

The background is a soft, painterly illustration of a mountain landscape. In the center, a young child with dark hair in a bun, wearing a purple traditional Chinese outfit, is walking a thin, golden tightrope. The child is holding a long, thin stick for balance. To the left, a red dragon with white spots and a long, flowing tail is flying. To the right, a small blue bird with an orange beak is perched on a rock. In the bottom left, another small blue bird is flying. The mountains are rendered in shades of teal and blue, with a large, bright white circle in the sky representing the sun or moon. The overall style is whimsical and artistic.

Foreign Rights Catalogue Autumn 2021

Children's books



Dear Publishers,

I am delighted to present to you our Foreign Rights Catalogue 2021.

Since December 2018 I have been the publisher of the wonderful publishing house that's called Moon Publishers, an imprint of Overamstel Publishers. Moon Publishers is one of the biggest Dutch publishing houses for children's books and publishes books for all ages: beautiful colourful picture books, wonderfully illustrated middle grade books and all kinds of books for young adults. We publish translated books by authors such as P.G. Bell, Matt Haig, Gayle Forman, Jenny Han, Estelle Maskame, Jennifer Niven, Sibéal Pounder, Angie Thomas and many others.

But what you might be more interested in, is the books created by our amazing Dutch authors and illustrators! For example, our beautiful picture books illustrated by Mark Janssen or Sam Loman. The funny middle grade stories by bestselling author Carry Slee. The adventure series for young readers by Tjerk Noordraven or Ruby Coene. Or the amazing young adult books by Pamela Sharon. And there are many more!

Did you know that foreign publishers can apply for financial support for the translation of a Dutch children's book? This kind of subsidy is intended to encourage foreign publishers to publish Dutch literature in translation. More information can be found on the website of The Dutch Foundation for Literature, www.letterenfonds.nl.

I look forward to working together with you on some of our beautiful titles.

All the best,

Luna Wong Lun Hing

Moon Publishers



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PICTURE BOOKS



From candy taster to mattress tester

Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder
Illustrator: Mark Janssen

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Imagine a world where you could become anything you want. You don't have to go to school, don't need any degrees, you can just make up your own profession! What would you want to be?

In this lovely picture book, Marianne Busser and Ron Schröder show children some really cool professions through funny verses. Do you want to be a mattress tester, an inventor, or even a candy taster? We can't wait to find out!

- Beautifully and colourfully illustrated by very well-known Dutch illustrator: Mark Janssen
- Top 10 bestseller in the Netherlands
- Plays to children's imagination and creativity with all the crazy professions
- Encourages children to follow their dreams
- Publication date: September 2021
- Hardcover, 32 pages



The Big Book of Dinosaurs

Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder
Illustrators: ivan and ilia

A beautiful big book filled with dangerous and funny dinosaurs

An entertaining and informative book filled with lots of verses and fun facts about all sorts of dinosaurs and other extinct animals. Both kids and adults will be amazed by countless peculiar facts about these extraordinary beasts. For instance, who knew that the Brachiosaurus could slap his tail with a speed of 1200 meters per second, that the name Iguanodon means 'iguana-tooth', or that a lot of enormous dinosaurs had the tiniest brains?

- A dinosaur book filled with verses, facts and fun!
- Colourfully illustrated by ivan and ilia
- Publication date: June 2021
- Hardcover, 128 pages



Ziza Doesn't Want to be a Ninja

Marjet Huiberts
Illustrator: Coen Hamelink

A picture book about ninjas, being different and discovering your own talent

Everyone in Ziza's family is a ninja. Mom and dad are ninjas. Xa, his big sister, is already a ninja. The twins, Yin and Yan, are almost ninja. And Ziza will also become a ninja. But is that what he wants? He is more into movement and music than the real fighting. But what if there is a three-headed monster lurking about? Can Ziza still follow his passions or does the world need him to become a ninja?

