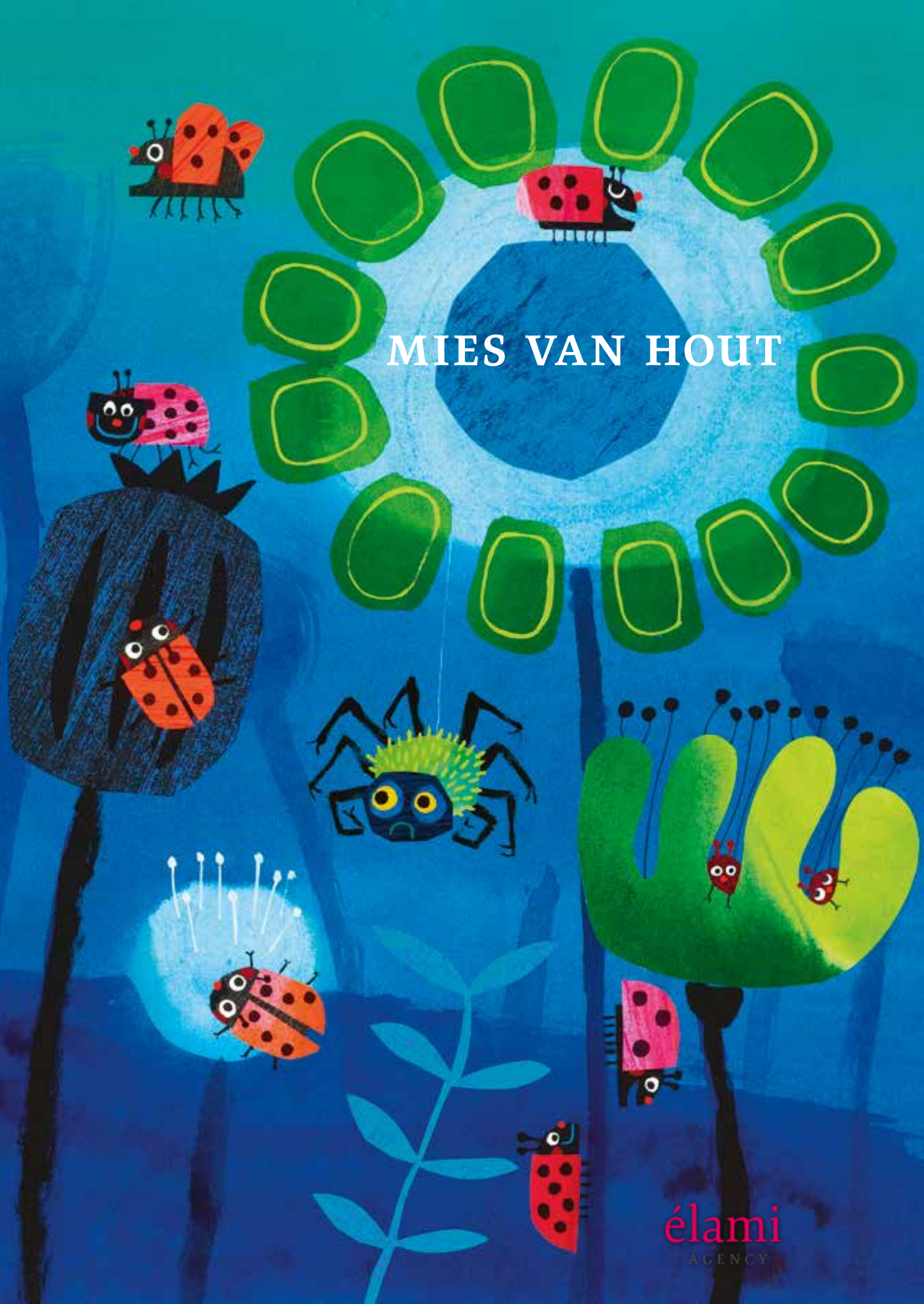




MIES VAN HOUT



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Mies van Hout is an illustrator and creator of picture books. To date, she has illustrated more than 100 children's books. She has won the Dutch Children's Bookshops Prize on two occasions and has been awarded a Flag and Pennant by the Golden Paintbrush Jury. She has also been nominated for the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis. More than 1 million copies of her books have been sold worldwide, and her work has been translated in more than 20 languages to date.

