

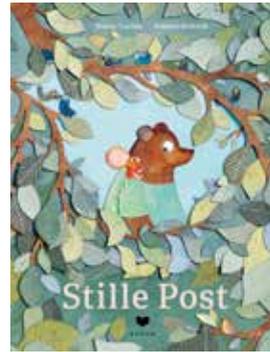
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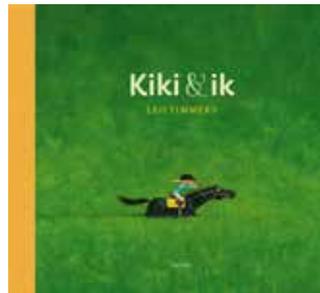
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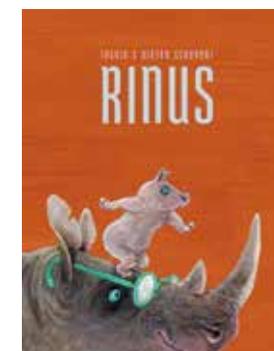
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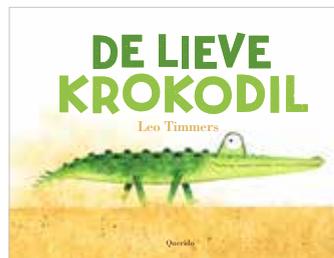
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*Ryan* (4+)  
Arka (Italian)



*Bear's Lost Glasses* (3+)  
Ars Lamina (Macedonian), Eastern Publishing (Complex Chinese), Univeris (Romanian)



*Kind Crocodile* (2+)  
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*The Kind of Day Nothing Happens* (5+)  
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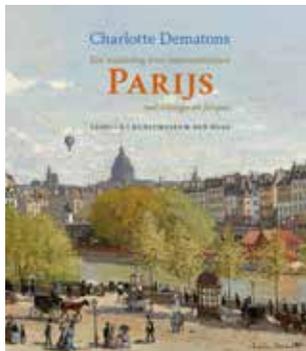
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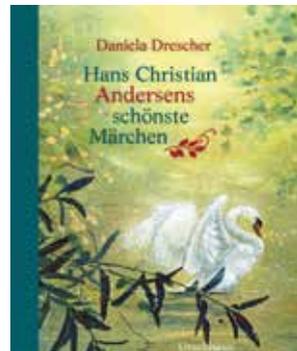
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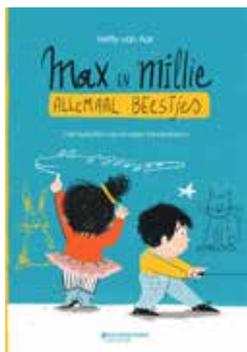
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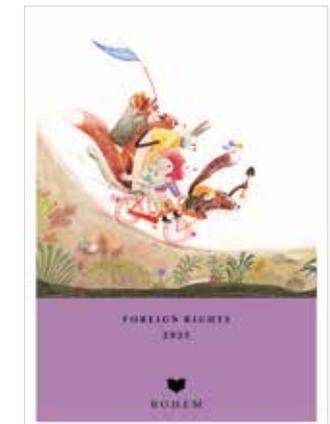
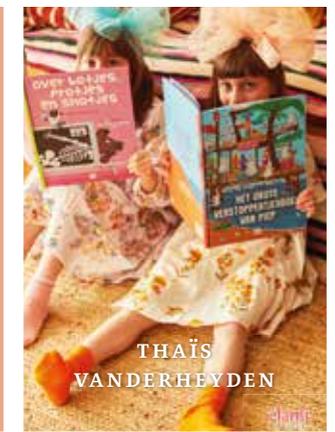
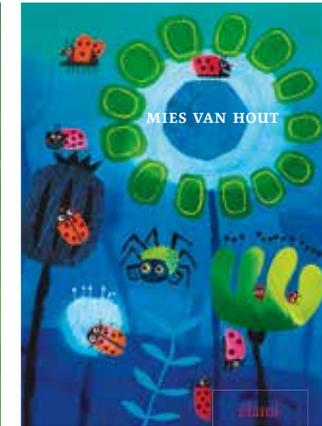
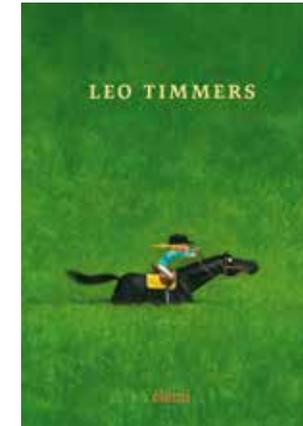


*Max & Millie* (5+)  
dtv (German)



*Dad is a Polar Bear* (7+)  
Carlsen (German)

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LEO TIMMERS

## Mimi & Me

Early one morning Mimi's father arrives home with a very special surprise: a horse! Little Mimi is overjoyed. Through the eyes of her new mare, we see their story unfold. Mimi and the horse are soon inseparable and together they explore the world as Mimi grows up. Until the day Mimi is no longer a little girl and brings a friend with her. Will this change everything forever?

A gorgeous, dazzling story, told sensitively with alternating black-and-white drawings and colourful, evocative paintings.

'A beautiful and bighearted new story from one of our finest picture book makers. I love it! It's such an expert piece of picture book making—the way Leo alternates text and wordless spreads, and black-and-white images and paintings, it all creates a beautiful rhythm. Very exciting stuff.' – MAC BARNETT



Picture Book | 72 pages | 30 x 27 cm | 5+

**English translation available**

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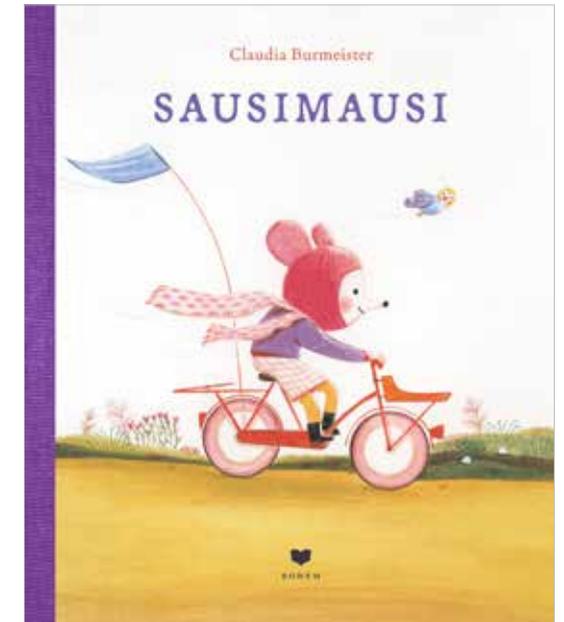


CLAUDIA BURMEISTER

# Izzy Whizzy

Izzy Whizzy is an intrepid little mouse who loves to ride her bike. Today, her friends want a ride too. So the fox, dormouse, mole, chick, squirrel family and Dr Rabbit hop on the back. Up the hill they whizz, and then back down. Again and again! It all ends with a few bumps, but Izzy Whizzy is already planning her next adventure.

