

LEO TIMMERS



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Leo Timmers made his debut as a picture book author in 2000 with *Happy With Me* and was awarded with a Bookfeather (most promising picture book debut) the same year. From then on Leo wrote most of his books himself. *Gus's Garage* was awarded the 2017 Children's and Youth Jury Award, a price Leo won eight times. His book *Bang* was awarded the prestigious Bookpeacock Award (best illustrated book of the year). *A Home for Harry* was elected Picture Book of the Year 2019 in the Netherlands and *Monkey on the Run* was chosen for the New York Times / New York Public Library 10 Best Illustrated Children's Book 2019. *Elephant's Island* was elected one of the 10 Best Picture Books of 2022 by the New York Times. In 2024, *Monster Lake* was awarded the Leipziger Lesekompass in Germany and longlisted for the prestigious BOON Literary Prize in Belgium. Leo Timmers is longlisted for the 2026 Hans Christian Andersen Award and nominated for the 2026 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. His books have been translated in 39 languages to date. www.leotimmers.com



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Praise for Leo Timmers

'Illustrator and author Leo Timmers does not only have a hallucinating detailed style of painting, but also a funny way of writing. All his books are a joy to read and look at together.'

– DE VOLKSKRANT

'Could be at all possible that there are a few of you still out there unaware of the great golden glory that is Leo Timmers?'

– SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

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Mimi & Me (5+)

aracari (German), Artkonekt (Macedonian), Cambourakis (French), CITIC Press (Simpl. Chinese), Gecko Press (World English), Juventud (Spanish & Catalan), Locus (Complex Chinese), Polyandria (Russian), Terre di mezzo (Italian)



The Monster in the Lake (3+)

Marsik (Turkish), Tramuntana (Catalan & World Spanish excl. Latin America), UnaLuna (Spanish for Latin America)



Bear's Lost Glasses (3+)

Ars Lamina (Macedonian), Eastern Publishing (Complex Chinese), Univers (Romanian)



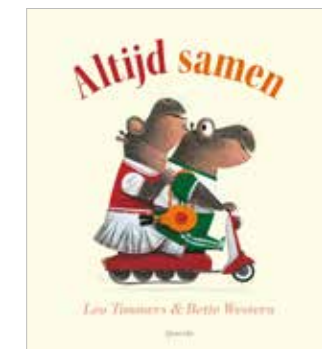
Kind Crocodile (2+)

Eastern Publishing (Complex Chinese)



Deep-sea Doctor Derek (4+)

Nava (Thai)



Always Together (All Ages)

aracari (German)

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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

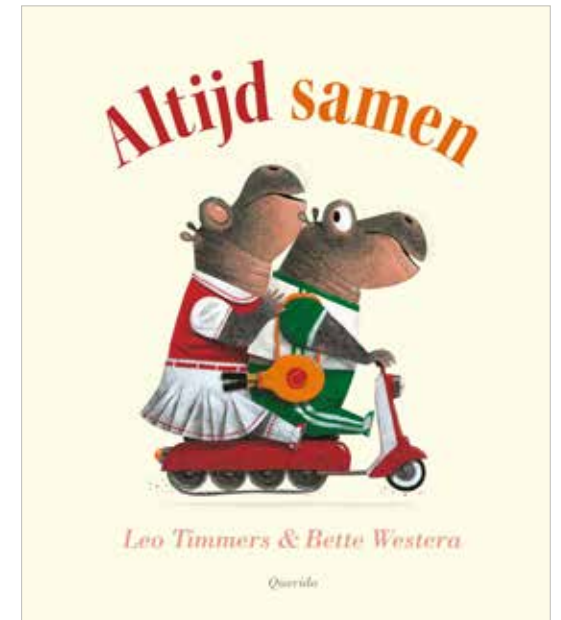
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LEO TIMMERS & BETTE WESTERA

Always Together

Friendship is a major theme in Leo Timmers' books. This gift book brings together the most endearing pairs of friends from his work, including *Elephant's Island*, *Monkey on the Run*, *Bang* and many more. To accompany the illustrations, multiple Golden Pencil- and Golden Poetry Medal-winner Bette Westera has written a brand-new verse celebrating each of these funny and heartwarming twosomes.



