



**Foreign Rights Catalogue
Bologna 2022**

Children's books

Overamstel Uitgevers

Dear Publishers and Editors,

I am delighted to present to you our Foreign Rights Catalogue for Bologna 2022. How great is it to all be back together at the fair again?!

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, Tess Sharpe, Angie Thomas and many others.

But what you might be more interested in, are 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 or Barbara Jurgens. And there are many, 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: 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



A Small Adventure

Michelle Leuveld

A beautiful picture book that encourages children to go outside and explore

Sky loves watching tv, together with her lazy cat Max. They can stay inside and be warm and cozy, but still experience the most exciting adventures.

But what's that?

A butterfly flutters by the window outside. Max tries to catch it through a crack in the window. And Sky tries to catch Max. Before they know it they're outside... where true adventures happen!

- An encouraging story about going outside and discovering nature
- Mindfulness for children
- Beautiful bright and colourful illustrations
- Hardcover, 32 pages



Super Cat

Cora Sakalli

Illustrator: Berber van den Brink

An extraordinary picture book about how ordinary can be extraordinary

Poppy wants a cat. But not just an ordinary cat, no, Poppy wants an EXTRAordinary cat. Full of anticipation, she goes to the best inventor in town. He gets to work immediately and one week later, Poppy can pick up her extraordinary cat. And it exceeds all her expectations: WOW! Poppy is super proud of her Super Cat. But along the way she finds out that Super Cat may be a little bit too super? Could it be that ordinary is extraordinary enough?

- A book that shows there's nothing wrong with being ordinary
- Mindfulness for children
- Beautiful bright and fun illustrations
- Hardcover, 32 pages





PICTURE
BOOKS

A Parade Full of Surprises

Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder

Illustrator: Lisa van Winsen

A picture book to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Bloemencorso of the Bollenstreek

For years and years Grandpa Bob built vehicles for the parade of the Bloemencorso of the Bollenstreek. But now he's getting older and unfortunately he can't do it anymore. Luckily his two grandchildren come up with a plan: they want to put their grandfather in the spotlight. They decide to make a parade vehicle especially for him. That will be a big surprise... We can't wait for the parade to begin!

- A book about the most spectacular spring festival in the Netherlands
- The Bloemencorso of the Bollenstreek attracts more than one million visitors each year
- A very happy and fun picture book full of flowers
- Hardcover, 32 pages



PICTURE
BOOKS

From Candy Taster to Mattress Tester

Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder

Illustrator: Mark Janssen

A colourful picture book with funny verses about lots of different jobs

Imagine if you could be everything you'd want to be. You don't have to go to school, you don't need any diplomas. What would you like to be?

In this wonderful picture book the authors introduce children to different jobs through funny short verses. Would you like to be a mattress tester? An inventor? Or even a candy taster? We can't wait to find out!

- Funny original verses about different jobs
- With fantastic illustrations by world-renowned illustrator Mark Janssen
- Over 10,000 copies sold in the Netherlands
- English sample available
- Hardcover, 32 pages



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One Unicorn, Please!

Mark Janssen

Extraordinary picture book about the immensely popular unicorn

Dean has been saving up to buy the one thing he wants most of all: a unicorn! A friend to join him on many magical adventures: diving for hidden treasures in the deepest ocean, travelling through the cosmos, saving old ladies in distress... Dean is made a laughingstock when he tells his friends he's going to the pet store to buy a unicorn. But then the shop owner informs him that there is still one left...

- A different view on the popular unicorn: not the plastic glitter version, but a real, soft, cuddly friend
- Splendid pictures, inviting to make discoveries
- A present for every toddler and parent
- Full-colour illustrations
- English sample translation available
- Rights sold: Finland (Kumma-Kunstannus)