- An encouraging story about discovering and following your own talents
- Ninjas are very popular
- Includes beautiful illustrations by Coen Hamelink
- Publication date: August 2020
- Hardcover, 32 pages



I Decide!

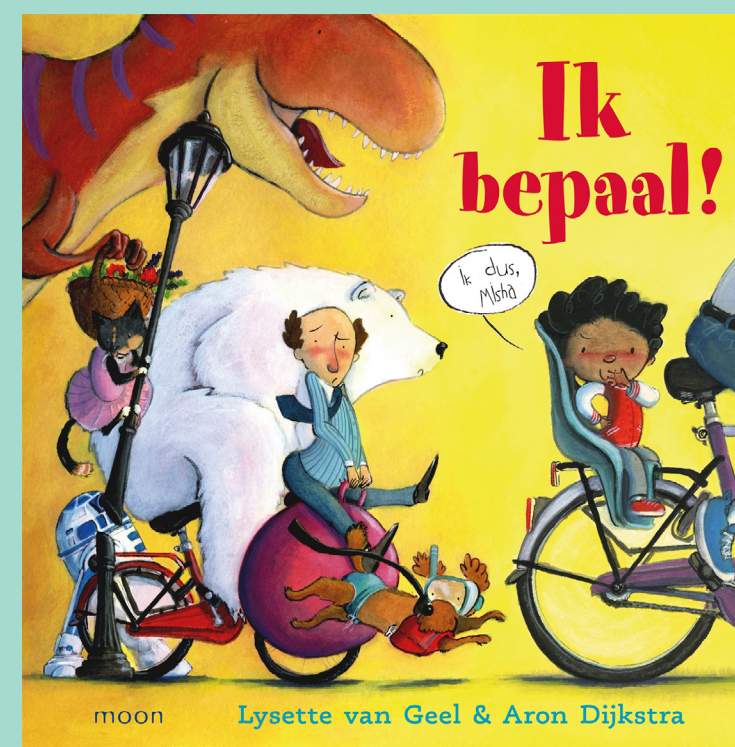
Lysette van Geel
Illustrator: Aron Dijkstra

A wonderful picture book in which we learn what happens when A CHILD can decide everything...

Misha has all these OBLIGATIONS, like learning how to ride a bike or eating sandwiches with peanut butter and butter, and he does not like that AT ALL. When he and his father are on their way to Misha's first swimming lesson – something he's REALLY NOT looking forward to – he's had enough. From that moment onward, Misha will decide EVERYTHING himself! And why not? It's all possible in a book. What could possibly go wrong?

Apparently, a whole lot... Will Misha be able to fix everything before reaching the last page?

- A hilarious and absurd picture book filled with visual jokes
- An interactive story that's perfect for reading aloud
- Beautifully illustrated by Aron Dijkstra
- Publication date: March 2021
- Hardback, 40 pages



Fries Flamingo and Other Funny Figures

Sam Loman

Happy verses about funny figures

*Did you ever, by any chance, see
a funny figure in a tree?
It might sound a bit cuckoo
but they exist, it's really true*

*You don't even have to look,
from the curly cat to the lazy leopard,
they're all included in this book!*

- Hilarious verses about many fantastical animals
- Includes many colourful illustrations by the author herself, Sam Loman
- Sam Loman is a writer, graphic designer and illustrator
- Publication date: July 2021
- Hardcover, 48 pages



Bear's Wisdom

Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder
Illustrators: ivan and ilia

An educational and comforting book for all ages

*Little Bear often feels sad:
he so desperately wants to be bigger and smarter!
But then, one day, everything changes.
Big Bear, who is old and wise, decides to teach Little Bear something every day,
which slowly starts to brighten Little Bear's mood.
It's the start of a beautiful friendship.*

- An extraordinary and heartwarming book about loving yourself, helping others and enjoying the small things in life
- Beautifully illustrated by ivan and ilia
- Publication date: July 2021
- Hardcover, 32 pages



Watch out for the Bumbiter!

