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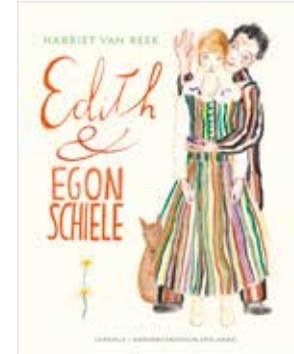
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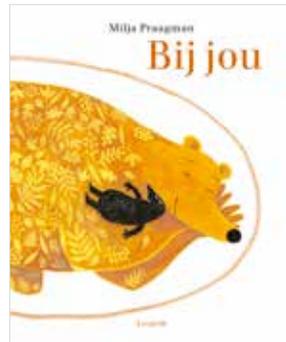
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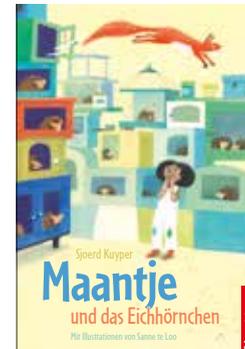
*Maths & Life* (10+)  
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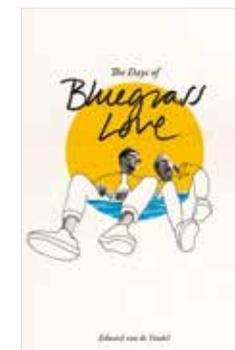
*Best Friends Dare Everything*  
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*The Man in the Clouds* (6+)  
Penguin Publishing Co., Ltd. (Korean)



*Island Days* (11+)  
Camelozampa (Italian)



*The Days of Bluegrass Love*  
Carlsen (German, renewed edition)

MILJA PRAAGMAN

## I See You

Wonderful poems and vibrant drawings give a poetic perspective to feelings and family ties. All about floating on your back with your ears underwater, a boat on its way to later, falling in love, a day full of happiness and so much more...

**The press about Milja Praagman's *Close*:**  
'Poems full of wonder' - *DE MORGEN*

'Clear shapes, sophisticated patterns, a warm palette - these are drawings to immerse yourself in.' - *HET PAROOL*

'Each print has its own character and could be displayed on the wall as a poster.'  
- *DE VOLKSKRANT*



Illustrated Poems | 16,3 x 24,6 cm | 48 pages | All ages  
English sample available





MILJA PRAAGMAN

## The Overeager Egg

Egg rolls out of his nest and bumps into a stone.

Crack! He continues his journey and starts to wonder who he is and where he comes from. Along the way he encounters all kinds of young animals. When he sees a chicken with eggs, he wonders... Could this chicken be his mother? Everyone else says he's an egg too! But the chicken says:

'You are an egg... but not one of mine.'

When Egg comes across a magpie he has to watch his step! Luckily dad is nearby.

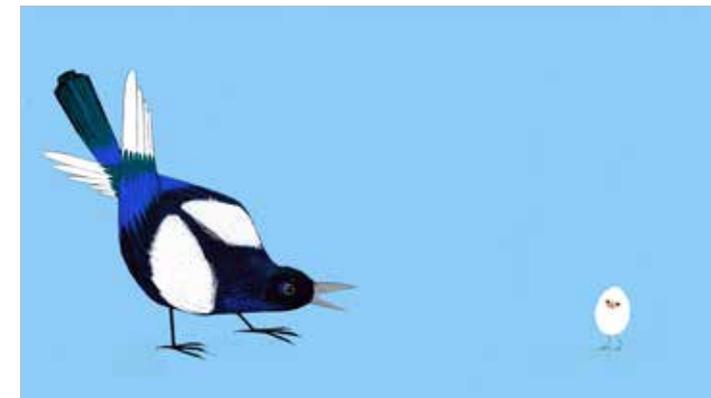
'Can daddies hatch out eggs too?' asks Egg.

'Daddies can do everything.'



Picture book | 23,8 x 26,6 cm | 32 pages | Age: 3+  
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ANNEMARIE VAN HAERINGEN