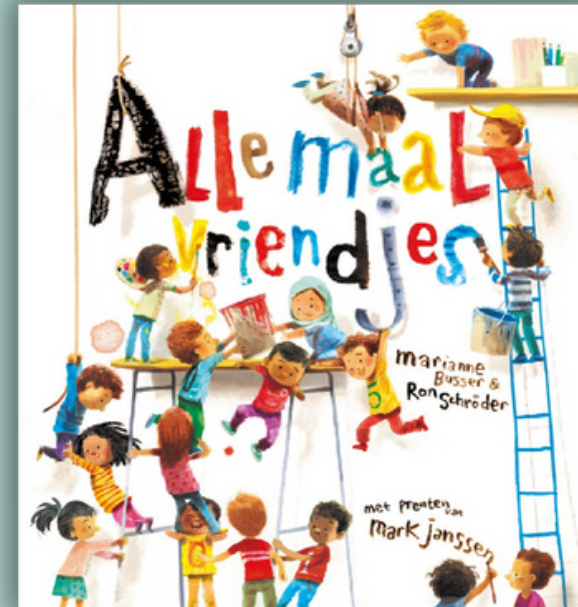
Hardback, 32 pages



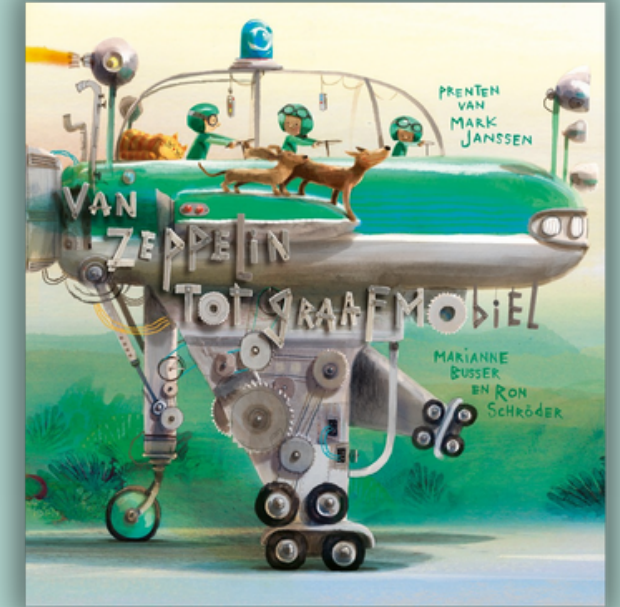
Mark Janssen has illustrated more than 400 children's and picture books for Dutch and Belgian publishers. Many of his books were published abroad (in **more than 14 languages**). *One Unicorn, Please!* is the 4th book for which Mark did both the text and the illustrations.

Picture Books by Marianne Busser & Ron Schröder

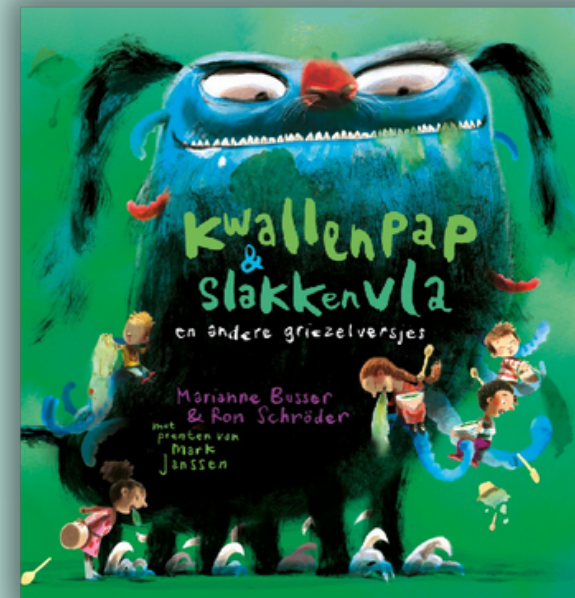
Illustrated by Mark Janssen



All Kinds of Friends



From Zeppelin to Excavator



Jellyfish Gruel & Snail Custard



From Noble Knights to Fighting Vikings

More than 50.000 copies sold!