A charming picture book that will delight young readers who enjoy a thrill and exploring the world.



Picture Book | 24 pages | 22 x 22,5 cm | 2+  
English translation available



REBEKKA STELBRINK

## Suddenly Mum

The old badger lived all alone in his den at the edge of the forest. Over the years, he had become a grumpy old grouch.

But one day, as he searched for something tasty to fill his empty belly, everything changed. Just as he went to tuck into an egg he had been looking forward to eating, a tiny chick hatched and thought the badger was his mum! The badger hadn't expected this at all...

With her detailed collage artwork, Rebekka Stelbrink has created enchanting illustrations for this modern-day legend. For everyone who knows that family is much more than next of kin!



Picture Book | 36 pages | 22 x 30 cm | 3+

**English translation available**

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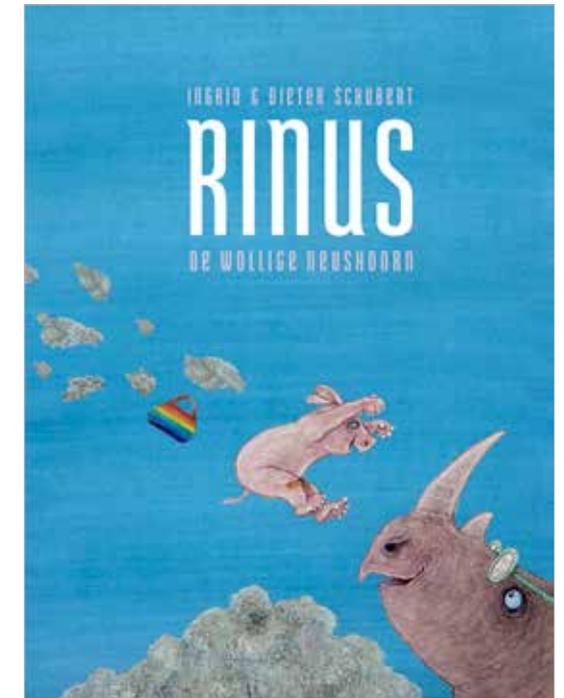
INGRID & DIETER SCHUBERT

## Ryan the Woolly Rhino

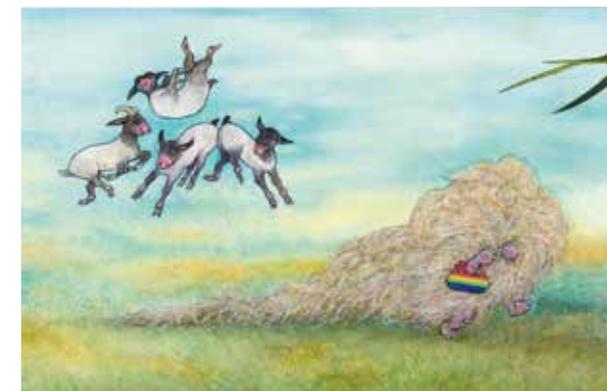
Ryan is dreaming of a woolly coat... Grandpa tells Ryan about a time long ago, when woolly rhinoceroses roamed the Earth.

Ryan is instantly captivated and decides he wants to become a 'woolly' rhino too! He visits all his animal friends to find out how he can get a coat just like his ancestors. But that turns out to be trickier than he thought!

Ingrid and Dieter Schubert have written and illustrated yet another wonderfully humorous picture book about Ryan, the rambunctious little rhino. It is a heartwarming story about imagination, family, and being yourself.



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

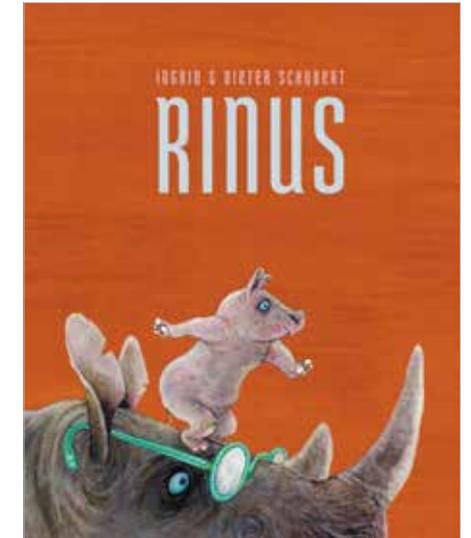


INGRID & DIETER SCHUBERT

## Ryan

### Picture Book of the Year 2025

When Ryan's Grandpa was young, he was an extremely tough and strong rhinoceros. But now he is old. He prefers to doze all day in the shade. Ryan, of course, is not happy about that; he wants to play and run around. While Grandpa is asleep, Ryan sneaks off to the waterfall in search of adventure. And then the inevitable happens: Ryan falls. The animals that rush to the rescue are unable to help him. There is only one who can: Ryan's tough, strong grandpa.