Gift book | 17 x 20 cm | 32 pages | All Ages

English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German)



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Bear's Lost Glasses

Bear has lost his glasses.
He must have left them at Giraffe's.
On his way to his friend, Bear sees
animals he's never seen before!

A fun adventure full of hilarious
mistakes.

'Timmers is a master at "Show, don't tell."
... [His] stunning mixed-media images, with
clever details and surprises that make mul-
tiple readings a treat, are a playful reminder
that it's not just what we see that matters
but also how we choose to see it.'

– THE NEW YORK TIMES

'A humorous, delightful tale about finding
wonderful new ways to see the world.'

– KIRKUS REVIEWS



Picture Book | 25 x 25 cm | 36 pages | Age: 3+

English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Ars Lamina (Macedonian),
Berghs (Swedish), Cambourakis (French), CITIC Press (Simpl.
Chinese), Eastern Publishing (Complex Chinese),
Gecko Press (World English), Great Book (Korean),
Ibis Grafica (Croatian), Matar (Hebrew & Arabic), Terre
di mezzo (Italian), UnaLuna (Spanish for Latin America),
Univers (Romanian)

**Winner of the Children's and
Youth Award 2024 (BE)**

**Winner of the Buxtehuder
Kälbchen 2025 (DE)**

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The Monster in the Lake

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

'Here be monsters - and they are monstrously fun!'

– KIRKUS, STARRED REVIEW

'With sparse text and large-scale illustrations, this is an ideal choice for toddlers and preschool storytimes that is clever enough to entertain adults, too.'

–BOOKLIST, STARRED REVIEW

'Children who get their hands on this oversize, glossy delight, filled with maid-to-linger details, will be lucky ducks indeed.'

– PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY, STARRED REVIEW

Winner of the Leipziger Lesekompass 2024 (DE)
Winner of the Prix Bernard Versele 2025 (FR)
Longlisted for the BOON Literary Prize 2024 (BE)
Shortlisted for the Children's & Youth Award



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

Age: 3+

English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Berghs (Swedish), Cambourakis (French), CITIC Press (Simpl. Chinese), Eastern Publishing (Complex Chinese), Gecko Press (World English), Greatbooks Inc. (Korean), Marsik (Turkish) Polyandria (Russian), Terre di mezzo (Italian), The Poets & Dragons Society (Portuguese for Portugal), Tramuntana (Catalan & World Spanish excl. Latin America), UnaLuna (Spanish for Latin America)

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Kind Crocodile

The kind crocodile goes out of his pond to see the world.
All kinds of animals are looking for help! Will he be able to rescue them?

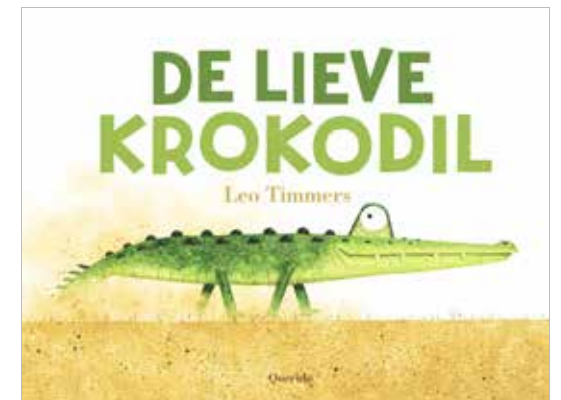
'Could it be at all possible that there are a few of you still out there unaware of the great golden glory that is Leo Timmers?'

– SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

'With its strong plot, concise text and engaging illustrations, *Kind Crocodile* is yet another winner from Timmers.'