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, who is a writer, graphic designer and illustrator
- Hardcover, 48 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
- Hardcover, 40 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.*

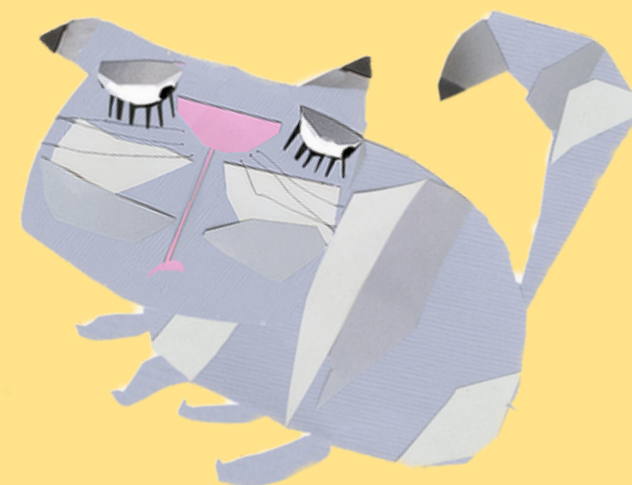
Be warned! The Kissingcreature is not the only monster in this book full of verses! Go snuggle together on the couch and read about the little monsterbaby with razor-sharp teeth, the Mompire who loves to take a bite out of the neighbour and the Shitsmurf who loves... well, I think that's obvious!

- 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 smartphone. 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

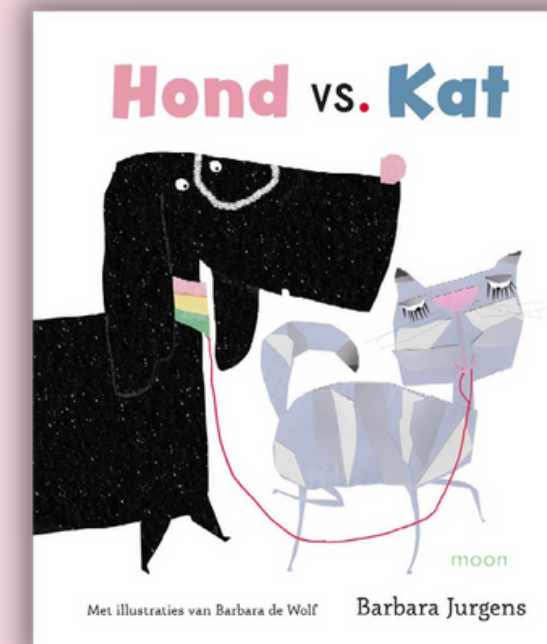
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*Engaging and recognisable adventures to read to kids
from ages 4 to 7*

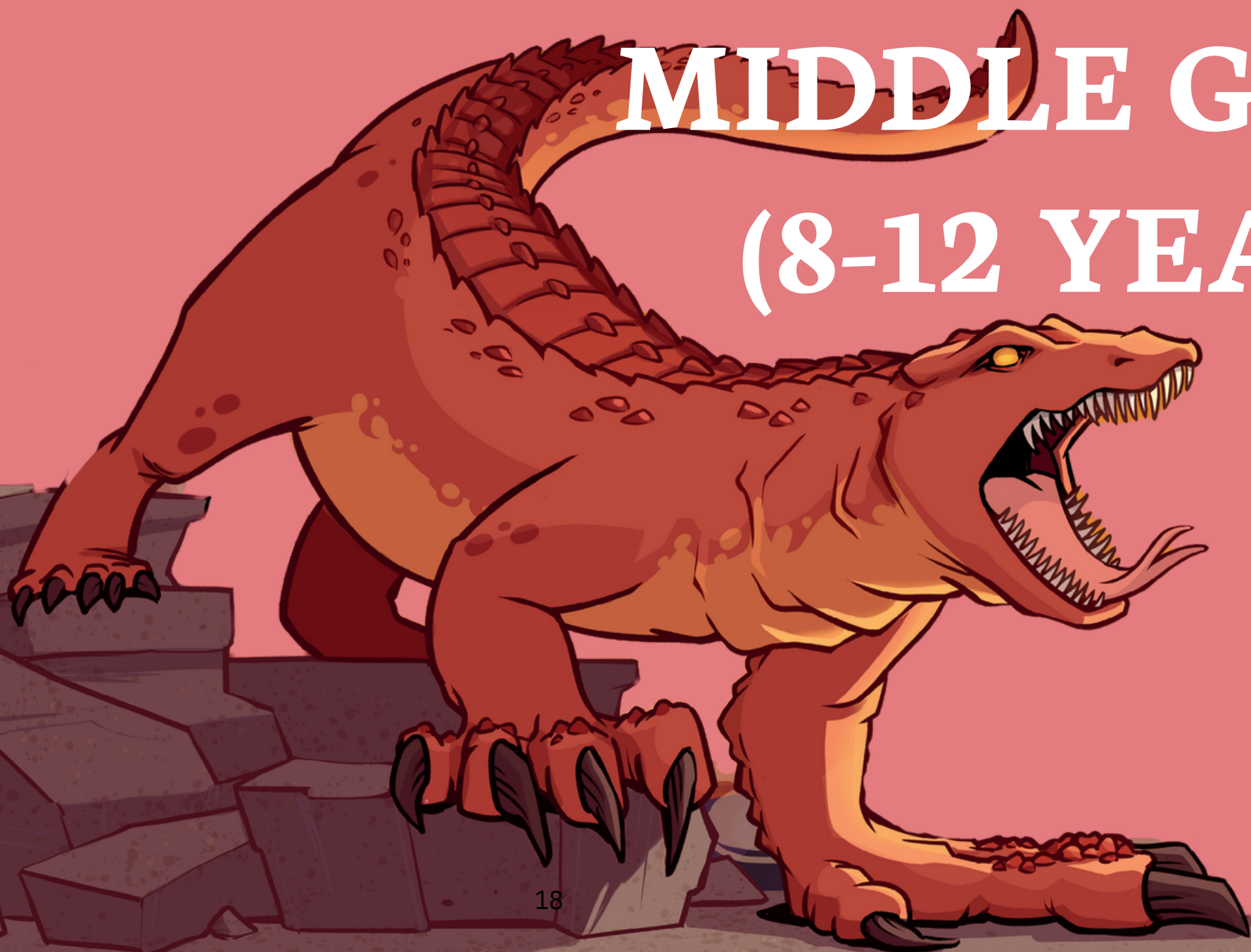
Dog has a lovely lazy life and sweet Owners, nothing to complain about. Until one day the Owners bring a weird little fluffy ball home. What is that?