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

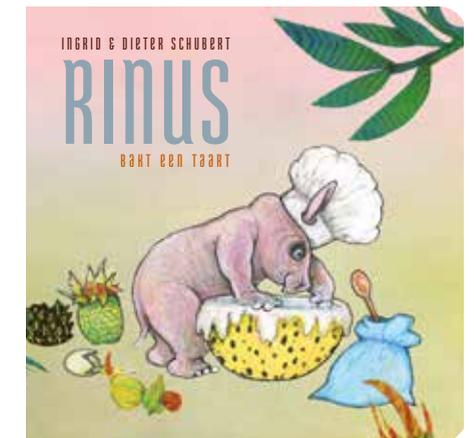
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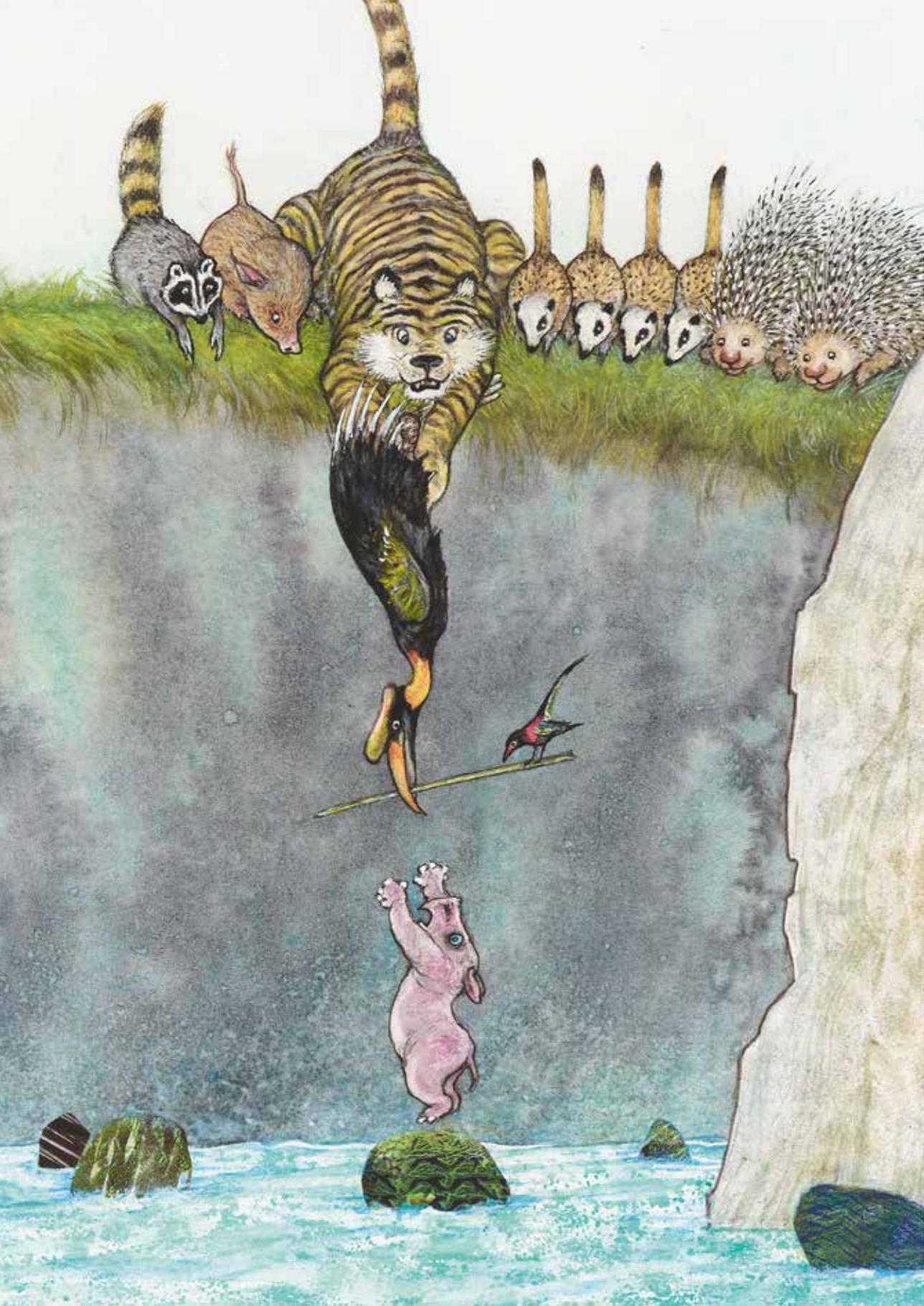
## Ryan Bakes a Cake

Ryan is back!

This time he's in the kitchen, making a delicious cake for Grandpa's birthday. But everything goes wrong when Ryan's reckless friend arrives. What will Ryan do now?



Board Book | 12 pages | 20 x 20 cm | Age: 2+



GIDEON SAMSON & MILJA PRAAGMAN

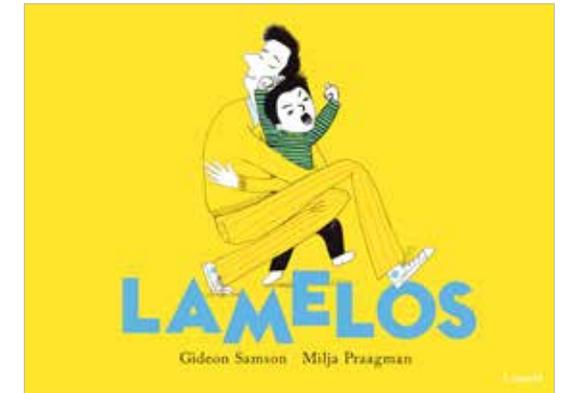
# Lemmego

*One day I was angry, so angry, so  
horribly angry  
my father grabbed me and decided to  
never let go of me again.*

Gideon Samson and Milja Praagman relate the timeless story of a father and son who are literally inseparable.

A magnificent picture book about doing EVERYTHING together and finally letting go after all.

Disruptive, moving and hilarious. For everyone who's had moments when they could have been a tiny, teensy little bit less angry.



Picture Book | 40 pages | 32 x 18 cm | 3+  
English translation available

'The cure for the tantrums is a hug that never ends. (...) Illustrations as expressive, dynamic and irrepressible as a fit of anger. (...) An original way of delivering this heart-warming message.'

