

De Vier Windstreken



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Love, the Penguin Way

Birds • love • feelings

A sweet story about first love and discovering your own way to show it.

Spring is in the air, and Penguin is feeling different. A racing heart and butterflies in his stomach... could this be love?

At the schoolyard, Penguin wonders: how do you know if you have a crush—and how do you show it?

He looks to his friends for advice. The parakeets simply dare to say they like each other. The peacock uses his beauty to impress. And the finch composes a beautiful song.

Penguin discovers there are many ways to show love: through dance, gifts, or caring for someone. But which way suits him best?

Extra
Includes a tutorial for painting your own Penguin Pebble (QR code with video).

• Perfect for bird lovers and birdwatchers.



Penguin's first love
Cristina Zanon
(text and illustrations)

Age 4+
21,5 x 21,5 cm
40 pages
ISBN 978 94 6500 067 1
€ 14,99



Each bird has a unique talent

Talents • birds • starting school

A heartwarming picture book about discovering your own talent.

Today is Penguin's very first day at school, where he meets all kinds of birds—each with their own special talent. Some can fly high, others run fast, dance beautifully, or sing wonderfully.

Penguin isn't sure what he's good at... until he dares to try the water.

With a little encouragement, he dives in—and discovers he is the best underwater swimmer of them all.

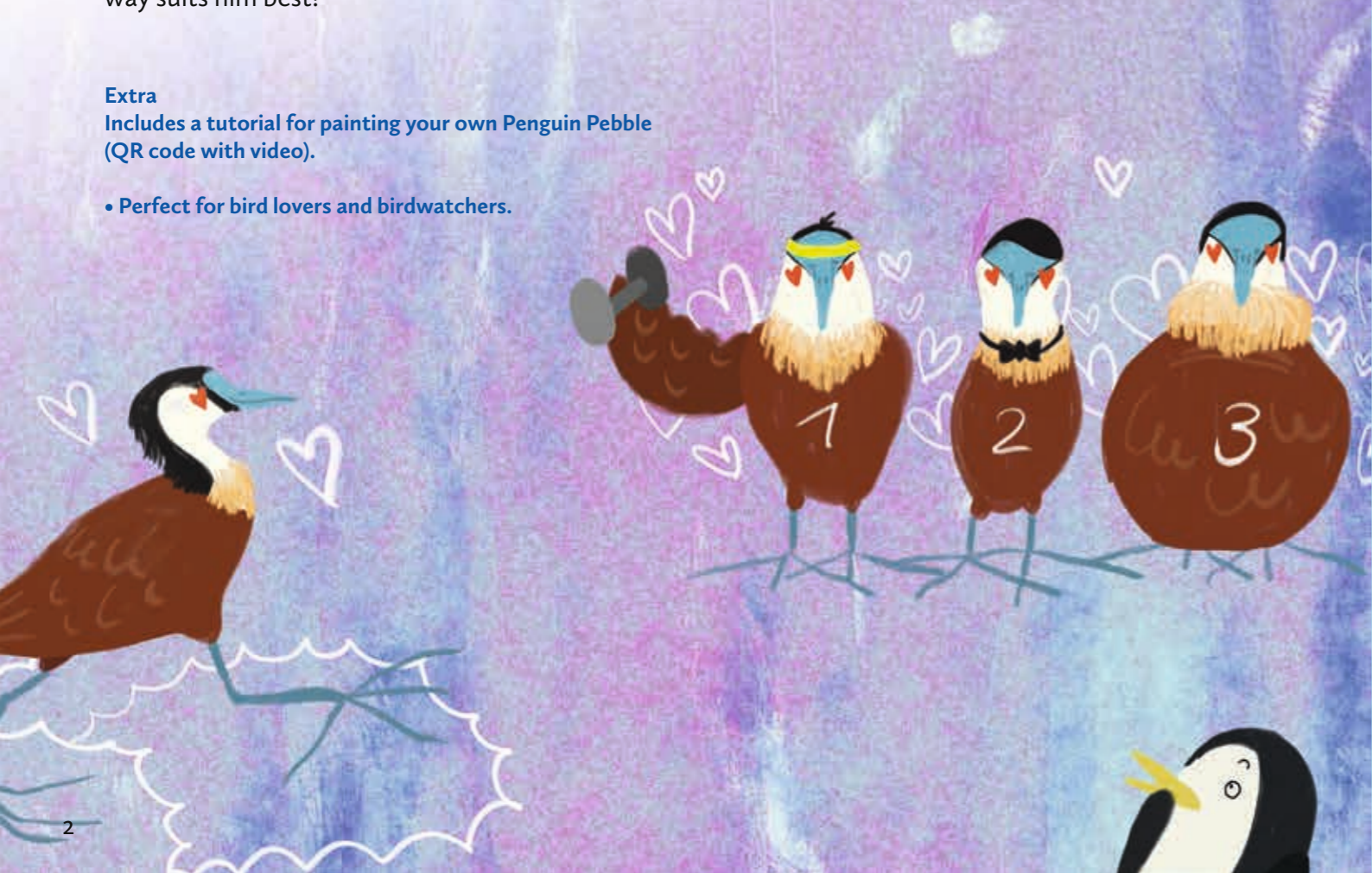
Extra
Includes folding instructions to create a mini-book where children can write down their own talents (with QR code video tutorial).

• Perfect for classroom use.



Penguin's first day of school
Cristina Zanon
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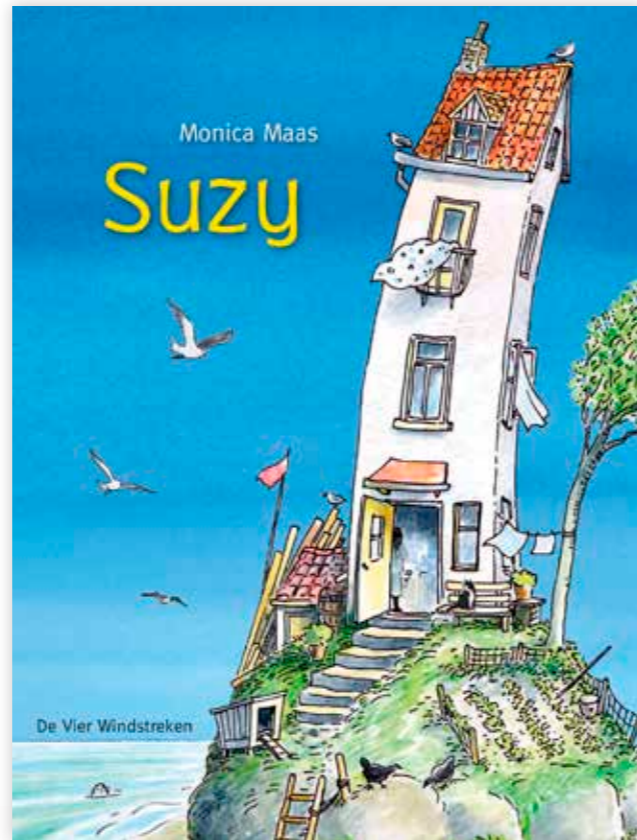


A sleepover with a seal

The sea • sleepovers • letters in a bottle

Suzy lives on an island, in a cozy little house that's all crooked because of the wind. One night, when it's particularly stormy, Sealy seeks shelter from the rain. He wants to do everything that Suzy does: eat pancakes, take a bath and sleep under a soft blanket. But he doesn't like it as much as he thought he would...

Reading Suzy, you can almost feel the cool ocean air on your skin!



Suzy
Monica Maas
(text and illustrations)

Age 4+
21,5 x 28,7 cm
32 pages
ISBN 978 90 5116 246 2
€ 16,99



A stranded whale

Sea • sleeping over • music

Suzy is happy on her island with the lopsided house. One day, Tom comes for a visit and starts playing on a washed-up guitar. Soon all the seals in the area come to listen to his music. And not just seals. A whale also stops by...

The big creature comes way too close to the island. He says: "I heard music and I wanted to come closer to listen to it. But then I got confused. The sea is too shallow here. Now I can't move forward or backwards."

Luckily, the seals are there and they all begin to splash their tails, which creates big waves. They splash and splash and then... the whale is free! Tom says his new friend goodbye with a last song: he will never forget this big friendly animal.

Suzy and the whale
Monica Maas
(illustrations and text)

Age 4+
21,5 x 28,7 cm
32 pages
ISBN 978 90 5116 834 1
€ 16,99



Adventures with Jamie!

Sea • animals

The happy little seal Jamie is very huggable. He's kind to all animals and humans he meets, and always willing to lend a helping hand. Jamie's adventures tickle the imagination of toddlers. Who doesn't want to run into a seal like Jamie on the beach?

