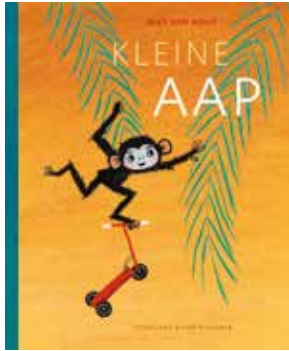




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Above the Clouds (4+)
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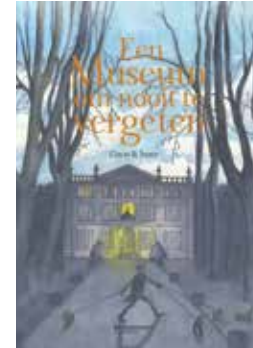
Coco or the Little Black Dress (All Ages)
Vietnamese (Mam Nho)



Bear's Lost Glasses (3+)
Terre di mezzo (Italian), UnaLuna (Spanish for Latin America)



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Freies Geistesleben (German)



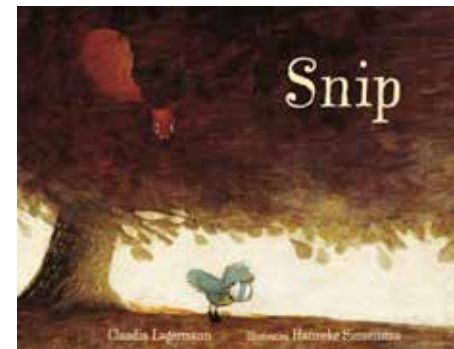
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Zebediah the Bear and the Board Game (10+)
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MIES VAN HOUT

Little Monkey

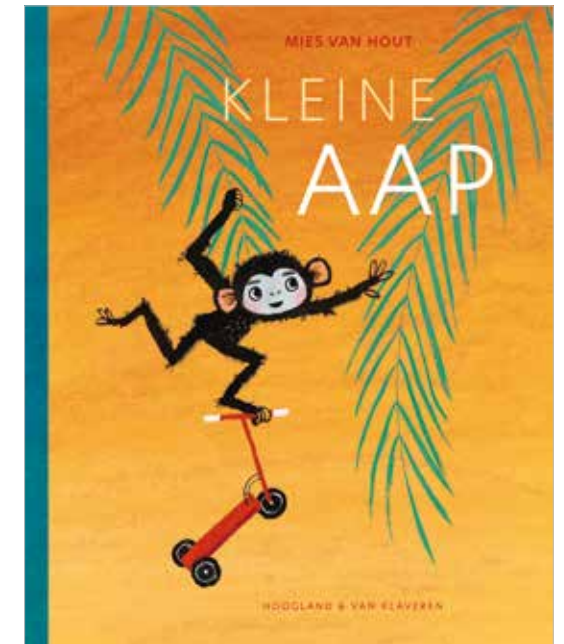
Little Monkey has something exciting that she is dying to share with everyone.

Bright and early, she sets out, all by herself.

She travels further and further from home, because none of the animals she meets is willing to listen to her.

Or are they?

And what exactly does she want to tell everybody?



Picture Book | 24,5 x 29 cm | 32 pages | Age: 3+
English translation available

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MILJA PRAAGMAN

OOZ

Daddy Blackbird and Tweetheart have gone to the OoZ to see all the people.
Tweetheart is full of questions. Can people whistle? Why do they drive around in those weird little cages? Where do they build their nests and do they fly south for the winter? People are so much fun, Tweetheart decides she wants one for her birthday.
Is that allowed?



Picture Book | 23,5 x 31 cm | 32 pages | Age: 4+
English translation available

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LEO TIMMERS

Bear's Lost Glasses

Bear has lost his glasses.
He must have left them at Giraffe's.
On his way to his friend, Bear sees
animals he's never seen before!

A fun adventure full of hilarious
mistakes.

'Could be at all possible that there are a few
of you still out there unaware of the great
golden glory that is Leo Timmers?'

- SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL



Picture Book | 25 x 25 cm | 36 pages | Age: 3+

English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Cambourakis (French), CITIC Press (Simpl. Chinese), Gecko Press (World English), Terre di mezzo (Italian), UnaLuna (Spanish for Latin America)



INGRID & DIETER SCHUBERT

Best Friends and the Baby

The two little hamsters are not only best friends, they also have a whole lot of fun together. But suddenly a little friend joins them – a baby! While it can't do much yet, it does make a lot of noise. A whole lot of noise. And nobody seems to notice them anymore! Their lives are turned upside down...