Lucas van de Meerendonk
Illustrator: Stefan Yamá Cab

*It always happened during Full Moon,
When most people would go to bed soon.
Every night, around the eighth hour,
Out of Fiep's closet came a strange figure to scour.
He was called the Kissingcreature,
And if he liked you, you were kissed on every feature.*

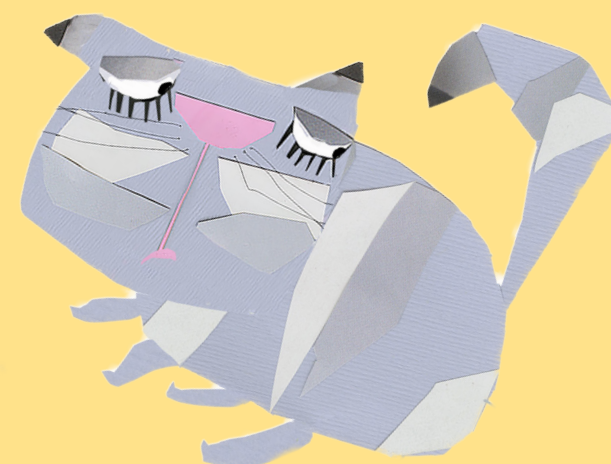
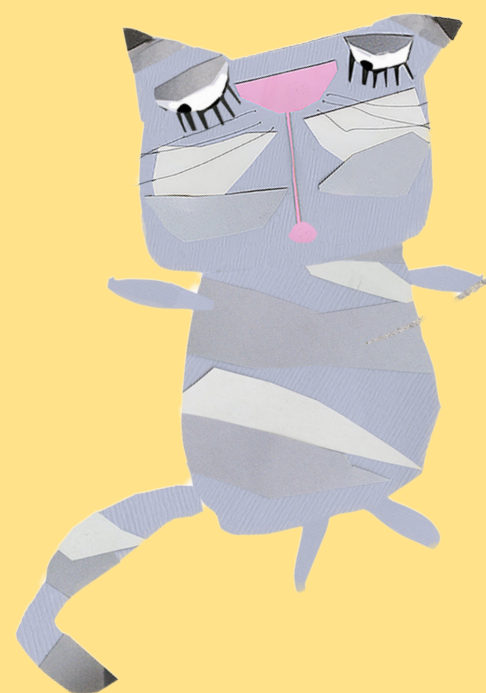
Be warned! The Kissingcreature is not the only monster in this book full of verses! Go snuggle together on the couch and read about the little monsterbaby with razor-sharp teeth, the Mompire who loves to take a bite out of the neighbour and the Shitsmurf who loves... well, I think that's obvious!

- A book full of frightfully funny and delightfully creepy verses
- Children will be laughing the whole book through
- A good balance between creepy and funny
- Atmospheric illustrations by Stefan Yamá Cab, very suitable for Halloween
- Publication date: October 2021
- Hardcover, 32 pages





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Hare Saves the Forest

Annemarie Bon
Illustrator: Gertie Jaquet



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An amazing new, current book following Hare and his friends!

One day a strange bird appears in the forest where Hare and his friends live. It turns out to be Paradisebird and she's from the city. She thinks everything in the forest is amazing and she can't stop snapping photos with her smart-phone. Hare thinks it's a bit weird, but he always enjoys making new friends, so he decides to give Paradisebird a tour through the forest.

But then more and more animals from the city start to arrive. And not all of them take good care of the forest... Can Hare and his friends solve all the problems and save the forest?