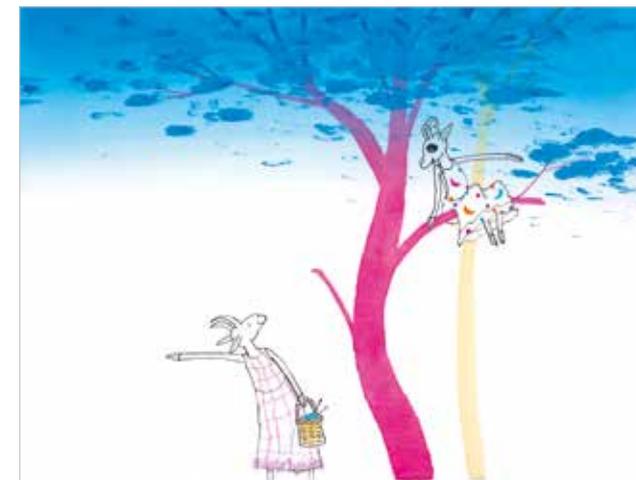
## Beyond the Clouds

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

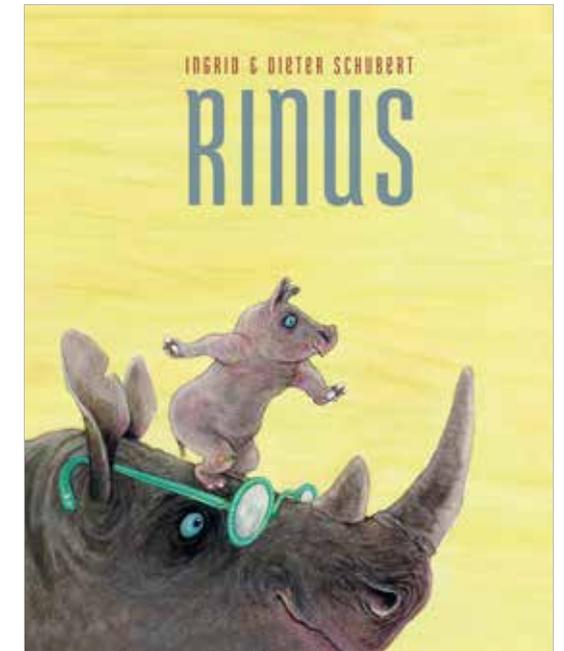


INGRID & DIETER SCHUBERT

## Rinus

Grandpa used to be quite a wild one.  
And strong, too.  
He could lift a hundred tree trunks  
at once.

When Rinus' Grandpa was young, he  
was an extremely tough and strong  
rhinoceros. But now he is old. He  
prefers to doze all day in the shade.  
Rinus, of course, is not happy about  
that; he wants to play and run around.  
While Grandpa is asleep, Rinus  
sneaks off to the waterfall in  
search of adventure. That is quite  
a dangerous place for a little rhino.  
And then the inevitable happens:  
Rinus falls. Fortunately, he gets  
stuck midway down, but he cannot  
get back up! The animals that rush  
to the rescue are unable to help him  
either. There is only one who can:  
Rinus's tough, strong grandpa.



Picture Book | 23 x 28,5 cm | 32 pages | 4+

English translation available



INGRID & DIETER SCHUBERT

## Seahorse Finds a Friend

Today's the day. Baby seahorse is big enough to leave Daddy's pouch. He's allowed to go off by himself for the first time.

'Have fun,' Daddy says, 'see if you can find a friend to play with.'

Seahorse bounces through the water.

'Hello! Look at me! I'm big and strong!' Emperor Fish and Cardinal Fish aren't so friendly in return. Also, the other fish are arrogant.

They shout: 'You're not a fi-ish!'

And then they shoot off.

Yet, Seahorse makes an unexpected friend. Together they go on an exciting adventure. Will it end well?



Picture Book | 23,8 x 28,6 cm | 32 pages | 4+  
English translation available



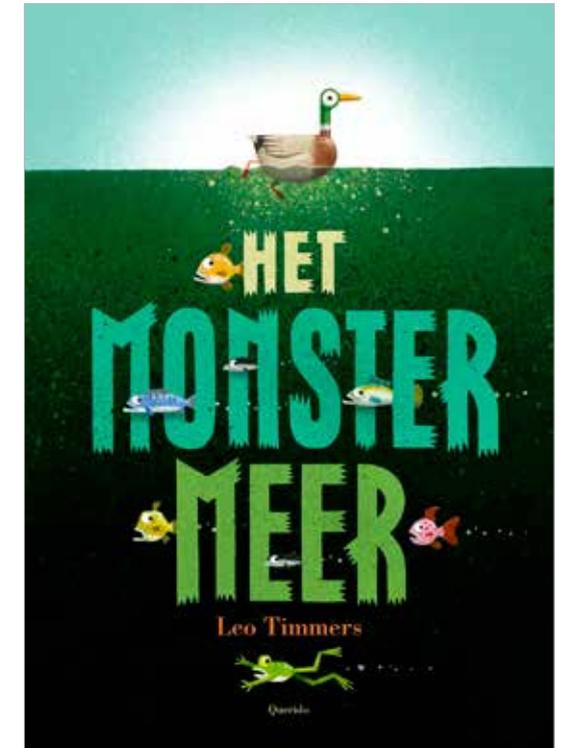
LEO TIMMERS

# Monster Lake

Four ducks go to the big lake for the first time. Erik is feeling a bit nervous. He's heard that a scary monster lives in the water. But his friends don't believe a word of it!

'Leo Timmers confirms his reputation as one of our most important creators of picture books.' - DE MORGEN ABOUT WHERE IS THE DRAGON?

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Picture book | 22,5 x 31,5 cm | 44 pages, with fold-out

Age: 3+

English translation available



ALICE HOOGSTAD (ILL.)