Jamie the little seal

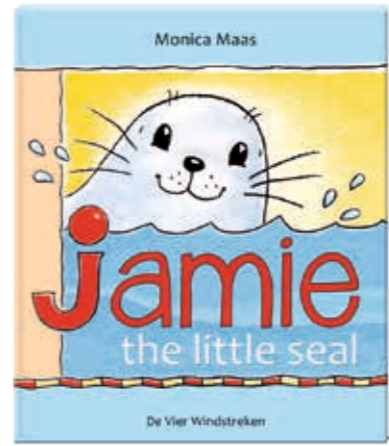
Jamie lives on a sandbank together with the other seals. One day he decides to go for swim, all alone. When he get lost he worries he'll never see his mum again... In the back of the book, the reader will find more on what life is like for little seals like Jamie.

Jamie and Gull

There's this gull that keeps calling coo-coo-coo. Jamie doesn't know it. He makes fun of the gull and calls him a "poo gull". But the black-headed Gull is having none of that... SPLAT! Jamie knows right away what's happened. He's been pooped on!

Jamie combs the beach

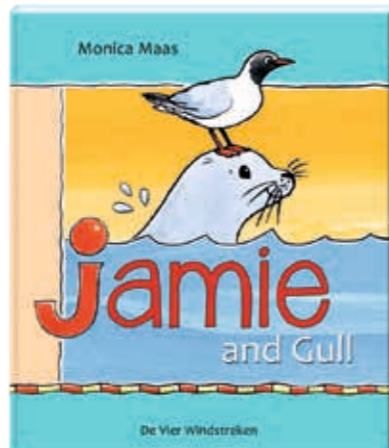
Jamie's trying to teach Ella how to swim, but that's easier said than done. Combing the beach together is much easier and they find the most beautiful treasures. But what's that? Is it a crocodile? It's dangerous! What do they do? When they inch closer they see what it really is... just a big log!



Jamie the little seal
Monica Maas
(text and illustrations)

Age 3+
18 x 21 cm
32 pages

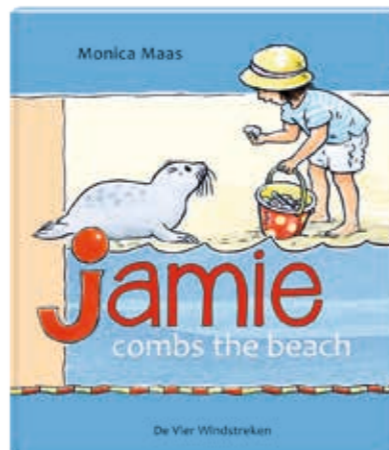
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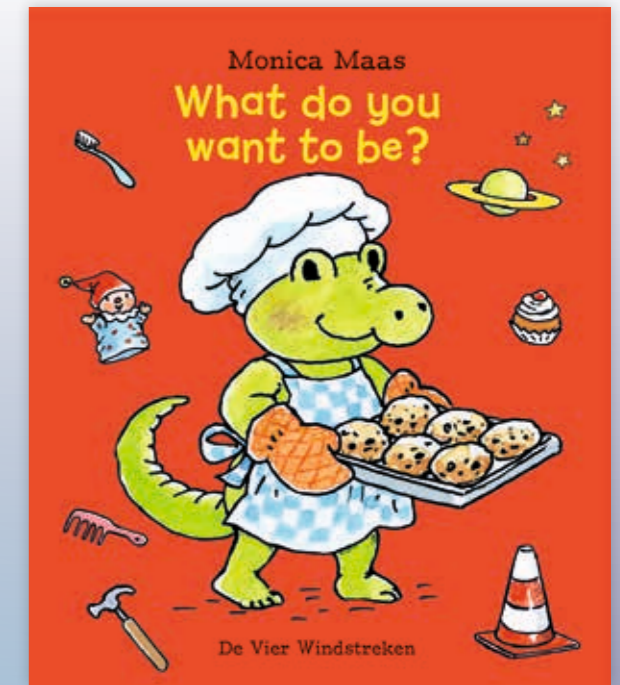
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When I grow up...

Animals • growing up • jobs

The new cardboard book by Monica Maas is colourful, cheerful. The clear and recognisable illustrations in What do you want to be? show what toddlers can become when they grow up, such as a firefighter, teacher, dentist and baker. The right-hand page shows the profession in action. On the left page, you can see everything that is needed. Extra fun: point out on the left the objects you see on the right.



What do you want to be?
Monica Maas
(text and illustrations)

Age 1+
18 x 21 cm
16 pages
ISBN 978 90 5116 843 3
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Read aloud in rhyme,
discover together and
point and name the
pictures!



What toddlers do during the day

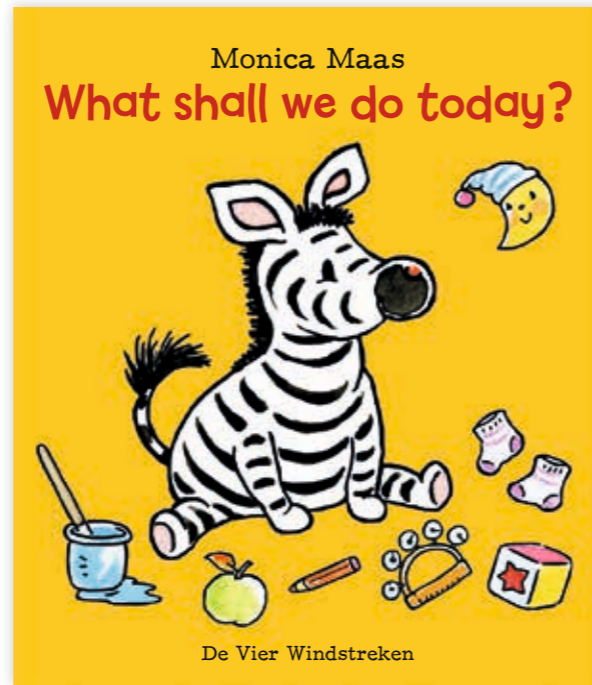


Getting dressed • playing • reading • bedtime

The newest board book of Monica Maas is colourful, cheerful and absolutely adorable! In clear and recognizable illustrations *What shall we do today?* shows how toddlers fill up their days. For example by getting dressed, reading, painting and playing.

Every right page shows an activity and every left page shows what you can use while doing it. Parents and children can look at every object and name them.

Extra fun: point out on the left page which item you see on the right page!



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What shall we do today?
Monica Maas
(text and illustrations)

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Animals Revolt on Grandpa's Farm

Being seen • friendship • teamwork

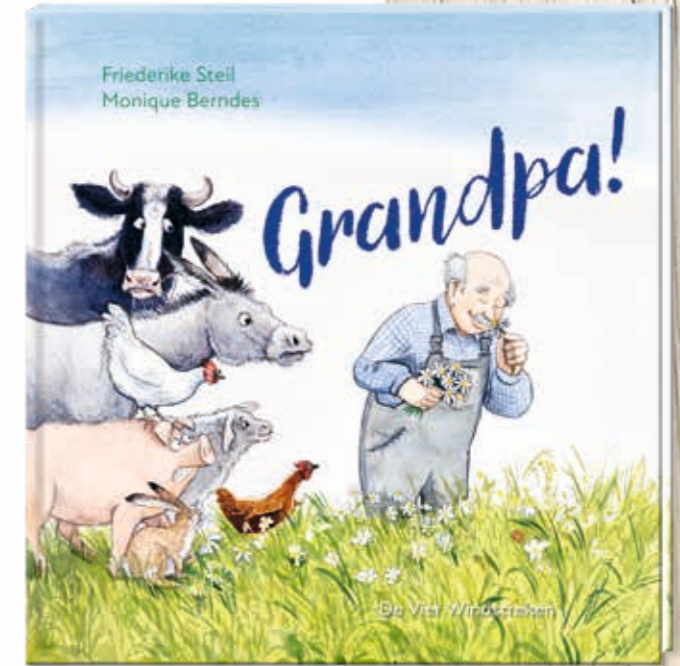
There is unrest on Grandpa's farm. Ever since his grandchild arrived, the animals have been completely overlooked. The dog, donkey, cow, sheep, pig, chickens and rabbit feel forgotten and decide it's time to take action. But how do you get noticed when Grandpa only has eyes for his grandchild?

Luckily, the donkey comes up with a clever plan... or is it a recipe for chaos?

A lively and humorous picture book about standing up for yourself, working together and the importance of being seen.



Friederike Steil grew up in northern Germany and studied illustration in Hamburg and Baltimore. Inspired by nature and animals, she creates illustrations, projects with children and teaches drawing.



