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2023



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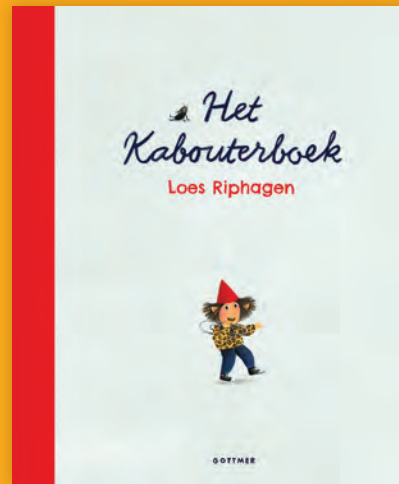
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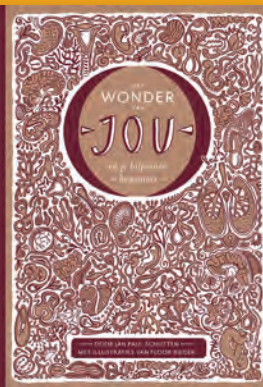
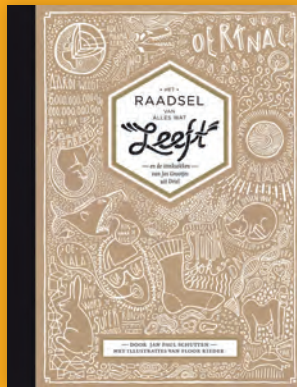
Little Captain
Založba Zala, Slovenia



King of the Copper Mountains
Zangak, Armenia



The Gnome Book
Pushkin Press, UK; Fischer Verlag, Germany; Versand Sud, France; Gingko China; Worldfield, Taiwan;



Trilogy Schutten Rieder
Katoptro Publ. Greece



Laila the Ladybird
Minedition, France



Farting Cows and Cars
Milan, France



Come Along Cody
El Salmon, Colombia

Gottmer Children's Books

Gottmer Children's Books is part of Gottmer Publishing Group, the leading independent children's books publisher of the Netherlands. Every year, we publish around 80 books, from picture books, fiction and non-fiction to poetry, all much-loved and hand-picked by our small but experienced team. Gottmer is the Dutch publishing partner for an impressive list of international authors, including Eric Carle, Ingela P. Arrhenius, Julia Donaldson, Chris Haughton, Liz Pichon, John Flanagan, Axel Scheffler and Jon Klassen, all standing alongside their equally well-loved Dutch colleagues in Gottmer's diverse and varied children's list.

What's new this Fall:

For long winter evenings, a fine selection of retold and newly illustrated classics in children's literature are contained in the new rights list: Floor Rieders' **Peter Pan** will steal as many hearts as her edition of **Alice in Wonderland** did. A newly told and illustrated **Snow Queen** by Bette Westera and Aida de Jong. New picture books by familiar and new names are on the Gottmer list as well this Fall, alongside a fine selection of fiction with a modernised version of **The Red Princess** by Paul Biegel, newly illustrated by Charlotte Dematons, and a debut novel for twelve years and up by well-known nonfiction author Marc ter Horst, **Upstream**. The perfect non-fiction title for fall is **Mushroom & Co**, on all there is to know about the hidden world of fungi.


So there's a lot to discover!

Enjoy this new, rich selection of children's books and please do not hesitate to ask for any material of a title or author. All requests can be sent to s.duijvestijn@gottmer.nl



When you see this icon, the book has been awarded with a prize.

*Awarded work
with Gottmer:*

 *Balottie and the
Horse
Flag and
Pennant*

 *Go Percy!
Golden
Pencil 2020*

 *I'm not Pippi!
Bronze Brush
2022, Picture
Book Top 10
National Read-
ing Days 2023*

Yvonne Jagtenberg (1967) studied at the specialist school of art after finishing her education in pedagogy, and first started working as a visual artist before she switched paths and started writing and illustrating children's books. Picture books to be precise, but to be enjoyed by people of all ages, and both fiction and non-fiction.

Her first picture book, *A Very Special Day*, was awarded and translated in several languages. This instant success continued over the years with the characters like Balottie, Percy and Wandert. Hers is not a mainstream style, but one of warm, vibrant colours, quirky but lovable characters and stories with a deeper message beneath the fun. Stories that appeal to both younger and older readers.

In 2002, she received the Charlotte Köhler Stipendium for her entire oeuvre. Yvonne Jagtenberg is also the winner of multiple Bronze, Silver and Gold Brushes and Pencils over the years, and it is worth noting that creators of both a Pencil (for authors) and Brushes (for illustrators) are a rare breed!

In 2023, Yvonne Jagtenberg is the artist of the yearly picture book of the Childrens Book Week.



My Home Is Your Home Yvonne Jagtenberg

Pats' mother used to live by herself in a cottage. Then she fell in love with a man who had two of everything: two ears and two children. 'My home is your home,' Pats' mother said. Not long after, Pats himself was born. And that was only the start: when Auntie Kee came to stay, they had to build an extra room. And they needed even more rooms for The Sailor Who Went to Sea, and for a very nice uncle and his friend. More and more people move in, and the house grows right along, until one day, someone is on the doorstep shouting that it really can't go on like this...

Rights sold:
Japanese,
Persian



Picture Books

English sample
translation available

Original title:
Mijn huis is jouw huis
24,5 x 32,7 cm
32 pages
Hardcover picture book
October 2023
Age: 3+

*Picture book
special for the
annual Kids
Book Week 2023,
printed at an
initial run of
30.000 copies.*



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Balotje op vakantie
23,2 x 27,9 cm
32 pages
Hardcover picture book
May 2023
Age: 3+



Balottie on Holiday

Yvonne Jagtenberg

Balottie is in the backseat of the car. On her way to another country, on holiday. 'Daddy?' she asks. 'Will there be any friends in that other country?' Like other small children, Balottie worries quite a bit. But at the first stop in that other country she already finds herself a friend! That they don't speak the same language doesn't matter, because they can use the language all children understand: playing together.

