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size: 17 x 24 cm | 12 pages | age: 2+

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KIM MEREL

## What birds do you see?

*Discover birds with your little one!*

In the air, in a tree, or on a stone,  
birds are all around you, never alone.  
Spot the birds in this book  
and head outside to take a look!

The smallest nature lovers will delight in this rhyming board book by biologist and illustrator Kim Merel. From ducks and swans to nuthatches and sandpipers, there are thirty birds in this book!

You'll find birds by the ditch, birds to learn about in the forest, birds living by the beach, birds flying around the feeding table in the garden, and birds you can spot in the meadow. A walk will never be the same again: there is so much to discover and name!

**TOPICS:** birds, nature, outdoor activities, rhyming



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**KIM MEREL** is a biologist, writer, and illustrator for National Geographic Junior. Her work published by Lemniscaat includes *Animals Inside Out* and *This is Nature!*







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SACHA HEEMELS

## A Talent for Cuddling

*A picture book to cuddle with*

In the forest, a group of animal friends discover a strange creature. Wolf, Otter, and Thrush have never seen anything like it. What could it be? And most importantly, what could it do?

The animals show it what they are good at—but the strange little creature can't do any of that. Slowly, however, they realize that this little being has something very special. It can comfort them, give them courage, help them sleep soundly... it has a talent for cuddling! And somewhere, there's a boy who misses it dearly.

As in any picture book, everything turns out just fine. A delightful bedtime story that undoubtedly ends with... a cuddle!

**TOPICS:** emotions, helping, cuddly animals



**SACHA HEEMELS** rediscovered her love for painting and picture books during the COVID-19 pandemic. She won Picture This! with *The Moon is Always the Same*, a turning point in her creative career, with rights sold to: The Czech Republic, Romania and Turkey.





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MIRIAM BOS

## Happily Alone!

*Oh no... here comes Suzy again!*

August the Fox is blissfully happy. The entire day stretches out before him, and he is eagerly looking forward to reading his book in his secret hut. And the best part: he's completely alone. But... where has his book gone? And who's been nibbling on his strawberries? Could it be haunted?

No, it's just Suzy Squirrel. Why sit alone in your hut when you can play together instead? But, as often happens with the exuberant Suzy, before you know it, the hut comes crashing down. That's the last straw for August. Help!

**TOPICS:** emotions, friendship, privacy



**MIRIAM BOS** is no newcomer to the world of illustration. Her artwork is hugely popular worldwide, appearing on puzzles, games, fabrics, ceramics, office supplies, and much more. Miriam's mission in life is to create art that makes people smile—and she succeeds with flying colours. *Happily Alone!* is the fourth book in the series about best friends August and Suzy. The previous books have been translated into French, German, Italian, Turkish, Czech, and Sinhalese!





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MIRIAM BOS

## A Sticky Sleepover

*A new adventure about August and Suzy, for toddlers.*

The first two books about August and Suzy, *Help! A Surprise!* and *The Present*, were a huge success. The funny and clever stories about the introverted fox and the extroverted squirrel found great resonance with children, parents, teachers, booksellers and librarians worldwide. For their even younger siblings, Miriam Bos wrote a board book in which Suzy makes quite a stir again. She comes to stay with August. Will it be a nice sleepover or is it better for Suus to stay at home in the future?

One thing is for sure: it's never boring with a bouncy squirrel visiting!

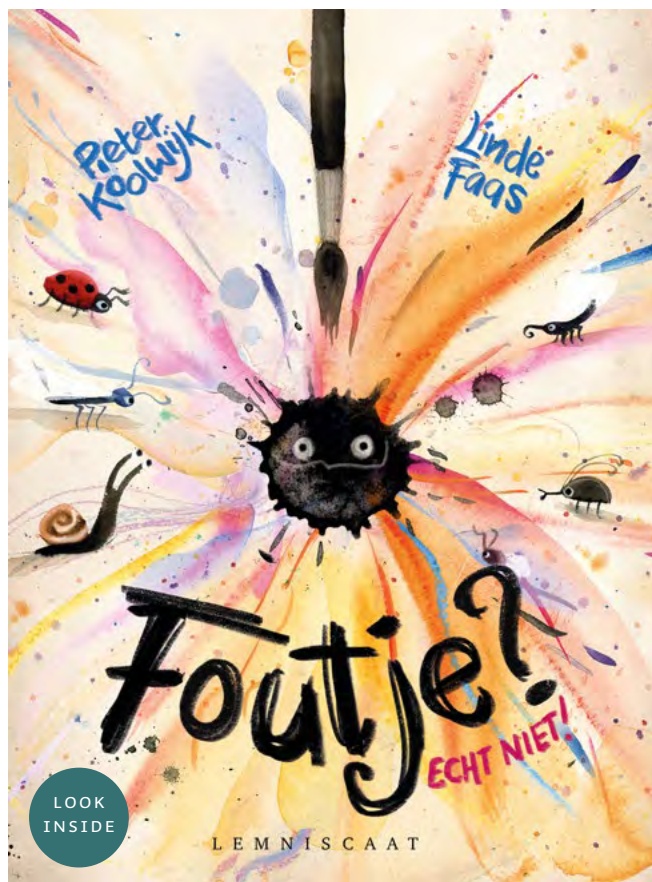
**TOPICS:** sleepover, guests, friendship, activities, emotions, feelings, empathy



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PIETER KOOLWIJK & LINDE FAAS

## A mistake, me? No way!

*What if you were a mistake? An illustrator's inkblot...*

Then you happen to be pure luck, because you can become anything you want: something with wings, a fish in the water, a bouncing animal, a fun spot, a rummaging beast...

A beautiful and super quirky picture book about imagination, dreams and being who you want to be.

**TOPICS:** imagination, identity, freedom



PIETER KOOLWIJK's stories always balance on the edge of reality. He came to fame in the world of children's books with his books about *Flea & Spikey* (2012). This was followed by *Ben's Boat*, *Boss of the World* and *Goo*. *Matey* won Best book of 2021 and became a trilogy and that was followed by *Leif's Trolls* in 2022.



LINDE FAAS graduated cum laude from the Breda Art Academy. She illustrated all of Pieter Koolwijk's books, among others, and makes her own picture books, including *Somewhere in the Snow* (2022). *A mistake, me? No way!* is their first picture book together.







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JAN JUTTE has illustrated countless picture books, including *Tiger*.

He is a three-time winner of the Golden Paint brush.

JAN JUTTE

## It's Red and Round

*The master of imagination goes wild on a red circle*

It's red and round... and it's the world!

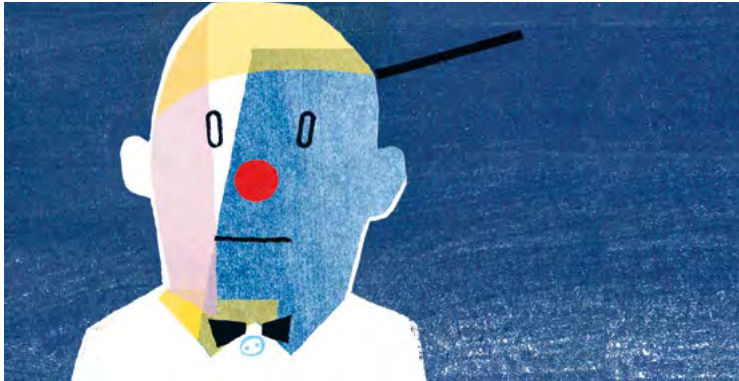
At least, if Jan Jutte lets his imagination run wild. A red circle becomes a ball, a ball of wool and a balloon. But also a belly and a head and a mouth. And an ice cream, a berry and a drum. And much more.