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

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GRADE

Over 150.000 copies of the Miss Awful-series sold in the Netherlands

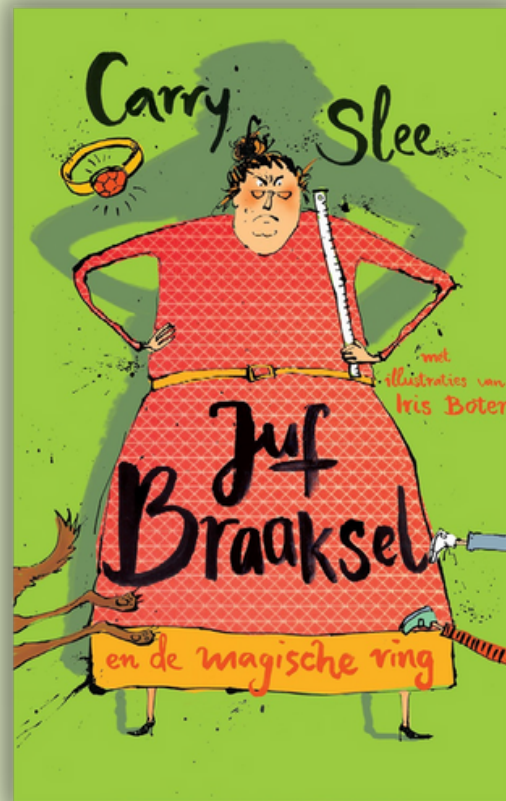
Miss Awful makes life at school a living hell... Will the children find a way to get rid of her?

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 is the most famous children's book author in the Netherlands. Whole generations have grown up with her children's books. She has won the prize of the Dutch Children's Jury ten times and the Young Jury award five times. More than 5 million copies of her books have been sold, a number of her books were successfully filmed and her previous work has been sold worldwide.



- Film rights sold (Shooting Star)
- 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 samples and synopsis available
- First book 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 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?

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?



MONSTER ZOO

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



- 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
- First book published november 2020, book four planned for 2022
- Hardcover, 208 pages

TJERK NOORDRAVEN
Illustrator: Jacqueline van Rhijn

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 highschool... 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.