Grandpa!
Monique Berndes (text)
Friederike Steil (illustrations)

Age 4+
21,5 x 21,5 cm
32 pages
ISBN 978 94 6500 003 9
€ 14,99

Winner
Featuring the winning illustrations from the 2024 Pixi Book Illustration Competition.



I don't want a baby!

Having a new brother or sister

Nina's baby brother or sister can arrive at any moment. But Nina isn't happy about it. What good is a baby? She would rather have a rabbit.

But then she meets rabbit Maxi's brothers and sisters, and everything changes. How cozy and fun this is! Maxi also shows the baby-rabbits. There are ten of them! Nina thinks they are cute. They are soft, smell nice and are fun to play with. So, brothers and sisters are fun after all!

Then, daddy wakes Nina up and tells her the baby is born. Nina is happy and asks: "Just one?"

- A sweet story about the confusing feelings of young children upon the arrival of a new baby, with a positive outlook on how much fun brothers and sisters turn out to be.
- The text does not say whether the baby is a boy or a girl, so any reader can relate!



Nina and the baby
Iris Deppe (illustrations)
Marianne Witte (text)

Age 4+
21,5 x 28,7 cm
32 pages
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Holiday preparations are not always easy

Bird migration • seasons • time awareness • procrastination

The birds Macy, Mo, and Cato all live on their own branch in the big tree in the city park. They are preparing for their flight to warm Africa. Macy, Mo, and Cato suffer from cold feet in the winter.

Macy, a real doubter, is mainly busy packing her suitcases. Mo, vain as she is, wants to look tip-top when she arrives in Africa. And Cato thinks it is very important that everything is left clean and tidy: that is much nicer to come home to. Macy, Mo, and Cato are almost ready. Just a little longer.

They are so busy with their preparations that they forget about time. The seasons pass by, but the three of them do not notice anything. In the end, Macy's entire branch is full of suitcases, Mo has found the right look with eight dresses on top of each other, and everything, but really everything is spick-and-span at Cato's. They are finally ready for departure. But it has become summer, and so the ladies don't have cold feet at all! No reason to leave anymore. They will postpone their holiday to Africa for a while!

- After seeing an Instagram post of an illustration by Sanne, Suzanne got the idea for Strange Birds.



Strange Birds
Sanne van Winden (illustrations)
Suzanne van der Horst (text)

Age 4+
21,5 x 28,7 cm
36 pages
ISBN 978 90 5116 871 6
€ 16,99



The biggest, strongest, scariest?

Jungle animals • being the best

In the autumn of 2019, De Vier Windstreken organized its first Pixi-book illustration contest: the Pixi Award. The winning illustrations, made by Iris van Hassel, were so beautiful that we published it as a full sized picture book as well as the mini Pixi-book!

Mouse asks Lion why they call him the king of the jungle. Lion starts naming all the things he is best at: he can roar the loudest, he is the biggest, the scariest and the most beautiful of all. But the other animals, Gorilla, Elephant, Crocodile and Parrot, all prove him wrong. Does that mean Lion is not the king of the jungle after all?

The judges about Iris van Hassel's submission:
"Monumental illustrations. On point characters with palpable emotions."



King of the jungle
Monique Berndes (text)
Iris van Hassel (illustrations)

Age 4+
21.5 x 21.5 cm
32 pages
ISBN 978 90 5116 824 2
€ 14,99

Being spoiled by your grandparents

Staying over • grandma and grandpa

Emmy phones grandma and grandpa and asks what they will do together if she comes for a sleepover. They take turns telling their plans. Grandpa, for instance, would run after the chickens on the farm. And grandma would like to cook some crazy dishes with her. And of course, they also want to eat lots of ice cream and cakes, go shopping, race in the bumper cars, play games and read books. Emmy herself would like to go to the forest to climb in the trees like an orangutan. Grandpa doesn't mind, as long as she takes a bath afterwards. She can have a bubble bath and splash as much as she wants.

Emmy knows enough. She calls: 'Then open up the door for me, so we can start immediately!' It turns out she is already at grandma and grandpa's door!

- A fun story told in rhyme!



If you come for a sleepover
Aron Dijkstra (illustrations)
Monique Berndes (text)

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Monique Berndes (Watervliet). In 2005 she moved with her family to a small village in Belgium, probably not even on the map. For De Vier Windstreken, she has written numerous picture books and Early reader books!



Aron Dijkstra (Pijnacker). This is his second picture book with De Vier Windstreken. He has a preference for traditional materials such as ink, pencil and paint. No computer comes into play in Aron's work.



Can you keep a walrus at home?

Pets • friendship • princesses

A touching and humorous story about friendship and letting go.

Princess Noor wants a special pet—a walrus! After a dramatic outburst, her father gives in and brings one home.

Noor names him Viktor and cares for him well, but soon realizes he is unhappy. He longs for the sea.

Making a brave choice, she sets him free.

Lonely at first, Noor later discovers a scruffy, seaweed-covered animal on the beach. While others see an ordinary cat, Noor sees a “sea monster”, the perfect special pet.

A warm story about love, letting go, and seeing the extraordinary in the ordinary.

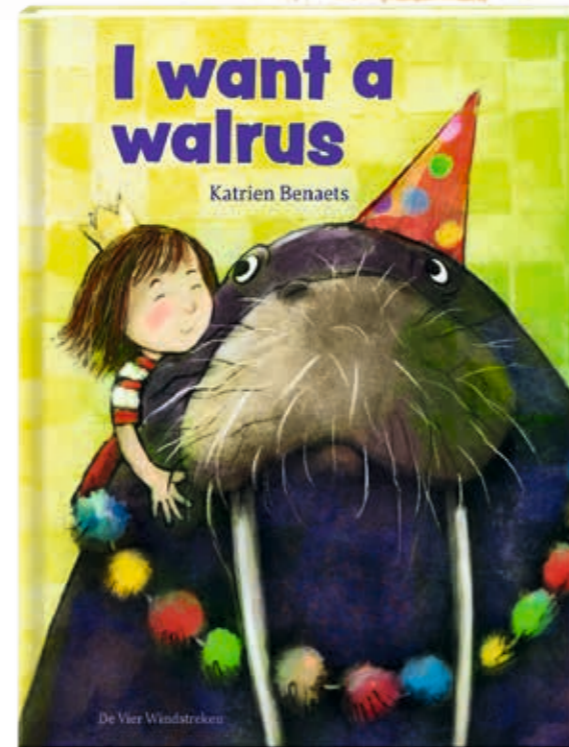
Selling points

- A touching story for young and older animal lovers.
- Humorous premise: a stubborn princess wanting an impossible pet.



Author & Illustrator

Katrien Benaets studied Fine and Applied Graphics at PHIKO in Hasselt. She loves translating stories into images and creating imaginative worlds for children. She also works at her local library, which she describes as “like working in a fairytale park” for a picture book maker.



I want a walrus
Katrien Benaets
(text & illustrations)

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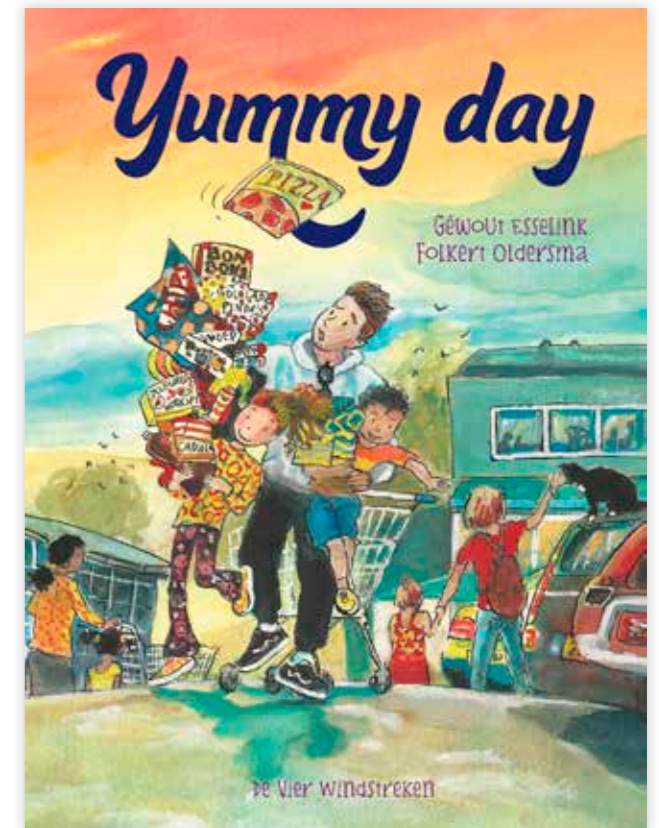
Food Feast on Yummy Day

Learning through experience • freedom and consequences

Jonas and Bella fool their papa into believing it is Yummy Day: a day to eat only yummy things. Children decide what food is allowed and all the goodies need to start with the letter **P** of popcorn, pudding and pizza. But there are a lot of nice things that don't start with that letter, so Jonas and Bella come up with a solution. They will have a lovely glass of **P**oca-**P**ola to go with the **p**ocolate.