– MAPPALIBRI.BE

'A humorous book about the unexpected powers of cooperation and friendship, full of clever little jokes and aimed at very young readers.' – DE MORGEN



Board Book | 25 x 18,8 cm | 28 pages | Age: 2+
English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Cambourakis (French), CITIC Press (Simpl. Chinese), Eastern Publishing (Complex Chinese), L&PM (Portuguese for Brazil), Omnipax (Norwegian), Polyandria (Russian), The Poets & Dragons Society (Portuguese for Portugal), Turbine (Danish), UnaLuna (World Spanish)

Motion Picture rights in option
Musical Theatre rights sold (France)

Book of the Month February 2022 (NL)
Winner the Children's Jury Prize 2022 (Flanders)



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Elephant's Island

After a storm at sea, Elephant is washed up on an island. He calls for help, and look, here comes Mouse, sailing towards him. Mouse lets Elephant come aboard, but the boat is far too small and breaks under the weight. Dog and Crocodile cannot save the shipwrecked duo, either. So they all stay on the island. It is going to be so much fun...

'This light-tension, winking tale of a make-shift homecoming is sure to delight audiences at story time. Its mixed-media illustrations evoke stop-motion films; the animals' stiff, bewildered looks are humorous, and the colors and clever details are electrifying.'

– FOREWARD REVIEWS, STARRED REVIEW

'A picture book tribute to the power of collective, constructive play, and to heeding the call of freedom.' – PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

'Yet another triumphant experiment for the award-winning Timmers' – THE NEW YORK TIMES



Picture Book | 21 x 28 cm | 48 pages | Age: 3+
English translation available

Rights sold: Agyra (Greek), aracarí (German), BomiArt Books (Korean), Cambourakis (French), Children's Publications (Complex Chinese), CITIC (Simpl. Chinese), Gecko Press (World English), Marsik (Turkish)

The Times Children's Book of the Week (UK)
Picture Book finalist, Teach Early Years Awards 2022 (UK)
1 of the 10 Best Picture Books of the Year 2022 (New York Times, US)



LEO TIMMERS

Where Is the Dragon?

Three not-so-smart knights go in search of a dragon – the King doesn't dare to go to bed until they defeat the beast. The knights know all about dragons, and are armed to the teeth. Now they just have to find it. With a candle in hand, they go looking in the dark night. They soon find something that looks very much like a dragon... Charge!

In *Where Is the Dragon?* Leo Timmers plays with light and shade in an ingenious way. Charming illustrations tell a story in which nothing is what it seems.

'A fun, goofy bedtime—or anytime—story.'

– KIRKUS (STARRED REVIEW)

'With *Where's the dragon?* Timmers confirms his reputation as one of our most important picture book makers.' – ★★★★★ DE MORGEN

'"*Where Is the Dragon?*" is a beautiful, unsolvable riddle about fear, its manifestations and what it means to try to conquer what might have no intention of ever causing any harm.' – THE NEW YORK TIMES



Picture Book | 28 x 21 cm | 40 pages | Age: 3+
English translation available

Rights sold: Alturjman (Arabic), aracari (German), Berghs (Swedish), BomiArt Books (Korean), Cambourakis (French), Children's Publications (Complex Chinese), CITIC Press (Simpl. Chinese), Daruso Consulting (Czech & Slovak), Fox Book Café (Bulgarian), Gecko Press (World English), IRHCLI (Persian), Kagaku Dojin (Japanese), Marsik (Turkish), Mladinska Knjiga (Slovenian), Polyandria (Russian), Pulce (Italian), The Poets & Dragons Society (Portuguese for Portugal), UnaLuna (World Spanish)

★★★★★ Teach Early Years Awards 2021 (UK)

**Shortlisted for the Children's Jury Prize
2021 (Flanders)**

Winner Premio nazionale Nati per Leggere (IT)

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Monkey on the Run

Daddy Monkey and little Monkey are on the road. But it is so busy, and so slow!

Little Monkey has no patience. He escapes from his safe seat and swings from the firemen's ladder to the crane, jumps over the street sweeper, straight through the taxi. The street is like a playground! The ultimate car book by Leo Timmers, packed with funny vehicles and surprising monkey antics.