In the Depths of the Jungle

Jindra's father is still in the hospital. The only thing that might save him, is a medicine made from the horn of a unicorn. Jindra and Siggy travel to the jungle of India to search for the last herd of wild unicorns. But in the depths of the jungle they stumble upon different kinds of creatures, which are extremely dangerous...

The Legends of Li and Nao

Ruby Coene

Illustrator: Kristel Steenberg

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
- 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 Steenberg
- English samples available
- Written by a very promising debut author
- 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 Avi. 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!





YOUNG ADULT

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The Reserve

Barbara Jurgens

**An exciting new dystopian story
for readers 12 and up**

In Super City everybody's happy. Or are they?

The New Era. Sunny lives in almighty Super City, where the Happy Council makes sure everybody is happy and satisfied. But when Sunny's granny suddenly disappears, she discovers that not everything is what it seems.

When Sunny competes in the Challenges, with all other 14-year-olds, she travels outside the strictly guarded borders of Super City for the first time. She is immediately intrigued by the dangerous world beyond the fence: the Reserve. Vast forests full of mystery, where she meets an Unhappy who she is inexplicably drawn to. Questions start haunting her: where does she truly belong?

- A book that's perfect for the audience: it keeps you on the edge of your seat
- The author was inspired by Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- A haunting story about a grim future
- Paperback, 320 pages



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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
- Hardcover, 272 pages



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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**
- **Paperback, 208 pages**