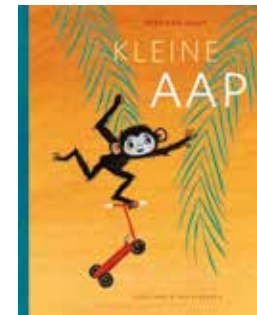
Praise for Mies van Hout:

'A tour de force of underwater awesomeness and emotion, showcasing what an artist can do with a few pastels, black paper and something fundamental to express.' – NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW ON HAPPY

'Like the earlier *Happy*, this conveys emotional heft and arresting images in an appealing, child-size package. ' – KIRKUS REVIEWS ON FRIENDS

'Mies van Hout has surpassed herself. The book fizzes with artistic enjoyment, and demonstrates her versatility. It makes you want to stick almost all the pictures on the wall.' – TROUW ON PLAYGROUND

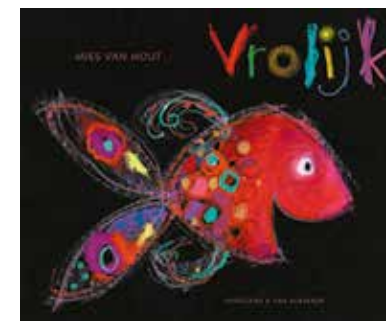
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Chimpy (3+)
Artkonekt (Macedonian)



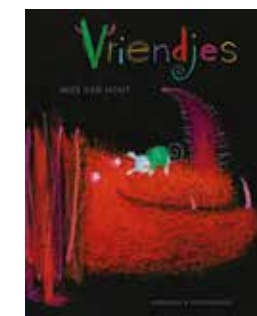
If Only... (3+)
YKY (Turkish)



Happy (4+)
Arka (Italian), Pajama Press
(English for North America)



Surprise (4+)
Pajama Press (English for North
America)



Friends (4+)
Arka (Italian)



What Cats Think (All Ages)
Camelozampa (Italian),
Nishimura (Japanese)

Board Books



MIES VAN HOUT

Will You Tickle Me?

Would you dare tickle a crocodile?

A lion, or a fish?

And do you think they'll enjoy it?

Or not at all?

Let's try! You'll see how they react when you lift the flap on every page of this witty board book.

'*Will You Tickle Me?* is one of those interactive books that every toddler is almost guaranteed to love. Van Hout depicts the animals in vivid, radiant colours and blends smoothly flowing paint playfully with crisp, geometric forms and scratchy chalk or pencil.' – TROUW

'Another wonderful publication from Mies van Hout, who has previously created several delightful books for young children.'

– BOEKSTART.NL



Board Book with 9 flaps | 20 pages | 16,8 x 16,8 cm | 2+

English translation available

Rights sold: Gottmer (Dutch), minedition (French & German)



MIES VAN HOUT

From 1 to 10

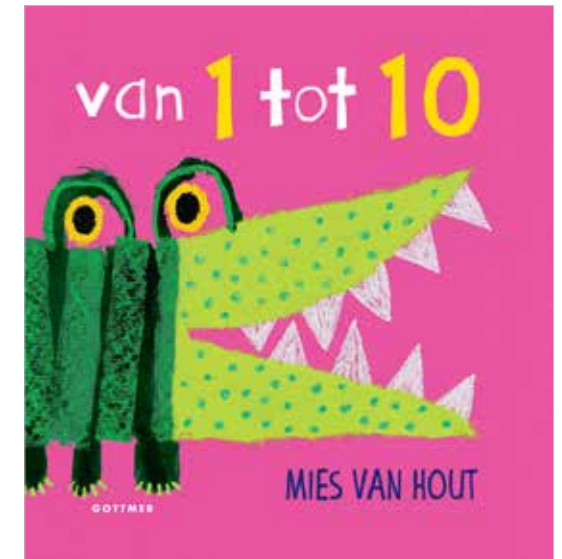
Learning to count has never been so much fun. In this board book, young children will learn to count from 1 to 10 through the popular combination of animals and numbers.

From a bunny with 2 ears to an octopus with 8 arms and the cat's 10 whiskers: each colourful spread is a feast for toddlers' eyes.

This extraordinary little book contains all the qualities for which Mies van Hout is so celebrated, but it is also surprising and innovative thanks to a new combination of techniques.

'Simplicity plus spirited art equals a counting book that you can count on' – KIRKUS REVIEWS (STARRED REVIEW)

'Amidst the numerous counting books available, van Hout offers a stand-out with great child (and adult) appeal. While the book only goes from 1 to 10 (and then, on the closing end pages, back again), she makes the experience of counting both joyful and imitative through the use of animal personalities and anatomies.' – BOOKLIST (STARRED REVIEW)



Board Book | 20 pages | 20 x 20 cm | 2+

English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), IRHCLI (Persian), minedition (French), Pajama Press (World English), Samokat (Russian), Shanghai Juvenile & Children's Publishing (Simplified Chinese), UnaLuna (World Spanish)

Winner 2019 Northern Lights Book Award (US)



MIES VAN HOUT

This Is My Daddy!