In her famous Balottie stories, Yvonne Jagtenberg always tackles exactly those topics in a child's life that can cause some tension or worry, before dealing with them in a very unique way that really speaks to children's minds.



Rights sold: Chinese



English sample
translation available

Original title:
*Piet de kat die wil weten
wat hij wél mag eten*
24,5 x 33 cm
32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Oktober 2023
Age: 3+



Pete, the Cat That Wants to Know What He Can Eat

Yvonne Jagtenberg

When Pete wakes up with an empty stomach, he goes in search of food. And as befits a real cat, he wants to jump the first bird he sees. But the bird convincingly tells him about his importance to the world and how he therefore absolutely cannot be eaten. And all subsequent possible snacks tell Pete the same thing. This makes him wonder how important *he* is. He is just an ordinary cat. Not that important, it seems. He's just a cat, a cat who simply wants to know what he CAN eat. Fortunately, there is someone who thinks Pete is very important and they care too much to let Pete go hungry.

*A great
story for an
interesting
conversation
with preschool-
ers about who
can eat who
or what*



Picture Books - Series

'The swinging text by Iven Cudogham and cheerful illustrations by Moldybyrd Studio give this cultural heritage a modern twist.'
Jan Magazine

ANANSI

the Spider

Rights sold:
Vietnamese



• *Anansi the Spider and the King's Chickens*

• *Anansi the Spider and the Hungry Tiger*

• *Anansi the Spider Stronger Than Elephant*

• *Anansi the Spider Who Has the Last Laugh?*

Anansi the Spider

Both hero and anti-hero

Iven Cudogham &
Moldybyrd Studio (ill.)

Anansi the spider is the main character of numerous West-African, Surinamese and Caribbean folk tales, which have been told through generations for centuries. His adventures are life lessons in disguise, always with a clever and satisfying ending.

Iven Cudogham is a multitalented tv presenter who dreams of seeing his version of Anansi, the quick-witted spider, in as many iterations as possible, and he is well underway! Besides the successful series, now containing five books, merchandise like puzzles, cuddly toys, lunchboxes and stickers are available. The character of Anansi is given a prominent role in the national Ketu Ketu celebration with a special translation of Anansi the Spider and the Hungry Tiger in Sranan Tongo, one of the most widely spoken languages in Surinam



*TV Animation series
of 15 volumes*

45.000 copies sold

*Theaterplay Stronger
than Elephant
starting summer '23*

*Anansi the Movie
in theaters summer '24*

Educational material

*Merchandise;
puzzles, cuddly toys,
lunchboxes, stickers*



English sample
translation available

Original title:
*Anansi de spin en
de verjaardagstaart*
25 x 26 cm
36 pages
Hardcover picture book
September 2023
Age: 3+

Anansi the Spider and the Birthday Cake

Iven Cudogham & Moldybyrd Studio (ill.)

Anansi is celebrating his birthday! He is looking forward to the cake he gets to collect from the king, as he does every year. It must be the biggest and tastiest cake ever, made especially for him. But when he arrives at the palace, Tortoise is already there. It is also his birthday today. And it gets even worse: the King only has one, teeny-tiny cake for the both of them! Anansi would rather draw lots for the cake than share fairly with Tortoise. But is that really the best idea?

The fifth volume already in this humorous and heartwarming adventurous picture book series, written by the energetic and likeable TV personality and children's book author **Iven Cudogham**. **Moldybyrd Studio**, responsible for all Anansi-artwork, outdid themselves again with the illustrations of this new story.

*'An exuberant
book that is a
treat to read
to kids and
stands in a
long tradition.'*
Algemeen
Dagblad

*'The story is
well-structured,
with a nice arc
and at the end
there's a clear
moral that
matches the
book's title.'*
Friesch Dagblad



English sample
translation available

Original title:
*Vincent & Rembrandt
junior – Op zoek naar
de parel/Pas op, Kapitein!*
17 x 22 cm
128 pages
Hard cover,
full-colour illustrations
August 2023
Age: 9+



Vincent and Rembrandt Jr.

The Missing Pearl
Watch Out, Captain!

Louise Geesink

Without a doubt, Vincent van Gogh and Rembrandt van Rijn are two of the greatest Dutch artists of all time.

In this new series **Louise Geesink** creates an imaginative young version of the two old masters as a playful introduction to Dutch art. Vincent and Rembrandt are best friends. This is not surprising, as their favourite thing to do is paint together. All day long. Does that sound boring? Well, it's not, because there is always something exciting happening. In *Watch out, Captain!*, the duo runs into a stern captain who may look very familiar to observant viewers. And in *The Missing Pearl*, Rembrandt and Vincent help a lovely girl find the thief of her beautiful pearl earring. At the back of each book, you can find elements you have seen in the story in some famous old Dutch paintings.

*'Vincent and
Rembrandt get
children
interested in art,
and before you
know it, they'll
be working on
their own [...].'*
Hebban.nl



Each spread holds a flap hiding the answer to the repeating question 'What's inside that big belly?'



Board Books

English sample translation available

Original title:
Wat zit er in die dikke buik?
21 x 21 cm
16 pages
Board book with flaps
September 2023
Age: 18 months+



What's Inside that Big Belly?

Bette Westera & Aniek Bartels (ill.)

In *What's Inside that Big Belly?* **Bette Westera** lets young children play a guessing game. Each page shows animals with very big bellies everywhere. What could they possibly contain? Does the cat have a mouse or a cream pudding in her stomach? And has that bear been eating honey, or a pancake? Maybe there are biscuits in mummy's tummy, or is it something else entirely?

The colourful book with illustrations in a warm palette by **Aniek Bartels** is a perfect conversation starter for any toddler dealing with family expansion. Toddlers can endlessly fantasise along before a cute baby animal (or human baby!) appears behind each flap.

With flaps that reveal what each animals has growing in their belly!



English sample
translation available

Original title:

Hé, beestjes!

In de tuin, In het bos,

Op de boerderij

19 x 15 cm

14 pages

Hardboard picture book

September 2023

Age: 2+



Hey There, Critters!

In the Garden, At the Farm, In the Forest

Erik van Os, Elle van Lieshout & Marieke ten Berge (ill.)