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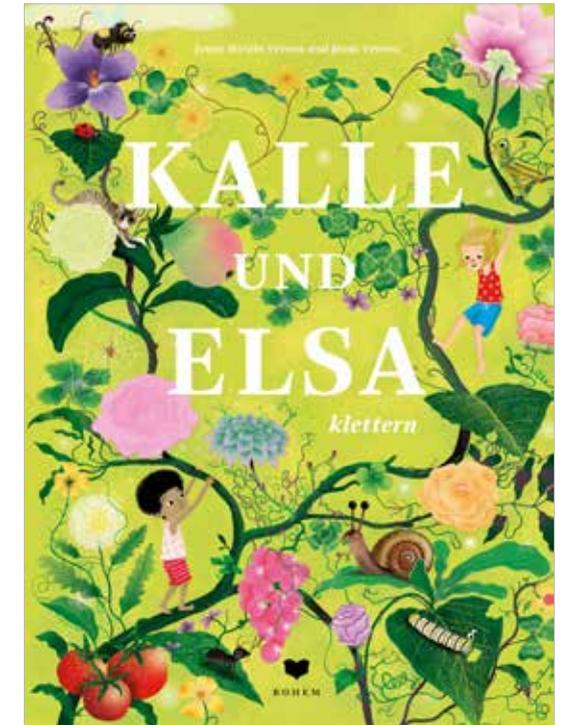


JENNY WESTIN VERONA & JESÚS VERONA

## Kalle and Elsa Climb Up High

Best friends Kalle and Elsa set out on an adventure in Grandma's garden. They have fun jumping over the sprinkle until Grandma turns off the water. So Kalle and Elsa investigate the old garden shed to see if they can find anything interesting there. Tucked away between the tools and old junk, they find some strange looking seeds. As soon as the seeds are planted and watered, the magic begins. Before they know it an unusual plant has grown right up to the sky.

As Kalle and Elsa climb higher and higher, they start to see the world from an entirely different perspective. Their exciting adventure eventually comes to an end, safe and sound back down in Grandma's garden with juice and cake. A modern Bullerby story where readers discover the magic hidden in an ordinary garden.



Picture Book | 36 pages | 22,5 x 30 cm | Age: 3+

English translation available

Rights sold: Cambourakis (French)



DAAN REMMERTS DE VRIES & HANNEKE SIEMENSMA

## The Kind of Day Nothing Happens

The cat Persimmon discovers a cardboard box with a woollen jumper folded neatly inside it. The perfect place for a nap! Contentedly she curls up in the box. But the box was there for a reason. The box is closed and taken to the post office, where it goes on a long, long journey. Over big ocean waves. And through the air, in an eagle's talons. Bouncing up and down in a kangaroo's pouch. And from there into an erupting volcano!

And Persimmon? How will Persimmon cope with it all?



Picture Book | 32 pages | 24 x 30 cm | Age: 5+  
English translation available

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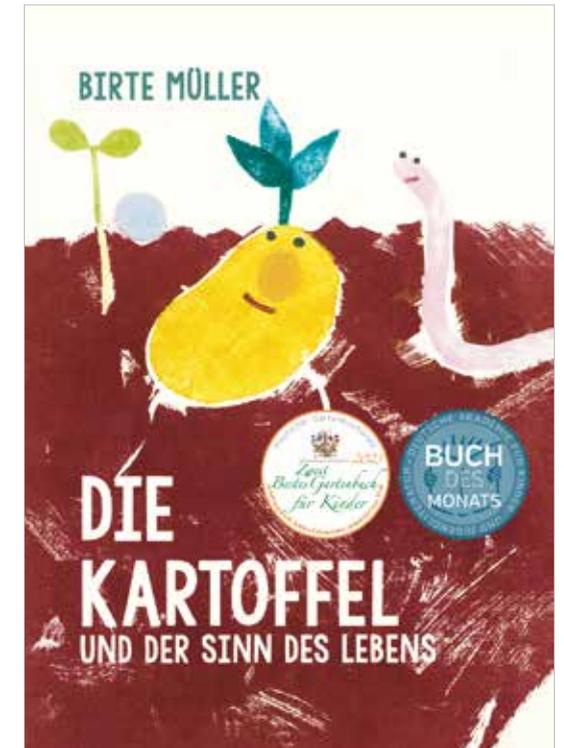
BIRTE MÜLLER

## A Potato and the Meaning of Life

No potato should have to do anything!

How often as children did we hear an adult say, 'You have to...!' But do we really always have to meet the expectations of others? In this story, a small potato doesn't follow the path set out for it to become potato soup, but instead hops off to explore the world and find out what sorts of lives others lead. Some do useful or beautiful things, while others simply just exist. What will the little potato eventually become one day? One thing is sure, it is a miracle in itself, the miracle of life.

Birte Müller has finally created a new picture book, and, in a hyper-digital world, used a traditional method that suits the story perfectly: potato prints.