- A current book about themes like pollution, tourism, social media and more
- Encourages children to come up with their own solutions for problems
- Educational material for schools available for translation
- Includes colourful illustrations by Gertie Jaquet
- Publication date: August 2020
- Hardcover, 96 pages



Dog vs Cat

Barbara Jurgens
Illustrator: Barbara de Wolf

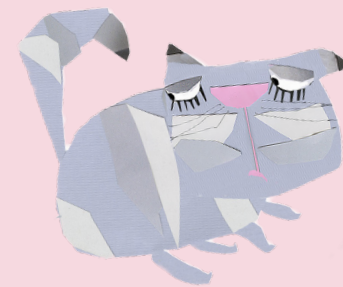
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Engaging and recognisable adventures to read to kids from ages 4 to 7

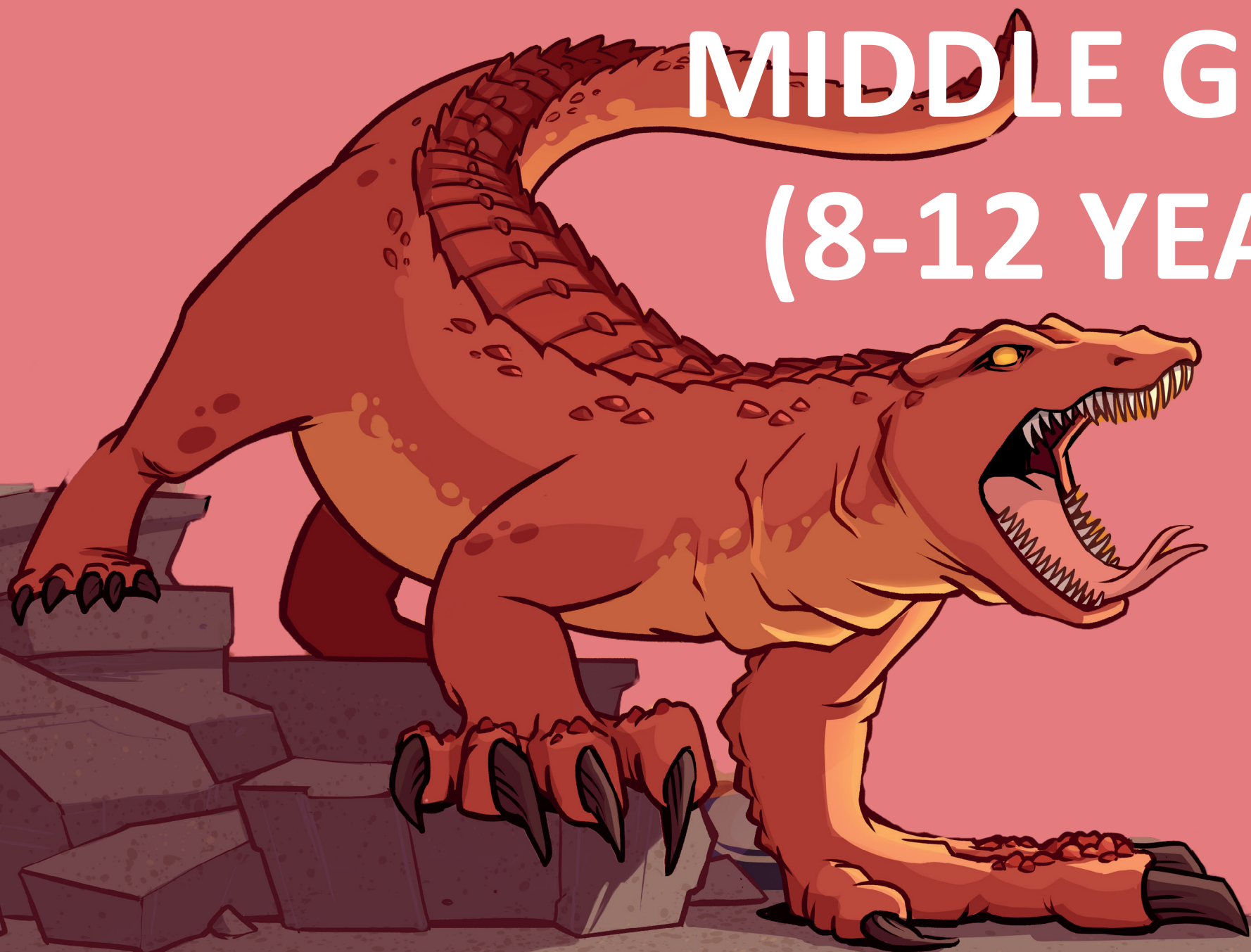
Dog has a lovely lazy life and sweet Owners, nothing to complain about. Until one day the Owners bring a weird little fluffy ball home. What is that?

