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ALL RIGHTS AVAILABLE

Original title: *Het kleine kerstfeest* | Binding: Hardback
Trim size: 22 × 28 cm | Extent: 32 pages | Age: 4+



BY THIS AUTHOR AND THIS ILLUSTRATOR

Nine Lives and *Star Child*

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MIREILLE GEUS & AMBER MOONEN

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS

A heartwarming picture book about the true spirit of Christmas

It's Christmas Eve. Little, a tiny mouse, feels lonely—more than anything, she longs to belong somewhere, but she has no one. Will any of the forest animals let her in?

'May I come inside? I'm so cold.'
'We barely have enough for ourselves, you scruffy little mouse. Go away!'
shouts the hedgehog.

Just when it seems Little is destined for a lonely Christmas, an unexpected animal opens the door. Has she finally found a warm and welcoming home—or is she not safe there either?

Mireille Geus has written a timeless Christmas story, beautifully brought to life by Amber Moonen's atmospheric illustrations. Looking at her pictures and listening to the story, you feel the winter cold—and the warmth of the fire. A perfect book to share with loved ones on a cosy winter's evening.

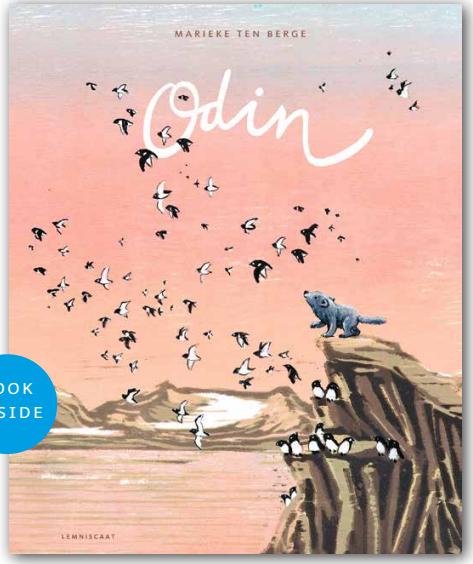


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MIREILLE GEUS writes picture books, fiction for children and young adults, novels for adults, and books on the craft of writing. Her work has been published in ten countries. This is her twentieth book with Lemniscaat in twenty years.



AMBER MOONEN studied at the Amsterdam University of the Arts. A lifelong lover of visual storytelling, she won the Picture This! illustration competition, which led to *Star Child*. Alongside illustrating children's books, she also paints. This is her second picture book with Lemniscaat.



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Original title: *Odin* | Binding: Hardback
Size: 22 x 28 cm | Pages: 32 | Age: 4+

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

ALSO KNOWN FOR
Rana **RIGHTS SOLD** German, French, Danish, English, Italian
North **RIGHTS SOLD** Chinese (simplified and traditional), Korean, Danish, French, Russian, Turkish, Italian
Colour

MARIEKE TEN BERGE

ODIN

A stunning picture book about finding your own place in the world

Marieke ten Berge has fallen in love with the Far North. A sailing expedition around Spitsbergen inspired her to create this magnificent picture book.

Odin is a young Arctic fox. As summer turns to autumn, day and night become distinct once more and winter draws near, the Arctic foxes' coats begin to change colour—but Odin's does not. He wonders whether, if he is not going to turn white like the other foxes, he might be better off heading south, just like the birds. On his journey through an increasingly snow-covered landscape, Odin discovers that being different can mean becoming a beacon for others.

Both literally and figuratively, Odin and the other animals in this remarkable book find their own place in the breathtaking world Marieke ten Berge has created through her distinctive woodcut illustrations—never has snow been depicted in so many colours. Odin can be seen as a companion or a follow up to the highly successful *Rana*.





MARIEKE TEN BERGE has a passion for nature, which she loves to capture in her illustrations in every sense of the word. *North* (2021) won numerous awards, and her books have been translated into more than 10 languages worldwide.

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THEMES autumn, courage; nature, forest animals, seasonal changes, educational.



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Original title: *Eekhoorn verzamelt moed*

Binding: Hardback | Size: 22 x 28 cm | Pages: 32 | Age: 5

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AVAILABLE



MAARTJE KOUWEN & EVY VAN GUYSE

SQUIRREL GATHERS COURAGE

A heartwarming picture book about finding courage.

Autumn has arrived in the forest, and Squirrel needs to gather food for the winter. There's just one problem: he's too scared to go to the big hollow tree, where the tastiest nuts can be found.

As he finds out that he lacks courage, Squirrel decides to gather courage instead of nuts. He asks each of the forest animals if they can spare him a little. But everyone is busy with their own autumn preparations. How will Squirrel ever build up his winter store?