## Mr Makkellie's Night Lanterns

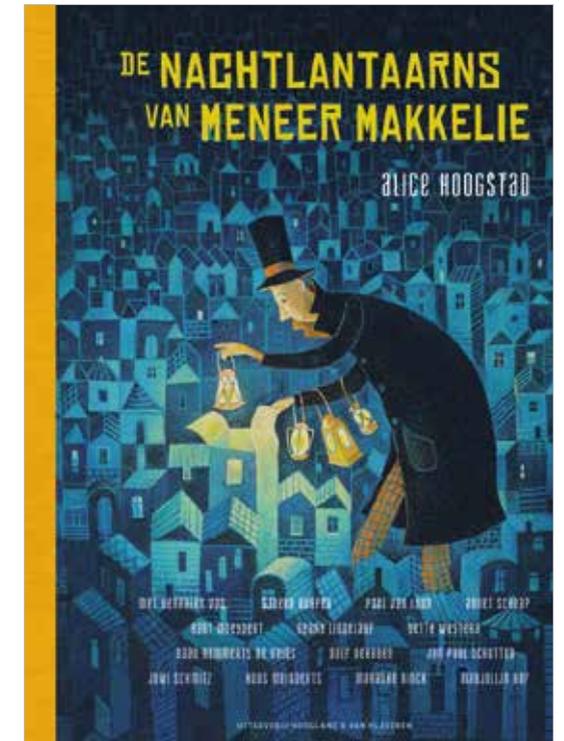
It is quiet.

Someone has been cutting, but no one heard the scissors.

Someone is folding, but there is no rustling. There is a man. He folds my house, glues your house, and puts them down on our street. But he does not make a sound.

There are lanterns in the night. The flames are our dreams. They burn brightly, but you hear nothing - no footstep in an alleyway, no boat sailing through clouds, no scooter on a snake's body, no horse trotting across the sky. Nothing. Because the doors of the lanterns are still closed. Have you ever heard nothing, nothing at all?

Mr Makkellie delivers dreams in the night. Alice Hoogstad drew 14 illustrations for this book, and 13 different authors wrote a story to accompany them.



Illustrated Stories | 23,5 x 27 cm | 64 pages | All Ages  
Dutch pdf available

COCO & JUNE

## A Museum to Remember

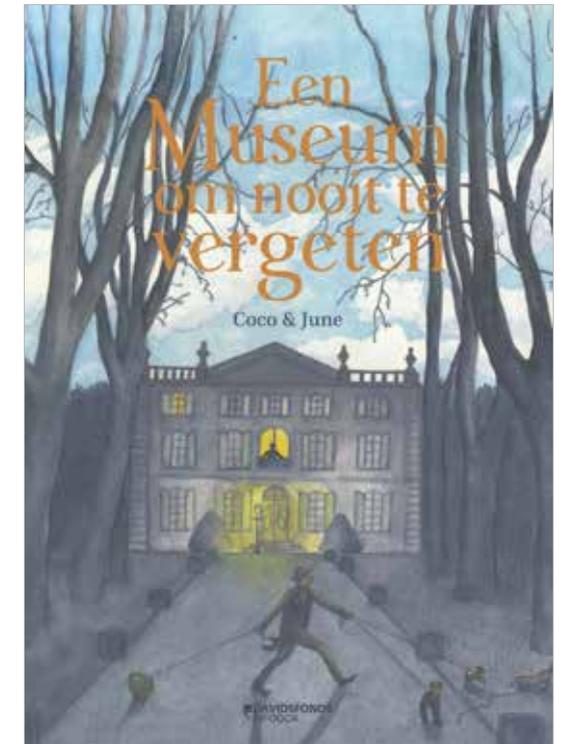
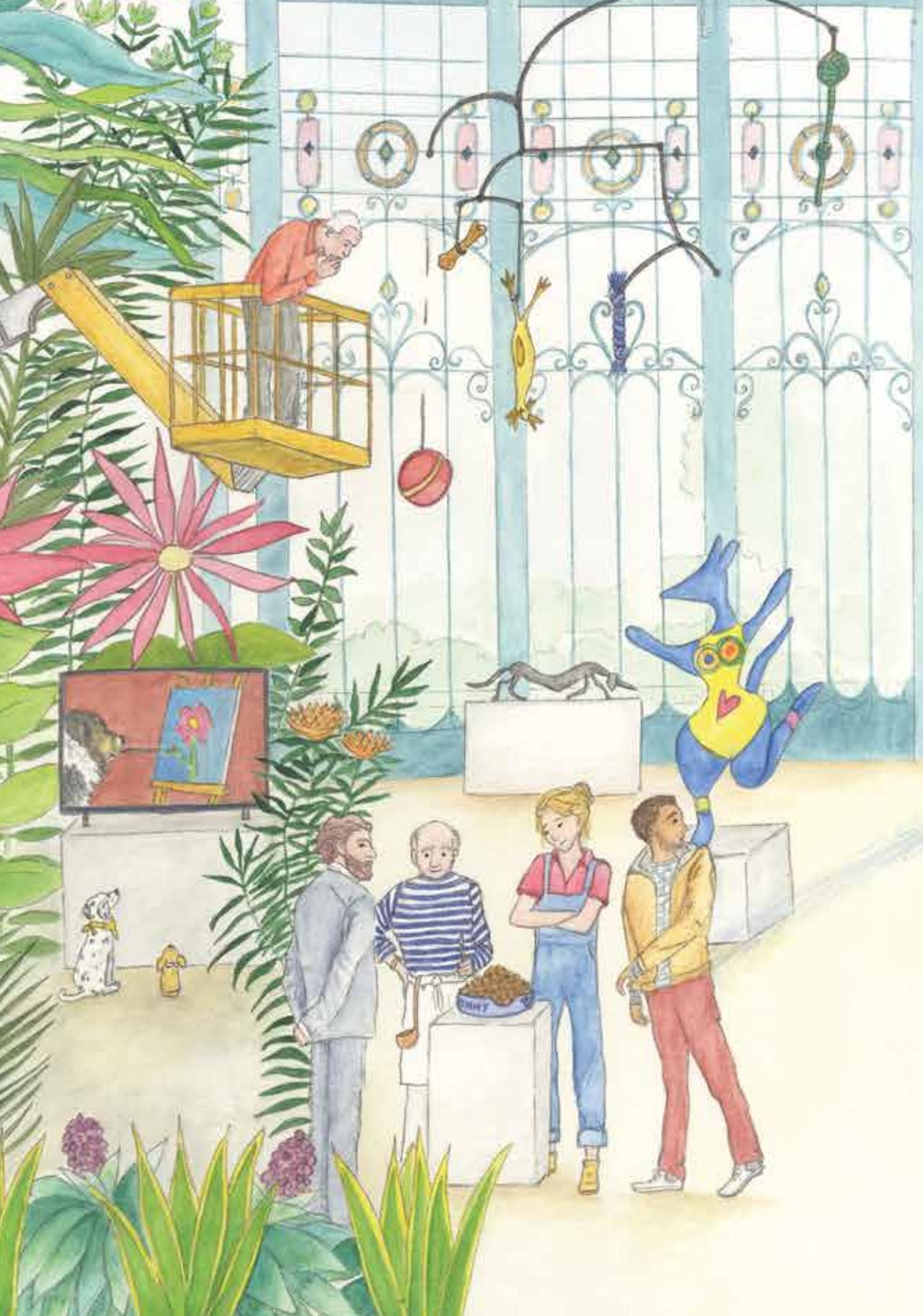
Tommy, Princess Flo's favourite dog, is dead.

