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Thaïs Vanderheyden studied art history and took drawing classes at the Municipal Academy of Art in Bruges. In 2009, unable to find a suitable design for her second son's birth announcement card, she made one herself. Since then, she has managed to turn her hobby into her job and has illustrated and written a number of successful children's books, such as *Santa's Little Spies* and *The Department Store Mice*. Translations of her work have been published in French, Chinese, Korean and Italian. For *Art All Stars* she combined her education as an art historian with her talent for drawing, making art more accessible and appealing to young children than ever before. With *Pili Pili and the Rubbish Dump Creatures*, Vanderheyden playfully teaches children the importance of recycling.

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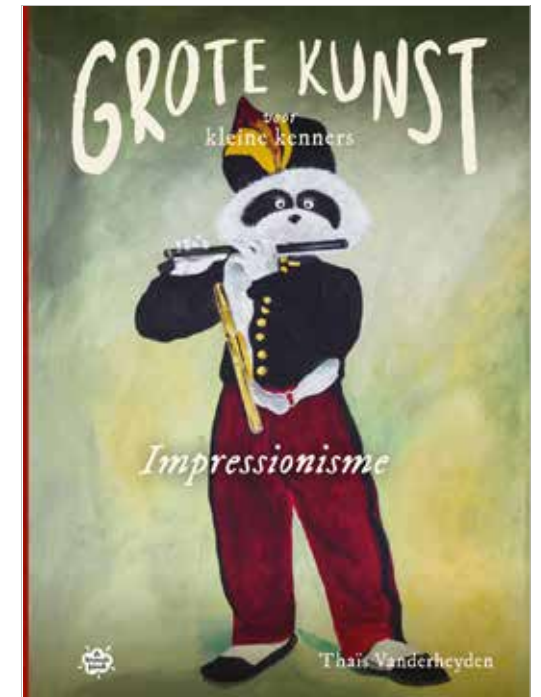
Impressionism

For centuries, painting flowed gently along like a tranquil stream. Every now and then, someone would splash in and try something new, but for the most part artists dutifully painted exactly what they saw, following a whole host of strict, unquestionable rules.

Until... *BOOM!*... the Impressionists burst onto the scene. And believe me, they turned everything completely upside down. That tranquil stream became a cascading, splashing, dizzying waterfall full of colour splatters, patches of light and bold experiments.

From that moment on, art was never the same again!

Come on, let me take you into the colourful chaos of those brilliant, rebellious Impressionists!



Art Picture Book | 56 pages | 24 x 33 cm | Age 5
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Flemish Masters

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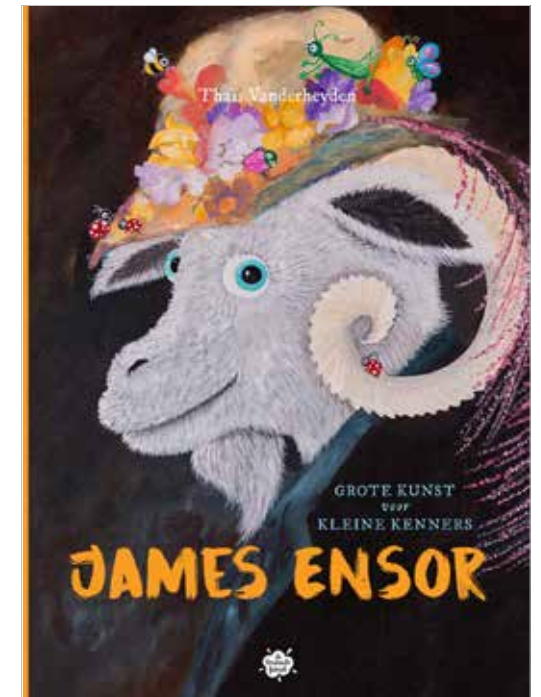


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James Ensor

Thaïs Vanderheyden has reimagined the world's most famous works of art, turning them into playful parodies for young readers. Alongside each humorous version you will also find the original artwork, accompanied by an interesting story about the painting, artist, subject or style. Over the past decade, five volumes of *Great Art for Little Connoisseurs* have been published. The books have been translated into Chinese, German and English, and tens of thousands of children have visited the entertaining *Great Art* exhibitions.

This vibrant book focuses on the paintings of James Ensor. Join Arno the hermit crab on a journey through time to explore the colourful life of this brilliant artist!