Picture Book | 23,8 x 28,6 cm | 32 pages | Age: 3+
English translation available



INGRID & DIETER SCHUBERT

Best Friends Dare Everything

Two little hamsters go outside to play.
As long as they have each other, they're not
afraid of anything!
They explore the world together. Luckily, they
always agree. Always? Almost always. After a
long day of discovery they fall asleep in the
sun. When they wake up it's dark outside.
There's something rustling in the bushes...

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English translation available



Best Friends Forge a Plan

Best Friends always have fun playing
together. But sometimes it all goes wrong.
Time for a new plan. Quickly the walls are
torn down.
Our best friends use all the branches and
stones to build the tallest tower in the world.
Until the moon rises and Daddy comes to get
them for dinner.

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English translation available



LENA SCHINDLER & YULIA UKRAINETS

Beddy and the Mysterious Bubble Village

Beddy the cuddly sheep and little Maja are inseparable. They do everything together, eating, drawing, playing and snuggling up together in bed every night! They have so much fun that poor Beddy's fluffy white coat really needs a wash. But there is no way Maja is going to let her favourite toy end up in the washing machine.

When Maja's grandma slips Beddy into the delicates wash one day when Maja isn't looking, Beddy lands in a magical world of soapy bubbles. She meets the Linties from Drummington and saves the day when she finds the missing sock. Beddy has so much to tell Maja when she makes her way home again, safe and sound—and (almost) as good as new.



Picture Book | 23,2 x 30,4 cm | 48 pages | Age: 4+
English translation available



KATHRIN FRANK

A Big Adventure

Lui the Lion has always dreamed of having a best friend, someone who would be there for him through thick and thin. So, he decides to leave his beloved Savannah in search of one true friend. Traveling the world in his little boat, Lui meets all sorts of animals in faraway places. But who is that furry little stowaway who has been there the whole time?

A story about longing, adventure and patience—and what really counts in a friendship.



Picture Book | 28,5 x 25 cm | 40 pages | Age: 3+
English translation available



ANNEMARIE VAN HAERINGEN

Above the Clouds

Monkey is the best climbing goat.
She just moved to Paradise Lane,
in The Meadow, in Goat Land, in
Europe, on Earth, in the Universe.
Monkey wants to climb as high as
possible!

Snow White holds the ladder that
brings her even higher, beyond the
clouds, towards the Milky Way.
But then Monkey loses touch with
the ladder... Floating in space she
wonders where it all ends. She hits
the ladder again and climbs down,
back to Snow White. Together
they wonder. What is infinity?
Does it exist?



Picture Book | 23,8 x 28,6 cm | 32 pages | 5+
English translation available

Rights sold: Artkonekt (Macedonian)



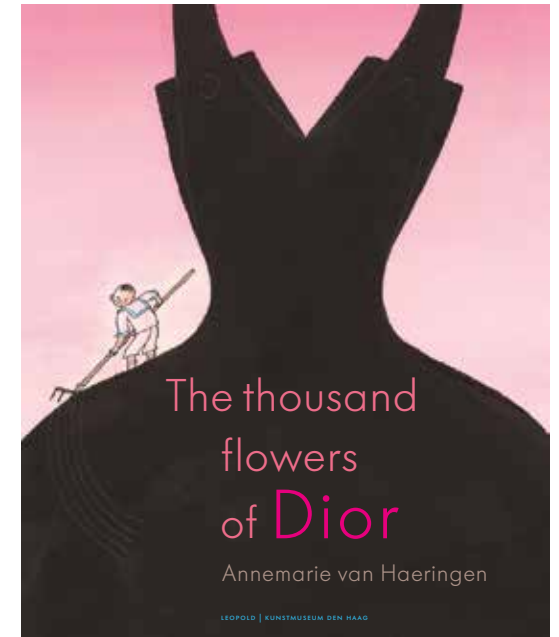
ANNEMARIE VAN HAERINGEN

The Thousand Flowers of Dior

Christian Dior grows up in a villa on the cliffs of Normandy, overlooking the sea. He loves the roses in the garden, with their delicate colours and lovely scent, and the sunshine that warms the grey pebble beaches. He also enjoys sketching elegant dresses like the ones his mother wears. At the age of five, he moves to Paris with his family. The Great Depression and the Second World War take their toll on the family, but once the bad times are over, he draws inspiration from his happy childhood to create a new world of his own, and the most beautiful dresses.

Annemarie van Haeringen tells the story of Christian Dior from the perspective of one of his creations: the iconic 1949 Miss Dior dress, also known as the flower dress. She gives an insight into the shapes and scents that inspired its designer.