'I'm worried that I'll forget him,' sighs the little princess.

Fortunately, the king has an idea. He asks all the artists in the land to make an artwork to commemorate Tommy.

Tommy is depicted in all shapes and colours: sometimes funny, sometimes strange or touchingly beautiful. Some artists paint Tommy big, while others make him tiny.

Each artist does it a little bit differently. Gradually, the palace turns into a museum dedicated to Tommy. But what happens when an artist brings a portrait of his cat to the king?



Art Picture Book | 22 x 29 cm | 48 pages | 7+  
English translation available

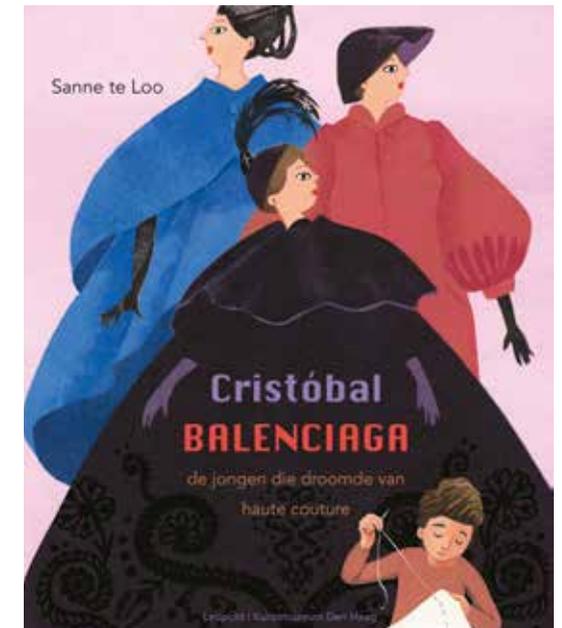
SANNE TE LOO

# 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.



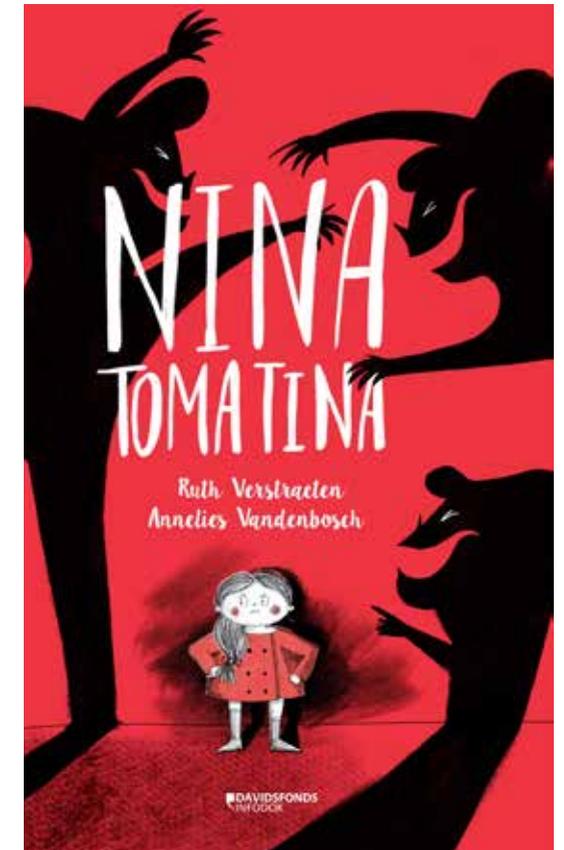
Art Picture Book | 23,8 x 28,6 cm | 32 pages | All Ages  
English translation available

RUTH VERSTRAETEN & ANNELIES VANDENBOSCH

## Nina Tomatina

*My name is Nina. Nina Tomatina.  
That isn't true, but so says terrible,  
troublesome, tiny Trina.*

Ever since Trina joined her class, Nina's life has been turned upside down. Because Trina is a relentless bully, and brainy and brazen and bad. The kind of person who throws stones in a snowball fight. During preparations for the school play, things get completely out of hand. Can anyone stop Trina?