In the new, modern *Little Critters*-series, toddlers, preschoolers and young children will meet all kinds of animals in their near environment, all while being introduced to verse and playful language. Combining delicate rhymes full of lovely sounds and little jokes, and light, stylish illustrations, Erik van Os, Elle van Lieshout and Marieke ten Berge show how much fun the outside world and reading can be.

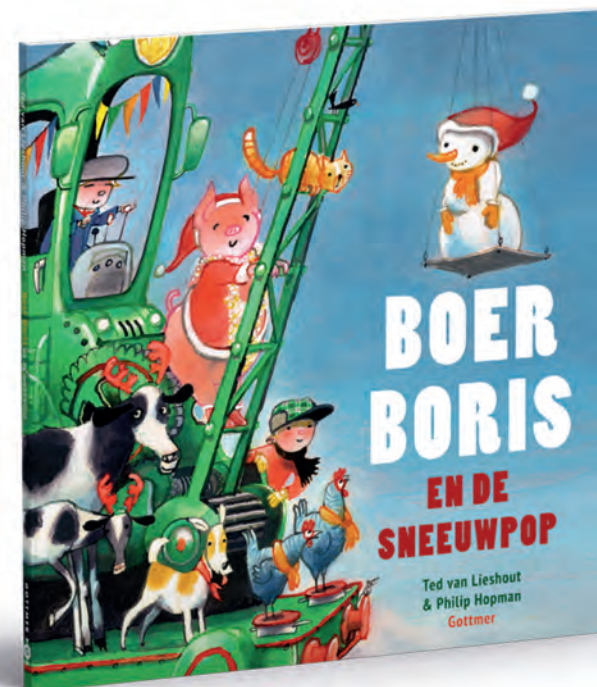
In each volume, toddlers learn about animals from their own surroundings. Starting with the garden, followed by the farm, the forest. The series covers a good part of the world of little critters. A friendly way to learn about different kind of critters, to search and count.

A beautiful interplay of cheerful rhymes by **Erik van Os** and **Elle van Lieshout** and bright illustrations by **Marieke ten Berge**.



English sample translation available

Original title:
*Boer Boris en de
sneeuwpop*
24 x 24 cm
32 pages
Hardcover picture book
October 2023
Age: 3+



Farmer Freddie and the Snowman

Ted van Lieshout & Philip Hopman (ill.)

There's snow on the rooftops. You have to build a snowman when it snows. We'll call ours Bob and give two eyes and a carrot for a nose. Hooray, it's snowing! The whole farm is in an excited mood as the fields are covered by a beautiful white blanket, just before Christmas. But snow always melts again, and so does poor snowman Bob. Farmer Freddie and the rest try everything to save him. They go to great lengths – and even greater heights, with Freddie's helicopter! But then, their wild plans to save Bob are brutally thwarted. By a flying sleigh...

Ever since 2012, **Ted van Lieshout** and **Philip Hopman** have been working tirelessly on their series of books about Farmer Freddie, Sue, Barry and the farm. The two are a true top duo: Ted received the Theo Thijssen Prize in 2009 and recently, Philip Hopman was awarded the Max Velthuis Prize in 2022, each for their awe-inspiring oeuvre.



Rights sold:
Simplified Chinese,
Macedonian,
Russian



Over
650.000
copies
sold!

**Farmer Freddie
is the little farmer
no one can help
but love!**

In just over ten years' time, 18 Farmer Freddie books were published, as well as numerous special books, a successful theatre show and a dedicated museum exhibition.





It is kind of encyclopedia with everything you want to know about gnomes and a picture book that offers new things to discover every time you read the book. Hours of viewing fun!

Friesch Dagblad

Picture Books

English sample
translation available

Original title:
Het Kabouterboek
23 x 28 cm
64 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+



The Gnome Book

Loes Riphagen

After the success of the wonderful stories about Coco, young fans can now explore the world of the modern gnome. Picture book-artist **Loes Riphagen** has always wanted to create a book about gnomes. To make the world of gnomes as tangible as possible, she drew inspiration from everyday items. Discover how gnomes live, what they're up to during the day and how they keep themselves hidden so well. As per usual, Loes has created a work with lots of hidden jokes in every single one of her illustrations. Whether it's a step by step plan for fabricating a gnome's red hat or a cross section of a gnome's house. Loes Riphagen's work is a feast to the eyes!

Loes Riphagen made her debut in 2008 with her book *Night-Time-Bedroom-Creatures*. Her work is published in various countries, from Europe to South Amerika and Asia and was rewarded with international prizes such as the **Silver European Design Award 2018**.



Rights sold: *Italian, Slovenian, Spanish (Lat-Am), Turkish*



Rights sold: *French, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish (LatAm), Vietnamese*





Be^ud
met een
Zilveren
Griffel
1988



Fiction

English sample
translation available

Original title:
De Rode Prinses
16 x 24 cm
144 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
September 2023
Read together from 8+
Read alone from 10+

The Red Princess

Paul Biegel & Charlotte Dematons (ill.)

Rights sold:
*German, Spanish,
South African*

The Red Princess has lived in the White Tower Palace all her life and no one has ever seen her. On her twelfth birthday, she will be presented to the people. But on her first day out, in a beautiful carriage, things go slightly differently.... Before anyone can even catch a glimpse of her, she is kidnapped by three highwaymen and a ransom must be paid by the people. The people are angry and then doubts begin to form among the crowds: what if it is all a conspiracy, and the Princess does not exist at all? Meanwhile, the real Red Princess escapes from the clutches of the highwaymen, and must save herself in the cruel world outside the palace trying to prove she is the red princess after all. A dangerous adventure, or might she be enjoying her new-found freedom just a little bit?

Paul Biegel (1925-2006) a Dutch writer in the vein of Roald Dahl, 'a master storyteller with a robber's heart', best known for his children's books full of fairy tales, magical adventures and fantasy stories. *The Red Princess* has been in print since it was first published in 1988, it was awarded with a prestigious **Silver Pencil**. Top illustrator and laureated artist **Charlotte Dematons** created a perfect new red princess, only to be revealed to the people and the reader on the very final page.