Following the success of *Little Hare Looks for an Egg*, Maartje Kouwen and Evy Van Guyse reunite for another charming seasonal picture book.

Join Squirrel as he explores the forest in autumn and discovers the animals that live there, how they prepare for the changing season, what the deer rut is, and which birds migrate to warmer places. Along the way, Squirrel learns an important lesson: you can be brave, even when you feel afraid.



With her books, biologist **MAARTJE KOUWEN** encourages children to get outdoors to explore, investigate and discover. She believes that the more you know about the natural world around you, the better you will protect it.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR:

Little Hare Looks for an Egg – German **RIGHTS SOLD**

The Leaf Book



As a child, **EVY VAN GUYSE** was rarely seen without a pencil and paper in hand, so it came as no surprise that she went on to study illustration. Today, she is an acclaimed illustrator of children's books across a wide range of genres. This book is her third collaboration with Maartje Kouwen.

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MIREILLE GEUS & EVY VAN GUYSE

HOW ARE MUMS MADE?

A playful picture book about the uniqueness of every mum

Every toddler and preschooler has the sweetest mum in the whole wide world. But where do these mums come from? Little Monkey is convinced there must be a giant Mum Factory somewhere.

I'm sure there's a department
where noses are made.
Big noses, little noses, round noses,
long noses, tiny noses, runny noses,
and of course, clever noses.

Evy Van Guyse has transformed Mireille Geus's cheerful story into a richly detailed picture book that children will enjoy exploring repeatedly. It invites them to talk about their own mums: What does your mum look like? What makes her so special?



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MIREILLE GEUS writes picture books, children's and YA fiction, novels for adults, and books about the craft of writing. Her work has been published in ten countries. *How Are Mums Made?* is just one of her many books with Lemniscaat in twenty years.

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Original title: *Hoe worden mama's gemaakt?*
Binding: Hardback | Trim size: 22 x 28 cm | Pages: 32
Age: 4+

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BY THIS AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Treasure Trove | *Too Small*
Daddy I Miss You | *Mammy I Miss You*

As a child, **EVY VAN GUYSE** was rarely seen without a pencil and paper in hand, so it came as no surprise that she went on to study illustration. Today she is an acclaimed illustrator of children's books across a wide range of genres. This is her fifth collaboration with Mireille Geus.





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Original title: *Als je maar gelukkig bent*

Binding: Hardback | Size: 17 x 24 cm | Pages: 144

Age: 7+

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WILLEM RITSTIER

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY

A joyful, philosophical journey in three stages.

'One day, Polar Bear became curious about the future.'

As Long as You're Happy opens with this wonderful line.
Polar Bear sets off on a quest...

'But wherever he looked—to the left, to the right—the future was nowhere to be found. '

Luckily, he meets Arctic Hare, who decides to join him on this extraordinary adventure.

Just as the characters in *Things That Make You Happy* captured readers' hearts, Polar Bear and Arctic Hare are equally irresistible. Join them on their journey, laugh along with their conversations, meet a host of fascinating animals, ponder life's big questions, and keep wondering... will they ever find the future?

With this new book, Willem Ritstier has once again created three charming and thought-provoking interconnected stories for young children and first readers—stories that also make a wonderful gift for adults.



FOTO © ALWIN RITSTIER

WILLEM RITSTIER originally wanted to become a veterinarian, but in the end he liked drawing even more. Later he began writing as well, creating scripts for a wide range of comics in many genres.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

Things That Make You Happy



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Scottish Gaelic, English (Europe & UK)



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BOUDEWIJN DE GROOT, JACO VAN DER STEEN & MARK JANSSEN

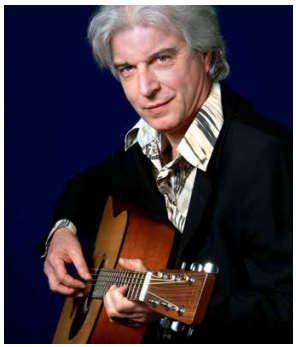
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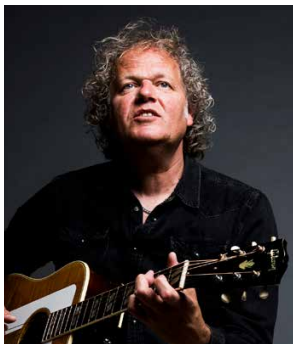
Poetic stories and pictures that make you drift off into a daydream

The songbooks by Boudewijn de Groot, Jaco van der Steen and Mark Janssen have become a phenomenon in the Netherlands, and now there's a third! *Beyond The Horizon* is filled with story-driven lyrics about the animals of the Great Forest and beyond—adventurous, joyful, wistful and irresistibly catchy.