Illustrated Fiction | 23 x 34 cm | 80 pages | 7+

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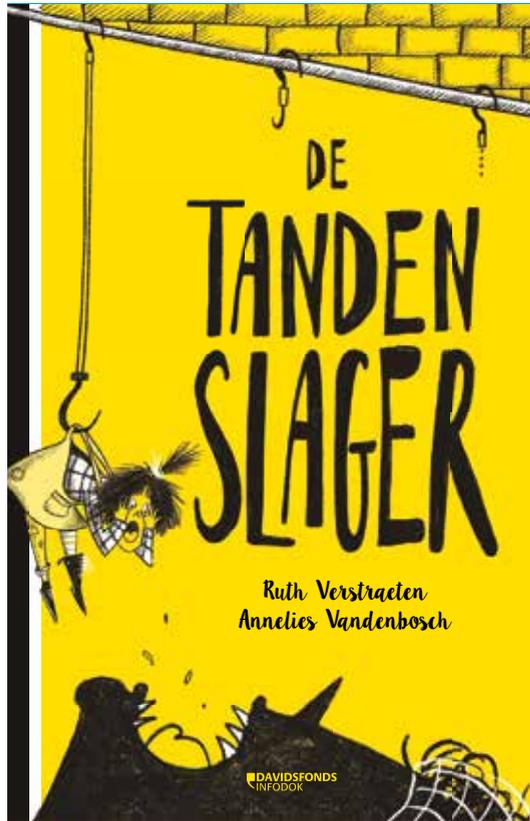
RUTH VESTRAETEN & ANNELIES VANDENBOSCH (ILL.)

# The Tooth Butcher

Kaat is a real Daredevil Champion. She dreams of becoming a stunt pilot and is slowly driving her parents crazy with her reckless tricks. But while Kaat is not scared of anything, there is one BIG problem... she has a cavity and does not want to go to the dentist, because a dentist...

*... is a butcher, with a drill!  
A torturer, dressed as a doctor,  
who thinks pain is a thrill...!*

The new story in the rhyming series that includes *Auntie Awful* and *The Child Meat Factory* is yet another hilarious ride through the brain of a very imaginative child! The words hurtle and bounce across the page, and the beautiful pictures by Annelies Vandenbosch bring the whole story to life. Offers hours of guaranteed fun to look at and read (aloud), for young and old!



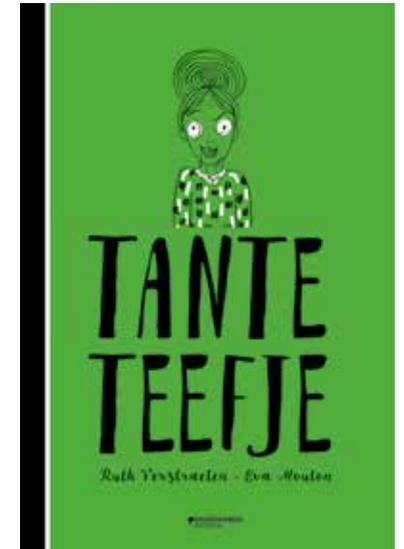
Illustrated Fiction | 23 x 34 cm | 60 pages | 7+  
Dutch pdf available

RUTH VESTRAETEN & EVA MOUTON (ILL.)

# Auntie Awful

Auntie Awful is a humorous story about a boy who refuses to put up with his horrible aunt's bullying anymore. For no matter how sweet she appears to the outside world, his aunt is beyond mean when he is alone with her...

Illustrated Fiction | 23 x 34 cm | 48 pages | 7+  
Dutch pdf available & French draft translation available

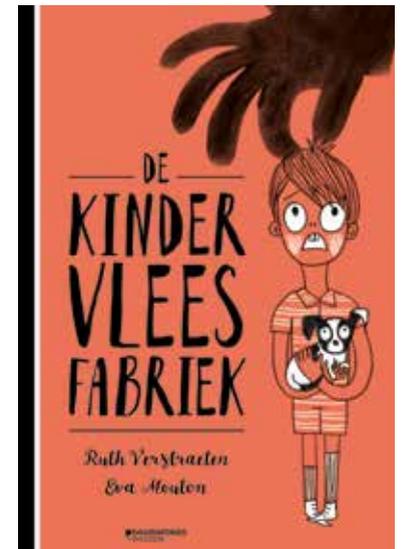


# The Child Meat Factory

His name is Korneel. Korneel-never-eats-his-meal. Everything Mother serves up for him smells and tastes like a rubbish dump. Mother is getting to her wits' end. She threatens to send Korneel away... to the Child Meat Factory! Parcels arrive there every day, filled with children who pushed their food away...

The rhyming form gives the story a rhythmic pace and enhances readability. The humorous illustrations by Eva Mouton are a feast for the eyes. A joy of a read for all ages!