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Who I Was Yesterday

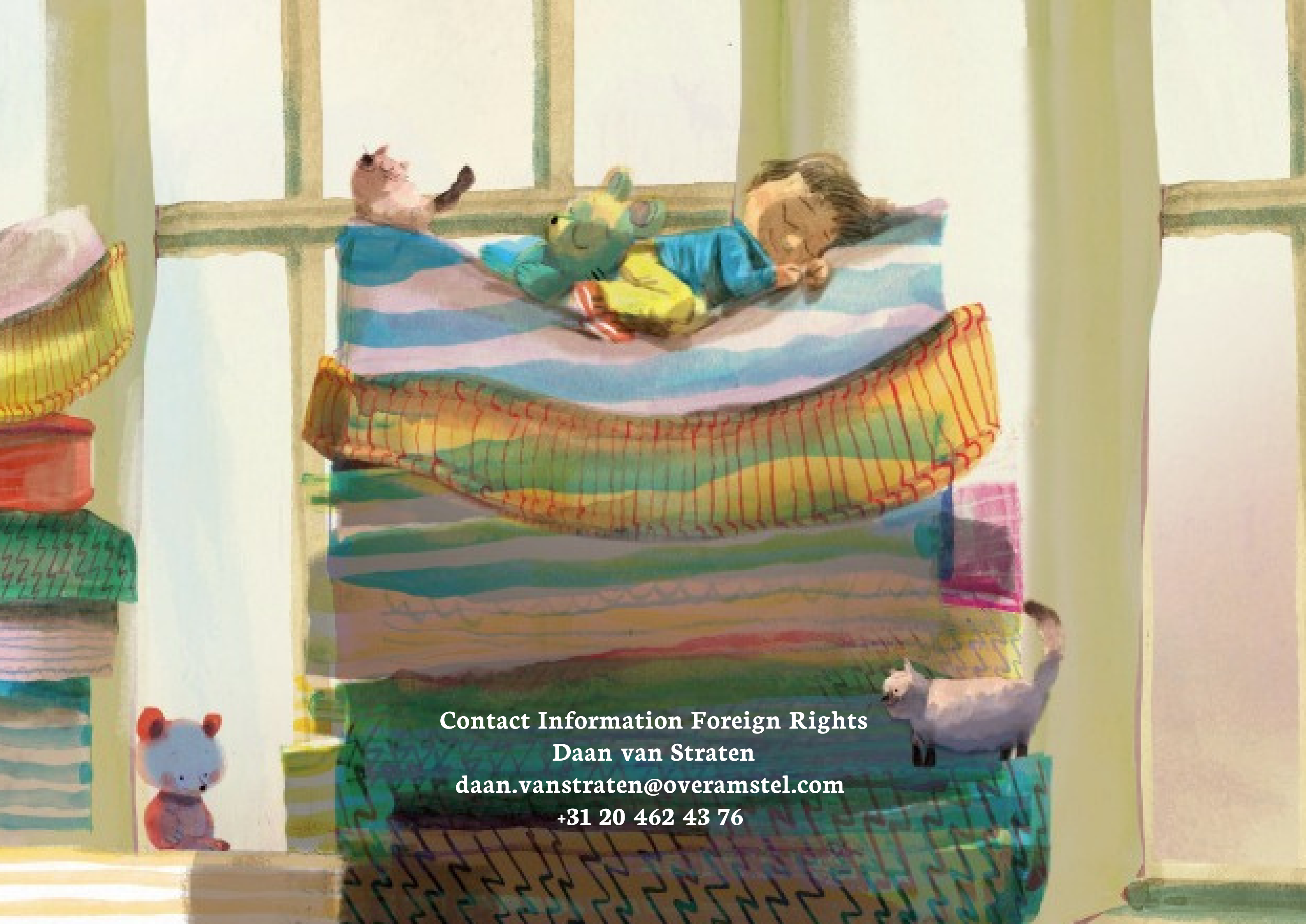
Pamela Sharon

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 family tries to help her, but Yara won't let anyone in. Instead she starts losing herself in Evol, a hyperrealistic game in which she's playing the lead. In this virtual world, Yara can be whoever she wants to be. Here she meets the handsome Amir. Together they must find 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 live happily. While Yara's family and friends start to worry about her health, Yara chooses to keep losing herself in the alternative reality. Will she return to reality again?

- **Contemporary YA with a twist**
- **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**
- **Paperback, 320 pages**





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HORIZON

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Nello and Patrasche

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Tanguy Ottomer & Philippe Hosselet

World-famous Flemish story now finally available as picture book

Nello, a poor orphan boy, becomes friends with Patrasche, an abandoned tow dog. Together they go to the city every day. There they often visit the cathedral, where Nello tries to see the paintings of his great hero Rubens.

Because of a series of misfortunes, the lives of Nello and Patrasche end in that same cathedral. There is a message of pride and unconditional friendship in this world-famous and moving story.

‘Tanguy Ottomer is one of the 7 savviest guides in the world’

CNN

- **The story of 'A Dog of Flanders' is world famous**
- **The author is a city guide in Antwerp himself**
- **Hardcover, 40 pages**



The Very Best Invention in the Whole Wide World

PICTURE
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Shamisa Debroey

The power of a small gesture

Lola is clever. Very clever. She solves every single problem with her inventions. But there's one problem she doesn't have a solution for: her little brother Lander seems sad. She goes in search of something special to cheer him up. She invents a robot that writes poems, discovers the skeleton of a T-Rex, climbs the highest mountain to pick a rare mountain flower for Lander and builds a spaceship to fetch a star for him. But Lander isn't interested, and Lola gets cross. Why doesn't Lander want to play with her?

In her first picture book, Shamisa Debroey shows how quick-witted Lola discovers that small gestures can sometimes be better than big ones. Lander wants nothing better than to play with his sister, but she's too busy with her discoveries and inventions to ask him what he actually wants. In her colourful drawings, Debroey shows that knowledge can be for everyone and that you've always got something to learn, no matter how clever you are.

This book is part of the project 'Every Story Matters - Making books more inclusive' which aims to encourage book professionals to make more books in which everyone can recognize themselves.



Hardback, 40 pages

A fun and colourful story about creativity, friendship and the dreams of inventors. Enjoyable and accessible.
De Standaard

You are all love

Meneer Zee & Gitte Vancoillie

A modern fairy tale about the search for love

When all the food of the world is on one side, she turns askew. Then hunger and cold reign.

High up in a skyscraper, a girl listens to the silence and looks at the white of her paper. She writes letters to whomever will read them. She folds them into birds of paper and throws them down between the bars of her window. Until one flies away.

- Artistic pencil-painted drawings
- Booktrailer available [here](#)
- Hardback, 160 pages



Where the words get stuck, the visual gets the upper hand with whirling pencil drawings that become increasingly colorful. Here, looking is as important as reading.

Gazet van Antwerpen

Pencil-painted fairy tale about the search for love, cast in a philosophically tinged picture book. *De Morgen*



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