It is also possible to use the amazing illustrations to create your own edition.

'Let's journey beyond the horizon,' said Hedgehog one fine day,
'It's farther than you've ever gone, so very far away.'
'How exciting!' cried Butterfly. 'What great fun that will be—
I wish you all a splendid trip. Don't forget to think of me!'







BOUDEWIJN DE GROOT, singer-songwriter, music producer and actor, has been one of the Netherlands' most influential musicians for decades.

JACO VAN DER STEEN is a bassist, guitarist, singer, composer and producer who has written countless songs for a wide range of performers.

MARK JANSSEN is an award-winning illustrator who has contributed to more than five hundred books. His acclaimed picture books include *Island*, *Stop! Monsters!*, *Dreamer*, *Home* and the beautifully illustrated *Wonder*, published by Lemniscaat. His work has been published in more than 25 countries and translated into numerous languages.

ALSO BY THESE CREATORS

Sometimes When I See a Butterfly, With My Head Held High

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Original title: *Naar de verte* | Binding: Hardback
Trim size: 25 × 33.4 cm | Extent: 32 pages | Age: 6+



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RIGHTS SOLD *Russia*
Original title: *Het boek van ijs en sneeuw*
Binding: Hardback | Size: 17 x 24 cm | Pages: 208
Age: 9+

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

ADWIN DE KLUYVER is a writer, historian, film festival organizer, and polar explorer. He has written award-winning books for adults about the Arctic, Antarctica, and islands, which have been translated into several languages. This is his second book with Lemniscaat.

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ADWIN DE KLUYVER & MARIEKE TEN BERGE

THE BOOK OF ICE AND SNOW

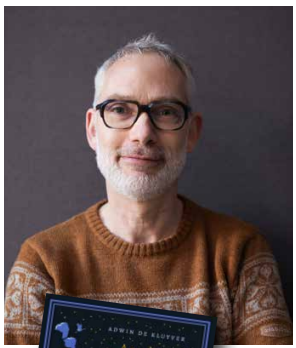
Ice-cold stories brought to life with heartwarming illustrations

The wind howls through snow-covered valleys, an icy breath that freezes the world. Freezes him. Grok pulls his heavy fur cloak tighter around his body. His breath hangs in the air like a sculpted cloud. The cold cuts. The cold bites. The cold creeps inside him, slipping beneath his skin, gnawing at his bones. Grok rubs his hands together and blows on them. Once. Twice. It helps—for a moment. But not for long. The cold always returns.

In The Book of Ice and Snow, 31 captivating stories reveal how people have faced cold, ice and hardship throughout history, from 45,000 years ago to the year 2178. The stories span the globe, from Antarctica to Belgium, Tanzania, Svalbard and Peru. Along the way, readers encounter remarkable figures both famous and unexpected, from Ötzi the Iceman to Dutch king Willem-Alexander skating across frozen canals.

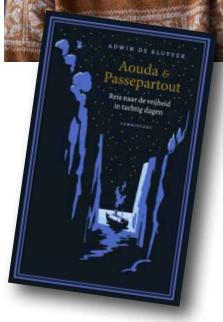
Master storyteller Adwin de Kluyver immerses readers in a frozen world, vividly and tenderly brought to life by multi-award–winning illustrator Marieke ten Berge.

Discover where skis and yetis come from, when people first skated on ice, which country holds the world record for building snowmen, and much more besides.





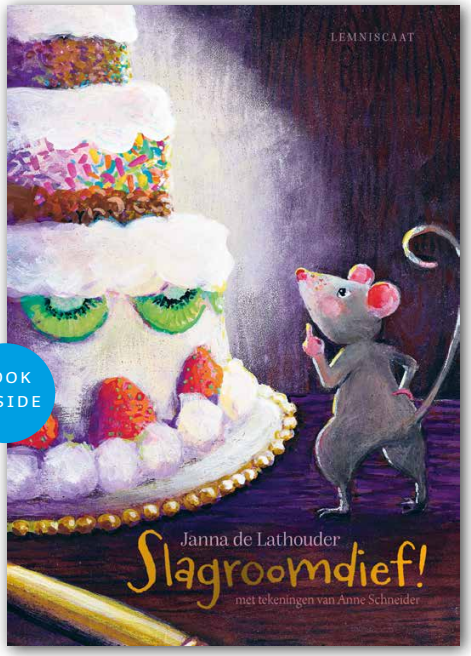
MARIEKE TEN BERGE has a passion for nature, which she loves to translate into illustrations in every sense of the word. *North* (2021) won numerous awards, and her books have been translated into more than 10 languages worldwide.