On a series of cheerfully illustrated double-page spreads, the reader is asked by a young animal: 'Who is my daddy?' Sometimes it's a trick question: four Dads there for the choosing are all different, but all have something slightly in common with the small animal. Just a turn of the page and an eye-catching image depicts the right dad and child having fun together; therefore solving the mystery.

This is a wonderful book for toddlers. Everything is picture perfect in the vivid, warm drawings — with that unmistakable 'Mies feeling' — for which she has received so much praise in the Netherlands and abroad.



Board Book | 32 pages | 20 x 20 cm | 2+

English translation available

Rights sold: aracarí (German), IRHCLI (Persian), minédition (French), Pajama Press (World English), Samokat (Russian), Shanghai Juvenile & Children's Publishing (Simplified Chinese)





Picture
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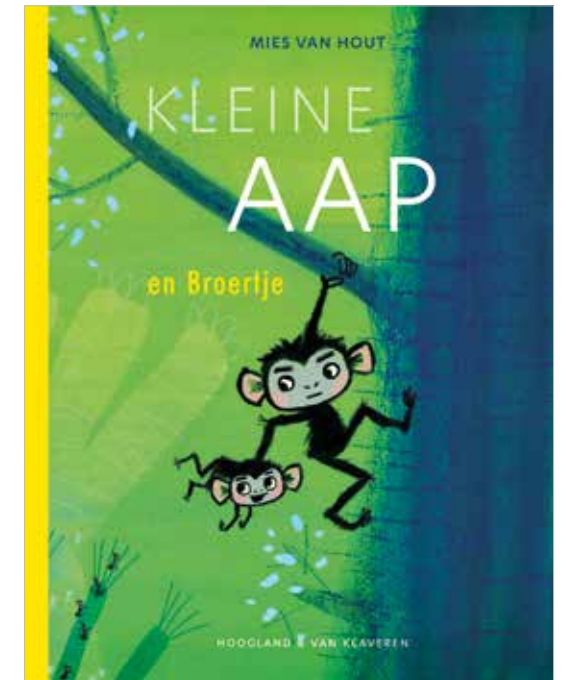
MIES VAN HOUT

Chimpy's Baby Brother

Chimpy was so happy with her brand-new baby brother...
But now she has to be quiet and careful all day long. And that gets really boring.

One day Chimpy has had enough and escapes to the Big Forest. She climbs up to her favourite spot, where she's always by herself.
Or is she?

Chimpy's Baby Brother is the gorgeous and playful sequel to *Chimpy*, Mies van Hout's successful 2026 Picture Book of the Year. A loving ode to the bond between brothers and sisters in Van Hout's characteristic style: warm and accessible with colourful, inviting landscapes – lots to see and a story that's perfect for reading out loud!



Picture Book | 32 pages | 24,5 x 29 cm | Age: 3+
English translation available



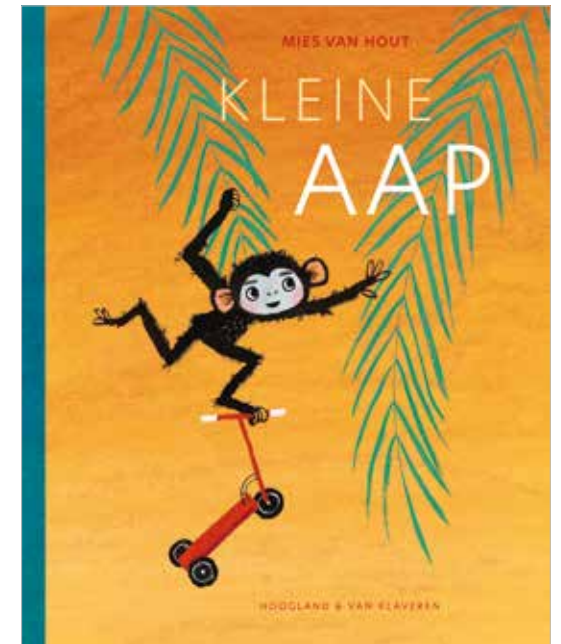
MIES VAN HOUT

Chimpy

Chimpy got something so nice she
can't wait to tell everyone.
First thing in the morning, she heads
off all by herself.
And goes farther en farther because
nobody really listens.
Or do they?
And what's it all about?

Picture Book of the Year 2026

'An exceptionally beautiful story, masterfully
structured with a well-sustained arc of sus-
pense. The central theme is Chimpy's desire
to share something with her friends. (...) A
splendid picture book, (...) for all children
(and adults who will delight in reading it
interactively aloud).' – FRIESCH DAGBLAD



Picture Book | 32 pages | 24,5 x 29 cm | Age: 3+
English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Artkonekt (Macedonian)
CITIC Press (Simpl. Chinese), minedition (French)



MIES VAN HOUT

If Only...