Each page leaves you marvelling anew at what a red circle holds. And when you've finished the book, can you think of more?

An ode to fantasy that also stimulates the viewer's imagination.

**TOPICS:** shapes, imagination, colours







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JAN JUTTE

## Who are you?

*A house full of friends, do you recognise them all?*

In this cheerful board book, a motley crew lives together in a house. As you walk through the house, you keep seeing just a tiny bit of the next resident. Can you guess who it is?

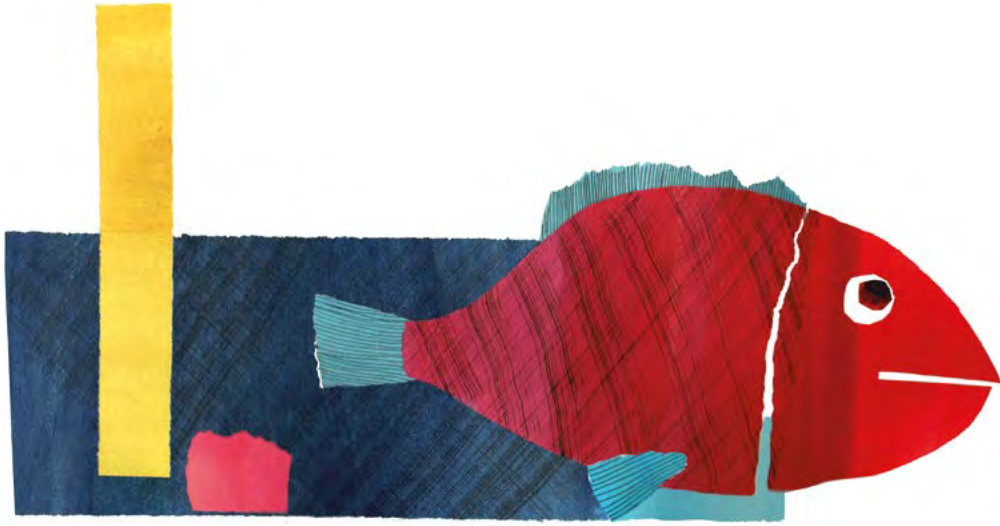
I am Bear and who are you?  
I am Bird and who are you?  
I am Crocodile and who are you?  
I am Fish and who are you?  
I am Cat and who are you?  
I am Goose and we are friends.  
And who are you?

The animals painted by three-time Golden Brush winner Jan Jutte will become close friends with the littlest readers. Again and again, they will seek out their company. Because what could be more fun than guessing what you secretly already know?

**TOPICS:** animals, friendship, guessing

JAN JUTTE has illustrated countless picture books, including *Tiger*. He is a three-time winner of the Golden Paint brush.







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ANNE-LIEKE FABER

## Mushroom Friends

*Get to know these glorious toadstool friends!*

*Magnificent Mushrooms* is a tribute to nature and all its diversity, for the little ones.

Using short rhymes and brilliant watercolour illustrations, they will encounter the most diverse mushrooms in unusual colours and shapes: from the familiar Fly Agaric to the Turkey Tail. All so unique and distinctive that you could almost see characters in them... After reading this book, they will suddenly recognise them everywhere! Most mushrooms can be found in Europe, UK, North America and Asia.

+ A snail and a spider travel along on each spread.  
Can you find them all?

**TOPICS:** exploring nature, diversity, mushrooms



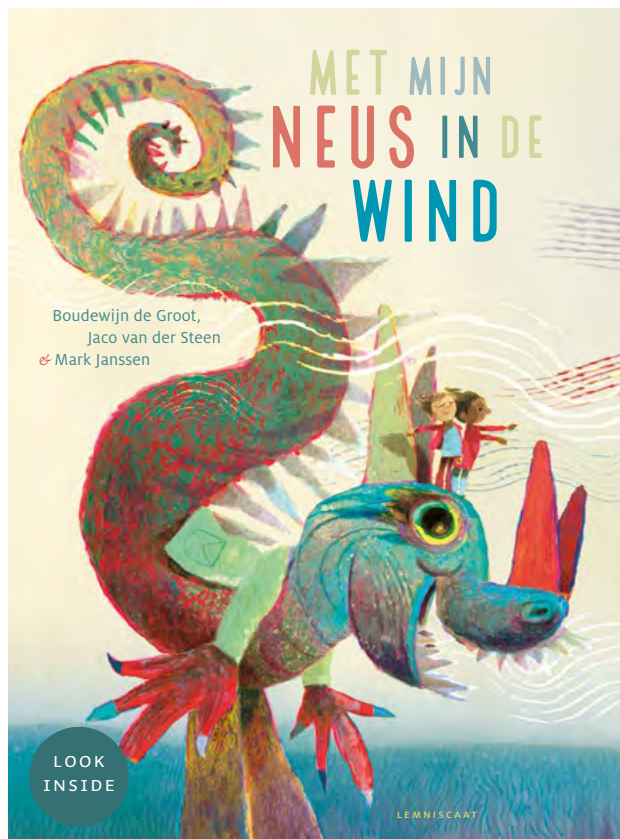
The wonderful sequel, *Butterfly Friends*, is already planned for next year.

**ANNE-LIEKE FABER** is an illustrator and writer. She lives with her husband and two daughters near the Cape Forests in the Netherlands. Anne-Lieke graduated cum laude at Utrecht University and has since dedicated her career to illustrating, writing, and nature conservation. The beauty and diversity of nature are woven into all her work, and it is her greatest passion to share this with others.









MARK JANSSEN, BOUDEWIJN DE GROOT &  
JACO VAN DER STEEN

## With my Head up High

*An amazing picture book with songs, for every child and parent*

Meet the *Buck and the Goat*, the *Crocodile* and countless other creatures that inhabit the colourful universe of this book. Be transported to a *carnival*, identify with the songs 'Kind of scared' and 'I wish I knew' and dream away to Mark Janssen's colourful, imaginative prints. This is a *must-have* book.

With my head up high is the sequel to *Sometimes, when I see a Butterfly* (2022). And again this book contains multiple gorgeous spreads with illustrations by Mark Janssen that tickle your fancy and leaves you yearning for more.

The illustrations and storylines from both books can also be modified to suit your own editions. We're open to your ideas and suggestions.

**TOPICS:** fantasy, empathy, fun, emotions

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**MARK JANSSEN** studied at the Maastricht Institute of Arts. He makes illustrations for both children and adults and has contributed to over 500 books. 10 picture books, awards, and 26 translations within 8 years makes Mark Janssen one of our most successful illustrators and writers.

**BOUDEWIJN DE GROOT**, singer, songwriter, music producer and actor, has been a towering figure in the Dutch music scene for decades.

**JACO VAN DER STEEN**, bassist, guitarist, singer, composer and music producer is a musical whizz who has composed countless songs for various performers.







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STEFAN WOLTERS & YVON VAN OEL

## There's a Lion in the Lobby!

*Meet the furry hotel guests and their remarkable staff!*

This wondrous hotel is filled from bottom to top with a motley collection of animals. Some animals work there. Others are guests. And some have been staying there for a very long time. They come from all over the world. You don't really see people there. At most the occasional strange bird or black sheep. Sometimes a lame duck, a sly fox or maybe an odd rooster.