Still, Yummy Day doesn't quite go as they imagined. Eating all those goodies changes the day from Yummy Day into a hurting tummy day for the siblings. They cannot eat any of the **p**ancakes that Papa has made and the **p**ice-cream as dessert. But then they see one more thing with a **P** that they have forgotten to devour: **P**apa!

Géwout Esselink knew as a young boy in primary school what he wanted to be when he grew up: **illustrator or painter**. In secondary school, his talent was recognized by one of his teachers. After the art academy, **Géwouts** started illustrating books. For him, drawing is not relaxing but takes serious effort. It just happens to be an effort he enjoys diving into.



Yummy Day
Folkert Oldersma (text)
Géwout Esselink
(illustrations)

Age 4+
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Folkert Oldersma has written for theatre, television, and school books and methods. Some years ago, he finally found the time to do what he likes best: creating stories for children. **Yummy Day** is his 21st children's book.



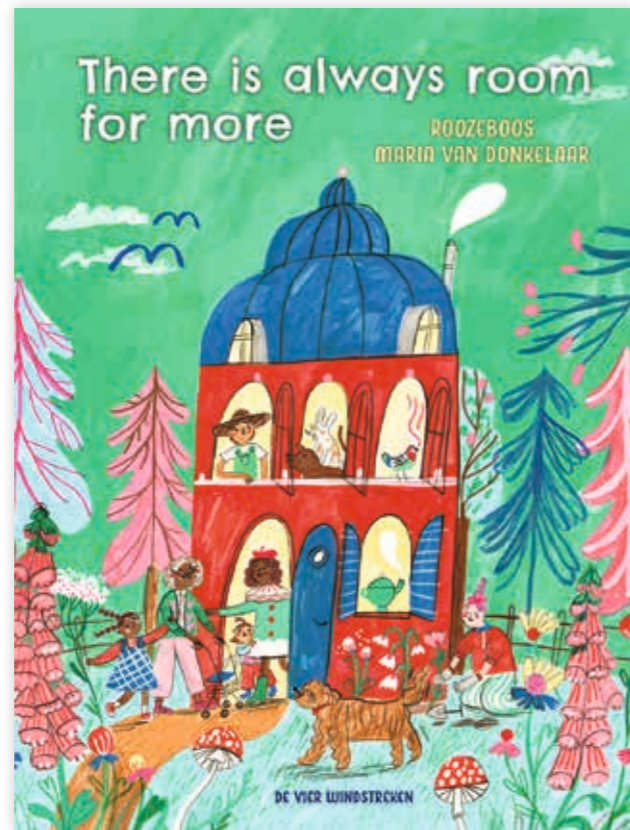
Everyone is welcome

Friendship • community • inclusivity • diversity

The door of Tess's and Carmen's house on the hill is always open. Whether you are family, a neighbour, or a passerby, everyone is welcome for a cup of coffee, tea, or soup. It is always bustling and busy in the house. One day, a brass band marches by. 'Come on in,' Tess and Carmen call, 'and let us hear you play.' But that is too much for the little house. It bursts at the seams and literally explodes. Everything and everyone rolls down the hill. But no worries! Together they build a new and bigger house. But have Tess and Carmen changed their ways? Certainly not! If you pass their open door, you will hear 'Come on in! There is always room for more!'

Roozeboos (Rotterdam) is an illustrator who looks at the world with curiosity. Her work is playful, joyous, and energetic, and is filled with little details to lose yourself in. She graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor of Illustration at the Willem de Kooning Academy and in 2020 received her Master's in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art.

Maria van Donkelaar (Rotterdam) has lived and worked as an artist in Italy for a few years. After returning to the Netherlands, she switched from the visual arts to language arts. She studied Italian language and literature at the University of Utrecht. From then on, she has worked as an editor, author, translator and book designer for several publishing companies.



There's always room for more
Maria van Donkelaar (text)
Roozeboos (illustrations)

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Food cultures from all over the world

Food • diversity • cycling

Theo is the fastest bike courier in the city, and he loves his work! Follow him for a day and discover all kinds of different cuisines and customers on his route. After delivering all that delicious food, Theo is quite hungry himself, but does he have anything to eat at home? RING! At the door is his neighbour, to whom he has just delivered his final order of the day. She invites Theo to come and eat pizza with her and her grandfather Obasi.

In this book, you will learn all about food cultures in the big city, from Arabic to Asian. From an Algerian pistilla to a Thai curry, and from a French gateau to an Italian pizza.

Thank you, Theo! is written and illustrated by Roozeboos who loves her city Rotterdam and its beautiful, diverse inhabitants.

- Filled with colourful and detailed illustrations with lots to discover.
- Comes with a map of the world to illustrate where all the dishes come from.



Thank you, Theo!
A celebration of food cultures in the big city
Roozeboos (text and illustrations)

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48 pages
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€ 17,99



A cat who wants to outdo a dog

Friendship • jealousy • being yourself

A funny and relatable story about jealousy, friendship, and learning to be yourself.

Cooper the cat enjoys a peaceful life with Mila and Max, until Aunt Noor arrives with an unexpected guest: Hannah the dog.

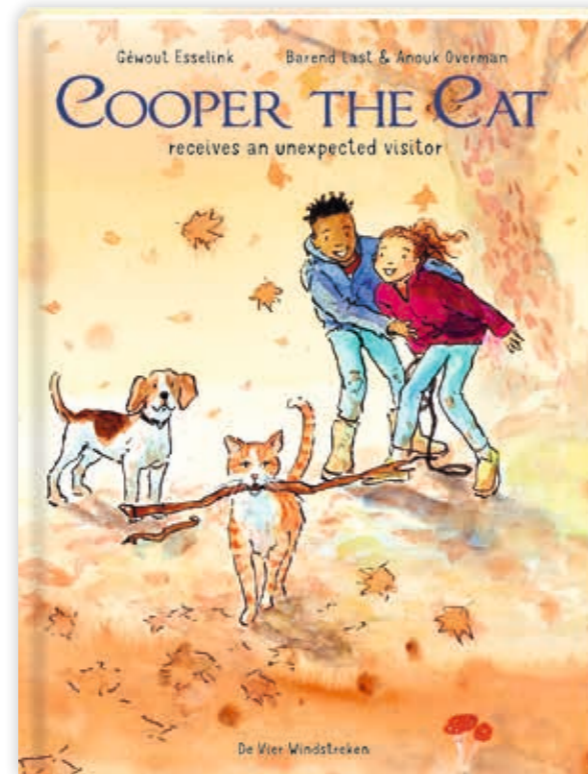
Suddenly, Cooper is no longer the center of attention. Jealous of Hannah, he decides to compete by copying her energetic, dog-like behavior.

But will Cooper succeed in winning everyone back, or will he discover that being himself is what truly matters?

A playful and recognizable story full of humor about rivalry, emotions, and staying true to who you are.

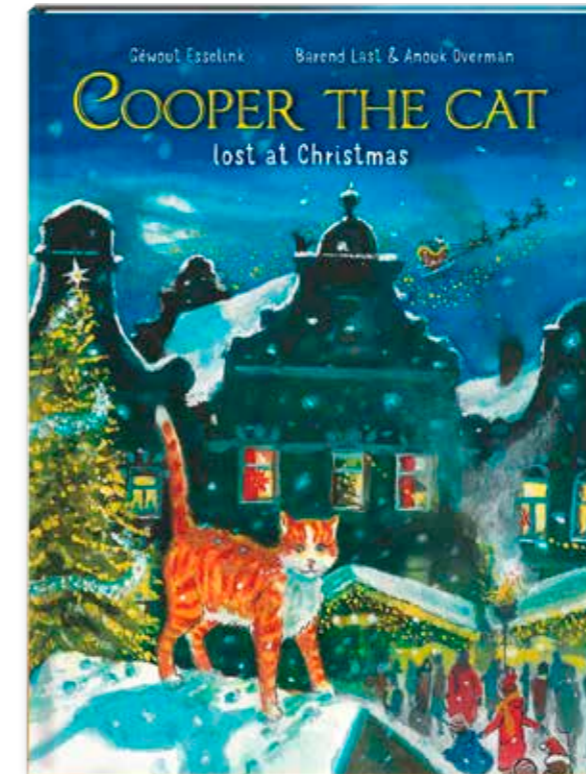
Selling points

- Funny and relatable pet rivalry.
- Charming autumn illustrations.



