pencil, fineliner, and coloring materials to capture the prettiest outdoor scenes. *Drawing Gardens* isn't about perfect botanical illustrations, but about atmosphere and the joy of drawing. Great for your sketchbook, journal, or a card.







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Sascha Blase-van Wagtendonk started crocheting and designing her own free patterns in 2009. Her blog *À la Sascha* has grown popular among hobby crafters. She has published 18 books in the Netherlands, including patterns for Onesiegurumi and crochet dolls, but also various pieces of clothing, such as socks, mittens and scarves.



19.000 copies sold

★ Including more greenery and new flowers

★ *Crochet Flowers* sold 19.000 copies in the Netherlands



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SASCHA BLASE-VAN WAGTENDONK

CROCHETING YOUR BOUQUET

After the success of *Crochet Flowers*, Sascha Blase-van Wagtendonk designed brand-new patterns to create a beautiful, crocheted wildflower bouquet. Combine peonies and dahlias with playful greenery, such as apple leaves and the cast-iron-plant. The patterns vary in difficulty, and the flowers are crocheted directly together without any sewing. Combine the flowers to make a bouquet that suits your own taste and that will stay beautiful forever.







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Karin Bloemen is a singer, theater artist, stand-up comedian and passionate crocheter. With her popular crochet books, she inspires countless crochet enthusiasts with colorful and original designs, which are as exuberant and quirky as she is.

★ Modern patterns and playful stitch combinations

★ Author has sold over 50.000 copies in the Netherlands



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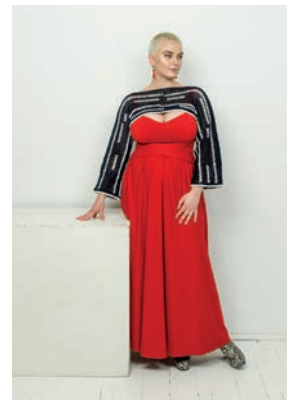
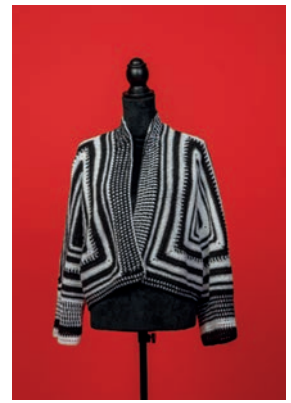
KARIN BLOEMEN

BLACK & WHITE CROCHET

In this stylish book, Karin Bloemen shows just how versatile black, white, (and gray) can be in crochet. In *Black & White Crochet*, you'll find 19 crochet patterns for clothing, accessories, and home decor items—ranging from a flared cardigan and a poncho to pillows, bags, and even a tablecloth. All designs are distinctive, playful, bold and suited for beginner and advanced crocheters alike.







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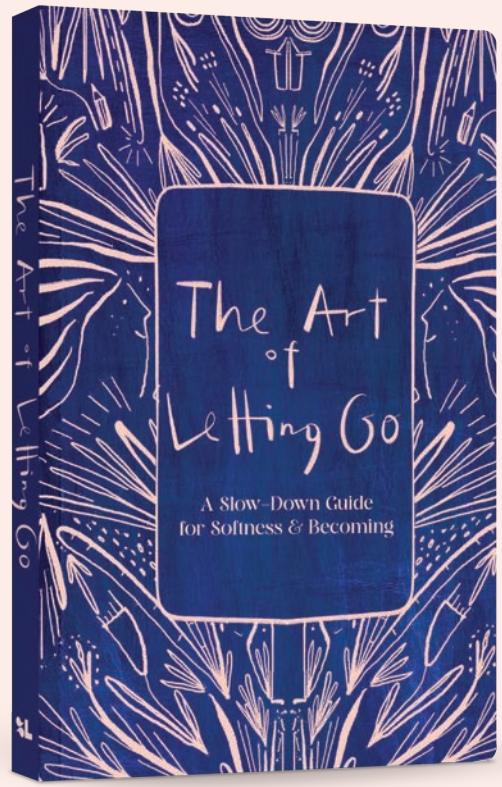
Gozde Eyce was born in Turkey, but currently lives in the Netherlands. She is a visual artist and yoga instructor. Gozde illustrates, inspires, and has collaborated on more than fifty (children's) book projects worldwide. With her poetic work, she strikes a chord with more than 125k followers.

★ An invitation to mindfulness

★ Includes space for your own creativity

★ Based on her content on @themoodysociety, which reaches over one million people worldwide



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GOZDE EYCE

THE ART OF LETTING GO

A SLOW-DOWN GUIDE FOR SOFTNESS AND BECOMING

Overloaded schedules, feelings of restlessness, and pressure—many people will recognise this. This stunning book is perfect for readers seeking peace, reflection, and self-love. The beautiful illustrations and texts invite self-reflection and slowing down. The book also offers readers space for their own creative expression. Slow down and enjoy the peace.