The spider would love to be as cute as the ladybird. The ladybird, in turn, dreams of being as strong as the ant. But the ant finds it far too hectic being surrounded by all the other ants. He longs for peace and quiet. 'If only I was a snail...' he sighs.

Every now and then, we all want to be someone else. The question is whether that is always an improvement.

If Only... is a wonderful picture book to read and look at together. In a playful way, through the charming, detail-packed illustrations, children will learn that it might actually be best to be yourself!

'A visual delight'

– SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL (STARRED REVIEW)

'Radiant' – BOOKLIST (STARRED REVIEW)

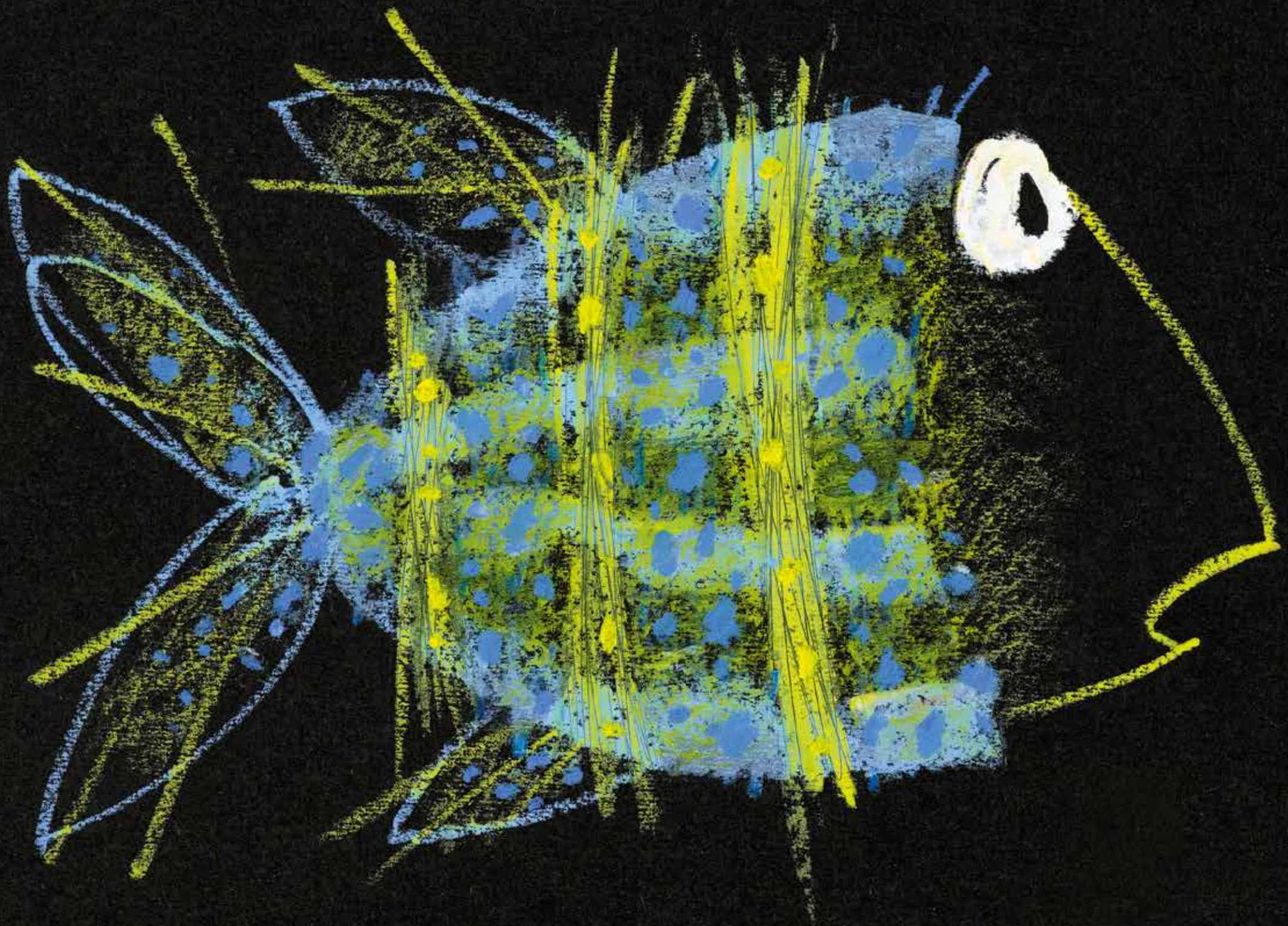
'Warm and Inviting' – KIRKUS REVIEWS



Picture Book | 32 pages | 24,5 x 29 cm | 4+

English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Borim Press (Korean), Fortellerforlaget (Norwegian), L&PM Editores (Portuguese for Brazil), minedition (French), Pajama Press (World English), Shanghai Juvenile & Children's Publishing (Simplified Chinese), Wu-Nan Book (Complex Chinese), YKY (Turkish)