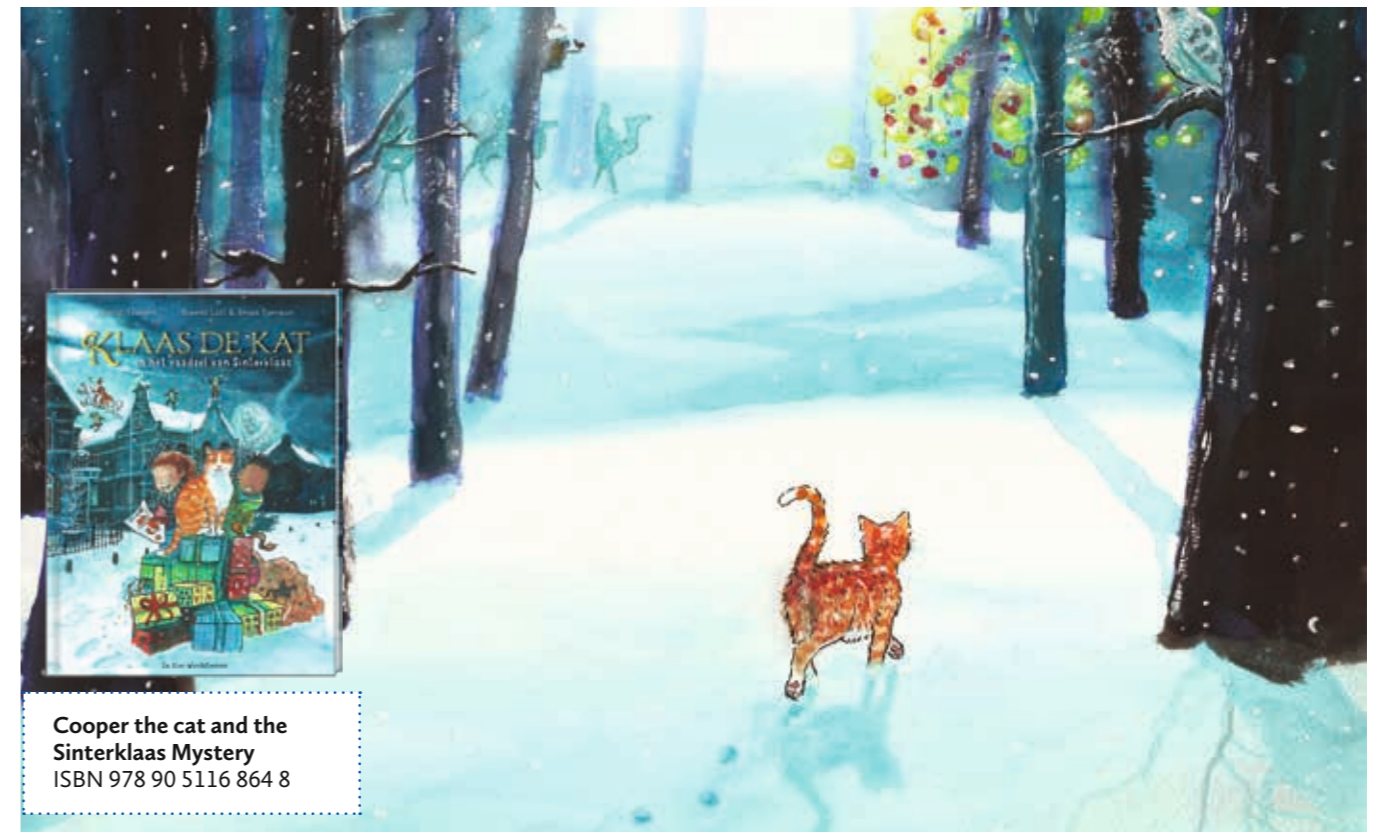
Cooper the Cat receives an unexpected visitor
Géwout Esselink (illustrations)
Barend Last en Anouk Overman (text)

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Cooper the cat, lost at Christmas
Géwout Esselink (illustrations)
Barend Last en Anouk Overman (text)

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Cooper the cat and the Sinterklaas Mystery
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Lost at Christmas

Adventure • belonging
• Christmas magic • mystery



A curious cat accidentally joins Santa's sleigh and must find his way home.

One day Cooper's cozy bed has to make way for a Christmas tree. Feeling no longer welcome, he runs away straight into Santa's sleigh. Suddenly he finds himself far from home, wandering through a magical winter world of Christmas markets, skaters, and sparkling holiday streets.

But how will he find his way back?

A warm and festive picture book about belonging, and a little Christmas magic.

Greek mythology for young and old!



Mythology • inventions • jealousy • love

Imme Dros has written many children's books and has adapted many Greek myths for young people. This time, it's Daedalus's turn.

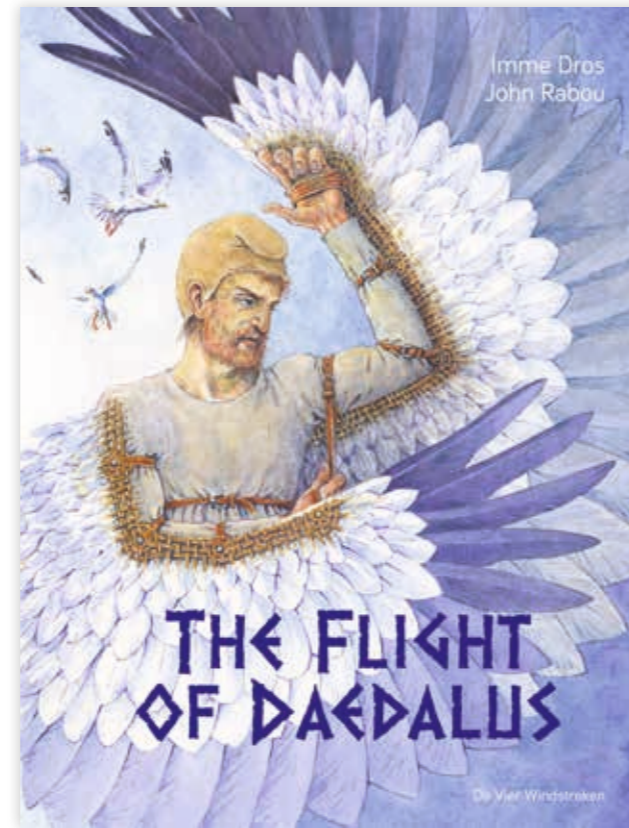
Daedalus is a well-known figure in Greek mythology. In *The Flight of Daedalus*, Daedalus looks back on his past. The story is a journey through the memory of Daedalus himself. This book is about the labyrinth on Crete and the flight with his son Icarus.

Daedalus was a brilliant artist and inventor. After he fled from Athens, he came into service of king Minos of Crete. He designed the famous labyrinth of Knossos, where Minos kept the monstrous minotaur imprisoned.

Theseus, the hero of Athens, was ordered to kill the minotaur. Daedalus gave Ariadne directions on how to help her hero in and out of the labyrinth.

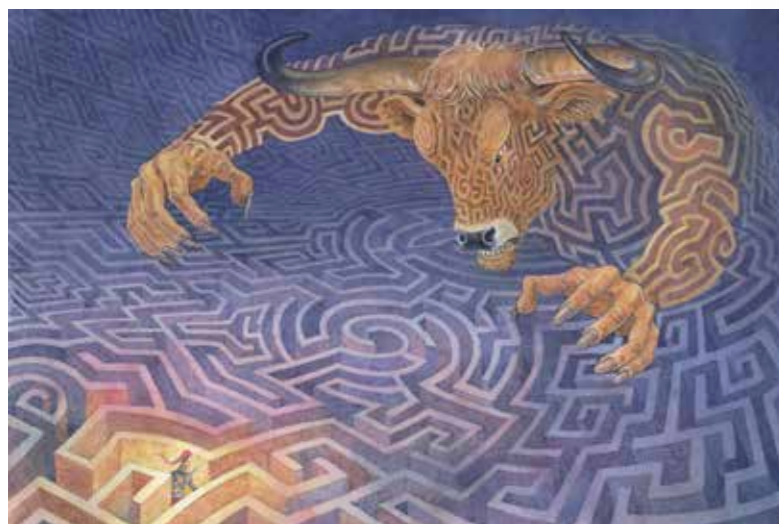
Daedalus and his son, Icarus, are now held prisoner by King Minos on Crete. The only way to escape was by air. So he made wings of feathers, and with them he and his son flew over the sea. Unfortunately, Icarus flew too close to the sun, causing the beeswax to melt from his wings, and he plunged into the sea.