There is plenty to see at the Motley Mob Hotel. How about the Revolving Dobermans, who welcome you to the hotel? The Wardrobe Gorilla, who loves pink so much and prefers to try on all visitors' jackets? The Bathroom Baboon, who plays with his rubber ducks for hours?

Take a seat at the table in the restaurant and have your order taken by the Restaurant Raven, or have a drink at the bar served by the Bar Barbel. While the Kitchen Cayman prepares your dinner, you can enjoy the stand-up comedy of the Hotel Hyena - or the sight of any of the other furry hotel guests and curious staff!

One thing is for sure: you will never be bored at the Motley Mob Hotel.

**TOPICS:** humor, stories, animals, professions, hotel

**STEFAN WOLTERS** is a writer, illustrator and visual artist. Besides books, he creates children's theatre performances and plays puppet theatre.

**YVON VAN OEL** studied at the Utrecht School of the Arts. She prefers painting about nature and making large animal portraits. Together with Stefan, she runs the children's bookstore Alice in Wonderland in The Hague. *There's a Lion in the Lobby!* is their first book together at Lemniscaat.





*Lighthouse Bear* also was awarded the Zilveren Griffel (Silver medal) as a runner up for best Dutch children's book of 2024!

A Quote from the jury: 'Stylistically, the text is of a high standard. The way Stein takes into account the young age of the reader is brilliant. She skillfully plays with the rhythm of the sentences, sometimes by placing few words well, other times using word sounds and word jokes.'

The Dutch Foundation of Literature is happy to help out with translation costs.



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Original title: *Vuurtoerenbeer* | Hardback  
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MATHILDE STEIN & PIET GROBLER

## Lighthouse Bear

*Lighthouse Bear meets his hero... and it's rather disappointing!*

*Lighthouse Bear was always happy. Every morning he thought to himself: How lucky I am to be Lighthouse Bear! Such luck! And then he happily dove into the sea for his morning bath.*

But then the newspaper starts publishing Adventure Bear's stories. Now that's a bear with an exciting life! Suddenly, Lighthouse Bear's life seems very dull and his island feels very small. One night, in a violent storm, Lighthouse Bear spots a drowning figure in the raging sea. Risking his life, he brings the bear ashore and takes him in. It turns out to be Adventure Bear! Lighthouse Bear can't believe his luck. But Adventure Bear is quite unlike what Lighthouse Bear had imagined...

A humorous story for strong first-time readers by successful author Mathilde Stein with drawings by Piet Grobler that will make you laugh out loud.

**TOPICS:** hero vs anti-hero, friendship, humor, language, good vs bad manners

MATHILDE STEIN is an award winning children's book writer.

PIET GROBLER is an award winning freelance artist and illustrator.







MATHILDE STEIN & SOPHIE PLUIM

## Mary's Christmas Story

Mathilde Steins lets you step into the shoes of a young girl who experiences something that is barely comprehensible.

The Christmas story as never told before: through Mary's eyes. Try to imagine it; you are a country maid, so surely you know how babies are made:

'But...' You almost dare not look at the angel. 'Joseph and I... we've never even... well... kissed.' Does it just seem that way now, or is the angel smiling? 'I know, Mary,' he says 'But your child will be the son of God And this will be his name...' Gently the angel whispers something in your ear. 'That means: 'God saves'.

Try explaining that at home!

A picture-perfect story we all know - and yet don't. Re-told for today's youth. Beautifully illustrated by Sophie Plum.

**TOPICS:** Christmas, religion, coming of age, immaculate conception

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Original title: *Maria's Kerstverhaal* | Hardback

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**MATHILDE STEIN** is an award winning children's book writer. *Mary's Christmas Story* is her first book for an older age group.

**SOPHIE PLUIM** likes to create worlds with pluck and personality. She gives us punks and princesses, post-apocalyptic folklore, meditations in a sandstorm and dancing.



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MIREILLE GEUS & EVY VAN GUYSE

## Mommy, I miss you

*Touching poems about love and loss*

Anyone who has ever lost someone will be able to recognise themselves in the jungle of grief that follows. Fortunately, there are words to express that grief. And beautiful images to be comforted by.

After the previous collection of poems, *Daddy, I miss you*, we were regularly asked if there was also a version available for children who lost their mothers.

Following the successive stages of grief again, Mireille & Evy made a follow up book that will leave you speechless again and again.

**TOPICS:** poetry, grief, family, home situations, parenting

**MIREILLE GEUS** won the Golden Slate for her juvenile fiction book *Piggy*. Her work is published in several countries and languages.

**EVY VAN GUYSE** previously illustrated two picture books for Mireille Geus: *Treasure Trove*, *Too Little* and *Daddy, I miss you*.

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Original title: *Mama, ik mis je* | Hardback

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MARCO KUNST & JESKA VERSTEGEN

## The Sea is Almost Everything

*A vibrant poetry collection full of sea, sand and words that sing*

Beyond the sea, there lies a beach  
Of fine warm soft shell sand.  
It is dazzlingly white,  
No sunbather in sight,  
For no one has ever been there,  
Except you, who now reads this.

In poems that shimmer, shine, and sparkle like the sea itself, Marco Kunst narrates experiences and ponderings in, around, and near the water.

With images that flow as fluidly as the currents, Jeska Versteegen gives shape to the words. A poetry collection you'll pick up again and again to be carried away.

**TOPICS:** poetry, the sea, the beach

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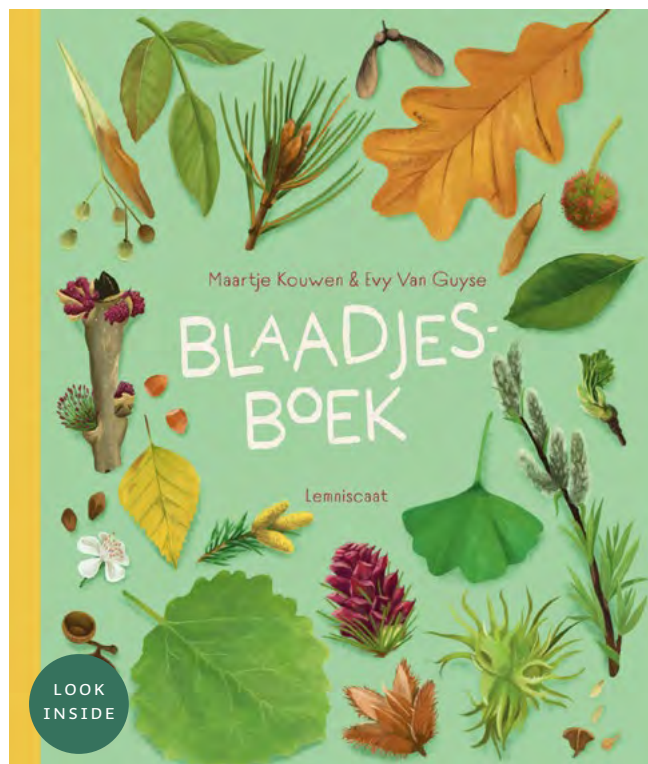
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**MARCO KUNST** writes airy tales, fantasy, sci-fi, creepy, funny, and touching stories for all ages. His philosophy background shapes his work, along with his love for the coast, food, nature, diverse people, and language.