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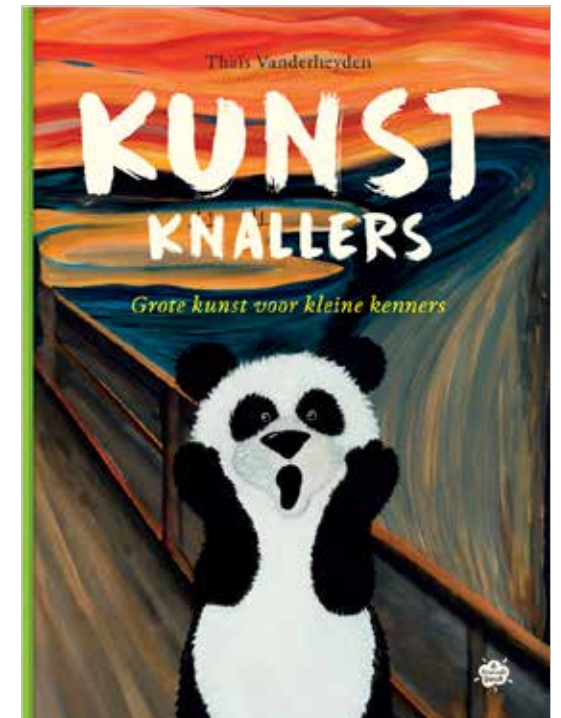
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Art All-Stars

Like many good things, *Art All-Stars* came about a bit by accident. But now, our funny art book series for children has become a bookshelf staple in the Netherlands and abroad, at home and at school.

In this bind-up, Thaïs Vanderheyden put her version of the greatest paintings in the history of art together. The original artworks are also shown beside her humorous junior versions, of course. By reimagining these famous pictures, she captures her young readership's attention and draws their little eyes to works of art that can sometimes be difficult to understand.

The illustrations are accompanied by anecdotal stories that put the masterpieces in the context of the bigger picture of history.



Picture Book | 64 pages | 24 x 33 cm | Age 5+
English sample & French pdf available

Rights sold: Ballon Media (French), CITIC Press (Simpl. Chinese), Prestel (World English), Woowbooks (German), Yellowpig (Korean)



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Bones, Burps and Bogeys

Doctor Mole takes you on a tour of the human body – from antibodies to bacteria, nothing is off limits. Mole tells you all about the body you walk around in your whole life: it turns out to be an incredible, extraordinary and surprising castle full of secret passages, deep cellars and dusty attics, with engine rooms and sentry posts, enemies and armies, and even a real laboratory!

Thaïs Vanderheyden teaches her little readers about the human body with this funny but also very educational book that will capture the imagination of children and parents alike. The information is also verified by paediatrician Elisabeth Elst.

'The book contains accurate, up-to-date information, combined with pleasant, evocative wording, all depicted through cute animals. It also contains humour and funny jokes. This helps to make the book an even more enjoyable read.' – STOERLEESVOER.NL



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100 Fascinating Facts About Tooth Fairies

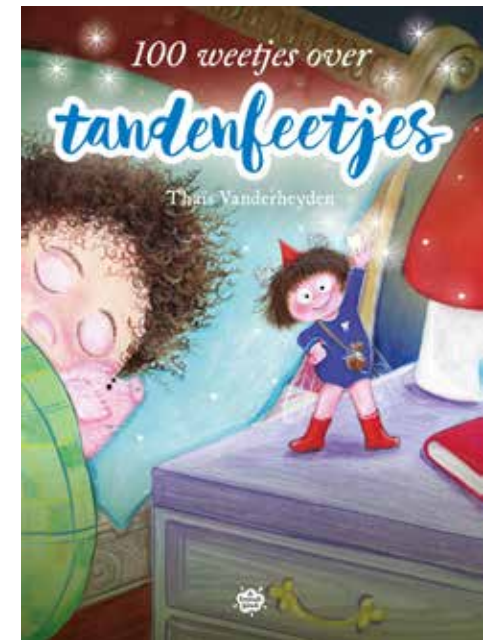
'Oh, hello there! Who are you?'

'Me? I'm a tooth fairy! Don't you know who I am?'

In this magical book, a tooth fairy takes you on a tour through her enchanting world. She tells you all about how she and the other tooth fairies live and work, why they are so fond of milk teeth, where they live and go to school, and what they do on their days off.

Tooth fairies love a gleaming white smile, so they are excited to show you the best way to brush your teeth!

A playful picture book full of magic and humour.