'Through it all, the curious little monkey remains admirably cool and mischievously confident—and as delighted by the surroundings as readers will be.'

– PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (STARRED REVIEW)

'The award-winning Illustrator didn't just make the magnificent illustrations but also wrote the charming rhymes.'

– SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG

'The judges were drawn to this book because the illustrations are both exciting and contemplative.' – NEW YORK TIMES/ NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY JURY



Picture Book | 28 x 22 cm | 32 pages | All ages
English translation available

Rights sold: BomiArt Books (Korean), Cambourakis (French), Children's Publications (Complex Chinese), CITIC (Simpl. Chinese), Daruso Consulting (Czech & Slovak), Gecko Press (World English), Magellan (German), Pulce (Italian), UnaLuna (World Spanish)

Chosen for the New York Times / New York Public Library 10 Best Illustrated Children's Book 2019

IBBY Honour List 2020 - Nominated for the Prize of the Children's Jury 2020 (Flanders)

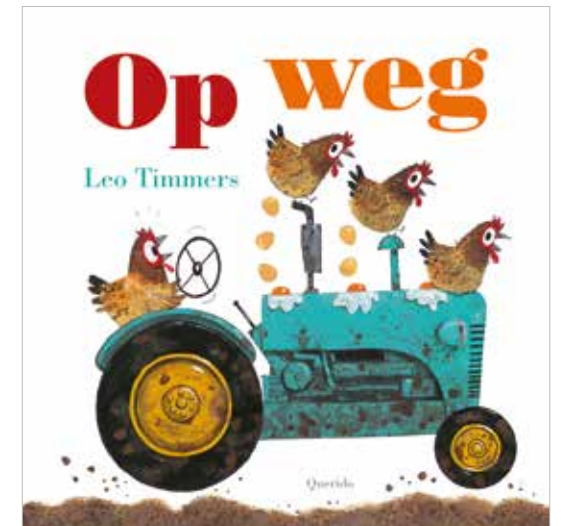
Shortlisted for the Children's Jury Prize 2020 (Flanders)



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On the Move

For years, Leo Timmers has been drawing all kinds of means of transport that travel by land, air and water. In this book, they actually move! Via sliders and dials, the racing car zooms away, the tram clacks along, and the plane takes off. Vehicles, vessels and aircraft from previous books including *Monkey on the Run*, *Gus's Garage* and *Franky* are featured in this sturdy board book for little hands.



Animated Board Book | 19 x 19 cm | 14 pages
Age: 2+

Rights sold: BomiArt Books (Korean),
CITIC (Simplified Chinese)



LEO TIMMERS

A Home for Harry

Harry is a big soft tomcat, and very playful.

One day when the window is open, he follows a butterfly over the rooftops, into the city. Until he's suddenly lost. Will he ever find his way back home again?

Picture Book of the Year 2019

'The balance is successfully struck between humour and seriousness. And his imagery – though appropriately less colourful this time – is still refined and dynamic.'