A warm and inspiring new book in the Art Picture Book series!



Art Picture Book | 23,8 x 28,6 cm | 36 pages | Age: 5+

English translation soon available



SANNE TE LOO

Cristóbal Balenciaga: The Boy Who Dreamt of Haute Couture

Cristóbal loves his life in the seaside village of Getaria. His dad is captain of the Spanish king's yacht in the summer. His mum is a seamstress and fits the Marquise De Casa Torres with the most beautiful dresses created by couturiers in Paris. Cristóbal helps her and is captivated by the fabrics, the shapes and the craftsmanship. This is what he wants too! He surprises the Marquise with a request to make her a dressing gown. She decides to give him a chance. From then on, she lets him sew all her clothing; she makes him famous. He opens fashion houses in San Sebastian, Barcelona and Madrid. Then he decides to give Paris a try, but Spain continues to inspire him: the forms and the great painters and the colours. There is one colour he never tires of: black. It is in black that he perfects his mastery.



Art Picture Book | 23,8 x 28,6 cm | 32 pages | All Ages
English translation available

Rights sold: Mam Nho (Vietnamese)

MARC TER HORST & MARGA VAN DEN HEUVEL

The Gecko and the Hawk (and the most dangerous animal in the world)

‘Psst,’ says the gecko. ‘Did you know that I can take on the world’s most dangerous animal?’

The hawk is curious to know which animal the gecko is talking about. Is it the shark, the crocodile, or maybe the tiger?

A fun and informative picture book that reads like a fable in which the animals become more and more dangerous as the story goes on.

For all children who want to know how afraid they should really be of jellyfish, snakes and other animals.



Picture Book | 21,7 x 26,9 cm | 32 pages | Age: 7+

English translation available

SJOERD KUYPER & SANNE TE LOO

Maantje Writes A Book

Maantje wanders around the flea market. She is looking for books and Playmobil figures but cannot find anything. The ten euros Dad gave her are still jingling in her pocket. 'You haven't bought a book yet,' says Mum. 'Do you want to keep looking around or shall we go and have a drink across the street?' 'I don't want a book,' she says to Mum.

Because if you can make up your own story, you do not need a book. And that is what Maantje does. The story is about her big brother Wonderboy who lives in the rainforests across the ocean, where he has to take on the evil wizard Transformer.



Illustrated Fiction | 18,5 x 22,5 cm | 96 pages | 7+

Dutch pdf available



SJOERD KUYPER & SANNE TE LOO

Maantje

Maantje is eight years old and lives with mother and father in a house with a lovely garden. One day she finds a young squirrel who needs help. Maantje's parents do everything they can to keep the animal out of the house, but they have seriously underestimated their persistent daughter.

Illustrated Fiction | 18,5 x 22,5 cm | 68 pages | 7+

Rights sold: Urachhaus (German)

Dutch & German pdf available



Maantje and the Animals' Christmas

Together with her parents and grandma, Maantje is on her way to Surinam to celebrate Christmas with Uncle Albert and Aunt Cynthia. But however nice it is in the tropics, Maantje longs for a Christmas with early nightfall, cold weather, candles on the tree, fire in the wood-burning stove, and lots of snow... and her cat Ninnoc. Maantje comforts herself with the thought that all the animals from the neighbourhood will come to their house to celebrate Christmas with Ninnoc.

Illustrated Fiction | 18,5 x 22,5 cm | 128 pages | 7+

Rights sold: Urachhaus (German)

Dutch pdf available



Zebediah the Bear's Wondrous Wanderings Around the World

De wonderlijke
wereldreis van
Zebedeus

Koos Meinderts
Met tekeningen van
Annette Fienieg

A stylized illustration of a brown bear standing on a grassy hill. The bear is wearing a green jacket and a red backpack. It is looking towards the right. The background is a warm, orange-red sky with a large, bright yellow sun in the upper right corner. The overall style is simple and illustrative.

Illustrated Fiction | 15,5 x 22 cm | 124 pages | Age: 10+
Dutch pdf available

Zebediah the Bear's Wondrous Wanderings Around the World is a revised version of the similarly-titled book from 1993, supplemented with new stories and several chapters from *The Riddle of the Red Thread* from 1989. With brand-new color illustrations by Annette Fienieg.