Picture Book | 40 pages | 24 x 33 cm | Age: 3+

English translation available



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Santa & the Pixies

In a cold country at the northernmost tip of the globe lives Claus.

He has a heart of gold and adores the children of the village. On the shortest and coldest day of the year, he brings them the most beautiful gifts, just to cheer them up. The children tell other children about this, who tell even more children.

After a while, Claus starts receiving letters and drawings with wish lists from children all over the world. Claus needs help to bring presents to all these children... Help from people with very big hearts and magical little hands... and legs...

Discover how Santa Claus became Santa Claus in this enchanting tale.



Picture Book | 32 pages | 24 x 33 cm | Age 3+
English translation available



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Little Mole Wants to Play

One day, Nibbles the Squirrel finds a beautiful, round nut in the forest – a perfect ball! He calls his friends over to play with it. Little Mole wants to join in, but the others say no. Sad, he retreats to his burrow. He feels so lonely. Above the ground, he hears laughter and joy, and then... thud! What could that be?

A heartwarming story about being left out and making amends. Because everyone deserves to belong!



Picture Book | 32 pages | 22,5 x 24 cm | Age: 3+

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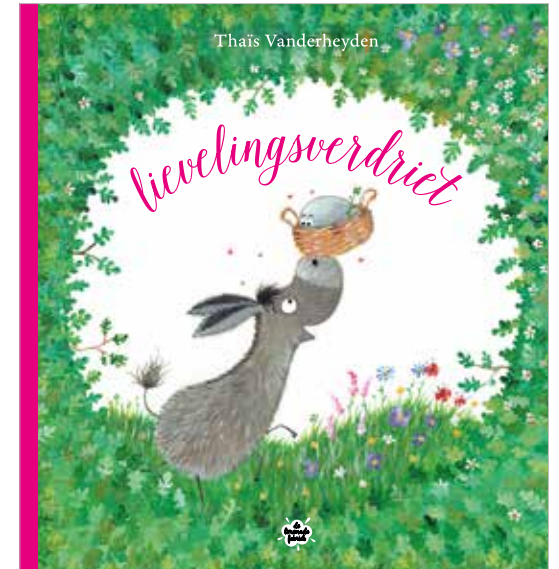
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Precious Pain

A donkey sets off on a journey with a friend. One day, his travelling companion falls to the ground and never gets up. The donkey cries inconsolably. When he rubs the tears from his eyes, he sees a rock where his friend once lay. The donkey puts the rock in a basket and continues his journey alone with the heavy stone on his back. At first, all he feels is sadness. Sometimes he is distraught or even gets angry with the stone.... But the little donkey does not give up. He starts talking to his rock and after a while he even begins to cherish his new friend a little.

One day, the rock is gone. At the bottom of the basket, there is a sparkling diamond... A book about coping with grief, resilience and holding on to the beauty in things.

'A truly beautiful parable about loss and consolation, about real beauty in bearing deep sorrow.' –DR. DIRK DE WACHTER



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Pip's Big Hide-and-Seek-Book

Count to 100 with Pip and his friends!
A surprising book with funny details
and fun tasks.

Pip is playing hide-and-seek with his
little mice friends. All one hundred
of them! They are hiding in the
strangest places in Mouseland. A
blimp, a spaceship, a submarine ...
the little mice are everywhere! Can
Pip find all his friends? How about
you? Will you help him look?

A hide-and-seek book filled with
humor and detailed illustrations.



Picture Book | 32 pages | 24 x 33 cm | Age 4+

English translation available

Rights sold: Beijing Green Beans Book (Simplified Chinese)

Previously published in Complex Chinese, English and Korean

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That's Perfectly Normal, Isn't It?

Marty Mole only has a mum...

Simon and Sarah Stork have no children....

And William Woodpecker has two dads...

'Welcome to the Multicoloured Maple! The Multicoloured Maple is a tree full of houses and dens belonging to all sorts of animals. My name is Centipede Miel, and I'm the postman of the Multicoloured Maple. I deliver letters and parcels every day, from deep below the tree to the very top! Would you like to join me on my round for a day? I'll introduce you to the families who live in the Multicoloured Maple. They're all different, but that's completely normal, isn't it?'

A colourful picture book about equally colourful families and households.

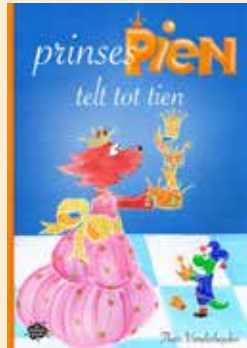


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