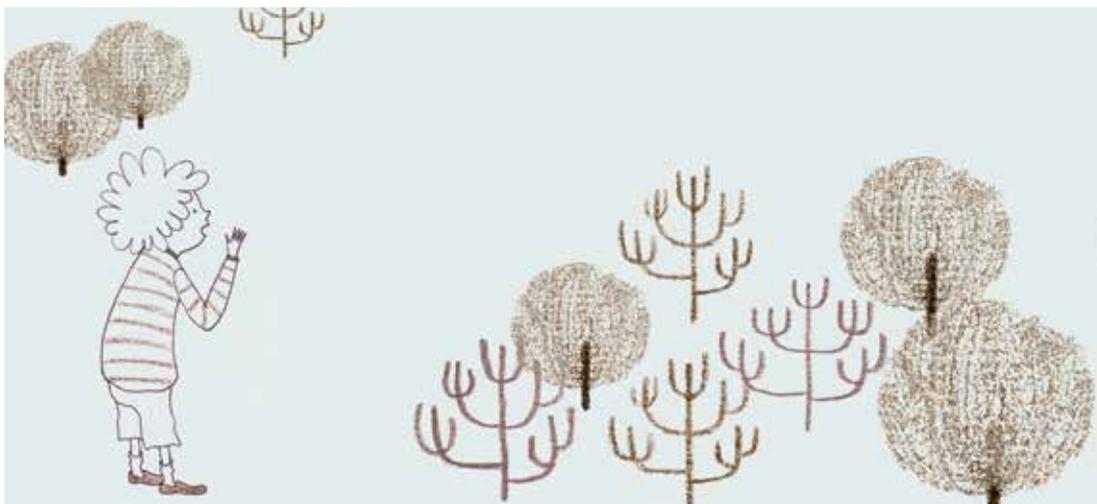
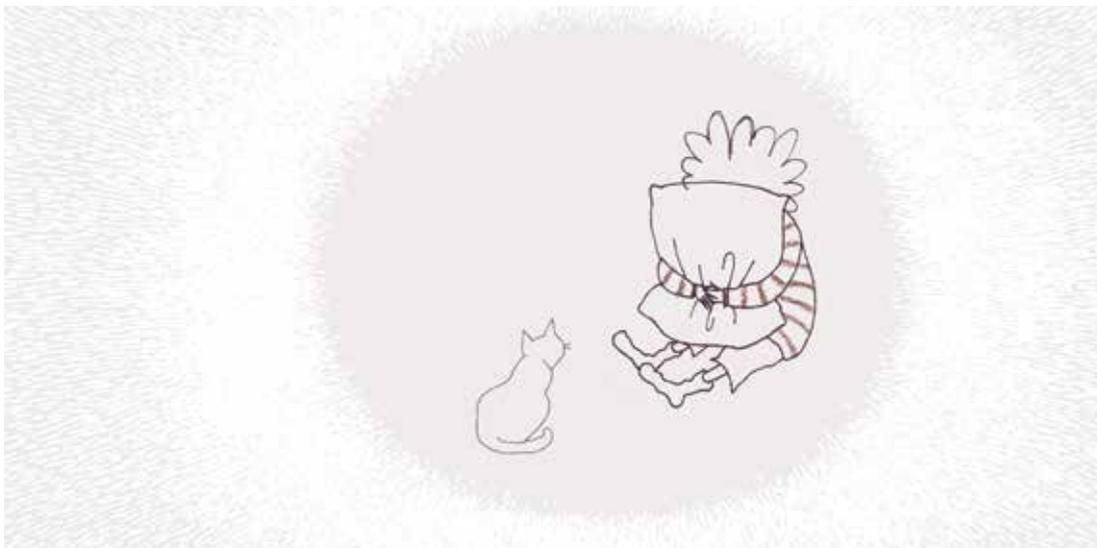
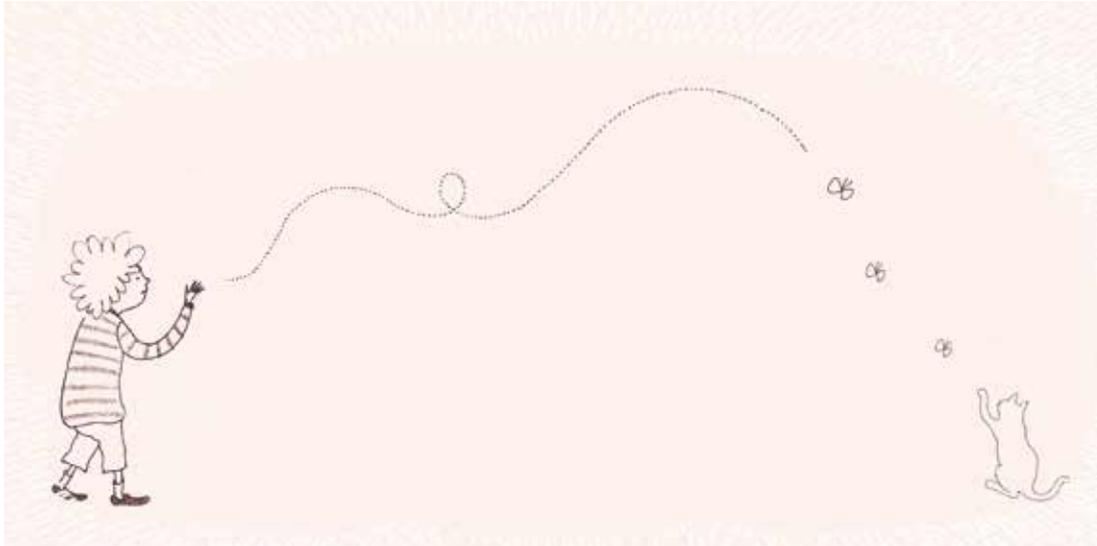


Picture Book | 32 pages | 20,5 x 28 cm | Age: 5+

English translation available

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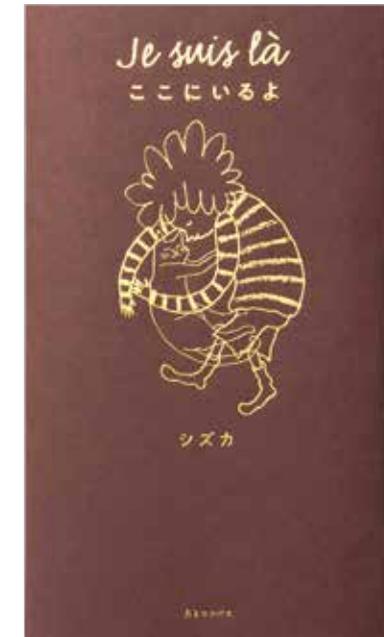
## SHIZUKA

# I'm Right Here (Koko ni iru yo)

A boy's cat has passed away. Each morning, he wakes up to find the cat still gone. He eats breakfast alone. He calls the cat, who always came before, but still no cat comes. Until... with the turn of a translucent age, a whispered reply seems to appear: 'Here I am.'

This charming picture book from the Japanese author and illustrator Shizuka is the story of a boy coming to terms with the loss of his cat born out of Shizuka's own experience. The story unfolds through simple, yet profoundly moving words of loneliness, sadness and ultimately reassurance, encouragement and love. Spare illustrations of the boy – and all the unforgettable memories of the cat he lost – are brought to life through the ingenious use of paper and printing, the reader can intuitively relive the emotional movements that boy is felt through this book.

A story of healing and rebirth for those grieving the loss of a loved one.



Picture Book | 48 pages | 13 x 22 cm | All Ages

**English translation available**

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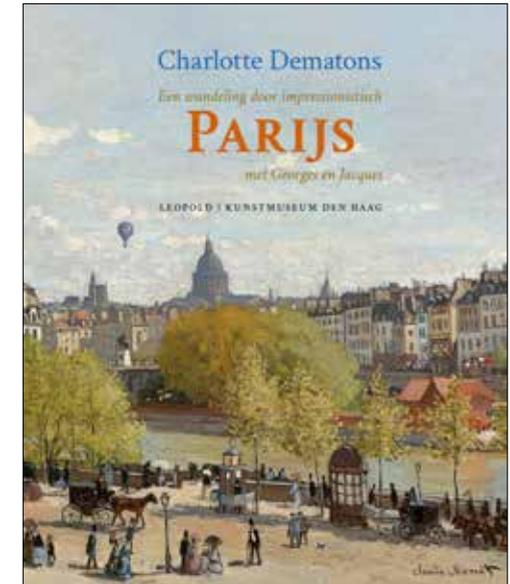


CHARLOTTE DEMATONS

# A Stroll with Georges and Jacques Through Impressionist Paris



Georges, a homeless man, sits alone on a shaded bench, overcome by despair. A war has not only shattered his life but also transformed his city. His mind drifts back to the young painters he once spent time with—those lost in battle or now basking in fame—and to the woman he once loved. When his old friend Jacques finds him in the park, the two take a stroll through the ever-changing streets. Tomorrow, Paris will celebrate its liberation. Georges and Jacques go in search of a quiet spot to escape the crowds.