Illustrated Fiction | 23 x 34 cm | 48 pages | 7+  
Dutch pdf available



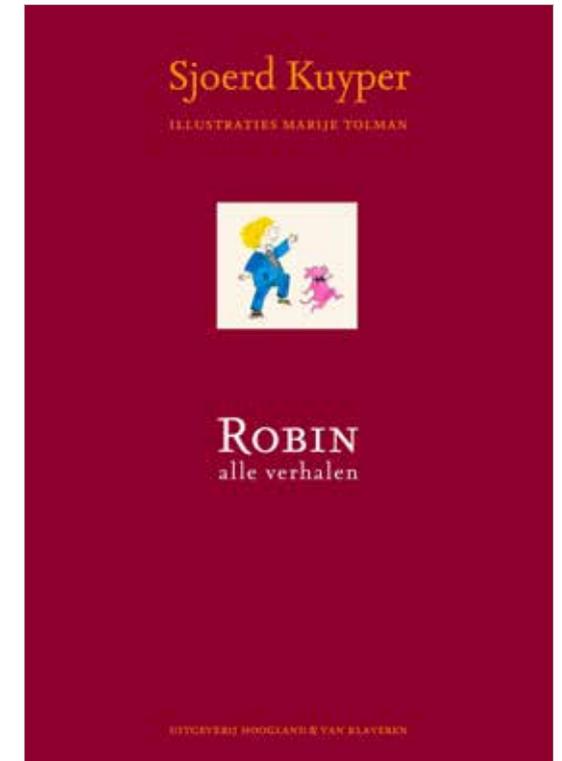
SJOERD KUYPER & MARIJE TOLMAN

## Robin. The Complete Collection of Stories.

'Kuyper's stories are real and vivid, philosophical and warm, rhythmic and balanced, nostalgic and humorous – sometimes all at the same time,' said the jury for the Theo Thijssen Prize, reserving particular praise for Kuyper's read-aloud stories about Robin.

The dreamy young boy from a village beside the Dutch dunes made his first appearance in children's literature in 1990 and has returned regularly ever since. This beautiful new edition brings together all stories about Robin. These are big stories about small events.

Sjoerd Kuyper deals with important issues directly and openly. The child, with his honesty, innocence and lack of inhibition, is the central figure in this author's work. Marije Tolman's charming illustrations conjure up a safe little world where the imagination triumphs.



Illustrated fiction | 22,6 x 28,8 cm | 480 pages | 5+



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+

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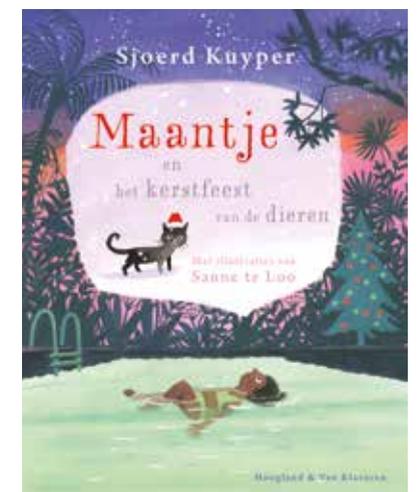
## Maantje and the Animals' Christmas

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+

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KOOS MEINDERTS & ANNETTE FIENIEG

## Zebedeus and Wisse's Goose Game

*'For you,' said Polle the postman. 'From Wisse.'*

*'Wisse? I don't know anyone named Wisse,' replied Zebedeus.*

When Zebedeus the Bear receives a parcel one morning, he has no idea who the sender is. Home-loving and hesitant by nature, Zebedeus 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-hearted philosophical story full of wonderful characters and curious adventures. Annette Fienieg has created beautiful illustrations to accompany it. A modern classic!



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

Dutch pdf available

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+  
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**Bronze Paintbrush 2022**  
**Longlisted for the Children's Jury Prize 2023 (Flanders)**

More than 20.000 copies sold

YANNICK FRITSCHY & TJARKO VAN DER POL

# Across Time and Space

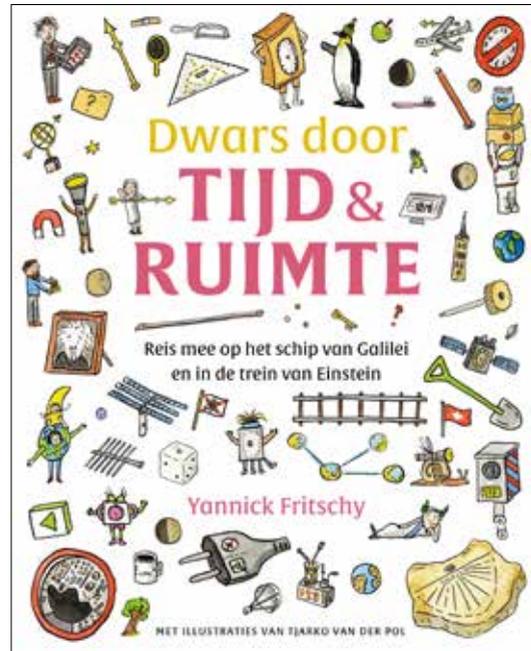
Travel on Galileo's Ship and Einstein's Train

Time machines do not exist. We all know that. But what few people know is that you can travel through time. Albert Einstein discovered this about 100 years ago. He found out that it is possible to travel to the future. Well, sort of.