**JESKA VERSTEGEN**, an author and illustrator, has created children's books since 1992. Her artwork won a Best Illustrated Children's Book 2023 award from The New York Times and The New York Public Library. Their amazing book *The Rope & The Truth* is the winner of the Gold Medal for the Best Illustrated Dutch Children's Book of 2024!







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Original title: *Het blaadjesboek* | Binding: Hardback

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MAARTJE KOUWEN & EVY VAN GUYSE

## The Leaf Book

*Explore the versatile world of leaves!*

Can you tell which tree a leaf belongs to just by its shape? Well, after reading and looking through this book, you certainly will! A walk outside will never be the same again: with *The Leaf Book* in hand, you'll be able to identify the leaves, branches, flowers, seeds, and bark of more than twenty common trees.

*The Leaf Book* is more than just a reference work: it's packed with fun activities, discovery tasks, and fascinating facts. For example, play pétanque with chestnuts, learn which type of wood chess pieces are made from, drink linden tea, and find out the origin of "O Christmas Tree!"

Biologist Maartje Kouwen and illustrator Evy Van Guyse joined forces to create a playful and cheerful book about trees. Bet you won't want to stay indoors!

**TOPICS:** nature, activities, information, trees

**MAARTJE KOUWEN** is a biologist who spent years working as a science journalist, writes books, and produces science podcasts, including ones for children. She is also the author of three *Lemniscaat Wildlings* books.

**EVY VAN GUYSE** is an illustrator who creates artwork for books, magazines, stationery, and various other projects. At Lemniscaat, she previously illustrated four books by Mireille Geus, showcasing her unique and captivating style.



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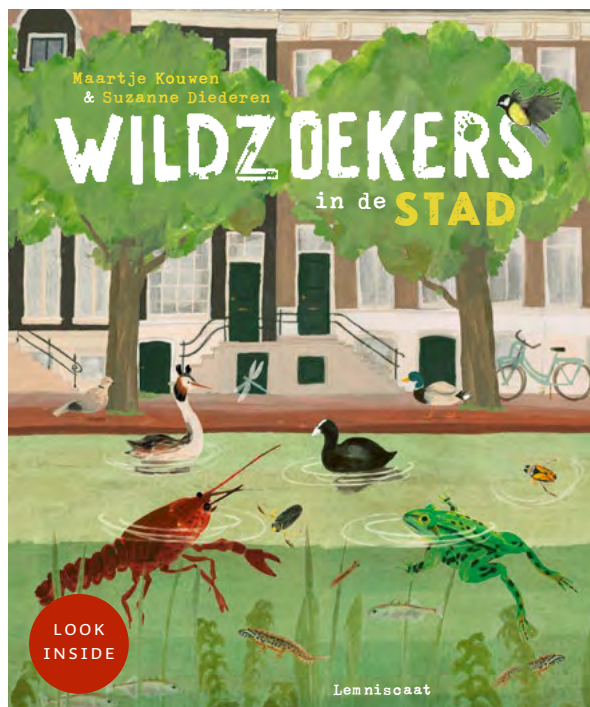
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MAARTJE KOUWEN & SUZANNE DIEDEREN

## Wildlings in the City

*Nature is much closer than you think!*

Outside begins at your front door. With this book in hand, you can go on an exploration in your own neighbourhood. In the spring, search for dandelions, make pancakes from freshly picked herbs, and study frogspawn. In the summer, you can play with the sun, go on a safari between the paving stones, and discover the differences between the pigeons in the city. In the autumn, go on a spider hunt, jump through puddles, and discover which leaves fall the slowest. And in winter, you can catch ice flowers when blowing bubbles or search for the most disgusting objects. There is so much to discover and do if you just step outside!

This is the third book in the series. The previous two books are: *Wildlings in the Woods* and *Wildlings at the Beach*.

We invite you to become a Wildling too!

**TOPICS:** city, activities, games, nature, seasons

**MAARTJE KOUWEN** is a biologist who spent years working as a scientific journalist, writes books and makes podcasts about science. For children as well.



**SUZANNE DIEDEREN** studied at Maastricht University of Fine Arts and Design and specialised in illustrating picture and children's books. Her books have been published in several countries.



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## Wildlings at the Beach

*Become a wildling yourself and have adventures at the beach.*

A wildling is a child who loves to go outside and discover, play, learn and wonder wherever they look. But this book is by no means only suitable for children who already love nature - with the clever ideas in this book, going to the beach becomes fun for everyone! You will find more than a hundred and sixty activities for all seasons of the year in this book. Feel the sand between your toes and hear the murmur of the sea in a shell... Discover which birds fly around, learn which animals scurry across the seabed and find out which shell belongs to whom. Make a sand angel or organise a nighttime picnic...

Or just get a breath of fresh air. Now go outside!

**TOPICS:** beach, activities, games, nature, exploring

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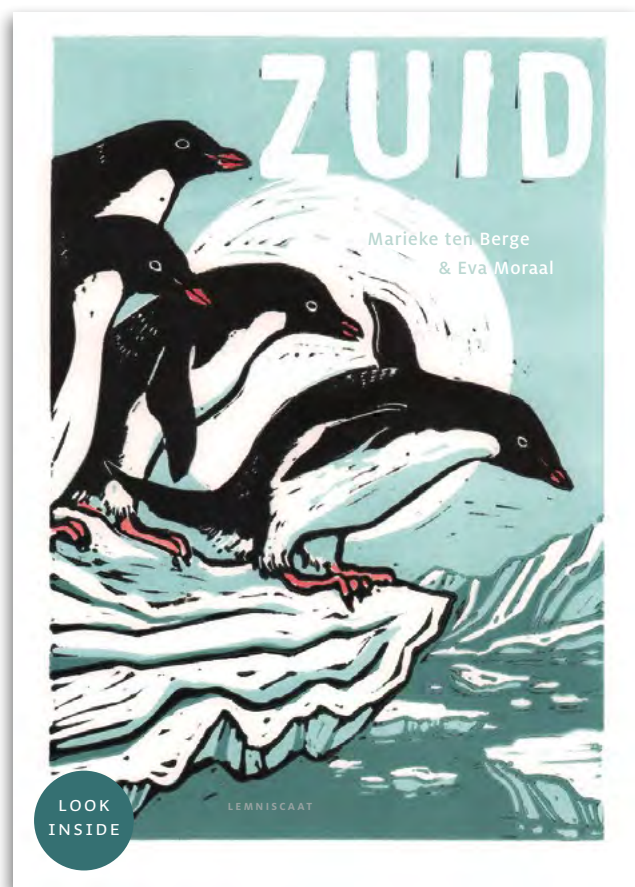
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**SUZANNE DIEDEREN** studied at Maastricht University of Fine Arts and Design and specialised in illustrating picture and children's books. Her books have been published in several countries. *Wildlings at the Beach* is her first book at Lemniscaat.







EVA MORAAL & MARIEKE TEN BERGE

## South

*Discover the enchanting world of Antarctica*

No less than six species of penguins waddle towards you in this stunning new volume of the nature series by Marieke ten Berge and Eva Moraal. They are accompanied by twenty-nine other animals from the icy South, from the Kerguelen fur seal to the southern elephant seal and from the snow petrel to the wandering albatross.

Be dazzled by the magnificent linocuts by Marieke ten Berge and hear the voices of the animals emerge from the texts by Eva Moraal.