BY THE SAME AUTHER
Aouda & Passepartout

BY THE SAME ILLUSTRATOR
North, South **RIGHTS SOLD** *to more than 10 languages!*





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JANNA DE LATHOUDER & ANNE SCHNEIDER

CREAM THIEF!

Who took a bite out of the cake?

Dinghy, a little mouse, has just moved with her mother and brothers to the bottom shelf of the royal pantry. There are only two rules:

ONE: never let a human see you.
TWO: always keep everything neat and tidy.

The peace and quiet in the cupboard is disturbed when someone takes a secret bite from the royal cream cake. The culprit must be the Wheezing Cockroach, ruler of the top shelf—how else did that hole in the whipped cream get there? He is banished, the mouse family moves upstairs, and the very next day… there's another hole in the cake. Determined to solve the mystery, Dinghy sets off to find the real thief. Her search leads her into places she should never have gone, putting not only her own life but everyone in the pantry at risk. Then, unexpectedly, she receives help from a very royal ally…

With wit and charm, Janna de Lathouder has written a lively adventure that's perfect for newly independent readers, while Anne Schneider's playful illustrations bring the story to life.

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Original title: *Slagroomdief!* | Binding: Hardback
Trim size: 17 × 24 cm | Extent: 120 pages | Age: 7+

ANNE SCHNEIDER is an award-winning illustrator and picture book maker. Her books have been published internationally, and in 2012 she won the International Key Colours Illustration Award. Her atmospheric, painterly artwork has captivated readers around the world.



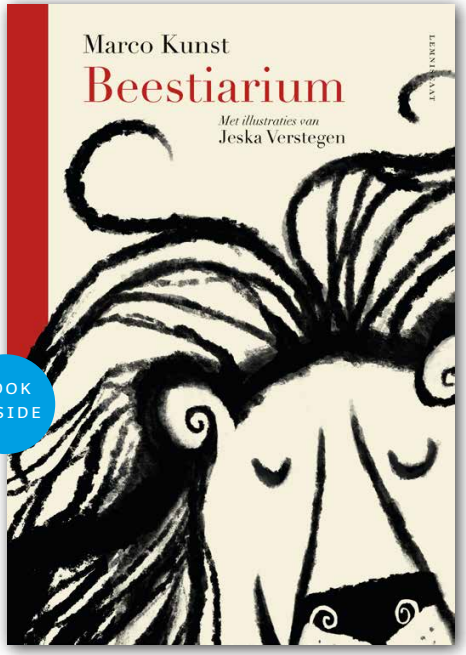


JANNA DE LATHOUDER is a playwright and children's author. Her books have been translated into several languages, including English, German, Chinese and Korean. This is her second middle-grade novel with Lemniscaat.



BY THE SAME AUTHOR
Eight Days of The Worst Summer Ever

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Original title: *Beestiarium* | Binding: Hardback
Size: 17 x 24 cm | Pages: 88 | Age: 9+

Award-winning illustrator Jeska Verstegen brings the poems vividly to life with enchanting, richly detailed artwork, making this a book to read, share and lose yourself in again and again.

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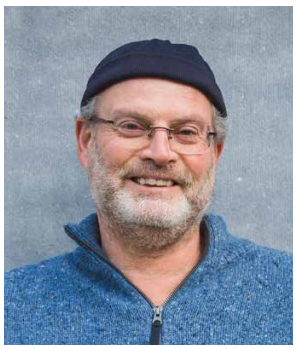
MARCO KUNST & JESKA VERSTEGEN

BEASTIARY

Welcome to a Beastiary bursting with creatures great and small!

In sparkling, playful poems, acclaimed Dutch author Marco Kunst celebrates familiar animals, mythical beasts, everyday wildlife and long-extinct species alike. Meet the lion who would much rather wear a party dress than rule the animal kingdom, the Tasmanian tiger who has completely forgotten he's extinct, and a whole host of wonderfully improbable creatures—such as the Motorway Cat, the Jelly Whale and the Grumble Slors.

Every page is filled with humour, rhythm, wordplay and surprises, inviting children to read aloud, laugh together and discover new favourite creatures.





JESKA VERSTEGEN is an author and illustrator. She has been dedicated to drawing and writing children's books since 1992. Jeska's artwork received an award from *The New York Times* and The New York Public Library, earning her recognition as one of the winners of the Best Illustrated Children's Book 2023.

MARCO KUNST writes fairy tales, realistic stories, fantasy, creepy books, science fiction, very funny books as well as touching ones and poetry, for children aged 6 to 18. He once studied philosophy, which 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.