Yannick Fritschy explains how the first clocks worked and why we have years, hours and seconds; how Galileo discovered that the earth rotates and why we do not fall off it; how Einstein turned all ideas about time and space completely upside down and how you can travel through time.

Why does time travel at different speeds in different places? And what do black holes have to do with that? In this book, you will find out what an extraordinary thing time is, very different from what most people think. You will do experiments with your own thoughts. Because that is the great thing about time and time travel: you can learn a lot about it just by using your imagination!

'Stimulates the imagination. Read it! \*\*\*\*\*'



Illustrated Non-Fiction | 17 x 21 cm | 176 pages | 8+  
Dutch pdf available  
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SANDER THOMAES & GEERT GRATAMA

# You Are What You Think

Can you feel what other people are feeling?  
Why are you who you are?  
Can you stop thinking?

Psychologists are like astronauts. Well, without the cool suits. And just like astronauts, psychologists are on a voyage of discovery, in search of another world - not in space, but in our own heads. There you will find the planets 'Feeling', 'Thoughts', 'Behaviour', 'Me', and 'School'. On these planets inside your head there is so much to discover! Do you want to join us on our journey?



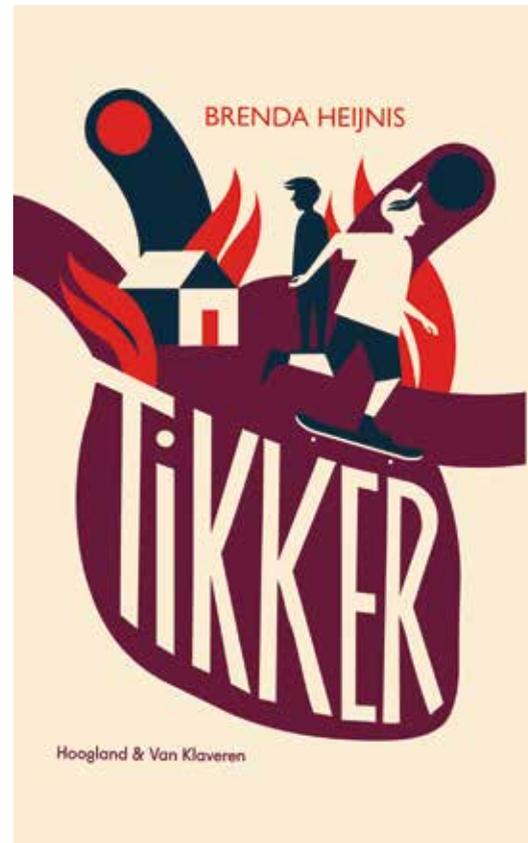
Illustrated Non-Fiction (bw) | 17 x 21 cm | 192 pages  
8+  
Dutch pdf available  
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BRENDA HEIJNIS

## Ticker

Elias has been waiting for a donor heart for half his life. In his hospital bed, he counts the minutes and the hours, until it is finally time for his transplant. When he wakes up after the operation, an unknown boy is standing beside his bed. Elias is the only one who can see him. ‘You have my heart,’ says the boy. Boyd is dead, and can never correct his devastating mistake. What kind of idiot accidentally falls off a bridge? Now he is stuck in this hospital, and the only one who can see him is that pale weakling in his sterile bed. And what’s more, the weakling has Boyd’s heart. Poorly Elias and reckless Boyd are forced together by fate, connected by the same heart. But how do you live together if that’s all you have in common? As soon as the boys realise that in order to help themselves, they must first help each other, a special bond gradually develops between them.



Fiction | 162 pages | 15 x 21,5 cm | Age: 10+  
English sample & full German translation available

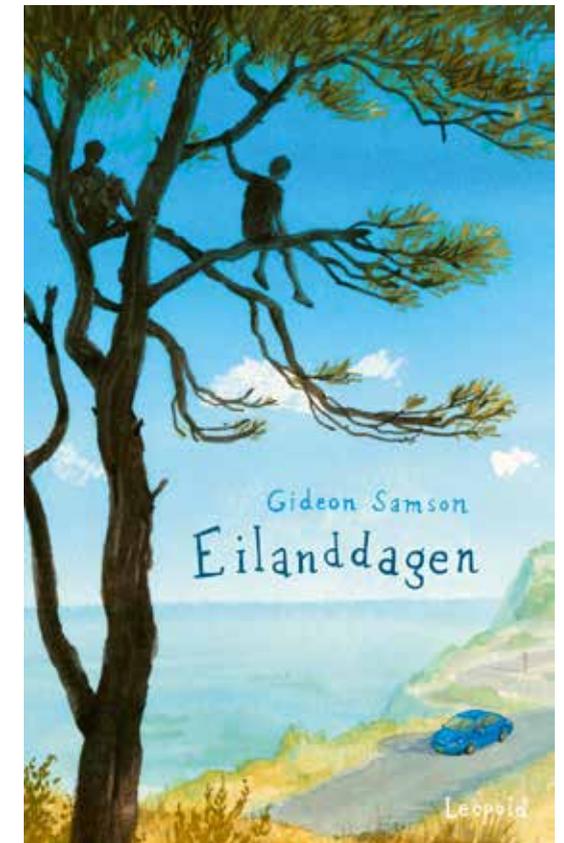
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GIDEON SAMSON

## Island Days

Jacob is convinced of one thing: this summer will be a disaster. While his mother and her new boyfriend are spending the holiday far away in expensive hotels, he is stuck on a Greek island for weeks on end. What’s he supposed to do in a scorching hot village where everyone speaks a strange kind of gibberish? And what good is a father you barely know and who never has any time for you? Then suddenly the cheerful Michaelis enters Jacob’s life. They fill their days with sea, sun and carefree living. Together with Puck – Miech’s girlfriend – they form an invincible trio and an extraordinary friendship. Or is friendship perhaps not the right word? This summer will change Jacob’s life forever.