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

Charlotte Dematons, a multi-award-winning illustrator, follows their route using highlights of French Impressionism. Find the yellow balloon, the small black cat and the hot air balloon in this book full of interesting facts about 19<sup>th</sup>-century Paris.

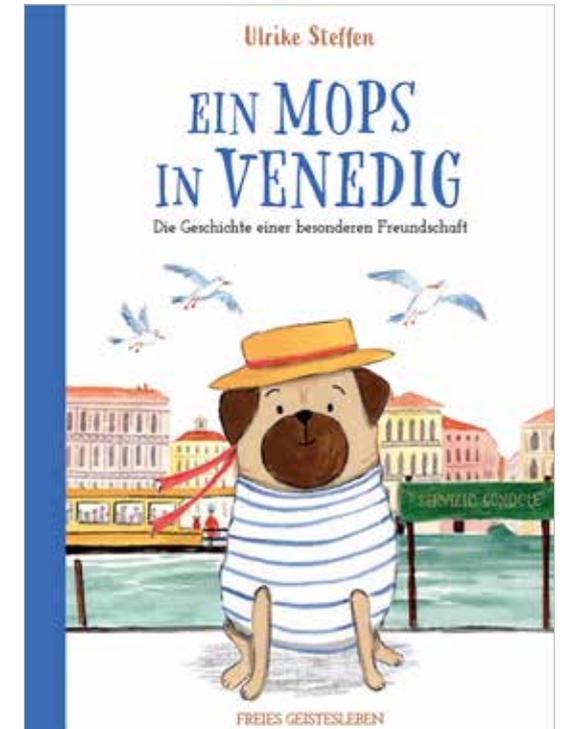
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ULRIKE STEFFEN

## A Pug in Venice

Piccolo is a small pug with a big heart. He lives in beautiful Venice with Signora Rosa, a famous elderly opera singer who loves music, bright clothes, and even brighter glasses. They enjoy walks and boat rides along the narrow alleys and canals and spending time with Wilma, Rosa's best friend. But Wilma leaves Venice—and with her much that brings joy to Signora Rosa. She starts to feel lonely and sad and even loses interest in her brightly coloured clothes and even more brightly coloured glasses. One thing is clear for Piccolo: Signora Rosa needs a new friend. And he's going to find the right people for her! His search is a success, not only for Signora Rosa...



Illustrated Fiction | 44 pages | 20,5 x 28 cm | Age: 5+

English translation available



SJOERD KUYPER & SANNE TE LOO

## Maantje Moves the Sea

*Maantje gazes out over the waves.*

*'I'm moving the sea,' she says.*

*'Grandma moved a week ago. She used to live in the world, but now she lives inside my mind. Since she loved to swim in the sea, I'm moving the sea into my mind so she can swim there too.'*

Maantje is a girl brimming with stories. Not only can she think them up and tell them, she also writes them down beautifully. When Grandma is so ill that she cannot get better, Maantje writes a story for her, to bring her joy one last time. And it works.

After Grandma is gone, Maantje has to make up stories to bring herself joy again. And that works too.



Illustrated Fiction | 80 pages | 18,5 x 22,5 cm | 7+

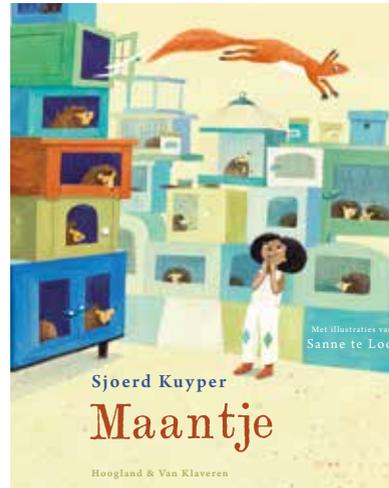
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SJOERD KUYPER & SANNE TE LOO

# Maantje

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



Illustrated Fiction | 80 pages | 18,5 x 22,5 cm | 7+  
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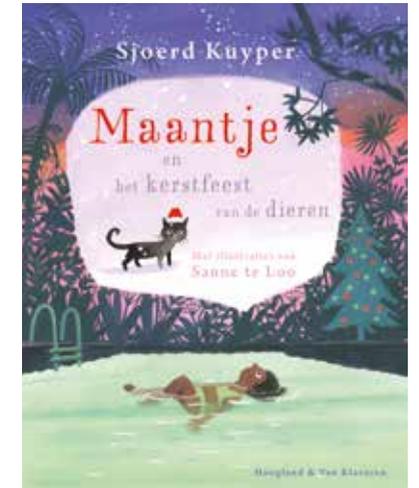
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SJOERD KUYPER & SANNE TE LOO

# Maantje and the Animals' Christmas

Together with her parents and grandma, Maantje is on her way to Surinam to celebrate Christmas with Uncle Albert and Aunt Cynthia. But however nice it is in the tropics, Maantje longs for a Christmas in the Netherlands, and thinks of her cat Ninnoc who is alone for the holidays. She comforts herself with the thought that all the animals from the neighbourhood will come to their house to celebrate Christmas with Ninnoc. Even the snowy owl pays a visit!



Illustrated Fiction | 18,5 x 22,5 cm  
124 pages | 7+  
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# Maantje Writes A Book

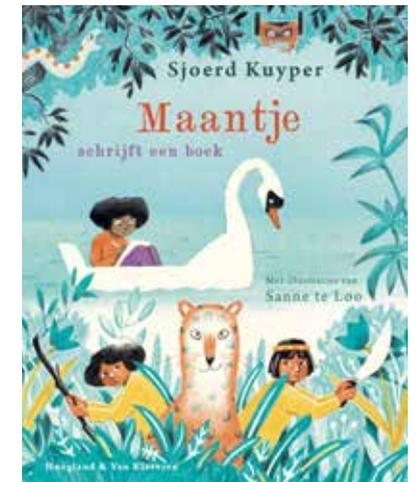
*Maantje wanders around the flea market. She is looking for books and Playmobil figures but cannot find anything.*

*'You haven't bought a book yet,' says Mum. 'Do you want to keep looking around or shall we go and have a drink across the street?'*

*'I don't want a book,' she says to Mum.*

*Because if you can make up your own story, you do not need a book.*

And that is what Maantje does. The story is about her big brother Wonderboy who lives in the rainforests across the ocean, where he has to take on the evil wizard Transformer.