It's Cat and she's moving in with Dog and the Owners... Let's hope it works out!

- Funny short stories about everyday adventures of pets
- A wonderful book for all dog and cat lovers
- Includes playful illustrations in collage style by Barbara de Wolf
- Publication date: May 2021
- Hardcover, 96 pages



MIDDLE GRADE (8-12 YEARS)



Miss Awful Series

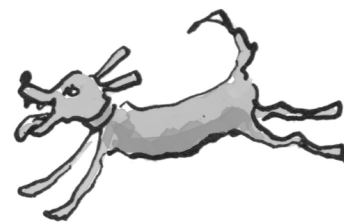
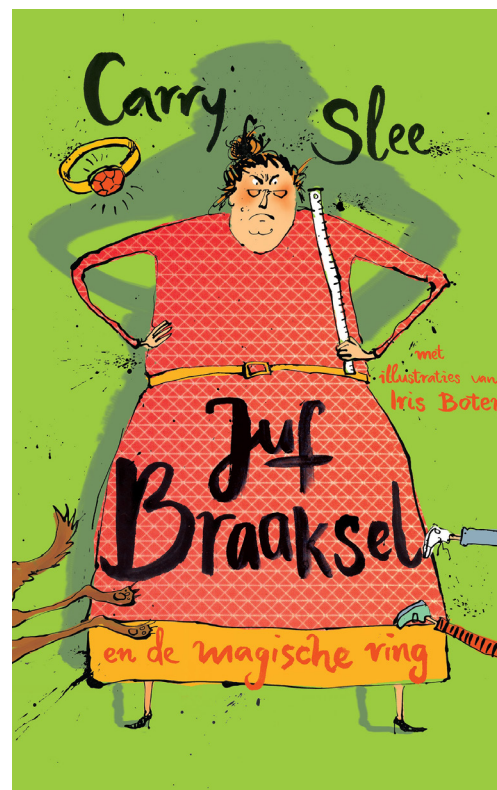
MIDDLE
GRADE

Over 100.000 copies of the Miss Awful-series sold in the Netherlands

Miss Awful makes life at school a living hell...
Will the children find a way to get rid of her?

Miss Awful and the Magical Ring

Lily and Tom attend a great school and have a very friendly teacher, Miss Evi. But then the scary Miss Averill becomes the principal and everything changes: no birthday parties, no animals (not even on World Animal Day!) and no school trips. The class gives her a nickname: Miss Awful. They have to devise a plan to get rid of her! But that's not all: Lily also has a problem of her own that has to be solved. Maybe Miss Evi's magic ring can help with that?