‘The atmosphere in Gideon Samson’s *Island Days* is electric’ – TROUW



Fiction | 14,5 x 22 cm | 160 pages | 12+  
Dutch pdf & English Sample available

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**Flag & Pennant 2017**  
**Nominated for the Children’s Jury Prize 2018 (Flanders)**  
**Luchs Prize June 2018 (Germany)**

JOWI SCHMITZ

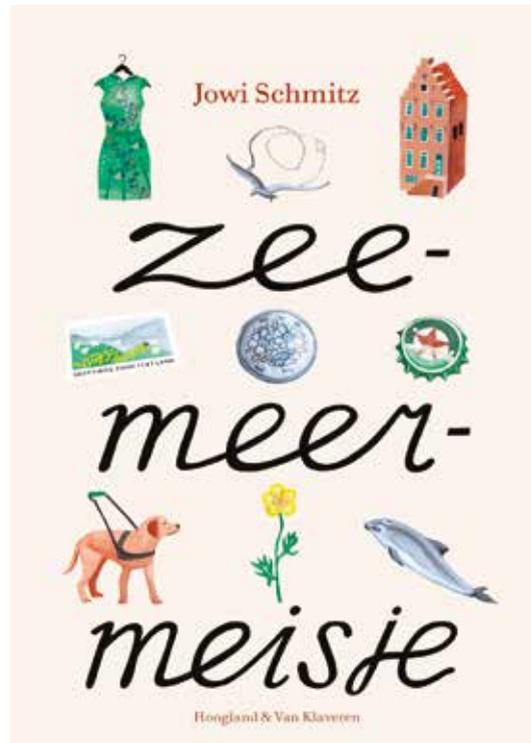
## Sea Girl

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 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 sea girl.

With *Sea 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+  
Dutch pdf available  
English sample translation available

EDWARD VAN DE VENDEL & ANOUSH ELMAN

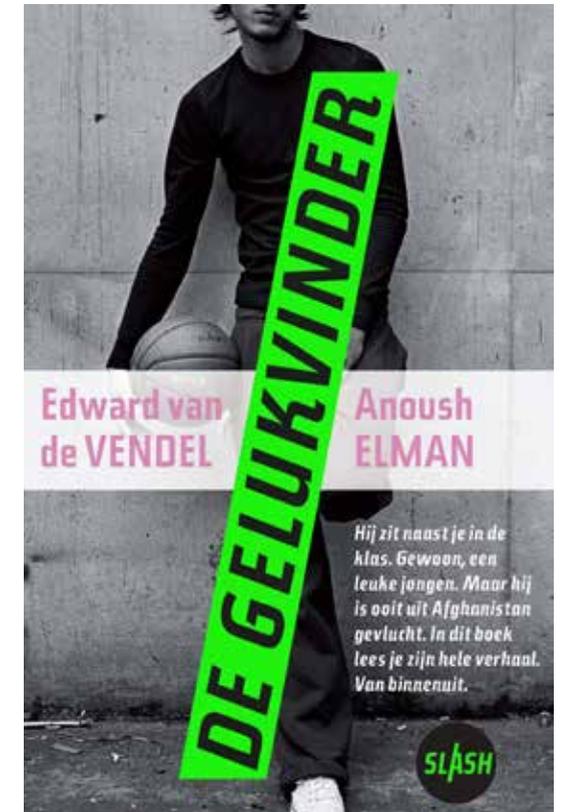
## The Boy Who Found Happiness

*The Boy Who Found Happiness* is a spectacular book for adolescent readers, in which Edward van de Vendel relates the life of Afghan refugee Hamayun, a seventeen-year-old whose character is based on that of co-author Anoush Elman. Together with his family, Anoush fled from the Taliban, ending up in the Netherlands more or less by chance, after an incredible journey.

The farewell from Hamayun's grandmother and baby brother is painful and the road movie section of the book, covering Hamayun's months of flight, is absolutely gripping. Hamayun's uprooted feeling is deeply tragic – he describes this as 'the sense that everyone else in the whole world has a house and work and friends [...]. And that we have been cut off from that world.'

The lightness of tone, together with the wide variety of realistic characters and Hamayun's fascinating coming-of-age story, combine to make *The Boy Who Found Happiness* a remarkable book with universal relevance.

Misjka, based on the story of Anoush Elman's little sister, has recently been published by Querido, with beautiful illustrations by Annet Schaap.



Fiction | 336 pages | Age: 15+  
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Glass Globe 2009 (NL)  
Jenny Smelik IBBY Prize 2009 (NL)  
Nominated for the Golden Frame 2009 (NL)  
Book of the Month September 2012 (DE)  
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