Illustrated Fiction | 18,5 x 22,5 cm  
112 pages | 7+  
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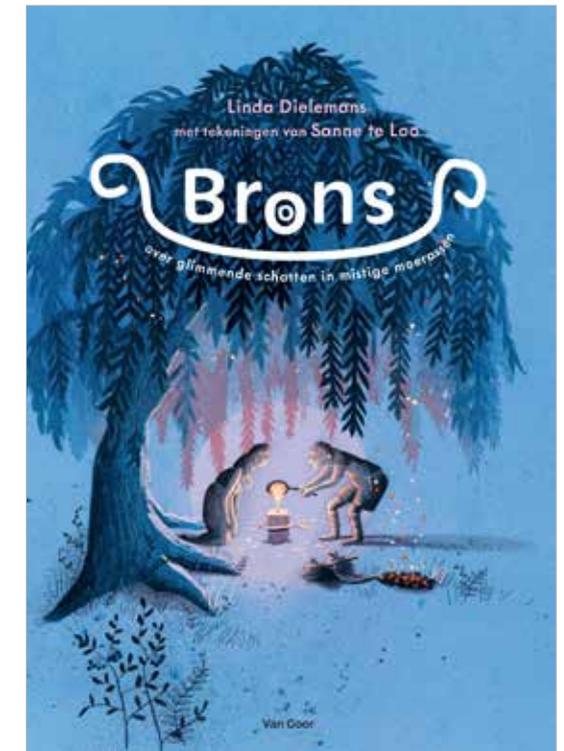
LINDA DIELEMANS & SANNE TE LOO

## Bronze

Think of your most treasured possession, the most precious, most beautiful, most special thing you own. You would never throw it away, not in a million years. But in the Bronze Age, some four thousand years ago, that is exactly what people did. Bronze was incredibly precious, and yet beautiful jewellery and gleaming swords were cast into marshes and rivers.

This book tells the fascinating story of bronze, a tale full of thrilling events, mysterious places, and magnificent objects from thousands of years ago. You will join archaeologists on their quest to uncover the greatest mystery of the Bronze Age: why did people throw away their most valuable possessions?

Inspired by the research of archaeology professor David Fontijn, Linda Dielemans transports you to an extraordinary time that feels both strange and familiar. Sanne te Loo's beautiful illustrations bring the Bronze Age magically to life.



Illustrated Narrative Non-Fiction | 192 pages

17 x 23,7 cm | 10+

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JAN PAUL SCHUTTEN & TJARKO VAN DER POL

## The Climate Atlas. Aaargh, We're All Doomed!

*'The climate? It's been changing for millions of years!'*

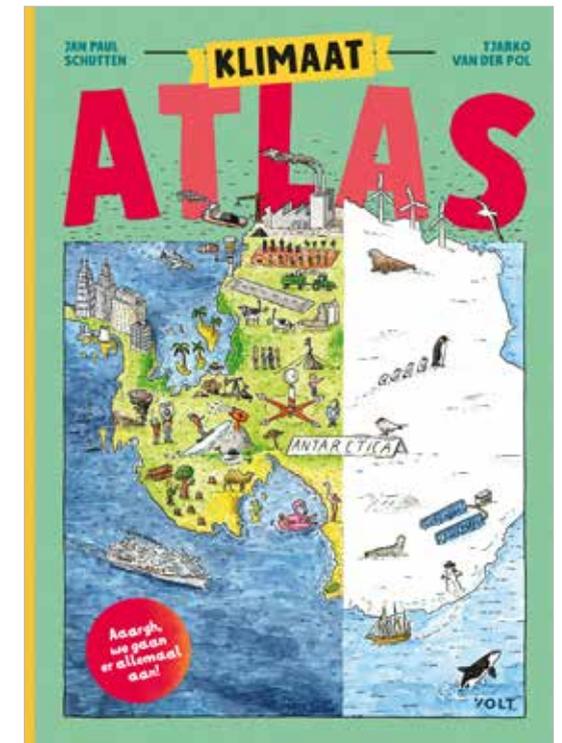
*'Nah, the climate isn't changing at all.'*

*'Yes, the climate is definitely changing, but that's a good thing! It'll be nice and warm everywhere.'*