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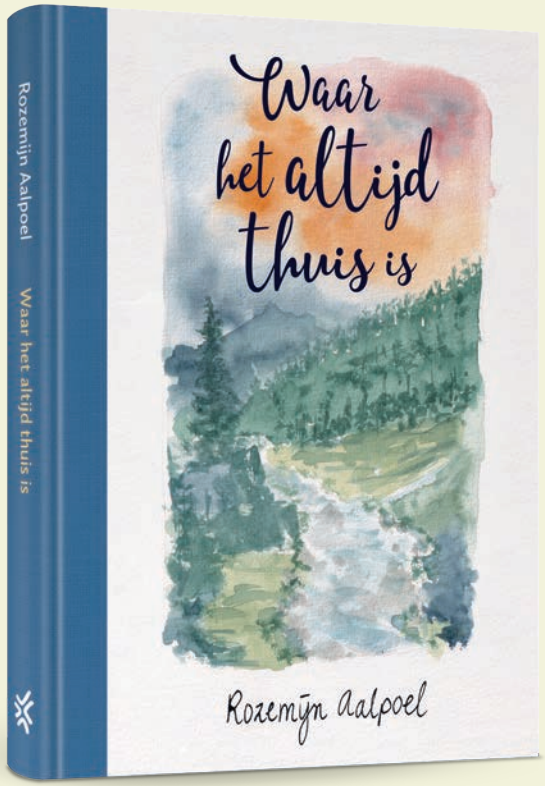
Rozemijn Aalpoel works as a community builder, connecting local residents. On the weekend, Rozemijn creates small artworks that offer hope, courage, and new perspectives. Her first book, *The Beautiful Things Along the Way*, touched many hearts and became a bestseller.

★ Focused on the river, symbolising life and the passing of time

★ Unique illustrations combined with inspiring texts and wisdom

★ For readers of all ages

★ *The Beautiful Things Along the Way* sold over 13.000 copies in the Netherlands



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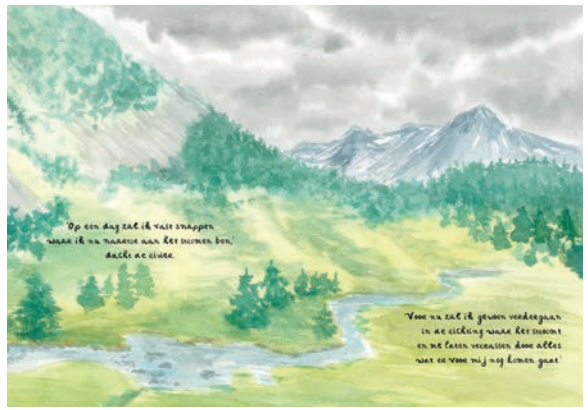
ROZEMIJN AALPOEL

A PLACE THAT FEELS LIKE HOME

Following the success of *The Beautiful Things Along the Way*, we are back on the road with Rozemijn Aalpoel. This time, we flow along with a river that never stops. The transition to something new often means saying goodbye to something old. The inspiring texts and beautiful illustrations by Rozemijn give you courage and hope with every step. A book that invites you to stand still and look around you, in order to lovingly realise all that surrounds you.





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Elwin van der Kolk is a biologist and nature painter. He has been the in-house illustrator of Vogelbescherming Nederland for over 25 years. He has illustrated countless bird books, such as *Identifying Birds* and *The Smart Guide for Spotting Birds* by Nico de Haan.

★ Fun and educational memory games for the whole family!

★ An accessible way to connect with nature

★ Including extra information about the species in a booklet

★ Over 11.000 copies sold in the Netherlands



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ELWIN VAN DER KOLK

MEMORY GAMES

Birds Around the House – Memory Game

With Elwin van der Kolk's *Birds Around the House – Memory Game*, you'll learn to recognize all types of common garden birds by matching the male with the female. The game combines fun and education with beautiful illustrations, allowing you to expand your knowledge about birds without even realizing it. Ideal for young and old: train your memory and discover which birds you can spot in your own garden.

Birds of Prey and Owls – Memory Game

Birds of Prey and Owls – Memory Game is a beautiful memory game with a fun twist: learn to recognize 25 species of birds of prey and owls both perched and in flight. The game comes with an accompanying booklet featuring lots of interesting information about the birds' appearance, behaviour, and habitat.







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Tex de Wit is a comedian, podcaster and copywriter for Dutch tv-programme *LUBACH*.