You will feel the icy wind, hear the crunching of ice floes, and be warmed with joy as you see and read about all this beauty.

**TOPICS:** nature, ice, snow, animal life, environment

**EVA MORAAL** is an author, editor, and writing coach. She has a PhD in history and has published several books. When she is not engrossed in a book, she loves to be outdoors in nature, especially enjoying rock climbing. Eva and Marieke previously collaborated on *Polder* and was translated into 4 languages worldwide.



**MARIEKE TEN BERGE** has a passion for nature, which she loves to translate into illustrations in every sense of the word. *North* (2021) won numerous awards and was translated into 9 languages worldwide.



RIGHTS SOLD: GERMANY, FRANCE, ITALY

Original title: *Zuid* | Hardback

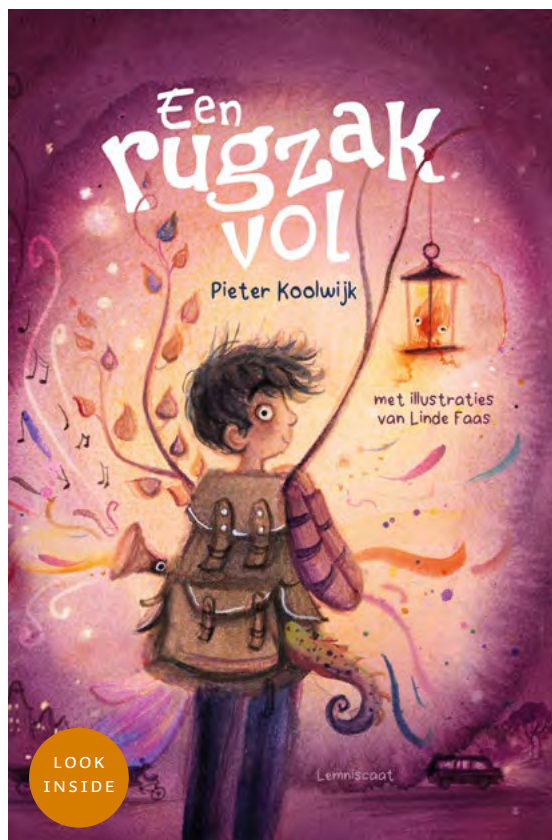
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PIETER KOOLWIJK & LINDE FAAS

## Loaded with Luggage

*A day packed with surprises*

Obi has to take the train to his mother, as she cannot pick him up and his father cannot drop him off. To make things worse, he has to carry an old, annoying backpack because he lost his other one.

As if that wasn't bad enough, he spends too much money on a pocketknife, leaving him without enough to buy a train ticket. So, Obi decides to walk to the next station. Of course, that doesn't go as planned. And then, he hears something coming from his backpack...

**TOPICS:** emotional baggage, friendship, humour, parenting, fantasy

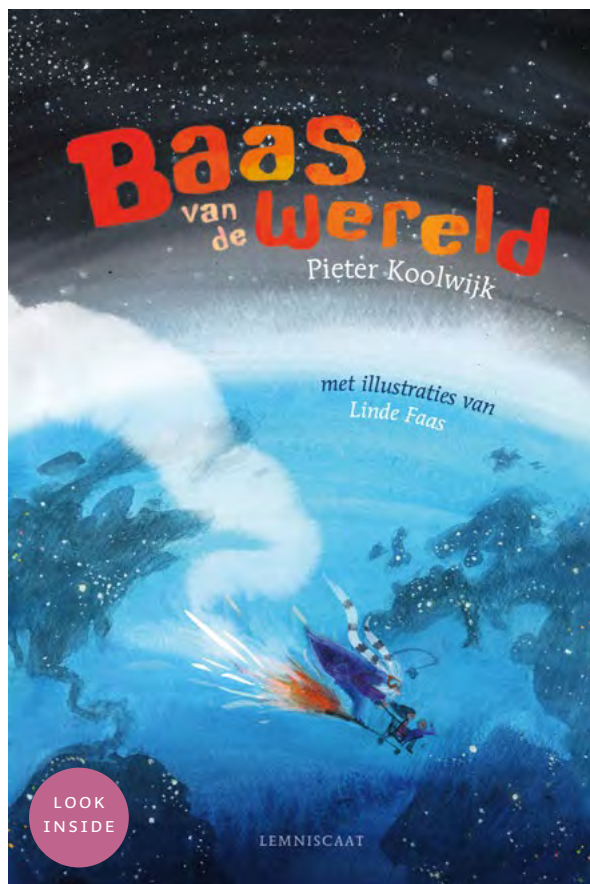
**PIETER KOOLWIJK** believes that everyone should use their imagination. And if you can't, why not borrow his? After all, that's why he writes books – and because some things deserve deeper thought. Because what is crazy? Or what does it mean to be different?



**LINDE FAAS** lives in Norway and draws inspiration from the untouched nature of the far north. She is Pieter's preferred illustrator and has also written and illustrated her own successful picture books, such as *Somewhere in the Snow*.







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 size: 14.3 x 21.5 cm | 164 pages | Age: 9+  
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PIETER KOOLWIJK & LINDE FAAS

## Boss of the World

*A hilarious adventure to make the world a more beautiful place.  
 Re-illustrated by Linde Faas.*

Ivo and Mila don't know what hits them when the boss of the world stands in front of them. Before they know it, they are involved in a grand plan to save the world.

When it starts to dawn on them that Boss is not just a dirty bum, pursued by the police, they fly away in a shopping trolley, end up in a supersonic room in the sewers and find out that Boss can predict the future...

Will the world be all right? And what's in that suspicious brown package that Boss is constantly lugging around?

**TOPICS:** friendship, adventure, humor, family

**PIETER KOOLWIJK's** stories always balance on the edge of reality. He came to fame in the world of children's books with his books about *Flea & Spikey* (2012). This was followed by *Ben's Boat*, *Boss of the World* and *Goo. Matey* won Best book of 2021 and became a trilogy and that was followed by *Leif's Trolls* in 2022.



**LINDE FAAS** graduated cum laude from the Breda Art Academy. She illustrated all of Pieter Koolwijk's books, among others, and makes her own picture books, including *Somewhere in the Snow* (2022). *A mistake, me? No way!* is their first picture book together.









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Binding: hardback | size: 14,3 x 21,5 cm

272 pages | age: 10+

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CEES VAN DEN BERG & MONIQUE DOZY

## The Story of a Princess and a Pistol

*A thrilling and hilarious adventure*

A classic drama with a modern twist– that’s the best way to describe *The Story of a Princess and a Pistol*. This is unlike any book you’ve ever read. Think Roald Dahl meets Raymond Chandler, with Shakespearean choruses woven throughout. It’s the kind of story that keeps you turning the pages non-stop.

The drama unfolds around the main character, Pim. When her grandmother passes away, Pim discovers she was never really her granddaughter. With no idea of her family lineage, she decides to hire a private detective for help. But the detective brushes her off...

As a reader, though, you know more than Pim. You’re given glimpses into the sinister plans being plotted behind the scenes. You know that Pim is actually the true daughter of the royal couple. But will Pim uncover the truth before it’s too late?

**TOPICS:** family, friendship, humour, detective mystery

**CEES VAN DEN BERG** is a musician and writer. His writing career began as a music critic and interviewer, and he debuted in 2016 with his children’s book *Lotje Later*.



**MONIQUE DOZY** knew from an early age that she wanted to be an artist. After studying at the Academy of Arts in Amsterdam, she became an illustrator.