MIES VAN HOUT

Happy

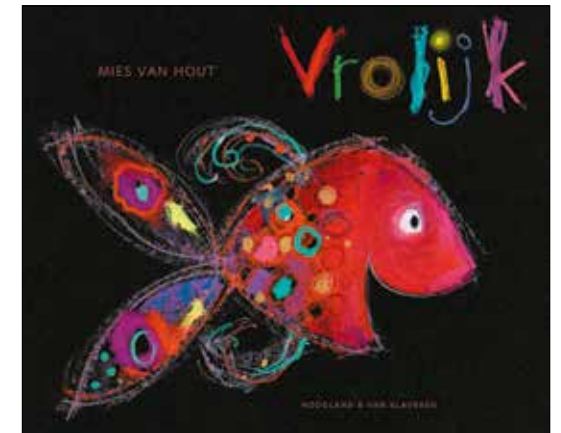
At a time when children are growing up with emoticons, Van Hout gives a new interpretation to emotions. On every spread, a different fish swims towards the viewer, with its mood articulated in expressive letters on the page next to it by the artist herself – including all translations that have been published to date. A proud fish swims with its nose held high, while a nervous one is composed of a jumble of shaky lines. A school of fish that, whether they're sad or surprised, will certainly make the reader feel pretty cheerful.

'A tour de force of underwater awesomeness and emotion, showcasing what an artist can do with a few pastels, black paper and something fundamental to express.'

– NEW YORK TIMES

'A delightful amuse-bouche of a book, and an aquatic introduction to everyday emotions.' – PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (STARRED REVIEW)

'The line, color, and texture make each page a pleasure to return to.' – KIRKUS REVIEWS



Picture Book | 48 pages | 24,2 x 29,6 cm | 4+

English translation available

Also available as board book

Rights sold: aracarí (German), Arka (Italian), Borim Press (Korean), Dyvorga (Ukrainian), Fondo de Cultura Económica (Spanish), Fortellerforlaget (Norwegian), minédition (French), Nishimura Shoten (Japan), Pajama Press (English for North America), Poets & Dragons (Portuguese for Portugal), Samokat (Russian), YKY (Turkish)

Previously published in Afrikaans, Basque, Danish, Hindi and Simplified Chinese

Nominated for the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis

More than 500.000 copies sold worldwide

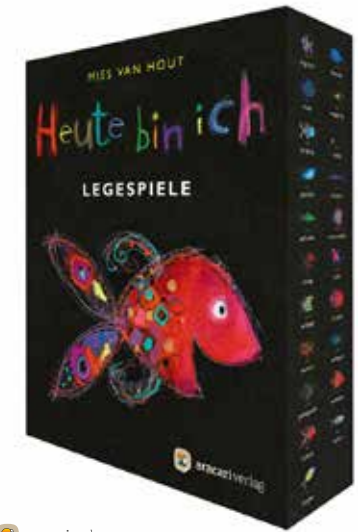
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Happy – Card Games

A game about emotions and inspired by *Happy* by Mies van Hout.

The book is used in many schools and by social and healthcare workers - and a lot of fun at home of course. It helps people to talk about their emotions.

The *Happy* game can be played in different difficulty levels and variations, in which you can combine, draw, mime and describe. When you find out what emotions you have or don't have, you get to know yourself and others better!



aracari verlag

66 playing cards | 3 games variations | 6+

MIES VAN HOUT

Happy – Colouring Book

Colouring is fun – especially with the templates of the bestselling illustrator Mies van Hout!

The different images are inspired by the fish in *Happy* and have been specially created for this coloring book. The fish are on a black background and invite you to start colouring right away!