– DE MORGEN



Picture Book | 56 pages | 19 x 27 cm | Age: 3+
English translation available

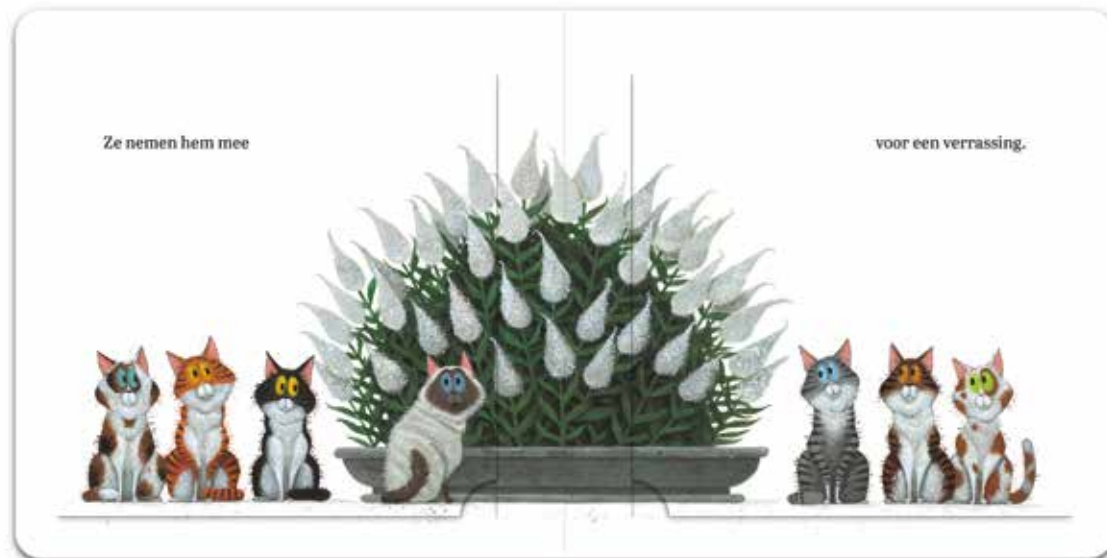
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Bromera (Spanish, Catalan, Basque, Valencian, Galician),
Cambourakis (French), CITIC (Simpl. Chinese),
Marsik (Turkish)

Previously published in Danish, Italian
and Russian

TV-Series rights under option

LEO TIMMERS

A Home for Harry – Lift-the-Flap Book



One day, when Harry goes out to play, he cannot find his way home. Where should he go now? Fortunately, he meets lots of new friends. And they bring him cheerfully back home!

An interactive board book with a heartwarming story about the vital importance of friends, full of flaps to lift that will surprise again and again.

'The illustrations have so much depth that you feel tempted to touch objects and peek behind doors.

- ★★★★★ DE VOLKSKRANT



Lift-the-Flap Book | 17 x 17 cm | 14 pages | 2+
English translation available



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Gus's Garage

Gus is a cheerful do-it-yourselfer. Early in the morning, he arrives at his garage, where everyone comes by with a different problem: Rico has backache, Janne thinks it's too hot, Walter misses the sea. Don't panic: Gus always comes up with something! Using an old scooter, a discarded bathtub and a worn-out fridge, he makes the most amazing vehicles in everyone's size.

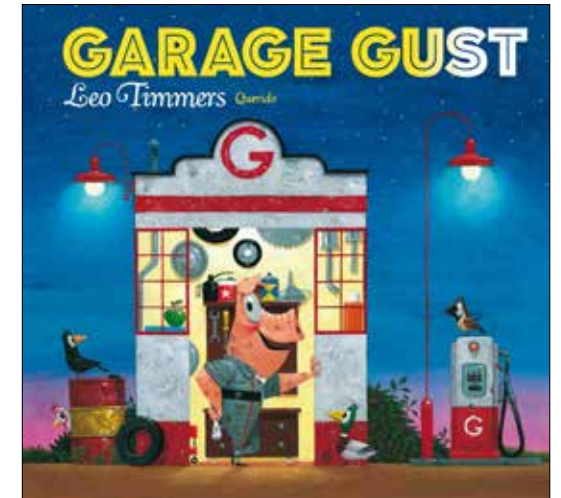
'The most magical picture books tell their story in images, as much as in words. Gus's Garage, by Leo Timmers, is the best example of seamless storytelling I have seen recently, joining Timmers' other wonderful books for early picture book readers.' – BOOKSELLERS NZ

'Leo Timmers, creator of picture books, again steels many hearts.'

★★★★★ – DE MORGEN

'This is an amusing book to reread, since even the smallest details are assigned a narrative purpose. Clearly, one animal's clutter is another pig's livelihood in this buoyant, rhyming tale.'

– THE NEW YORK TIMES



Picture Book | 26,5 x 24,5 cm | 40 pages | Age: 3+
English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Children's Publications (Complex Chinese), CITIC (Simpl. Chinese), Gecko Press (World English), Glénat (French), Nava (Thai), Visang Education (Korean).