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Original title: *Kauw van jou* | Hardback

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KRIS TERWINDT

## A Jackdaw's Love

*A story of secrets, loss and friendship.*

The summer holidays have only started a week ago, but Pim has already had enough. Her mother is at work every day and her father won't get off the couch on which he has been living for almost a year now. *Almost* a year, because in a week it will be exactly a year since Hugo's accident. Pim's older brother.

When Pim angrily goes out for an ice cream, she meets Thilo, who has recently moved into their block of apartment buildings. He shows her a secret - a secret, Pim knows, that has everything to do with Hugo. But Thilo doesn't know that yet.

In the week that follows, Pim has to make important choices. How much will she share, and with whom? And most importantly, how should she move on from here? Because once a year has passed, it'll be real. Hugo will not come back. And what to do with Hugo's dead Jackdaw in the freezer?

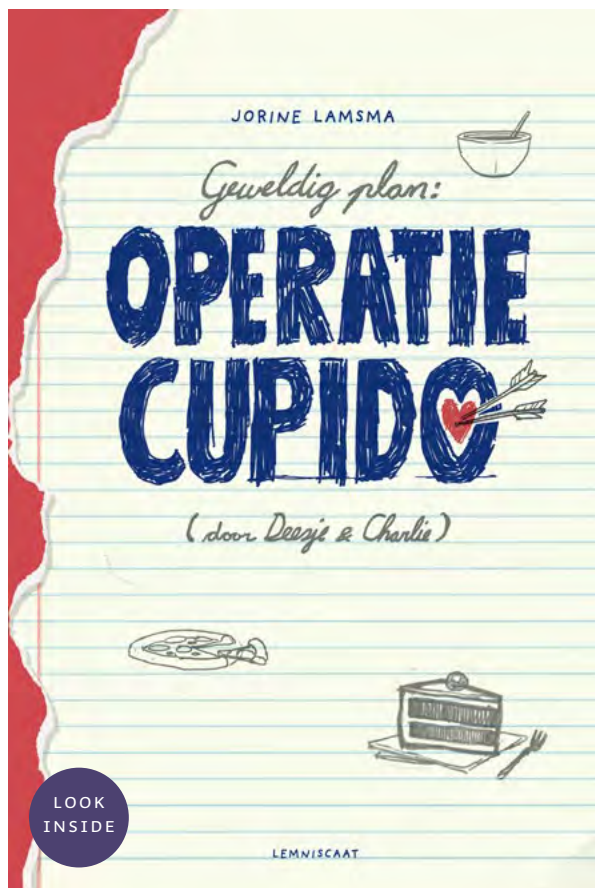
Kris Terwindt has written a book that will warm your heart. Head-strong Pim and irresistibly cheerful Thilo are an asset to children's literature.

**TOPICS:** family, home situation, grief, friendship

As a six-year-old girl, KRIS TERWINDT (b 1978) wrote big words in small notebooks with a thick blue pencil. With her stories full of humour and dramatic twists, she entertained her classmates and teachers year in, year out. But she did not become a writer. She proved totally unsuitable for the army, became a primary school teacher and studied at the University of Amsterdam. After 20 years of telling stories to her students every day, the urge to write reared its head again. Inevitably this time. Kris is currently working on her second children's book.







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Original title: *Operatie Cupido* | Hardback

size: 14,3 x 21,5 cm | 240 pages | age: 10+

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JORINE LAMSMA

## Operation Cupid

*Cheerful, refreshing, surprising - a new voice in children's literature*

Eighth-graders Deena and Charlie are writing a book together when Deena's life is suddenly turned upside down. Her parents are getting divorced. No one saw it coming, but Deena's mother has fallen in love with another man. Charlie's parents have been separated for ages, so Deena knows that divorce is not the end of the world. Except Charlie has got a jerk of a stepfather. But... of course, that can be solved if Charlie's mother and Deena's father fall in love with each other! Together with the help of Deena's two neighbors, they devise Operation Cupid.

Alternately, the sensitive, insecure Deena and the funny, curious Charlie write down in their own voices how Operations Cupid develops. And meanwhile, 'Ordinary Life' goes on too. With preparation for the final school musical and everything that comes with the last year at primary school. Will Operation Cupid succeed?

Jorine Lamsma drags you into the world of Deena and Charlie from the very first page. Their own voices will leave you laughing, shuddering, frightened, hoping... and longing for more!

**TOPICS:** family, home situations, friendship, self-confidence, leaving primary school

As a child, **JORINE LAMSMA** found it absurd that adults wrote children's books, so at nine, she decided to write her own. Busy with other things, she never finished, and the manuscript was lost. Decades later, the idea resurfaced. Though no longer a child, she still felt like that nine-year-old girl who wanted to write. So, ridiculous or not, she embraced it.





*The Rope & The Truth* is the winner of the Gouden Penseel (**Gold medal**) for the best Illustrated Dutch children's book of 2024!

A Quote from the jury: 'Even the illustrating itself takes on meaning in the story as Ylan writes words to Kyra's drawings and Kyra draws to Ylan's words. This reflects on the interaction between text and image on a meta-level. Jeska Versteegen not only adds new layers of meaning to the text with her images in *The Rope and the Truth*, but also to her oeuvre.'

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MARCO KUNST & JESKA VERSTEGEN

## The Rope and the Truth



*A modern mythological tale about words and colours, for all ages*

Two children, Ylan and Kyra, grow up on different islands far away from each other; lonely and without a sense of purpose. By trusting their instincts as they get older, and after a dangerous crossing oversea; the two children are destined to find each other.

Jeska Versteegen's images are as enchanting as Marco Kunst's words. Together they lure you into Ylan and Kyra's story, to never let you go.

**TOPICS:** longing, destiny, language, mythology

**MARCO KUNST** writes fairy tales, realistic stories, fantasy, creepy books, science fiction, very funny books and also touching ones, for children of all ages. He once studied philosophy and this is reflected in his stories, as is his love of the coast, good food, fantasy, other worlds, nature, people of all shapes and sizes, wide vistas and language.



**JESKA VERSTEGEN** is an author and illustrator. She started drawing in 1990 and has focused on drawing and writing children's books since 1992. She also worked with Sesame Street. Last year, her critically acclaimed autobiographical children's novel *I'll Keep You Close* (Levine Querido, USA) was published.









MARGARETHA VAN ANDEL

## The Viper's Brood of Thetinga

A story based on the history of the Labadists

*A boy in a seventeenth-century religious sect starts asking too many questions...*

In the seventeenth century, an unusual group of people settles down in Wiuwert, a farming village in the north of the Netherlands. They call themselves Labadists and follow their own strict religious rules. Jean and his mother join the sect, but while she believes she has found the true faith, Jean is less convinced.

Why doesn't he get the Blessing? Why are the Brothers so keen to lure the rich farmer Annes into their sect? And what about Hieke, the girl in boys' clothes? The villagers believe she is a changeling, but is she really a daughter of the devil?

Jean is getting more and more frustrated, especially when he discovers that the leaders of the sect enjoy luxuries which are denied to the rest of them.

Together with Hieke and the blind boy Isaac Bauseart he explores the world outside the estate... and his doubts are growing.