Thomas Swierts is the director of The Association of Science Museums and Science Centers, designed questions for quiz shows and organizes pubquizzes.
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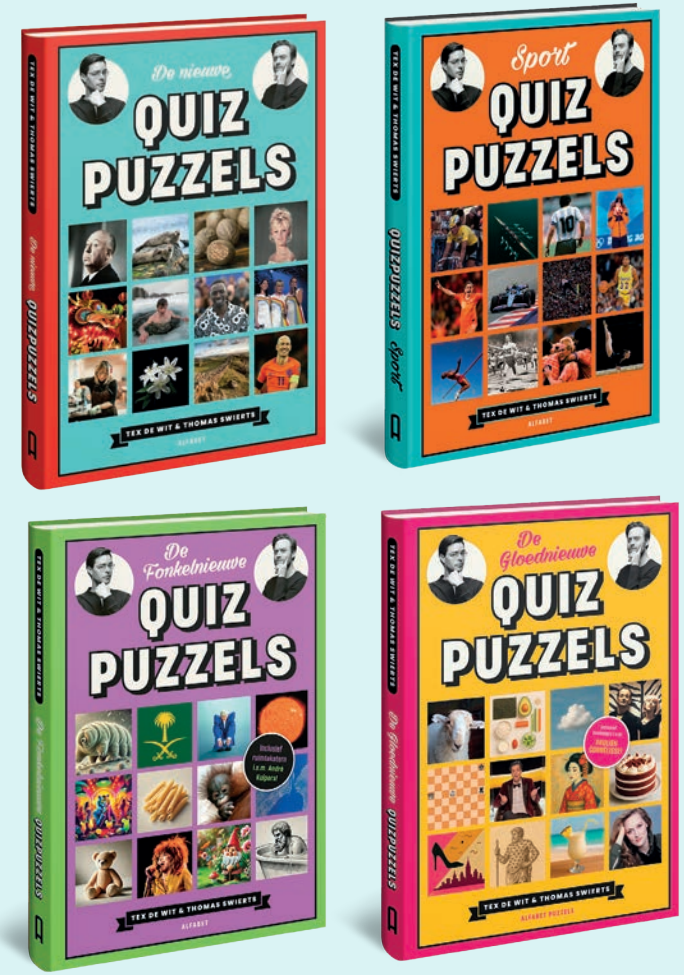
★ Over 100.000 copies sold in the Netherlands

★ Number one bestselling puzzle books in 2025

★ A playful way to connect different generations



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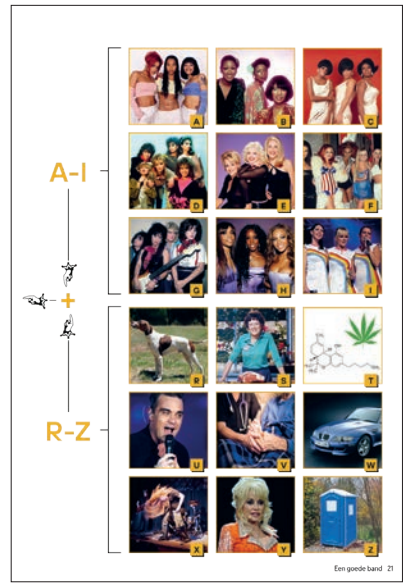
ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

TEX DE WIT & THOMAS SWIERTS

QUIZPUZZLES SERIES

QuizPuzzles are a combination of a quiz and a puzzle. Knowledge alone is not enough; solvers need creativity and smart thinking to get to the solution. The puzzles can best be solved together with friends and family, to apply knowledge from all generations. Disconnect from the digital world, stay mentally fit and enjoy the rewarding feeling when you solve a puzzle!





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Ruud Kool previously released a series of escape room games under the name *Diorama*. He reached the top of the bestseller list in collaboration with thriller author Suzanne Vermeer.

Niels van Hoorn started programming at the age of twelve and has never stopped. Solving logic puzzles, whether in code or on paper, is second nature to him.

★ For lovers of *Murdle* and *The Killer Isn't Alice*

★ A detective story and relaxing puzzle in one



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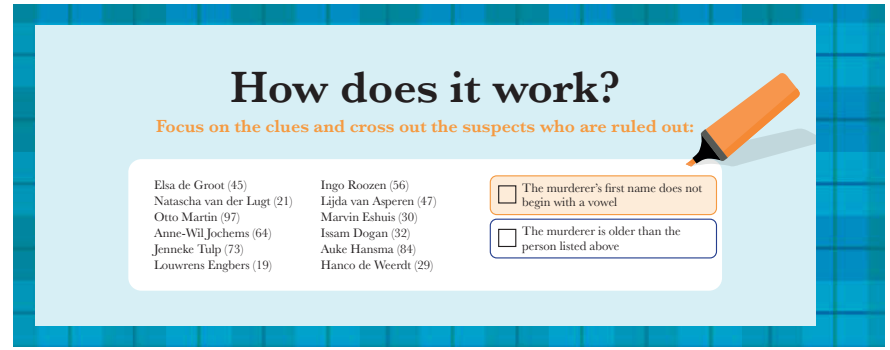
ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION

RUUD KOOL & NIELS VAN HOORN

A PUZZLING MURDER CASE

A VILLAGE FULL OF SECRETS

Welcome to Oudeplas. You've moved to this village for the peace and quiet, but end up researching a recent murder. Everyone is a suspect. Follow the clues, rule out suspects and find out who is disrupting the peace in your village. In *Murder Investigation*, you'll solve three thrilling cases. In each case, you will have to sort through a list of 6.000 names. Every clue provides new information, allowing you to rule out suspects and reveal patterns. Ultimately, all three cases lead to one overarching mystery and a lovely plot twist! Perfect for fans of cosy crime, escape rooms and detective puzzles.





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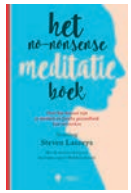

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