KOOS MEINDERTS & ANNETTE FIENIEG

Zebediah the Bear and the Board Game

*'For you,' said Pollux the postman.
'A package? From who?'
'From someone called Mot Mortimer.'*

When Zebediah the Bear receives a package one morning, he has no idea who the sender is. Home-loving and hesitant by nature, Zebediah is then invited by a goose he has never met before to join him on his travels. He leaves his familiar home at the top of the hill to embark on what turns out to be a journey he will never forget. Koos Meinderts has written a masterful, humorous and light-heartedly philosophical story full of wonderful characters and curious adventures. Annette Fienieg has created beautiful illustrations to accompany it. A modern classic!

Zebediah the Bear and the Board Game is, just like *Zebediah's Wondrous Wanderings Around the World*, a timeless and classic story, full of humor and a touch of philosophy. Both books can be read separately.



Illustrated Fiction | 15,5 x 22 cm | 176 pages | 10+

English sample available

Rights sold: Everafter (Simplified Chinese)

**Nominated for the Best Philosophical
Children's Book of 2023**

GRIET OP DE BEECK & LINDE FAAS

You Can Be Anything You Want To Be

It hadn't always been like this. There used to be laughter and talking and parties. This isn't something Lexi just imagines, she knows for sure because there are photographs. One is of Mum in a canary yellow dress, a cigarette in one hand, a glass in the other. She is looking straight into the camera with her tongue poked out. Not to be mean, but to be silly, you can see that. And there's a picture of Mum dancing with everyone else watching her. And one of Mum sitting on Dad's lap while they both talk to other people who are only half in the picture. Half-people they've probably forgotten. Lexi has never seen them in any case.



Illustrated Fiction | 14 x 21,5 cm | 208 pages | 10+

English Sample available

Bronze Paintbrush 2022
More than 45,000 copies sold

EDWARD VAN DE VENDEL, IONICA SMEETS &
FLOOR DE GOEDE (ILL.)

Maths & Life

What happens when you let a class of schoolchildren replace boring arithmetic with maths lessons that are relevant to their own lives? Grade Five at the The Brothers Lionheart Primary School rebel against their boring maths textbook. They make a deal with their teachers: this year they will do arithmetic that is important to everyday life. Everybody will get one question. One question each week. These new maths lessons will change everything.

How do you win all games?

Is peeing in the shower really good for the environment?

Are all ice creams equally cold?

How do you get rich?

Letter king Edward van de Vendel and number queen Ionica Smeets wrote this book together; master illustrator Floor de Goede brought the children to life.

'A lively, varied and above all extremely uplifting story featuring an ensemble cast (...) This diversity contributes greatly to the book's vitality: far from a dry manual, it is full of surprises. (...) truly a book for everyone.'

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Illustrated non-fiction | 17 x 23,5 cm | 276 pages | 10+
Rights sold: Carlsen (German), Castillo (Spanish for Latin and North America), Dituria (Albanese), Nathan (French), Odiseja (Serbian), Wisdom House (Korean), Yilin (Simpl. Chinese)

English sample available

Edward van de Vendel shortlisted for the Hans Christian Andersen Award 2024

Highlighted by the Dutch Foundation for Literature

Silver Pencil 2022

Bronze Paintbrush 2022

Winner of the Children's Jury Prize 2023 (Flanders)

JOWI SCHMITZ

Mermaid Girl

Miki discovers an old woman named Chris on the roof of her house. Chris has built a tent there and lives a secret life with her dog Bux.

Miki has not lived in the city for long; she is from Dedemsvaart, a small town in the Northeast of the Netherlands, where there are no ladies on roofs. So it will take some getting used to.

What makes things even harder is that Miki's mother is about to go on a trip – yet more change, and Miki does not like it. Until one day she discovers that Chris needs her. This is the first time in Miki's life that she has ever been needed. She decides to take the plunge and get on a boat with Chris and Bux. A sea woman, a sea dog and a mermaid girl.

With *Mermaid Girl* Jowi Schmitz has written a book about a world where things are not black and white, but multi-coloured. Or 'muddy', as Miki prefers to call it. A book about shifting desires and facing up to the muddy nature of life – and finding happiness in it too.



Fiction | 14 x 21 cm | 282 pages | 11+
English sample available

LUCIA ZAMOLO

AND NOW...Lift your other leg.

Making stress less stressful - with almost no toxic tips!

Some days....

It just feels like EVERYTHING is too much.

Being STRESSED

is somehow part and parcel of
EVERYDAY LIFE and

then someone comes along
and says:

"DON'T GET SO STRESSED!"

But that's easier said than done—why?

If there was a
MAGIC ANTI-STRESS WAND,
surely we'd all know about it...

(Spoiler)

But I decided to try to find it anyway!



Fully Illustrated | 16 x 22 cm | 96 pages | 14+
German pdf & English translation available



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