**TOPICS:** history, religion, friendship, coming of age, family

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MARGARETHA VAN ANDEL spent a number of years in China and Pakistan and now lives in the Frisian countryside. She is a full-time writer and translator of children's fiction books. *The Viper's Brood of Thetinga* was launched in the summer of 2024 and gets positive reviews from leading critics and readers alike.



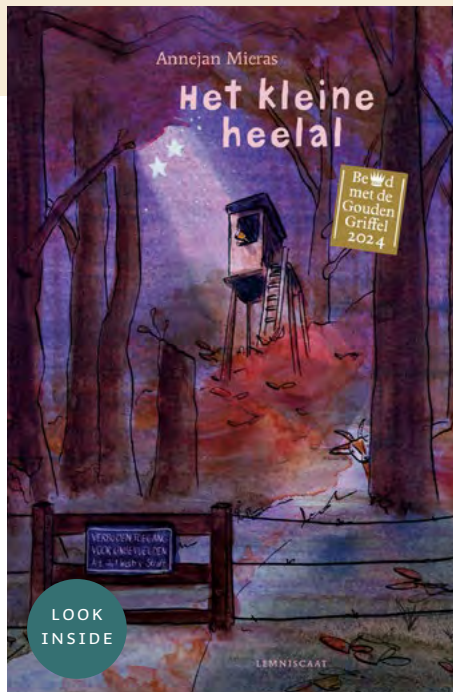
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*The Little Universe* is the winner of the Gouden Griffel (**Gold medal**) for the best Dutch children's book of 2024!

A Quote from the jury: 'The Little Universe is the ultimate children's book in the sense that it has everything to become a classic. One of the judges remarked: you would wish such a beautiful book on every child.'

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Original title: *Het kleine heelal* | Hardback  
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ANNEJAN MIERAS

## The Little Universe

*A sparkling tale of friendship and questions*

Raven has the worst of luck. She has been suspended from school, her father is stuck abroad somewhere, and to top it all off, there is water damage in their flat. And so she and her mother temporarily move into an old caravan at 'The Little Universe' campsite.

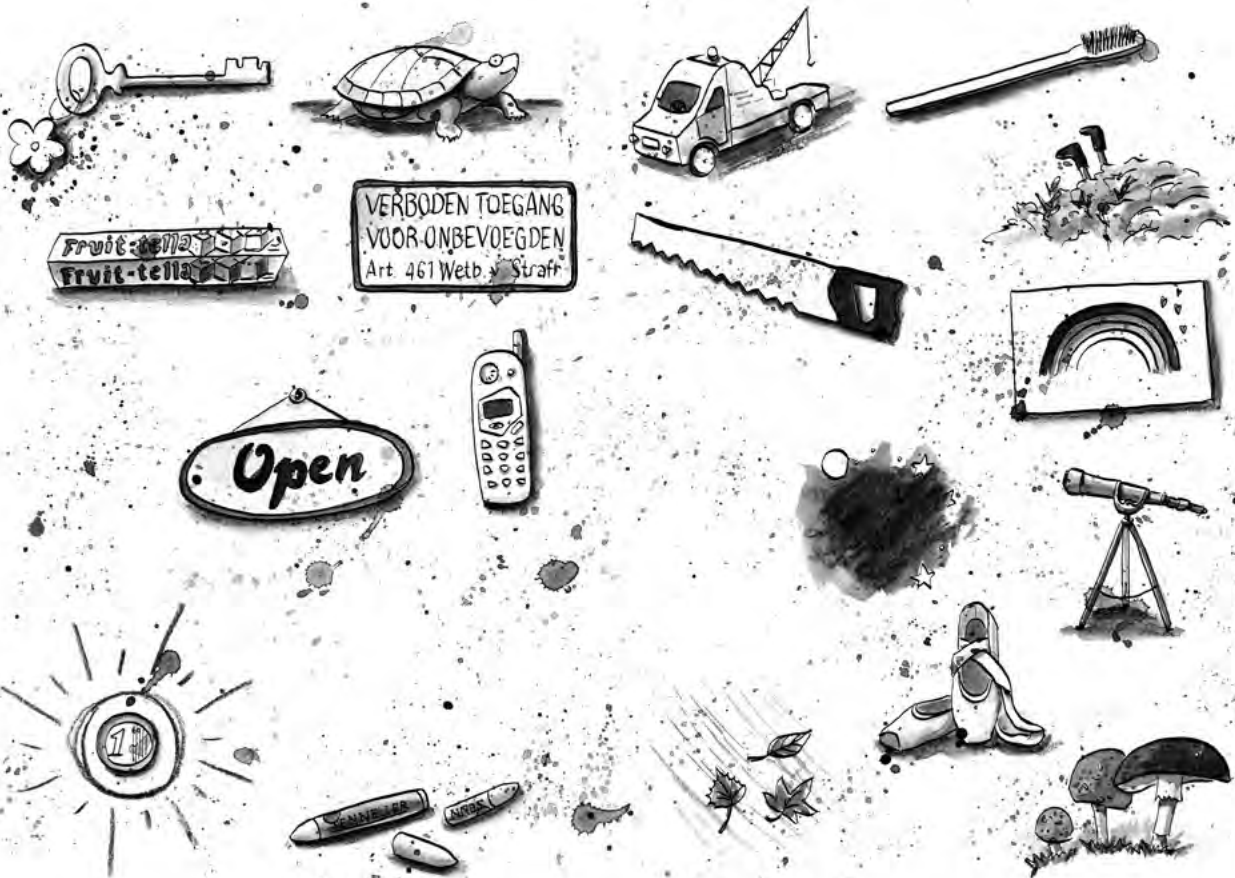
There is not much to do in autumn - especially since her mother has to continue working and her best friend Miracle is at school, without her. Yet Raven has little opportunity to be bored. What is Nicholas, the campsite manager's son, doing in the mysterious woods behind the caravans? And why is her mother being so secretive about her father, who for some reason can never be reached?

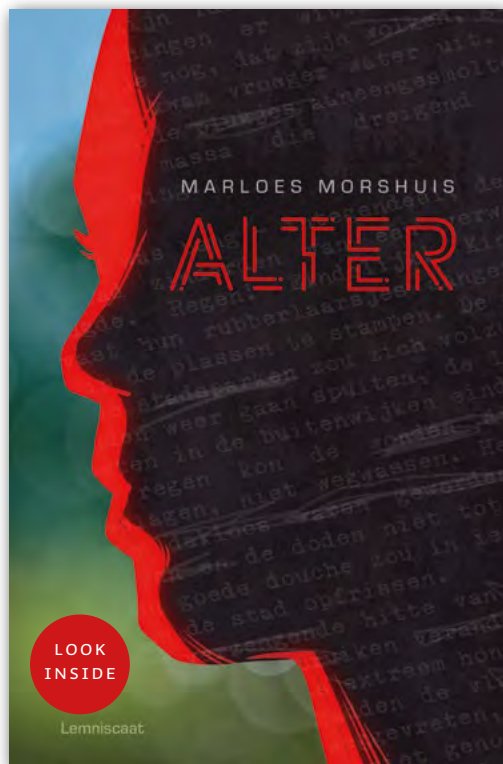
Annejan Mieras wrote a sparkling story about friendship, annoying adults, and lots of questions. Will Raven find the answers? Read the book to find out for yourself...

**TOPICS:** family, loss, friendship

**ANNEJAN MIERAS** studied architecture at TU Delft, where she graduated on the design of a primary school. That was perhaps a sign: after 15 years of architecture, she switched to education. She has since been a teacher at a Waldorf school for many years. Apart from her work as a teacher, she is now mainly a writer of children's books.