The King of the Copper Mountains

At the end of his thousand-year reign of the Copper Mountains, old King Mansolain's heart ticks unevenly like a crooked clock. His attendant, the Hare, consults The Wonder Doctor who undertakes a long journey to search for the magic herb to cure the king's heart. Meanwhile, all animals hurry to the ancient copper castle to tell King Mansolein every evening a story to keep his heart going. Will The Wonder Doctor be back in time?

'A triumphant piece of magic' – The Observer



The Little Captain

The Little Captain builds a boat, the Neversink, all by himself from a bathtub, a stove, a chair leg and a bicycle chain. Along with his three young shipmates a long, colorful and dangerous journey begins across stormy seas, where they encounter giants, dragons, and polar bears to try and find the magical island of Evertaller. (An omnibus of three stories).

'The little captain is every child's alter ego, dream comrade or ideal' – The Guardian



The Gardens of Dorr

Dorr was once a city of merriment, music and dancing. Now it lies grey and silent under the spell of the witch Sirdis. When a young princess arrives in Dorr on a secret quest, she finds a town full of mystery, magic and danger. As she meets with a succession of strange, funny and frightening characters, Dorr's true history and the true nature of the princess quest become clear through a series of wonderful adventures. Can the princess find the gardens of Dorr and free the city from its evil enchantment?

'Fabulous in both senses of the word' – Daily Mail



Rights sold:

The King of the Copper Mountains: English World rights, Germany, Chinese Complex, Japan, Armenian; **The Little Captain:** English World rights, Germany, Chinese Simplified, Spain, Turkey, South Afrika, Slovenian; **The Gardens of Dorr:** English World rights, Germany, Chinese Simplified, Italy, Spain **The Seven Times Search:** Germany, Chinese Simplified; **The Big Book of Biegel Fairy Tales:** Germany; **A Tale of the Night:** Germany; **Virgil Dwarf of Moorland:** Germany; **The Moorland Dwarfs:** Germany; **Robber Hoepsika:** Germany; **The Curse of the Werewolf:** Germany.

Fiction

English sample
translation available

Original title:

*De zeven veren van
de papegaai*

16 x 24 cm

64 pages

Hardcover,

full colour illustrations

Read together from 4+

Read alone from 7+



The Parrot's Seven Feathers

Paul Biegel & Linde Faas (ill.)

At the edge of a large forest a woodcutter lives with his wife and two children, Dunja and Jorkos. Every day, the woodcutter explores the forest with his shining axe to find the best trees. One evening he doesn't return home. Doenja has a dream that tells her where to find her father and the next day Doenja and Jorkos sneak out of the house to search for him.

Thus begins an exciting, mysterious journey in which seven feathers of a pied parrot play an important role.

Since it was first published in the seventies, this classic **Paul Biegel** fairy tale is a favorite of many readers, both young and old. Combined with the shiny new and beautiful illustrations by **Linde Faas** the story is ready to be read (aloud) by a whole new generation again.

*A perfect
introduction to
the much loved
work of famous
Dutch storyteller
Paul Biegel*

*With the
beautiful,
fairy-tale-like
illustrations by
Linde Faas*



Surprising collaboration between three beloved children's book creators

A pleasantly absurd first reading book chock-full of illustrations



Fiction

English sample translation available

Original title:

Punkertje

14,5 x 22,5 cm

64 pages

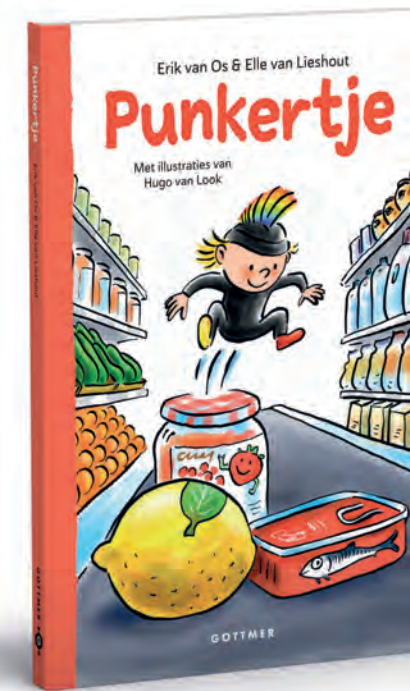
Hardcover,

full-colour illustrations

October 2023

Read together from 6+

Read alone from 7+



Little Punker

Erik van Os, Elle van Lieshout & Hugo van Look (ill.)

A respectable Lady and a respectable Gentleman share a dream: a very sweet, very beautiful and very smart baby. But when Punker comes into the world, their dream falls apart. Little Punker is weird, tough and much too small. And... she always wears a punk hat. The Gentleman and the Lady immediately start planning to get rid of Little Punker. Fortunately, Little Punker is found by Birgit, owner of supermarket Buy at Birgit's. At Birgit's, Punker has a wonderful life and all the customers love her. But then the Lady and the Gentleman show up. They are sorry and demand Punker back, as they will be the perfect parents. Little Punker herself sees things very differently...

A delightfully contrary story by **Erik van Os & Elle van Lieshout**, who know better than anyone how to make first-time readers laugh and read. Illustrator **Hugo van Look**, known for his famous *Alfie*, *The Little Werewolf*-series, adds a cheerful touch!



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Rugzwemmen
13,5 x 20,5 cm
240 pages
42.500 words
Hardcover
Age: 12+

*One of the 5 best children's books
published this year till summer!
(...) 'A hopeful, witty and, above
all, courageous story, with jus-
tifiable and desirable questions
as to whether all this attention to
climate doesn't weigh too heavily
on the shoulders of the young'*

de Volkskrant – Pjotr van Lenteren

*'As a reader, you won't get a life
lesson forced upon you, yet by the
end you realise how important
it is to find the right balance in
everything you do in life'*

Libris.nl - Rubén Rodríguez da Silva



Upstream

Marc ter Horst

It's the last few weeks before the summer holidays. Noor's friends are flying off to enjoy the sun in other countries. Noor cannot. Her parents not only are way too environmentally aware to ever fly her anywhere, they've also arranged for her to attend some sort of summer camp, to 'cheer her up'. Because Noor makes a bit of a sad impression lately – according to them. But is it any wonder when you grow up on oat milk and doom stories about the climate?