- The detailed illustrations by John Rabou make this book a wonderful gift for 8 to 100-year-olds.



The Flight of Daedalus
John Rabou (illustrations)
Imme Dros (text)

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54 pages
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Come and See!

Circus • magic • family

Kim and Semmie are playing hide-and-seek in grandma's attic. When they knock over a pile of boxes, they discover an old photo album filled with circus pictures. Together with grandma, they look through the photos. The children listen in awe to her stories about the circus performers, like the knife-thrower, the tightrope walker, the clowns, and the magician. Gradually, the children realize that grandma was one of the acrobats in the circus. Then grandpa enters. His old red cap is also in the box. It turns out: grandpa was a circus assistant! Now, they look at the photos - and at their grandparents - with completely new eyes!

- A laughter-inducing picture book about the circus, with playful, cheerful illustrations.
- On a lot of illustrations, the circus assistant is hidden: after the first read-through, readers will look at this book in a completely different way!
- A circus of pure human talent — no animals involved.



The show is about to begin!
Harmen van Straaten (illustrations)
Maria van Donkelaar (text)

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40 pages
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This house is mine

Friendschip • arguments • DIY

A brand-new story told in rhyme by prize winning author Maria van Donkelaar!

In the woods Fox spots a small, dilapidated house. I'm going to repair it, and turn it into a dream home. He has just left when Badger arrives. He comes up with the same plan. Fox and Badger both work on the house, but they never see one another. They are, however, constantly surprised to find new parts completely restored.

Once the dream home is finished, they both decide to throw a party. The first time they see each other, with arms full of snacks and decorations. They get into an argument, because they both insist it's their house.

They threaten to bring in their most dangerous friends, after which they both flee in opposite directions.

The guests arrive. It turns into a pleasant and happy get-together, something that doesn't go unnoticed by both Fox and Badger. Curious, they both creep closer, only to be welcomed by the guests: 'Fox! Badger! What a surprise! My, my, don't you two make a lovely couple!'



Dream Home
Jan Braamhorst (illustrations)
Maria van Donkelaar (text)

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Alone on an island

Loneliness • friendship • being bossy

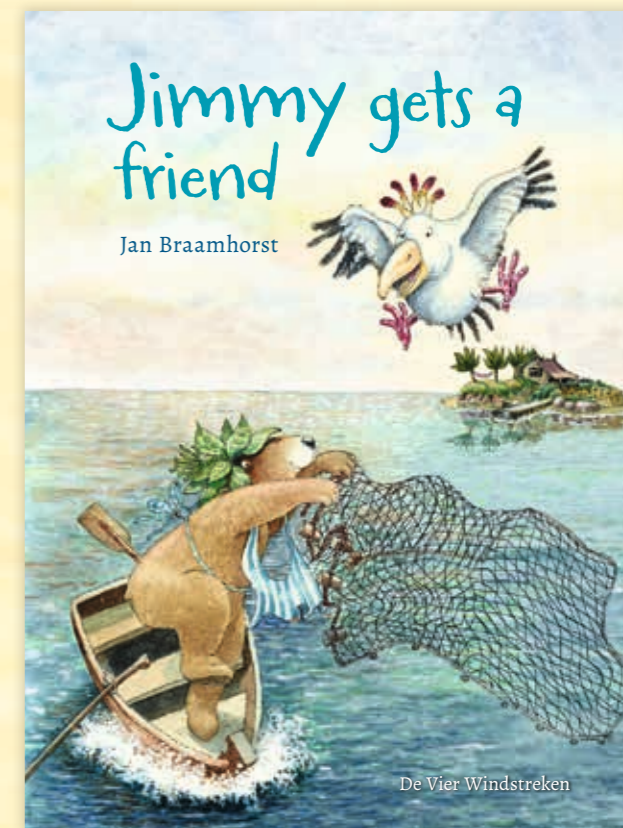
Jimmy lives alone on an island. He has enough food and games, but sometimes he misses a friend. When the bird Kenny lands on the island, he is over the moon. Now they can play together!

Jeppe spoils his new friend. But then, he decides things can go round the other way: the bird can take care of him. From that moment on he doesn't do anything, except for eating and sleeping.

Then one night a huge storm batters the island! Jimmy flees into his house. When the storm is over, Kenny is gone. Disappointed, Jimmy lives as he had before.

Some time passes, then suddenly, Kenny is back. The two friends are very happy to see each other. And Jimmy never wants to miss his best friend again!

- Perfect picture book to discuss 'being bossy' with children.



Jimmy gets a friend
Jan Braamhorst
(text and illustrations)

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32 pages
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A King, a Painter, and Perfect Nature

Perception • art • nature • attention to detail

In a vast castle set within a breathtaking landscape lives a powerful king, he takes the same walk every day, admiring the trees, clouds and shimmering lake. Wanting to capture this beauty, he announces a painting competition.

A young painter eagerly takes part. He tries his best but the king keeps pointing out what is missing in the paintings.

The painter decides to follow the king on his walk and sees that the king enjoys the colours, the wind and the scents.

The painter decides to present an empty frame. The king declares him the winner.

A timeless, fairy-tale-like story about learning not just to look, but truly to see.



The Young Painter and the King

Jan Braamhorst
(text and illustrations)

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Are sheep able to swim?



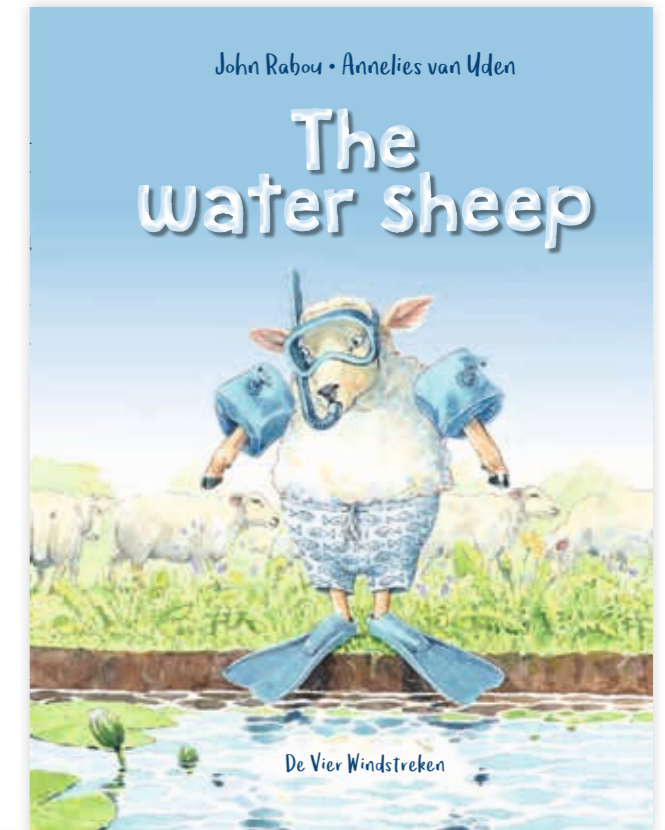
Carrying trough • being yourself • swimming

Manfred really wants to swim. His parents and the other sheep think that is a bad idea, because sheep are too woolly to swim. They will get way too heavy in the water.

Nevertheless, Manfred spends hours by the waterside dreaming of the butterfly stroke, snorkling and the cannonball. How should he make this happen? Should he just jump? Should he put on a swimming vest? All his attempts keep failing...

But one day, the farmer comes to shave all the sheep and Manfred cannot believe his eyes: this is the solution! Without his sheepy curls he is light as a feather. He dives, plunges and loves everything about it.

The water sheep is a positive picture book about wanting something so badly, sticking through and not caring about what the herd thinks.