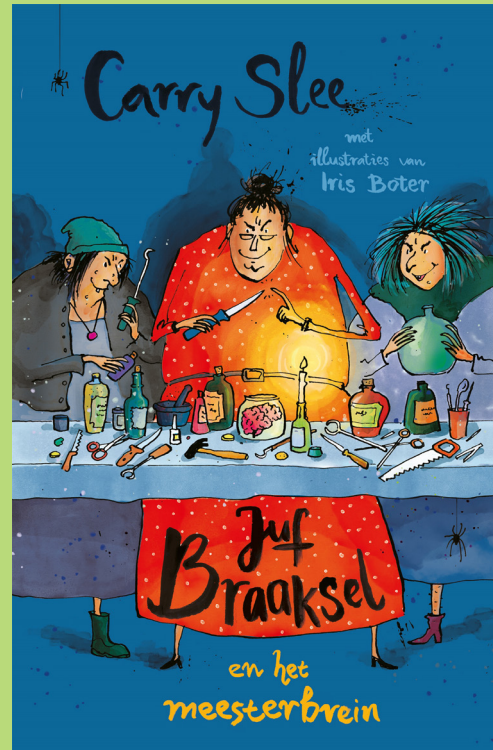
Carry Slee



Carry Slee, born in 1949, lives in Bergen, the Netherlands. She published her first story in a kids magazine in 1988 and published her first book a year later. Since then Carry Slee has become the most successful children's book author in the Netherlands. She has published over a hundred books of which more than 5 million copies were sold. She focusses on realistic children's books and has won a lot of awards. Previous books were sold to Germany (Arena Verlag). Seven of her books were turned into movies.

- Film rights sold (Shooting Star)
- International Sales: Alma Littera (Lithuania)
- A very accessible story with an edge
- Winner of the Dutch Children's Jury Award
- Includes funny black and white illustrations by Iris Boter
- English sample translation available
- Book one published September 2018, book five planned for 2022
- Hardback, 304 pages





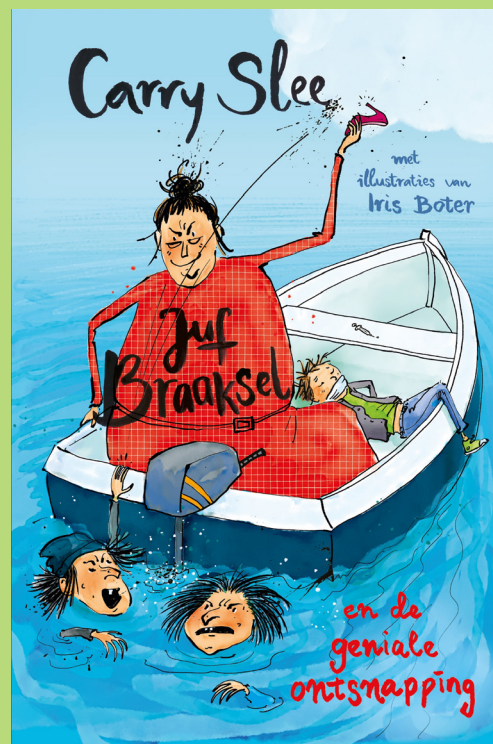
Miss Awful and the Mastermind

Miss Awful has unjustly been elected as the sweetest teacher of the province, but the fourth grade is anything but happy about it! Lily and Tom are determined to compose a plan to drive Miss Awful away from the school. Unfortunately, it's not quite that simple. Their hope is revived when a new boy joins their class: Lucas is only 7 years old, but he is super smart. Maybe he can help them to create a new masterplan? But then they realise Miss Awful has different plans for Lucas, and they have to find a way to save him. Fingers crossed!



Miss Awful and the Mysterious Disappearance

After their summer break, Lily and Tom will go to the fifth grade. Unfortunately, the cunning Miss Awful is still the principal. They are very happy that Lucas is in their class again: he discovers that the inventor of the magical ring has invented another item that could make Miss Awful disappear forever. However, just before they are about to use the invention, it gets stolen... They almost give up, but then they find out that Milou, their new classmate, knows more about the theft. Is there still a chance to rid themselves of Miss Awful forever?