*'Climate change is real, but there's nothing I can do about it.'*

*'Look, it's snowing. What climate change?!'*

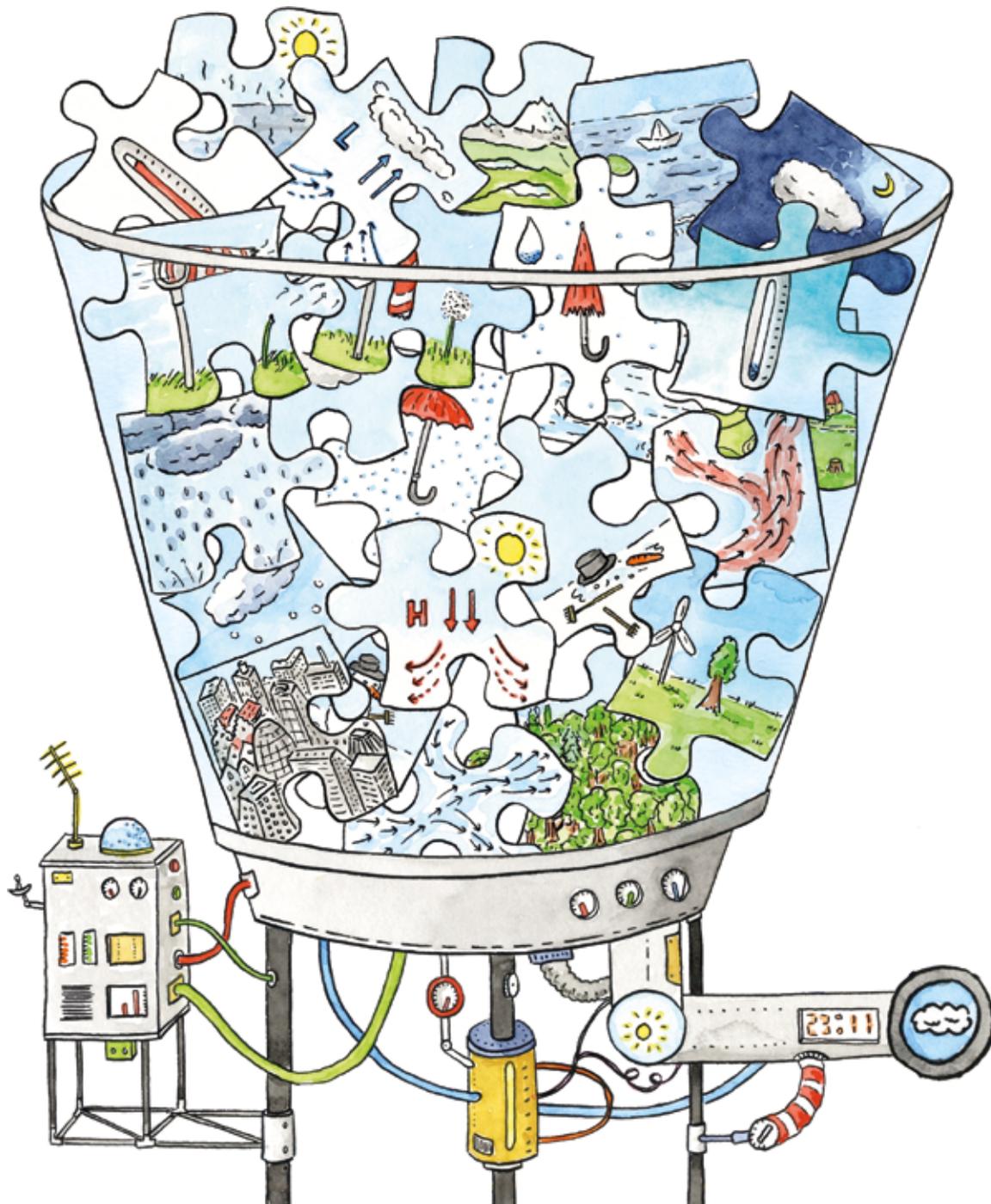
Everyone has an opinion about the climate. And sure, you can have an opinion on just about anything, such as whether Superman would beat Batman in a fight, if pineapple belongs on pizza, whether toilet paper should hang over or under, or if you say 'fries' or 'chips'. But forming an opinion about the climate? That is a bit trickier. Read *The Climate Atlas* to get the full picture, because it contains the information you need to form a sensible and evidence-based opinion.



Illustrated Non-Fiction | 96 pages | 23,8 x 33,8 cm | 10+  
English sample available

*'Schutten understands that climate change is a complex topic. He calmly guides the reader through the material. (...) Tjarko van der Pol deserves high praise for his illuminating illustrations, which are imaginative and playful without detracting from the factual message.'*

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JUDITH MOHR & FRANZISKA VIVIANE ZOBEL

## A Bag Full of Magic

11-year-old Ben's autumn break is about to start, and it looks like the worst kind of break he could possibly imagine. Instead of taking him away somewhere nice, Ben's parents are making him and his moody older sister Paulina help out at the family hotel in Tupfelingen, The Forester. The hotel is finally fully booked again for a few days, so he'll have to work hard. And to top it all off, his mum has even hired his dull classmate Lea to help out too. However, when Ben and Lea realise that the ladies staying at the hotel aren't the Northern Crochet Club but the Northern Witches circle, things take an unexpected turn in an extremely bewitching way. Who does the forgotten bag belong to? And what are those odd little bottles and strange powders?

In this oblong book, illustrated with warmth and humour by Franziska Viviane Zobel, Judith Mohr spins a fantastic story with a hidden meaning.



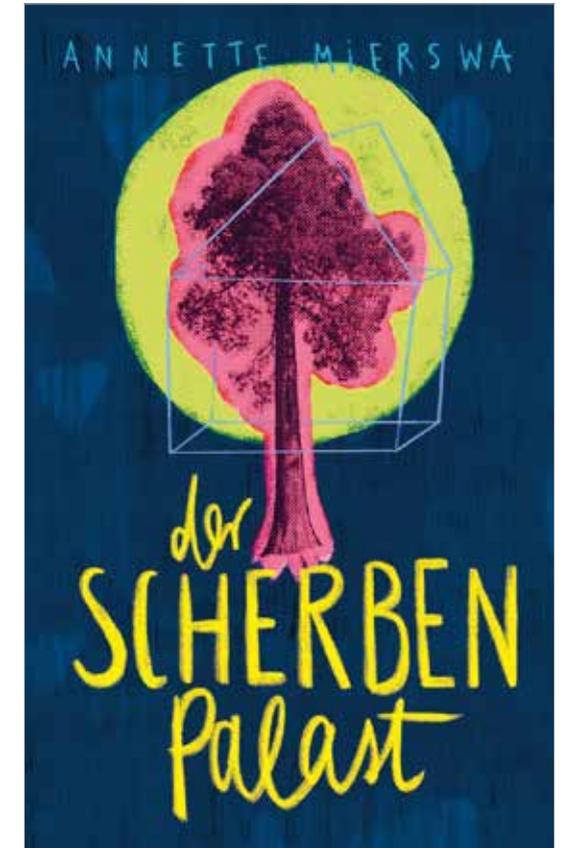
Illustrated Fiction (BW) | 252 pages  
21,5 x 13,5 cm (oblong) | 8+

German pdf available

ANNETTE MIERSWA

## Piece by Piece

Lou is angry, very angry. Her family is moving from Hamburg to Mannheim. But where on earth is Mannheim? Powerless, Lou is propelled into a new life. A life without her best friend Nel, a life without Damian who made so much seem possible. Lou wants her old life back and will do anything she can to get it. She picks fights with her parents, with her new neighbours, with everyone. But then she gets to know the old lady next door who likes to sit under the giant redwood in front of her fascinating house build from a mosaic of glass. She accepts Lou as she is, no questions asked. And then there's her new classmate Sari who doesn't give up, encouraging Lou to live life to the full, and introducing her to the mysterious Tikey who awakens something deep within Lou she hadn't realised existed. Whether Lou wants it or not, the pieces of her life slowly come together, creating something new, something amazing.



Fiction | 208 pages | 22 x 13,8 cm | 14+

German pdf available



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