Previously published in Danish, Catalan, Portuguese and Spanish

Prize of the Children's Jury 2017 (Flanders)
Book of the Month May 2018 (Germany)
Prix Escapages 2019 (France)



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Join the Ride

Leo Timmers' cars appeal to everyone's imagination! In this counting book the most beautiful cars are collected, especially for toddlers. On every page they can search and count. Will you come along for the ride?



Board Book | 16 x 16 cm | 22 pages | Age: 1+
English translation available

Rights sold: BomiArt Books (Korean),
CITIC (Simplified Chinese)



LEO TIMMERS

Franky

Sam is convinced that robots are real. They live on a planet far away, and one day they'll come to visit. But nobody believes him. Except for Franky, the robot that Sam builds himself...

A captivating story in a retro style, about believing and being believed, about friendship and letting go.

'I recommend this for anybody who enjoys a well-crafted, sharply illustrated picture book for a child of any age' – WE LOVE BOOKS

'Grand, colorful, and laugh-out-loud loopy, Franky is just plain fun to read aloud and share' – MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW



Picture Book | 26,5 x 24,5 cm | 48 pages | Age 4+
English translation available

Rights sold: CITIC (Simpl. Chinese), Gecko Press (World English)

Previously published in Danish and French



LEO TIMMERS

The Magical Life of Mr. Renny

Mr. Renny's paintings are so good that they almost appear real. But no one seems to pay them any attention—until a strange man offers to make everything that Mr. Renny paints come to life.

First there's the painting of the apple, which suddenly becomes real. It tastes wonderful! Then there's a huge hamburger, a new car, a cruise liner... Mr. Renny paints himself a life of luxury – until Rose comes to ask if she can buy one of his paintings. But he doesn't have any real paintings left! The spell must be broken – and soon! A book containing subtle references to the work of Belgian surrealist René Magritte, and full of clever and amusing details.

'There's lots and lots of fun to be had on every page. Timmers' illustrations reveal his feeling for fine details and a very subtle sense of humour.' – KNACK

'Someone to keep an eye on is Leo Timmers, who, with his impressive brush technique, creates such lifelike pictures of things that you almost want to pick them up off the page.' – DE VOLKSKRANT



Picture Book | 24 x 25 cm | 40 pages | Age 4+
English Translation available

Rights sold: A&A Book Trust (Hindi), CITIC (Simpl. Chinese), Gecko Press (World English), Schaltzeit (German), Taiwan Mac Educational (Complex Chinese)

Previously published in Danish, Complex Chinese, French, Hungarian and Swedish

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Prize of the Children's Jury 2012 (Flanders)

LEO TIMMERS

Bang!



One big, hilarious pile-up – that’s Bang!, a fabulous picture-book story with hardly any words. Animals of all kinds go crashing into each other. They all have their own reasons for not noticing they’re about to smash into the others. Only Chameleon pays attention and, with brakes screeching, is able to avoid a collision. Everyone’s so relieved. But only for a moment, because then Penguin comes along and he can’t get his ice-cream van to stop in time. But what a happy crash it is! Ultimately, it makes the world a better place. Friendships blossom, someone proposes marriage and then a street party breaks out.

‘THE maddest most irresistible picture book.’ – MEG ROSSOFF

‘Watching vehicles bash into one another is a perennial rib-tickler for kids, and Timmers exploits this with a marvellously loony series of fender benders...’ – STARRED REVIEW, PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (US)



Picture Book | 21,5 x 19 cm | 48 pages | Age 3+

Rights sold: BomiArt Books (Korean), CITIC Press (Simpl. Chinese)

Previously published in Danish, English, Faroese, French and Swedish

Book Peacock 2012 (Best Illustrated Children’s Book, Flanders)

White Raven 2012

Prize of the Children’s Jury 2013 (Flanders)

LEO TIMMERS

Crow

Everybody is scared of Crow. Why? Crow only wants to play. He thinks of a genius plan to win everybody over. But is it a good idea in the end? Crow is a tragic and funny story about four birds high in the sky.