Colouring Book | 32 pages | 26 x 20,9 cm | 6+





MIES VAN HOUT

Friends

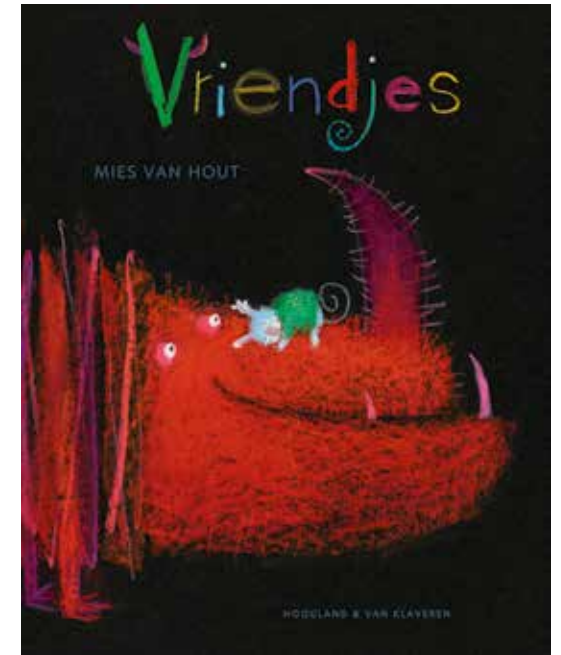
Real friends can laugh, have arguments and cry together, just as long as they trust each other. This universal fact is as old as time.

And yet Mies van Hout has succeeded in making it the basis of a magnificent picture book.

In *Friends*, we meet two colourful monsters per spread, who are all different in appearance, have fun playing together, but they're also very good at arguing and fighting when they get bored. They're real friends though, so they hope it will all turn out okay in the end. And they're right. Soon enough, they're laughing together again and their trust is restored.

This book is not only a feast for the eyes, but also an effective introduction into learning children how to deal with conflicts.

'Van Hout expertly conveys the emotional peaks and valleys of each friendship; the monster's eyes and expressions speak volumes.' – PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (STARRED REVIEW)



Picture Book | 32 pages | 29,6 x 24,2 cm | 4+

English translation available

Also available as board book

Rights sold: aracari (German), Arka (Italian), Borim Press (Korean), L&PM Editores (Portuguese for Brazil), minedition (French), Nishimura Shoten (Japanese), Pajama Press (English for North America), YKY (Turkish).

Previously published in Afrikaans, Basque, Danish and Simplified Chinese



MIES VAN HOUT

Surprise

The most wonderful book for anyone who is expecting a child, or already has one...

Just as she captured a rainbow of emotions in *Happy* and the stages of friendship in *Friends*, Mies van Hout has now turned her talents to the special bond between parent and child. From hoping and expecting to caring, from playing to finally letting go, Mies van Hout has created a picture book that will elicit smiles from every parent or parent-to-be. The book has everything: enchantment, beautiful wonder and a gentle subtext of melancholy. It is the beauty of living created in the inimitable style of Mies van Hout: vulnerable and yet strong as life itself.

'Van Hout shows her finesse in ingenious compositions and her ability to convey expression in what could be blank avian eyes.' – THE NEW YORK TIMES

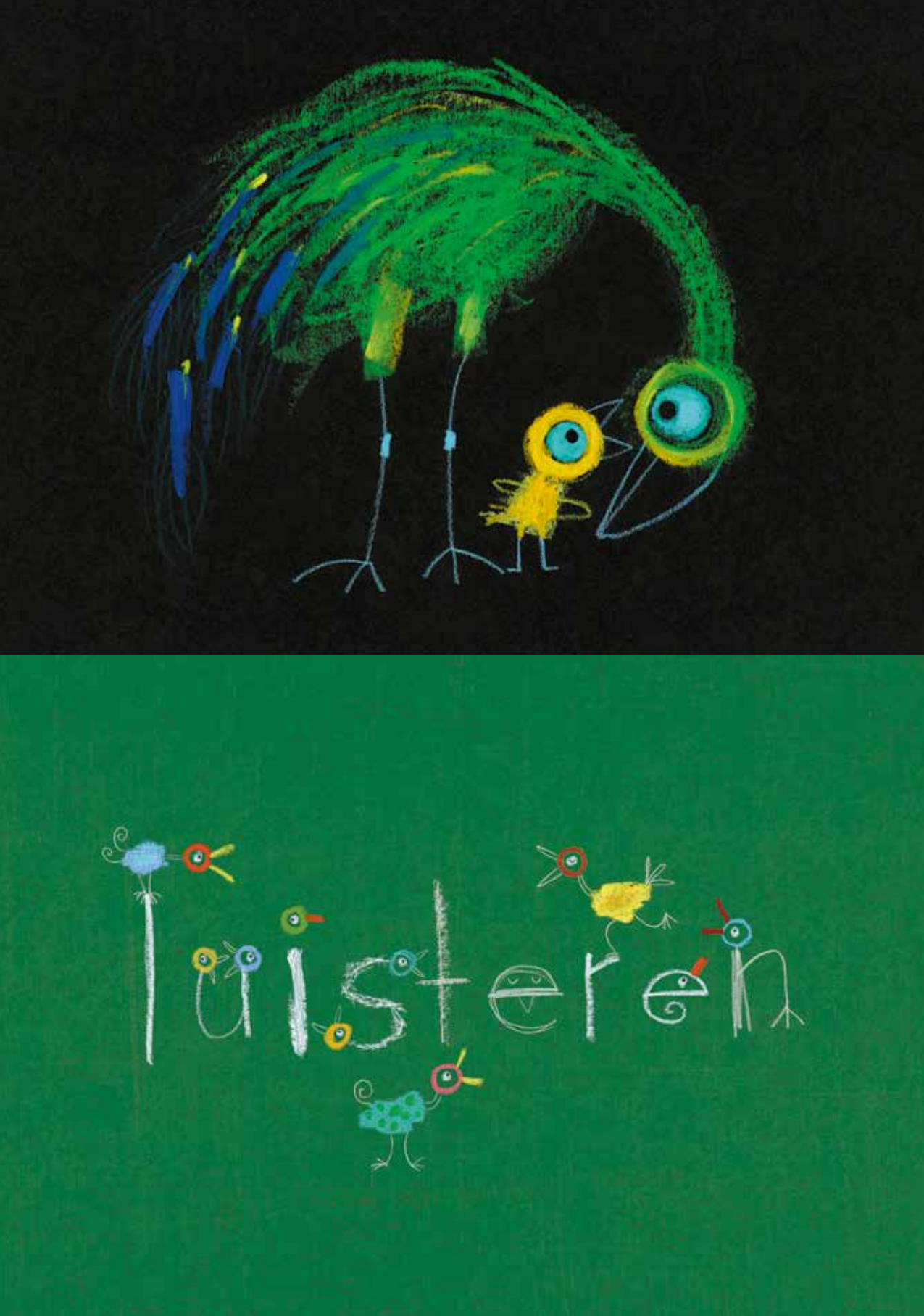
'Extraordinary colors and single words describe the journey of bird parents and children. While certainly a work that will appeal to parents, it will also delight children with the profusion of color and the single words illustrated with so much energy and imagination.'