Miss Awful and the Ingenious Escape

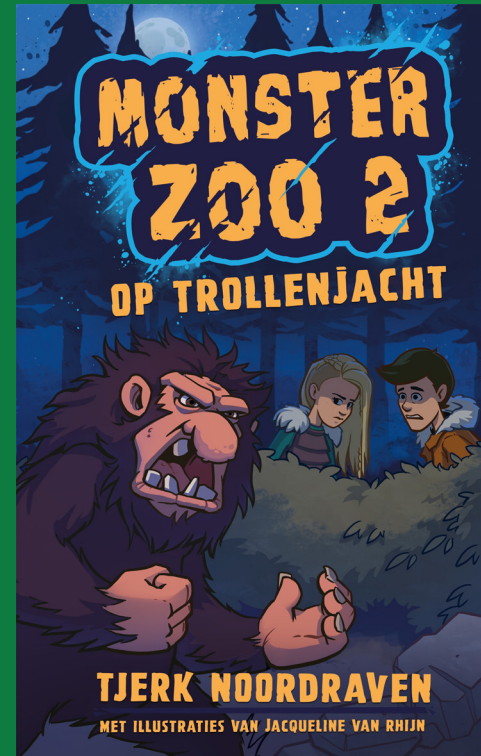
Lily and Tom still haven't succeeded in chasing away the sneaky Miss Awful, not even with the help of their genius friend Lucas. Miss Awful keeps coming up with nasty plans. For example, she has come up with a ridiculous new school uniform. And she wants to separate all the best friends and put them in different classes. They can't let that happen, right? Miss Awful's scary friends Greta Grenade and Clara Cyanide have been released from prison and have come up with their own evil plans in which Tom plays a big part...

On top of that, Tom finds out his parents have been keeping a big secret from him. Can he find out what the secret is and keep himself from falling into the hands of Miss Awful and her friends?



MONSTER ZOO

Click [here](#) to see a sample



TJERK NOORDRAVEN

Illustrator: Jacqueline van Rhijn

An adventurous series by Tjerk Noordraven: monsters, trolls and dragons, are you ready to enter the Monster Zoo?

Feeding-Time

Book one in an amazingly funny series filled with excitement, action and A LOT of monsters! Jindra is just an ordinary freshman in high school... until one day he is named Keeper of the Monster Zoo: an enormous underground complex filled with dragons and monsters. And these dangerous creatures are very hungry...

On the Hunt for Trolls

In the second book of the Monster Zoo Series, Jindra goes monsterhunting for the first time. Together with Siggy, who has a lot of experience, he has to catch a large group of trolls somewhere in Norway. But soon, everything starts falling apart...

The Lava Zoo

On vacation in Mexico, Jindra receives an SOS-call from the Order of the Monsterkeepers. They can't get in touch with the Monster Zoo on a Vulcano island. Jindra has to go there and investigate what is going on.

- An adventurous series full of humour and monsters for young readers
- Written by a young, talented author
- Also available by this author: The Scariest Series Ever
- An easy read for struggling readers
- Includes lots of black and white illustrations and colourfully illustrated endpapers by Jacqueline van Rhijn
- Book one published november 2020, book four planned for 2022
- Hardcover, 208 pages

The Legends of Li and Nao

Ruby Coene

Illustrator: Kristel Steenbergen

The Great Race

A fantastic debut filled with action, humor and puzzles

When the eleven-year-old twins Li and Nao go to visit their grandparents in Taiwan, Li fears it will be a very boring summer. But that's not the case... On their first night in Taiwan Li and Nao visit their grandparents when their parents get kidnapped. Before they even realize what's going on, a strange man walks into the room. He calls himself Mouse and seems to know where their parents are. He claims to be one of the winners of the Great Race, the race that decided which animals got a spot in the Chinese Zodiac. Of course all the animals wanted to win this race, but there was only room for twelve. Mouse cheated and betrayed his best friend Cat, which made her lose the race. Now Cat is back and out for revenge, revenge on Mouse and all his descendants, which is where Li and Nao come into play. If Li and Nao ever want to see their parents again, they have to find Cat and defeat her.

In their attempt to find Cat, Li and Nao meet all the animals from the Zodiac and ask for their help. But the animals seem to be talking in riddles... Will the twins save their parents in time?

- A series filled with action, humor and riddles to solve together with Li and Nao.
- 'Choose your own adventure'-books: include puzzles that make you choose your own path through the book
- A perfect fit with the stunning illustrations by Kristel Steenbergen
- Written by a very promising debut author
- Publication date: May 2021
- Hardcover, 272 pages



The Sisterlakes

*Two sisters connected,
In lakes united they stay.
Together forever,
is what the legends say.*

Six months ago the twins Li and Nao made an unforgettable journey to Taiwan. There they had to defeat an ancient legend, otherwise they would have never seen their parents again. But their parents have forgotten everything and have happily booked a new trip to Taiwan! Li and Nao are not as enthusiastic: they remember exactly what happened last time...