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Original title: ALTER | Binding: Hardback

size: 14.3 x 21.5 cm | 300 pages | Age: 13+

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MARLOES MORSHUIS

## ALTER

*Two books form one thrilling story*

Roz and Cody live in a world where everything is well-organized—food, entertainment, and even eco-friendly travel. A digital alter ego, the dialego, acts as their conscience, guiding them toward the best possible life. But those who stray from its advice risk exclusion from society.

This system was taken directly from a sci-fi novel, *Only Together*, by Cato Marsh. When Cody gets into trouble, Roz sets out to find the author—was this really her vision? How far should one go to create the perfect world?

ALTER includes both stories: Roz and Cody's journey and *Only Together*.

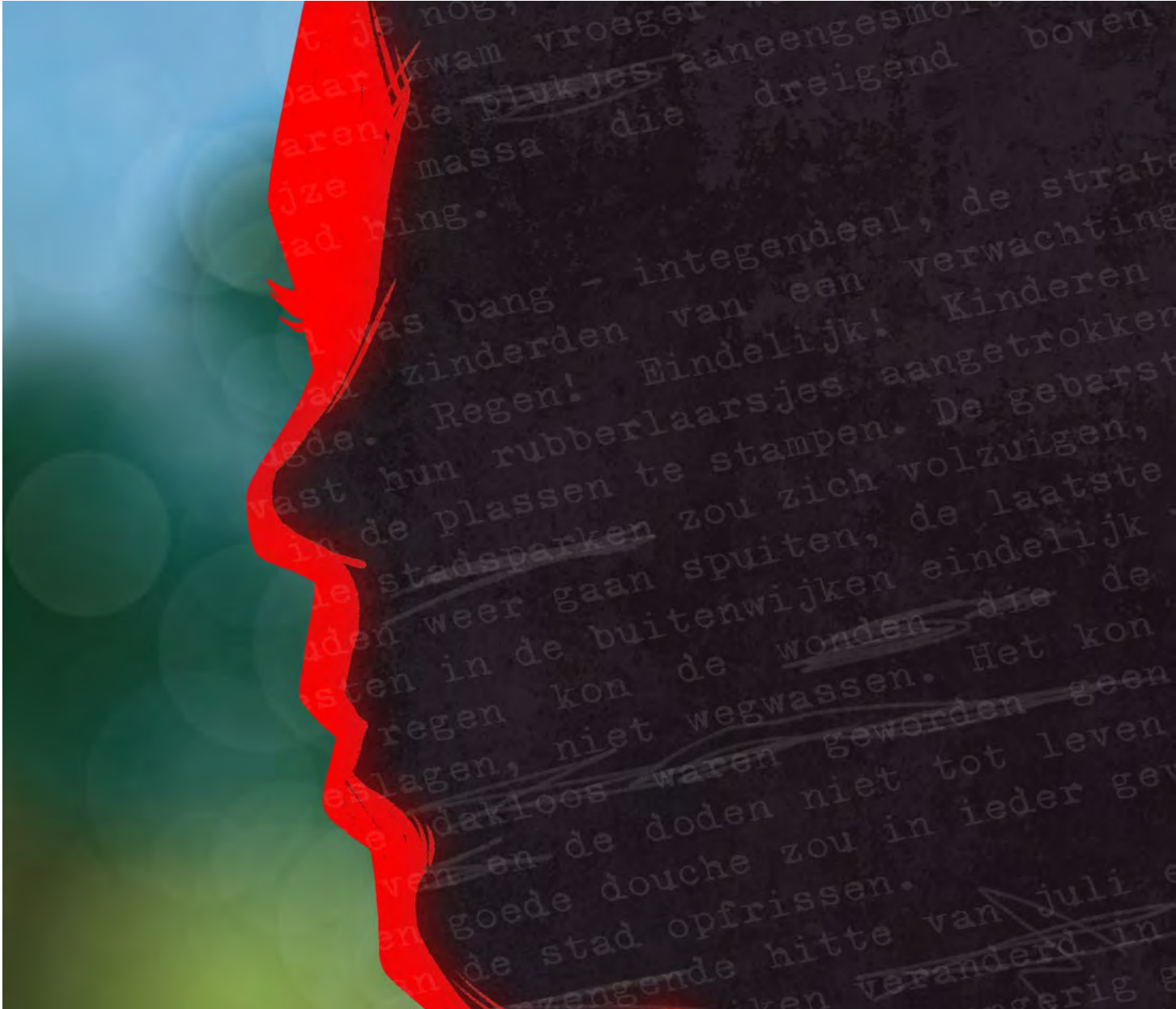
**TOPICS:** adventure, dystopian, control, freedom, ethics



**MARLOES MORSHUIS** writes thrilling children's books that have been translated into multiple languages, including *The Shadows of Radovar* and *Quotum*, which won awards. Her stories open new worlds to readers.



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MARCO KUNST

## Power of Algas

*A tense dystopia that crashes into you like waves during a violent storm.*

It is 2317. The water has risen and the Netherlands has new borders. Walcheren is the last island in Zeeland to hold out. One evening, Naomi, Breese, Lutian and Wicke experience the biggest storm of their lives.... Their beloved island seems to go under, but the supreme company Algas manages to prevent a major disaster. However, the price for their rescue is high. Very high.

Marco Kunst manages to draw the reader into the story from the very first page. As if by different sea currents, you are carried along in their adventures sometimes by Naomi, sometimes by Breese, Lutian or Wicke. How will things continue with them and with Walcheren?

**TOPICS:** future, adventure, friendship, powerful companies

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Original title: *De macht van Algas* | Hardback  
size: 14.3 x 21.5 cm | 296 pages | age: 12+

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MARCO KUNST writes fairy tales, realistic stories, fantasy, creepy books, science fiction, very funny books as well as touching ones, for children from 6 to 18. He once studied philosophy and this is reflected in his stories, as is his love of the seaside, good food, fantasy, other worlds, nature, people of all shapes and sizes, vast vistas and language.









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ANNA VAN PRAAG

## Where are you?

*A brother's search for his sister and his past*

Juno is gone. The police are not too worried - after all, she is of age - and Juno's mother actually finds it rather peaceful that her troublesome daughter is not around for a while.


But 15-year-old Milan feels there is more to it. His big sister has always been there for him. Especially since the 'Disaster' happened. She always used to distract him by plotting scavenger hunts for him. And Milan is sure Juno has left traces for him now too. Together with his friend Jaleesa, he sets out on a search using objects he finds in Juno's room. Objects that take him back to a past he would rather forget.

Anna van Praag wrote a book like an escape room, in which the reader becomes entangled with Milan. A young adult novel about family and secrets too big to bear.

**TOPICS:** family, siblings, love, friendship, secrets, psychology



ANNA VAN PRAAG writes children's books and blogs and teaches children's literature at various professional schools. She has published over twenty children's books and in more recent years psychological YA titles. At Lemniscaat, she published *Ring around the Rosies*, *A most extraordinary girl*, *Northern Lights* and *Jona*; which was nominated for Best YA Book 2024.

A collage of various human faces, including a woman with glasses, a man with a mustache, and a woman with a white headscarf. The word 'DE' is overlaid in large, dark, block letters. The 'D' is on the left, and the 'E' is in the center. The background is a mix of skin tones and dark shadows.

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