– KIRKUS (STARRED REVIEW)



Picture Book | 32 pages | 24,2 x 29,6 cm | 4+
English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Borim Press (Korean),
Dyvorga (Ukrainian), Il Castello (Italian),
minedition (French), Pajama Press (English for North
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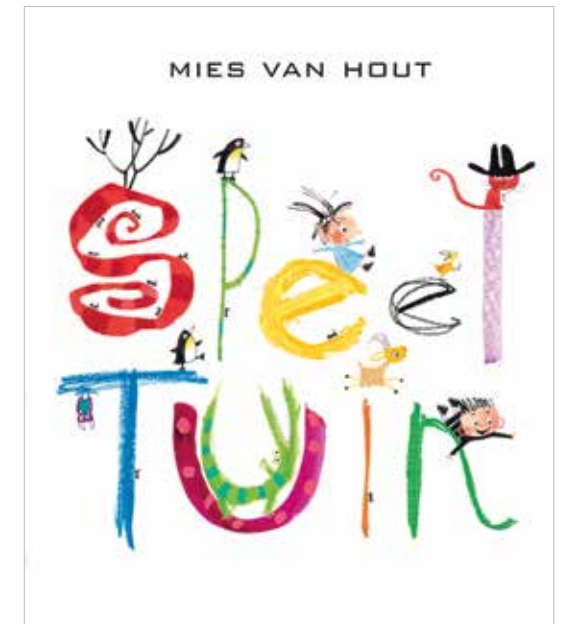
MIES VAN HOUT Playground

Two friends take a fun, fantastical trip to the playground through Mies van Hout's amazing art. Climb through the trees, find the way across the crocodile-infested river, and bushwhack through the blackberries, feel your way through the dark cave, escape from the monster, and slide into safety on your way to the jungle gym.

Note a special treat: a new creature joins the children from each landscape, contributing to an ever-lengthening parade to the playground in this fun and interactive book.

'Beautifully produced, with a humorous detail at every turn of the mazes, this book will give endless hours of point-and-trace fun to young children and their caregivers. The clever mazes encourage children to interact with the images every bit as meaningfully as with a digital medium. Thrilling.'
– KIRKUS (STARRED REVIEW)

'Mies van Hout is at the pinnacle of her powers. Fresh and surprising.'
– NRC HANDELSBLAD



Picture Book | 32 pages | 24 x 29,5 cm | 4+

English translation available

Rights sold: aracarí (German), Dyvorga (Ukrainian), Fondo de Cultura Económica (World Spanish), Il Castello (Italian), minédition (French)