Even before she could walk, Noor was already attending climate change demonstrations. But now that she is in high school, she is all done with the banners and gloomy news reports. While her parents think she's safely stashed away at summer camp, she sets out on her own and discovers that there is plenty to be happy about, even in times of heatwaves, floods and parents who think they know what is best for you.

Upstream is the fiction debut of **Marc ter Horst**. He received many awards for his informative children's books, including a Glass Globe for *Palm Trees at the North Pole* and a Silver Pencil and a Woutertje Pieterse price nomination for *Virus World*. His books are translated all over the world.



Rights sold:
14 languages



Rights sold:
French, Korean



Fiction – Classics

Sample material
available

15 x 19 cm
272 pages
Hardcover,
linen binding,
full-colour illustrations
January 2024
Age: 8+

Peter Pan

J.M. Barrie & Floor Rieder (ill.)

120 years of
Peter Pan in
2024

*Special edition,
hard back with
linen binding*

Few stories have such an undisputed status as classic as *Peter Pan*. And those who've read it, understand why: the story of Peter Pan taking Wendy and her brothers to the island of Neverland to settle his long-standing feud with Captain Hook is at once a blood-curdling, funny and moving adventure story, and an ode to the infinite power of fantasy.

Each country has its own translation, and now, combined with the internationally well-known artist Floor Rieder, a brand new edition emerges. With her unique, powerful and bold style, Rieder transforms *Peter Pan* an even more quirky and original book that will conquer new hearts and seduce fans of the story all over again with this rendition of the forever young classic.

'Rieder's illustrations are of an impressive combination of qualities. They are elegant, funny, refreshing, and informative – all together a rare combination in children's book illustrations.'
– Jury report Golden Slate for *The Mystery of Life*



Sample material
available

15 x 19 cm
384 pages
Hardcover,
linen binding,
full-colour illustrations
Age: 6+



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(Illustrations only):
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rights, German,
Russian, Simplified
Chinese

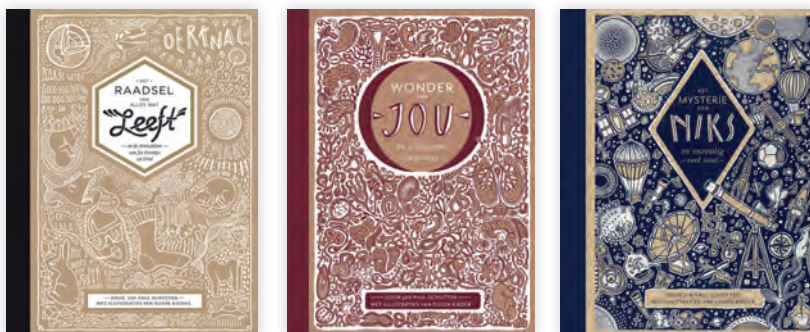
Rights sold:
Bulgarian, Chinese
Simplified, Chinese
Complex, English
World rights, French,
German, Greek,
Italian, Korean,
Norwegian, Polish,
Russian, Spanish,
Turkish



Alice in Wonderland

Lewis Carroll & Floor Rieder (ill.)

Over a 150 year old and still one of the best read classics; Lewis Carroll's deeply beloved *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. This famous story and its sequel, *Through the Looking-Glass*, combined in 1 band, with brand-new illustrations by **Floor Rieder** – well known for her magnificent work on the multi-award winning non-fiction book *The Mystery of Life*. With her distinctive, elaborate and contemporary drawings, Rieder successfully creates a witty and timeless Alice you fall in love with instantly.



Nobody's Boy – Sans Famille

Hector Malot,
Tiny Fisscher (adaptation)
& Charlotte Dematons (ill.)

Nobody's Boy (or *Sans Famille*, first published in 1878) is inseparable from the canon of children's literature that has moved readers for generations. Thanks to this accessible adaptation by children's author Tiny Fisscher, a new generation of readers can shed a tear about orphan Rémi's plight. Illustrator Charlotte Dematons let herself be inspired by following the route Rémi traveled through France. The result is obvious: stunning illustrations uniquely depict the beautiful but desolate French countryside and the harshness of city life.



Illustration Rights
sold: German,
Armenian



The Wonderful Adventures of Nils Holgersson

Selma Lagerlöf, Bette
Westera (adaptation) &
Martijn van der Linden (ill.)

The Swedish author **Selma Lagerlöf** wrote this treasured children's classic early in the twentieth century. In this lovely edition **Bette Westera** retells the story in a lively and accessible way, while **Martijn van der Linden's** beautiful illustrations add to the book's atmosphere. Nils lives with his parents on a farm in the south of Sweden. He teases all the farm animals and is quite an annoying child. One day he catches a gnome he refuses to release and as punishment the magical creature makes Nils the same size as him. This is the beginning of a wonderful journey through Sweden.



Sample material
available

15 x 22 cm
368 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Ages 7+



Illustration Rights
sold: Armenian



English sample
translation available

Original title:
De sneeuwkoningin
20 x 25 cm
64 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
November 2023
Age: 8+



The Snow Queen

Hans Christian Andersen, Bette Westera & Aida de Jong (ill.)

The timeless and enchanting adventure ‘The Snow Queen’ by **Hans Christian Andersen** continues to capture the imagination to this day. In a clever frame story, **Bette Westera** puts her own spin on the classic, taking readers into the adventure of Arne and Janna, best friends who are driven apart. When Arne is kidnapped by the cruel Snow Queen, Janna is determined to save him and embarks on a dangerous journey to the Snow Queen’s icy palace. Along the way, she meets colourful characters and discovers the true power of love and friendship.

Golden Pencil winner **Bette Westera** has proven again to be a master storyteller. The graceful illustrations by **Aida de Jong** encourages to dream away while reading aloud.