The water sheep

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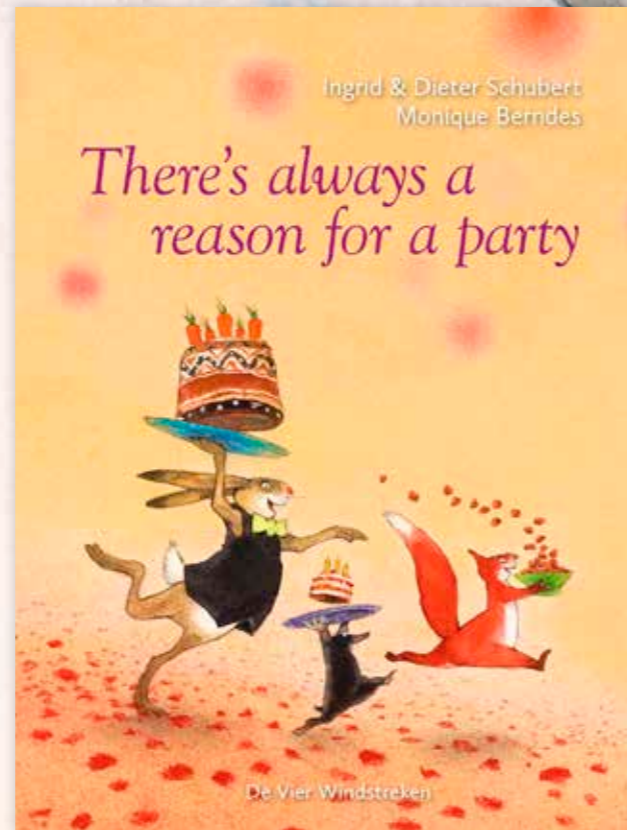
Why are you having a party?

Party • animals • having fun

De Vier Windstreken is celebrating because Ingrid and Dieter Schubert have illustrated a De Vier Windstreken picture book for the very first time! Their comical illustrations in cheerful colours always make us smile. And they happen to fit perfectly with Monique Berndes' playful text.

Squirrel invites everyone to a party because he's had a good day. The other animals in the forest think that's rather odd. Is that really a good reason for having a party? Owl certainly thinks so: "Everything that makes you happy is a good reason for a party."

Because all the animals can think of their own reasons, a lot of parties are planned that night. But who's left to come to them?



There's always a reason for a party

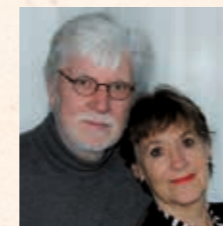
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Monique Berndes (Watervliet BE, born in Hengelo) takes care of her five children and demented elderly. To relax herself she writes children's books which contain a lot of humour and just the right amount of tension. *There's always a reason for a party* is the first picture book she has written.



Ingrid & Dieter Schubert (Amsterdam) have been making picture books and books of bedtime stories together for over thirty years. For each new book they create new heroes loved by both younger and older readers. And that is why a lot of their books, such as *Little big feet*, *Wild Will* and *The tiny mouse* have been translated into other languages.



Books by Marjolein Bastin

Vacation fun with Vera and her friends

Going on trips • seasons

Vera the Mouse doesn't feel like doing anything. She's being a couch potato, gloomily staring out of the window. It's still such a long time before summer! Then Ladybug has a great idea: "Let's go camping for a week in a bird's nest."

Everyone is excited right away and they start looking for a suitable nest. Just by looking for a nest they have all kinds of adventures. They end up in a rusty old can, but still have lots of fun together.

A nice big book with 37 stories to read to children about Vera the Mouse and her little friends. Great as preparation for a vacation and to read on days off.



Vera the Mouse's big book - Time for a vacation
Marjolein Bastin (text and illustrations)

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Time passes quickly with Vera

Playing games • friendship

Finley and Dolly are really bored and start fighting. But Vera knows just what to do. There are plenty of chores around the house they can help Vera with.

But that's not what Finley and Dolly want to do, they want to play!

A wonderful Vera the Mouse-book, filled with all kinds of fun little games.



Playing games with Vera
Marjolein Bastin
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Marjolein Bastin was born in 1943 in Loenen aan de Vecht, the Netherlands. At the age of two her family moved to the Veluwe. Here she developed a great fondness for all living creatures. She endeavours to pass this love on to other people through her work. In 1992 Marjolein started to collaborate with Hallmark U.S.A. The line of cards and other products that followed suit is one of the most successful lines of Hallmark ever published. Other books from Marjolein Bastin are *Sarah The Runaway*, *Poppy the Artist*, *Little chick is staying over*, *Cooking with Vera* and *Playing games with Vera*.



Cooking with Vera
Marjolein Bastin
(text and illustrations)

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Vera enjoys preparing great food, together with her friends. The book contains 40 of her best recipes, like oatmeal cookies and camel droppings (chocolate with nuts, raisins and coconut). Short stories explain how to make the easy made recipes. With a foam cover.



Sara runs away
Marjolein Bastin
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Sara invites Bianca, who lives in the city, for a sleepover. Bianca is rather posh. The sleepover turns out to be a lot less fun than Sara had imagined, because Bianca insists on everything being neat and tidy, just like her own home. But that's not what Sara wants at all and so she decides to run away.



Little Chick is sleeping over
Marjolein Bastin (text and illustrations)

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A little chicken squeaks very unhappily in front of the Blue Cottage. Now that Easter is over, it cannot find its mother anymore. Vera welcomes the little chicken warm-heartedly, but it cannot sleep at night, and it does not want to eat. Not even pancakes!



Christmas with Vera
Marjolein Bastin
(text and illustrations)

Age 4+
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Together with Dolly and Sara, Vera the Mouse thinks of all kinds of fun things to turn the Blue House into a cozy Christmas house, from Christmas stars to hang in front of the window to snowballs made out of marzipan. All of her ideas can be found in this book.

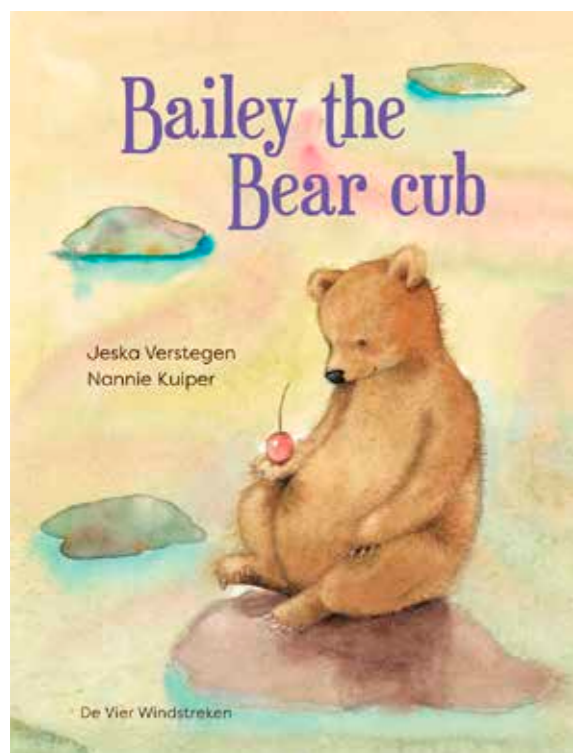


Dolly's drawing
Marjolein Bastin
(text and illustrations)

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Dolly gives Mister Mole her most beautiful drawing. He puts it up in his museum. Vera and all her friends visit the museum to admire it. Dolly a real artist? Who knew! This deserves to be celebrated with a festive opening!





Bailey the Bear cub
Jeska Verstegen (illustrations)
Nannie Kuiper (text)

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Bailey is still a little bear. He needs a lot of food to make him grow. Everyday his mother feeds him, but more and more times she has no food for her own. She decides it is time for Bailey to learn how to find hunny and catch fish. But Bailey is not willing to learn. But when he sees the stars high in the sky, he would love to pick them for his mother. But instead of a star he catches a big fish from the water. His mother has seen it all and she's is very proud of Bailey.



Well done! Great job!
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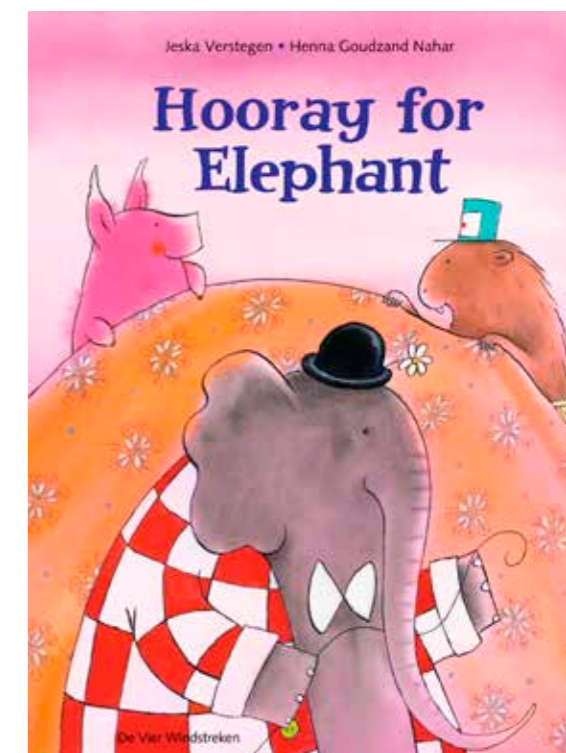
Boris and Barbet, two young beavers, are playing outside, entertaining their proud parents. Suddenly, a storm comes up and the beaver lodge is in danger. The entire family has to work hard to protect it from the storm. Boris helps his father to reinforce the lodge and Barbet helps her mother searching for large logs. But then a tree crashes down on Barbet's tail! Her mother cannot lift it, so Boris and his father have no choice but to leave the lodge behind in order to rescue Barbet.