Previously published in Simplified Chinese

Nursery Rhymes





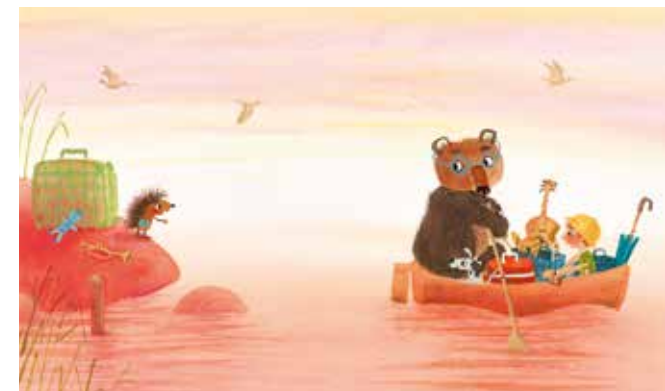
MIES VAN HOUT

And We're Not Going Home Yet

This board book combines the most beautiful illustrations with timeless songs all about being on the go. Want to hop, run, sail, fly or take the train? Perfect to enjoy together and sing along! An absolute must-have for parents, grandparents, carers and childcare settings.



Board Book | 28 pages | 17 x 22 cm | Age: 2+



MIES VAN HOUT

The Sweetest Lullabies

Dutch lullabies, illustrated in warm and dreamingly beautiful colours by Mies van Hout. More than 100,000 copies sold to date, this book is a modern classic in the Netherlands. The illustrations may be used with songs or poems from other countries!



Board Book | 28 pages | 17 x 22 cm | Age: 2 +

Previously published in English, German, Lithuanian and Simplified Chinese



MIES VAN HOUT

Dutch Nursery Rhymes

A tiny and very sweet little spider lets children explore the most wonderful landscapes of well-known nursery rhymes. A new text or existing poems can be used for foreign editions of this book. An ever-seller in the Netherlands, with more than 100,000 copies sold to date.



Board Book | 28 pages | 17 x 22 cm | Age: 2 +

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Illustrated
poems

MIES VAN HOUT

What Cats Think

Portraits by Mies van Hout with poems by Sjoerd Kuiper, Bette Westera, Hans & Monique Hagen and Koos Meinderts

Pensive, annoyed, deeply satisfied, offended, inquisitive, needy, snooty, clumsy. Whether you love cats or not, you are bound to recognise the cat moods listed above. To many people, cats' typically wilful behaviour is irresistible.

Mies van Hout is not just a huge cat lover, she also has a very good eye and is able to represent animals' emotions convincingly on paper. Inspired by her own cat, she put together twenty extremely recognisable cat emotions and captured their essence in a colourful collection.

Five highly-acclaimed Dutch children's authors have taken up the challenge to write beautiful cat poetry to accompany the pictures. *What Cats Think* is an ode to the cat in all its guises.



Illustrated Poems | 48 pages | 29,7 x 25 cm | All Ages

English translation available

Rights sold: aracari (German), Camelozampa (Italian),
minedition (French), Nishimura (Japanese),
Pajama Press (World English)

More than 10.000 copies sold

'Are cats capable of poetry? They are in this volume...Color pours off each page in van Hout's vibrant, bold illustrations—a mix of acrylic ink, oil pastels, and gouache. Her felines expressively embody Spray's emphatic free verse, which authentically gives voice to cats' changeable emotions.'

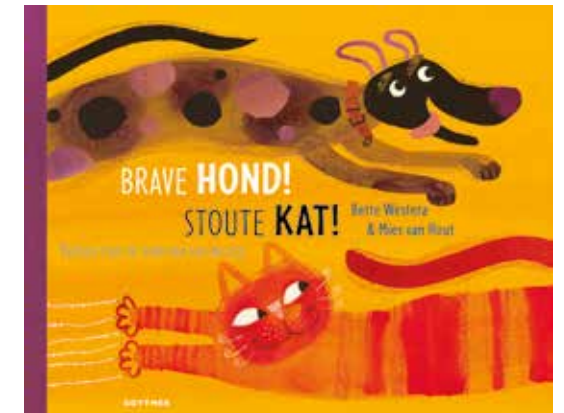
– PUBLISHERS WEEKLY



BETTE WESTERA & MIES VAN HOUT

Good Dog, Naughty Cat

A spider waits patiently in its web. A bluebottle buzzes impatiently around the room. Sleeping sloths hang from a branch. Ants are always busy. That is the nature of the beast. But what about you? Are you more like a well-behaved dog or a naughty cat? This book contains 32 beautiful animal portraits by Mies van Hout. On each spread, two animals with opposite characteristics are presented: the eye-catching butterfly vs. the unnoticeable one, the naughty cat vs. the good dog, and so on. Golden Pencil winner Bette Westera has written a charming verse for each creature.



Illustrated Rhymes | 36 pages | 29,1 x 22,8 cm | 5+
English translation available

Rights sold: aracarí (German), Eerdmans Books for Young Readers (World English), minédition (French)





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