Once they get to Taiwan, they visit their great-aunt Aví. She lives in the mountains of Alishan and tells them a story about the history of two lakes that can be found there: the Sisterlakes. According to the legend, the spirits of two brave sisters live on in those lakes. During a walk along the lakes the twins find out there is more truth to this legend than their great-aunt lets on. It leaves Li and Nao with only one option: they have to save the sisters! But when friends turn to enemies and the sisters are not cooperating whatsoever, it turns out to be more difficult than they could have predicted...

The Sisterlakes is the second book in The Legends of Li and Nao-series, including a new legend, a new adventure and even more puzzles to solve with Li and Nao!



RUBY COENE



MET ILLUSTRATIES VAN KRISTEL STEENBERGEN



YOUNG ADULT

Fake!

Carry Slee

A thrilling story about the dangers of fake news

Levi sees Emiel, the new boy at school, during an intimate conversation with Mila, Levi's girlfriend. Levi won't put up with it and approaches Emiel. He kicks him and chases after him. Later that day Levi finds out that Emiel ended up in the hospital: he is in a coma. Immediately afterwards a video is uploaded to YouTube in which it looks like Levi kicked Emiel so hard that he fell from the fortress near the park.

Levi claims he is innocent and that the video is fake, but nobody believes him. Even Mila doesn't believe him and she breaks up with him. He is suspended from school. When the video goes viral and the raging reactions start coming in online, Levi's own life is threatened...

- Discusses a current theme, fake news, in a very accessible way for readers twelve years and older
- Carry Slee is one of the most well-known Dutch children's book authors
- Multiple books of the author have been published internationally
- Publication date: May 2021
- Hardcover, 272 pages



The Scent of Green

Pamela Sharon

Is there still colour in the world, if you can't see it?

Raven is a very ordinary sixteen-year-old girl. She loves stories and adores her best friend May-Lin. The only thing that makes her different from other teens, is that she's blind.

Luckily, May-Lin tells her all about the way colours smell and feel and together they create their own world. Then one day something happens that turns Raven's world upside down and makes all the colours disappear. In a world which has lost its colours and its shine, Raven has to find her own way again.

- Contemporary YA
- On the shortlist for multiple YA-awards
- Diverse story from a unique perspective: a blind girl
- An original, beautifully written and poignant story written by debut author Pamela Sharon
- English sample translation available
- Publication date: May 2019
- Paperback, 208 pages



Who I Was Yesterday

Pamela Sharon

A current YA-novel about losing yourself in a digital world

When Yara is diagnosed with CFS (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome), she has trouble accepting it. She is seventeen, she doesn't want to be ill, and definitely not chronically.

Her parents, her brother Corey and her sister Tessa try to help her, but Yara won't let anyone in. Instead she starts losing herself in Evol, a hyperrealistic game where she is playing the lead. In this virtual world, Yara isn't sick and she can be whoever she wants to be. In the game she meets the handsome Amir, and together they look for a solution for the mysterious smoke that threatens Evol City and its inhabitants. Slowly Yara gets more involved with the game and starts to lose touch with real life.

In real life she meets Finn, who tries to pull her from the virtual world and wants to show her that even with CFS, she can still have a fun and good life. While Yara's family and friends start to worry about her health, Yara chooses to keep losing herself in the alternative reality. Will she even want to return to reality again?

- Contemporary YA
- Diverse story told from a unique perspective: a girl with a chronic illness.
- The second book and a very touching and heartwarming story written by a very promising new author
- A mysterious ending that leaves readers wishing for more
- Publication date: March 2021
- Paperback, 320 pages



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