Porter takes a bite!
Jeska Verstegen (text and illustrations)

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Porter wonders what could be the best taste in the world. "Is it liquorice, or pancakes?" Porter asks Spot, the dachshund. Porter and Spot go to a restaurant, the woods, and the zoo and they taste all sorts of things. But still, Porter does not quite know what tastes best...



Hooray for Elephant
Jeska Verstegen (illustrations)
Henna Goudzand Nahar (text)

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It is Elephant's birthday. But when he stands in front of the mirror dressed up in his party gear, he notices that his trunk is lopsided and his ear is floppy. How will Beaver and Pig possibly like him when he looks like this? His friends tell him:

"And just because you have a floppy ear, Elephant," says Beaver.
"And just because your trunk is a bit lopsided," adds Pig.
"Doesn't mean that you are just any elephant," says Beaver, "but OUR elephant."



Looking for home



Home situations • family • guilt • losing your way • trust

Kos makes a terrible mistake: when playing hide and seek in the park, he puts his sister under a bush but later he cannot find her. Afraid to go home, he sets out to search for her, but his journey slowly turns into a search for a place where he himself belongs.

Along the way, Kos meets people from all walks of life, whose stories help him better understand himself and the world. When he finally finds the courage to return home, he discovers that things are not as he feared: Soof was safe all along—it was Kos who was lost.

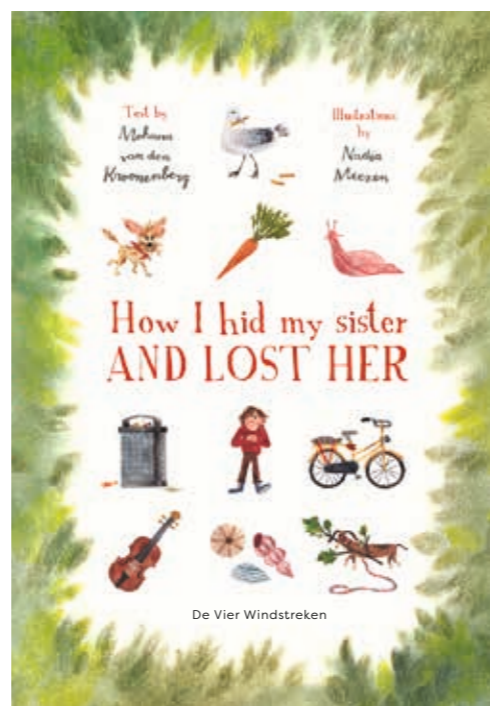
A tender, hopeful story about losing your way—and finding your way back.



Mohana van den Kroonenberg studied at the Art Academy in The Hague in the drawing and sculpture department. She was the editor of BoekieBoekie, an art and literature magazine for children. At the moment she works as a writer and a sculptor, as well as working in a children's bookstore. She is the editor-in-chief of the review platform Jong Literair Nederland, founded in 2022.



Nadia Meezen (1993) knew since childhood that she wanted to create children's books. She graduated in 2014 from the Willem de Kooning Academy in Rotterdam. Since then, she has been active in the Netherlands and abroad as a designer for animation series and films, and she illustrates children's books.



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How I hid my sister and lost her
Mohana van den Kroonenberg (text)
Nadia Meezen (illustrations)

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Dad gets the kitchen, mom gets the bathroom

Divorce • family change • denial, friendship • resilience

Hippie refuses to face what's happening at home: her parents are growing apart. Determined to keep things the way they were, she comes up with a bold solution: she divides the house in two. One side for her cat-loving dad, the other for her dog-loving mum.

When her mum meets someone new and his son Pedro enters the picture, Hippie's carefully constructed world begins to shift. With Pedro's help, she slowly finds the courage to face reality and discovers that change might not be as frightening as she thought.

A warm, humorous and heartfelt story about family, change and learning to speak up.

- A relatable, serious theme told with lightness and humor.
- A vibrant, unforgettable main character.
- Emphasizes the importance of expressing your feelings.
- A deeply personal story, inspired by the author's own experience.
- Richly illustrated, as colorful and unique as Hippie herself.



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Hippie's House Rules
Mohana van den Kroonenberg (text)
Koen Aelterman (illustrations)

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The Highs and Lows of a Quiet Teenager

Friendship • identity • stuttering • escapism • self-acceptance

On his first day of high school, Dorian can't even say his name without being laughed at. Humiliated, he decides to stop speaking altogether. When a school trip brings him face-to-face with a stuffed dodo, he retreats into a vivid fantasy world—one where he feels safe, confident, and understood.

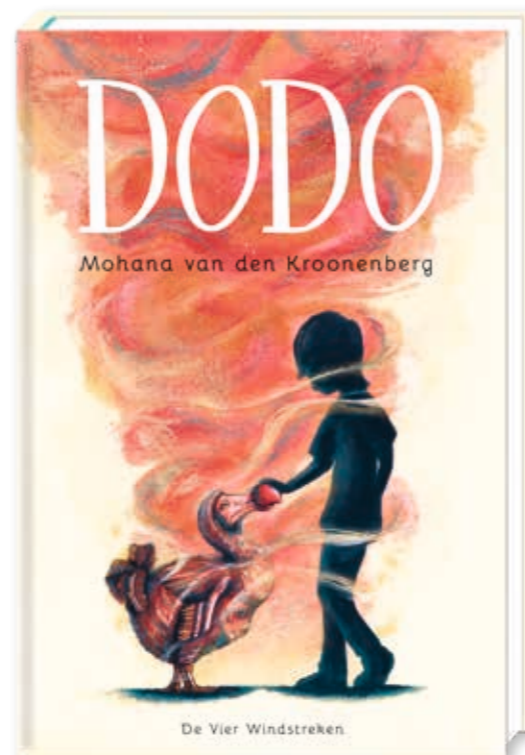
As his imaginary friendship with Dodo grows, Dorian drifts further away from reality. But the people who care about him haven't given up. To find his way back, he must let go of his fantasy—and find the courage to use his voice again.

A poetic and imaginative story about friendship, first love and learning to accept yourself.

- A subtle blend of fantasy and reality
- A sensitive, relatable story for teenagers

Fragment

'The beach is still warm from the sun. I look around. We are alone. Dodo is seriously playing in the sand. He makes beautiful patterns from the sea shells I gave him. I listen to the last sounds that are left. For a moment, I think I hear someone on the staircase, water running in the bathroom... but that must be my imagination. The only thing that breaks the silence is the sea, the soft murmur of the waves. What a beautiful sound, if you listen to it.'



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Dodo
Mohana van den Kroonenberg
(text)
Aron Dijkstra (cover)

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Author's Inspiration

Mohana van den Kroonenberg knows what it means to struggle with speaking. As a child, she stuttered and often withdrew into silence. With Dodo, she gives a voice to a teenager who chooses not to speak at all, after stumbling over every word. The novel offers a powerful and sensitive insight into the inner world of insecure adolescents.

One Night Under a Child's Bed

Family • revenge • morality • empathy

Oet and his grandfather are crocodiles. When Oet learns that humans have turned his grandmother into leather goods, he is determined to take revenge. But Grandpa won't allow that. What is allowed: for one night only, haunting a human from under a bed.

What begins as an exciting adventure turns into a tense encounter when they find themselves in the home of a hunter. They narrowly escape—taking with them a green leather bag. Worthless to them, yet filled with meaning.

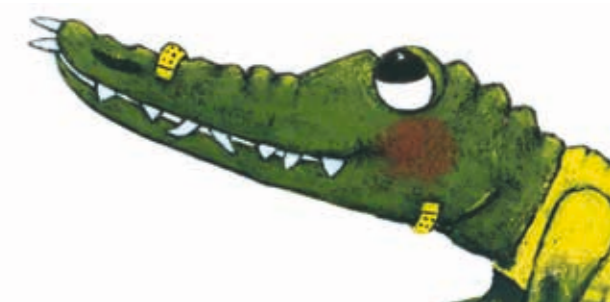
A sharp, darkly humorous story that playfully turns perspectives upside down, inviting readers to question what is right and wrong.

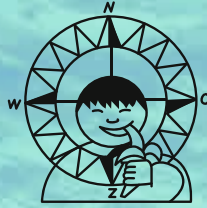


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Grandma is a purse
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