**This new edition of Andersen’s
The Snow Queen is a unique retelling that
will enchant young and old alike!**



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Paddenstoel & co
20 x 26 cm
144 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
± 21.000 words
October 2023
Age: 9+



Mushroom & Co

How a fungal network sustains life on earth
Geert-Jan Roebbers & Wendy Panders (ill.)

Mushroom & Co takes readers on a journey through the fascinating world of mushrooms and molds. Or rather: through the funky world of fungi. If you want to know all ins and outs, you start with fungi! Fungi may have a bad reputation, but they also do a lot of good for the world. In fact, without fungi we could not exist at all... But the main role in this book is of course reserved for the fungal superstar: the mushroom. *Mushroom & Co* introduces children to the world of fungi and deals with all kinds of mushrooms: from poisonous giant mushrooms and super stinkers to truffles that are more expensive than gold. Along the way, children discover the important role that fungi play in our ecosystem and about their relationship to humans. Whether it's for the seasoned naturalist or the curious newcomer, there is always something new to discover in nature, and **Geert-Jan Roebbers** is the perfect guide. Working with **Wendy Panders**, who made the attractive illustrations, he once again created an enlightening and witty book, this time starring the hidden world of fungi.



You never tire of mushrooms. They have bizarre shapes. Their names are often even stranger. Some are fairy-tale and sugary, others are suitable as original insults.

LARCH WOODWAX

MARCHMALLOW
POLYPORE!!!

POPLAR
BELL

SATAN'S BOLETE!!

DEADLY FIBRECAP!

SICKENER!!!

DEAD
MAN'S
FINGERS!!

CATERPILLAR-
CLUB!



Waterfall

I'm loud as I tumble into the lake below with a thrum
My droplets catching the shimmering light of the sun
I'm not where the river's going, not where it's begun
I'm not what's passed nor what is yet to come

A waterfall only ever exists right now
Watch me fall, sprinkling your brow



English sample
translation available

Original title:

Zo voelt dat

18 x 26 cm

88 pages

Hard cover,

full-colour illustrations

August 2023

Age: 9+

This Is What It Feels Like

Bette Westera & Sylvia Weve (ill.)

In *This Is What It Feels Like*, the award-winning Bette Westera and Sylvia Weve delve into the emotions and feelings of the objects in our lives. Behind everyday things is a world of emotions. A thunderstorm can be very hot-tempered, a lost button is often sad and a lamppost can be quite impassive.

In striking poems, **Bette Westera** unlocks the feeling of ordinary objects. **Sylvia Weve**'s expressive illustrations reinforce this multitude of feelings. *This Is What It Feels Like* is an impressive illustrated poetry collection of a quality one has come to expect from the creators of, among others, *Deadly Normal* and *Breaking Up*: with nerve, humour and – above all – a lot of feelings, Westera and Weve make the reader look at the world around them in a different way.

Breaking Up won a Golden Pencil, a Silver Brush and the Woutertje Pieterse Prize. Earlier, Westera and Weve collaborated on the book *Deadly Normal*, which was awarded a Golden Pencil, a Flag and Penant, the Golden Poetry Medallion and the Woutertje Pieterse Prize. In 2019, Sylvia Weve received the prestigious Max Velthuis Prize for her impressive and multifaceted oeuvre.



More Bette Westera & Sylvia Weve

English sample
translation available26 x 23 cm
114 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age 9+*Dead Normal*

Best Dutch Book Design 2014

Woutertje Pieterse Prize 2015

Golden Pencil 2015

IBBY Honour List 2016

White Raven

Rights sold: German, Chinese

Dead Normal

There's one central theme in this magnificent new read-aloud poetry book: death. Together the author and illustrator tackle this subject, which not only children find difficult to comprehend. How badly you can miss someone who is no longer around? Why do young people die as well? Where does someone go after they've died? All of this and much more is covered in the sometimes sad and touching, but sometimes funny and light-hearted poems and the complementing gorgeous illustrations.

Apart from the unusual subject, this book is also exceptional in its design, with several pages varying in width. With *Dead Normal*, Golden Pencil and Golden Paintbrush-winning couple Westera & Weve have delivered us yet another marvelous poetry book, which will be sure to move every reader, both young and old, and show them that death is nothing to be scared of: it is simply but another part of life.

Breaking Up

'Breaking Up' is a comforting, moving and surprising children's book about divorce, for children aged 9 and above.

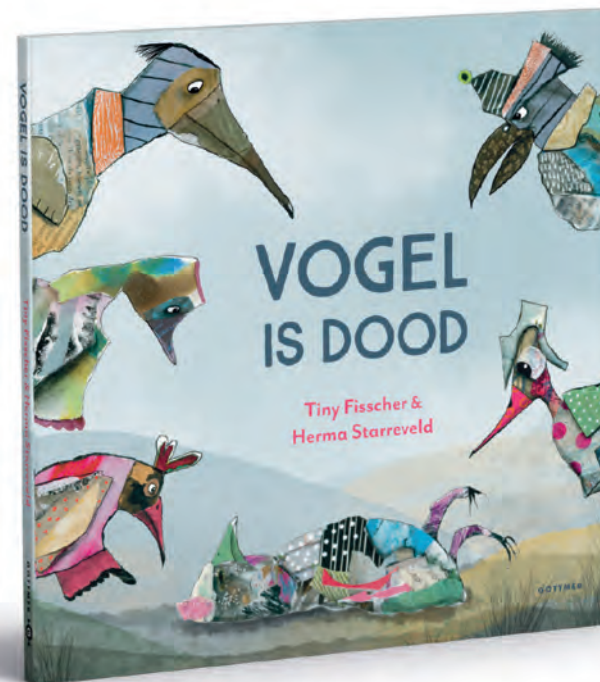
Love does not always last. That is what the poems in 'Apart' are about: they lead from the first early love to divorce and new family situations. But it is not just a sad book. For as unpleasant as it is when your parents break up, and as difficult as it can be when they fall in love again, sometimes things happen that make you happy again.