'It's a story with a single punch line, but Timmers tells it with polish and style.'

– PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

'Timmer's 12 double-page spread illustrations, done in acrylic paints, are evocative and beautifully composed, with a wise use of white space—genuine works of art.'

– KIRKUS



Picture Book | 20,5 x 27 cm | 32 pages | Age 3+
English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Bromera (Spanish, Catalan, Basque, Valencian, Galician), CITIC (Simpl. Chinese), Daruso Consulting (Czech & Slovak)

Previously published in Danish, English, French, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean and Thai

**Book of the Month December 2014
(Germany)**

LEO TIMMERS

Deep-sea Doctor Derek

Every day, Deep-sea Doctor Derek dives with his submarine in the ocean. The blue ocean is one big waterwaiting room filled with fish and other sea creatures. Derek examines them and takes care of them with a smile. But one day something goes wrong. Doctor Derek himself gets into trouble.

**Prize of the Children's Jury 2009
(Flanders)**



Picture Book | 21 x 32,5 cm | 40 pages | Age 3+
English translation available

Rights sold: CITIC (Simpl. Chinese), Daruso Consulting (Czech & Slovak), Diptycho (Greek), Hansol (Korean), Nava (Thai), Schaltzeit Verlag (German)

Previously published in Complex Chinese, Danish, English, Finnish, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish

LEO TIMMERS

I Am the King

Turtle doesn't know what's happening to him: he's carrying a crown on his back. He is the king! He must be. But the other animals don't agree. The crown fits everyone! So who is the real king...?



Picture Book | 19 x 26 cm | 32 pages | Age: 4+
English translation available

Rights sold: Beijing Cheerful Century (Simplified Chinese)

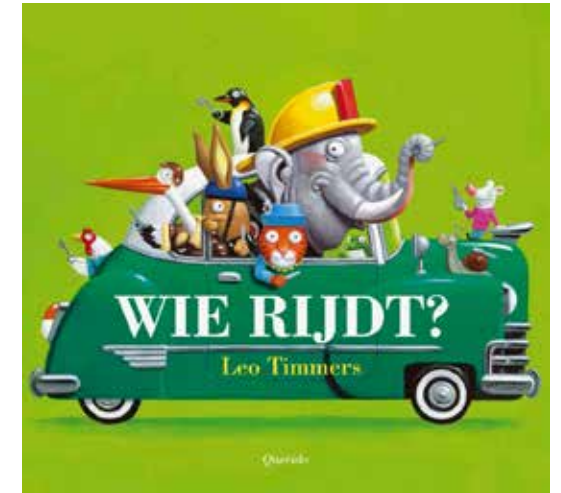
Previously published in Complex Chinese, Danish, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish

LEO TIMMERS

Who's Driving?

Puss, Elephant, Hare... they all have a car key, but who will drive away with the fire engine, tractor or racing car? If you look closely, you can guess. Turn the page and... off you go!

**Prize of the Children's Jury 2007
(Flanders)**



Board Book | 18,5 x 17 cm | 30 pages | Age: 2+
English translation available

Rights sold: Bloomsbury (English for North America & Philippines), BomiArt Books (Korean), Cambourakis (French), Children's Publications (Complex Chinese), CITIC Press (Simpl. Chinese), Gecko Press ((te reo Māori & World English excl. North America and the Philippines), Koolibri (Estonian), Nanmeebooks (Thai),

Previously published in Danish, Finnish, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish



LEO TIMMERS

The King's Car

The king has a new car. Who would like to take it for a spin? Hare would like to, but he drives straight through the fields.

That's not right. So Bear is allowed to drive. But he acts for too dangerously! The king doesn't want to ride with Crow or Duck either. So what now? A cheerful board book for everyone who wants to drive themselves.



Board Book | 22 x 19 cm | 16 pages | Age 2+
English translation available

Rights sold: CITIC Press (Simplified Chinese),
Turbine (Danish & Swedish)







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