English Sample
translation available26 x 23 cm
136 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
Age 9+*Breaking Up*

Golden Pencil 2020

Silver Brush 2020

Rights sold: German

English sample
translation availableOriginal title:
Vogel is dood
25 x 25 cm
32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+Bird is Dead
Tiny Fisscher & Herma Starreveld (ill.)*Bird is dead**Really?**Are you sure he isn't asleep?**He's not asleep! On your back + legs in the air = dead.*

Bird is dead. Yesterday he was alive. Some of the other birds cry a little. And that's alright. Crying together can be nice. Then it's time to give Bird a funeral. All of Bird's friends and even some of the birds who didn't like him that much are helping. They dig a grave. They speak lovely words. They sing a song. They miss him a lot, and cry some more. And after? Tea and worms. Or cake, if you don't like worms.

Tiny Fisscher and **Herma Starreveld** work together to shed light on every aspect of the death of a loved one, with surprising warmth, humour and honesty. Bird is Dead shows curious kids what happens when someone dies and offers both child and reader a way to talk about this topic on their own terms.

Rights sold: English World rights, French, German, Japanese,
Spanish World and Catalan

*The unique
illustration
style gives
every bird its
own distinctive
character*

*Herma
Starreveld is
one of the ten
nominated Dutch
illustrators for
the 29th Biennial
of Illustrations
in Bratislava
2023*



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Heel Keverburg kookt
24 x 30 cm
40 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 4+



*'Humourously,
Bibi Dumon Tak
and Geertje
Aalders mix the
human world and
that of insects
in a beautiful
picture book'.
Trouw*

Diner in Beetle Town

Bibi Dumon Tak & Geertje Aalders (ill.)

It's buzzing with insects in Beetle Town. Everyone is busy, extremely busy but the annual cooking competition for six-legged creatures is coming up.

But this year the dung beetles do not want to compete because it's the same old story ever year: the butterflies always win the competition with their nectar dishes, the bees always come in second, and the wasps – who steal their food from humans – always end up third place. But what about the dung beetles? The jury doesn't even want to try their culinary masterpieces. Even though their poo-on-a-bed-of-poo is an century-old family recipe! Despite not wanting to compete this year, in the end they still decide to make some food anyway, will the outcome be different this year?

Golden Pencil winner **Bibi Dumon Tak** created a funny and unique picture book story, **Geertje Aalders** added with her cut-out illustrations a unique lively world. One can hear the Insects buzzing and smell the flowers from the pages.



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Het kijkmeneertje
23 x 28,5 cm
36 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 3+



Little Mister Look-Around

Mira van der Lubbe & Merel Corduwener (ill.)

Little Mister Look-Around is an ode to little children who can look at the world with so much admiration and curiosity, and are even better at dreaming. Because quiet toddlers have deep grounds, Mira van der Lubbe believes. Her picture book debut is about such a toddler. He looks all day long at everything he can take in. At tall people and short people, little things and big things, from very near and very far away. The little watcher takes everything in. He likes watching so much that he doesn't want to go to sleep, because then he would have to close his eyes. But when, after trying everything, he falls asleep anyway and starts processing all the impressions, he discovers that dreaming can also be fun. *Little Mister Look-around* loves watching most of all, but perhaps dreaming is even more fun!

Actor, theatre-maker, writer and translator **Mira van der Lubbe** created a fantasy-rich and warm book, that is written in such a fluent way that you can almost sing it.

Merel Corduwener, an illustrator that creates work for all ages and for Dutch newspapers, created the beautiful illustrations that are full of detail. Both child and parent will want to look at the illustrations for hours.

*Created by two
promising new
talents in the
Dutch picture
book world*

*An ode to
children that
can both dream
and absorb
everything
around them*



English sample
translation available

Original title:

Vos en Vis

22,4 x 31 cm

40 pages

Hardcover picture book

Age: 4+



Daan Remmerts de Vries received the Dutch Theo Thijssen Award for his entire body of work

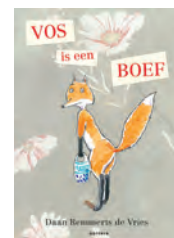
Surely, Fox is a sly and cunning character, but he still has a lot to learn

Fox and Fish

Daan Remmerts de Vries

Fox caught a fish for dinner. Fish doesn't mind and suffers in silence. But when Fox can't find his way back to the beach and starts to hear strange noises, Fish tells him about the dangerous animals that you can come across at sea. Fox gets more and more nervous. 'I want to go home!' he shouts. 'Yes, I'd like to go home as well,' says Fish. 'But I can't because I'm stuck in this little bucket. But... I believe you're stuck in some sort of bucket as well.'

Fox and Fish is the fourth volume in the series based on the beloved character Fox. The adventures of Fox always turn out slightly different than expected. The artwork is funny and timeless. Multitalented **Daan Remmerts de Vries** has won two Golden and five Silver Pencils. In 2021, he received the Theo Thijssen Prize for children's and youth literature. The volume *Fox is a Rascal* was awarded a 'Leespluim'.



Brats!

Quite A Pair of Raggedy Rats

Erik van Os, Elle van Lieshout
& Thé Tjong-Khing (ill.)

Bossy Auntie Flossie is a firecracker. Before going to work, she sits down her nephews Scram and Sneez, and tells them: if I come back and find even a crumb out of place, then you'll both get an earful and it will be truly fearful!

Will the two rats be on their best behavior? Or will these brats take a bite of Auntie's food?

The mischievous humorous rhymes of **Erik van Os** and **Elle van Lieshout** are a perfect match with exciting illustration made by **Thé Tjong-Khing**, one of the most popular illustrators of children's books in the Netherlands.

English sample
translation available

Original title:

Twee schatjes van ratjes

21,5 x 26,1 cm

40 pages

Hardcover picture book

Age: 4+



'Brats! Quite A Pair of Raggedy Rats' is written in humorous, smooth rhyme. With funny, imaginative illustrations by Thé Tjong-Khing'
NBD



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Kees naar de koeien
14 x 21 cm
176 pages
Hardcover,
full colour illustrations
Age: 6+

Holy Cow, Ken!

Anke Kranendonk
& Annemarie van
Haeringen (ill.)

Ken wants to visit Septimia, the girl he met in the meadow one fine summer day. Together with his guinea pig Hector he starts off, because Septimia is so fond of Hector. When they find each other, a great adventure begins: Ken loses Hector, gets pooped on by a cow, witnesses the birth of a new calf and also discovers Septimia's secret.

Holy Cow, Ken! is a rural adventure for young readers, written in **Anke Kranendonk's** seamless, humorous style with lovely illustrations by **Annemarie van Haeringen**



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Slaap je al?
18,8 x 24
72 pages
Hardcover,
full colour illustrations
Age: 6+

Sleeping Already?

Anke Kranendonk
& Ana Sanfelippo (ill.)

10 bedtime stories. As soon as Daddy closes the door, Sems' cuddly toys Fox, Bear and Doll come to life. The four of them relive daytime adventures in short stories at night. They play hairdresser, the three of them get married and practice how to eat spaghetti in a restaurant.

Anke Kranendonk is able to incorporate the everyday world of small children into delightful read-aloud stories like no other. All illustrations contain little jokes, making the endearing humour in *Sleeping Already?* comes into its own.



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Beer en Faas en de stalen oppas
14,3 x 21,5 cm
160 pages
Hardcover,
full colour illustrations
Age: 6+



Bear and Faas and the Babysitter Made of Steel

Anke Kranendonk & Esther Leeuwrik (ill.)

Bear and Faas are getting a new babysitter. They're trying to fool her a bit at first, because who needs a baby-sitter if you're already as big as they are? But this new one, Stella, she's not to be taken for granted. This impresses the twin brothers and they start calling her Steel. Steel is very bold and courageous in her colorful flared pants.

With Bear and Faas, **Anke Kranendonk** puts two delightful boys on paper. And babysitter Steel is not inferior to them. Illustrator **Esther Leeuwrik** draws her inspiration from everything around her for her imaginative, light illustrations. She brings the quirky twins to life in a very individual and colourful style.

The adventures of Bear and Faas are divided into chapters with beautiful, funny or surprising endings, so that 'Bear and Faas and the steel babysitter' lends itself perfectly as a read-aloud and also as a self-reading book.



English sample
translation available

Original title:
Patroon
190 pages
± 34.000 words
Hardcover
Age: 13+



Be@d
met een
Zilveren
Griffel
2023

Shortlisted for:
Boon Children's
Literature Prize
Woutertje
Pieterse Prize

Trigger

Marco Kunst

Trigger is a gripping novel for teenagers about a shocking event involving two best friends, a bullet, and a family secret. **Marco Kunst** (known for *The Prince's Desire* and *Offline*) has proven himself to be a multi-faceted author with this touching story.

Mylo and his best friend Mees are messing around and decide to run an experiment: they try to fire a bullet with nothing but a hammer and a pair of pliers. It goes horribly wrong: Mees gets hit by the bullet and dies. Mylo is left behind, without his best friend and with a tremendous amount of guilt.

'It is almost unimaginable that an adult writer can empathise so well with the emotional world of a 16-year-old. Marco Kunst shows with his juvenile novel TRIGGER that it can be done. He has Mylo reflect on an accident he himself caused, in which his best friend Mees was killed. The grief, despair and guilt, but also the exclusion and isolation Mylo has to deal with, are confrontational and gripping. His best friend is dead and he played a part in it. It is incomprehensible and so traumatic that the question of whether and how this can be handled for Mylo is oppressive from the start.'

– Jury Report Silver Pencil 2023



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Foundation for
Literature.*

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dutch foundation
for literature

English sample
translation available

Original title:
Briljante planten
21 x 29,7 cm
144 pages
Hardcover,
full-colour illustrations
and photos
Age: 10+



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met een
Zilveren
Griffel
2023

Ingenious Plants

*About Beckoning Blossoms, Furious Flowers
and Other Plant Powers...*

Geert-Jan Roebbers &
Margot Westermann (ill.)

Animals almost always play a prominent role in children's nature books. If plants are paid any attention, it's usually about their appearance. This book looks at plants from a completely different angle: their behaviour. And it's simply brilliant! From cleverly alluring and subtly probing to shrewdly deceiving — there's even the perpetrator of a brutal strangulation amongst the lot — the strangest plant activities are included. *Ingenious Plants* is a book like no other!

The colorful and detailed illustrations by **Margot Westermann** and the creative photography add to the high quality and the uniqueness of the book.

Every plant has a story, that's the premise of this unique book, which is full of stories about the fascinating life of plants. The striking, lavish illustrations suggest that this is not your average information book about plants. And it isn't. Geert-Jan Roebbers takes the reader on a one-of-a-kind voyage of discovery full of surprises.

– Jury Report Silver Pencil 2023

*'A stimulating,
exuberantly
illustrated
explanation of
what plants are,
what they do and
what they mean
to us.'*
Trouw

Non-Fiction Picture Books

English sample
translation available

Original title:
*Scheten uit de
schoorsteen*
23 x 27 cm
32 pages
Hardcover picture book
Age: 5+



*Marc ter Horst is
unrivalled in his
talents to make
big issues
understandable
for young readers*

*Honest and to the
point, and always
optimistic*

Rights sold:
French, Korean

Farting Cows and Cars *A Little Book on Climate Change* Marc ter Horst & Yoko Heiligers (ill.)

In a light-hearted and humorous way, multiple-award-winning children's non-fiction author **Marc ter Horst** tackles climate change for curious young readers – and anyone else who wants to listen. He does this honestly, without hiding the truth, but always in an optimistic, hopeful manner. Just like his book for slightly older readers, *Palm Trees at the North Pole*, *Farting Cows and Cars* is an enlightening read about the climate issues and its solutions. His most recent book, *Virus World*, won a Silver Pencil in 2022.

Illustrator **Yoko Heiligers** combines her characteristic line work with collage art and striking colours to help create a picture book that is both informative and fun. Her work has been awarded with a Flag & Pennant.

-  Flag and Pennant 2019
-  Nominated Jan Wolkers Award 2019 (best Nature book)
-  Best Dutch Book Designs 2018



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