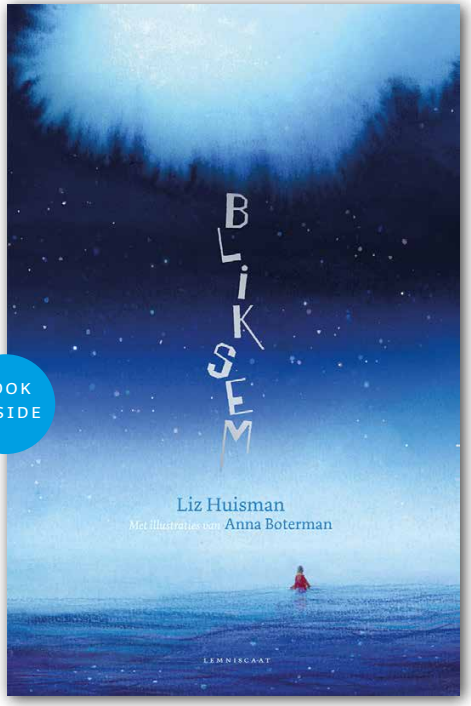
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The Rope and The Truth Award for: Best Dutch Illustrated Children's Book of the Year 2024 (Gouden Penseel)

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The Sea is almost Everything





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Original title: *Bliksem* | Format: Hardback
Trim size: 14.3 x 21.5 cm | Extent: 160 pages | Age: 10+

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

LIZ HUISMAN is a copywriter and journalist who has loved writing since the age of eight. Her hands-on attitude, both professionally and personally, shines through in this remarkable second novel.

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LIZ HUISMAN & ANNA BOTERMAN

LIGHTNING

A moving story about friendship, loss and regaining trust

Rhys is spending the summer holidays by the sea with his mother, who is dealing with mental health problems. One night, he slips out to the beach. There is something he must do. Alone. But then he spots something in the water…

Something is floating there.
I squint and step closer.
Is it a seal? There aren't any seals here, are there?
It looks like… arms.
Are those arms? It looks like… Shit.
I think someone is drowning.
I let go of Lightning and run towards the sea.

This is how Rhys meets Vesper, the headstrong daughter of the owners of a beach café. Rhys and Vesper dislike each other from the very start, yet they are also intrigued by one another. And when Rhys's mother suddenly disappears, they have no choice but to join forces.

Just like her acclaimed debut *Dare*, Liz Huisman tells a story that balances humour with heartfelt emotion, enhanced by Anna Boterman's stunning full-colour illustrations.



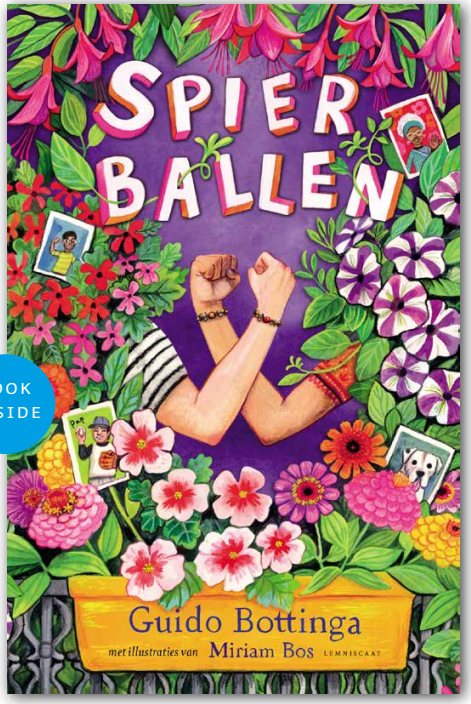


ANNA BOTERMAN's work is vibrant and distinctive, instantly recognisable for its bold colours and playful, naïve style. In 2024, she was one of the winners of the international Picture This! competition.

The White Ravens | 2026
International Youth Library

ALSO, BY THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR *Dare*





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GUIDO BOTTINGA & MIRIAM BOS

MUSCLES

A heartwarming story about finding the strength to cope with the difficult things in life

'You need muscles in life,' Mrs Kamla said. 'Everyone knows you need muscles to lift and carry things. But you need muscles here as well.' She placed her hands on her chest. 'Here, inside your heart. A different kind of strength. The kind you need to carry your worries.'

Siska has just moved to a new city where she doesn't know a soul. Her mother is always busy with work, and she can't seem to settle in at her new school. Fortunately, there's her neighbour Mrs Kamla: small, elderly, with skinny legs and a house full of flowers and gods. She calls Siska misi and tells stories about crocodiles in the rivers of Suriname, about her sister Indra, about cooking for everyone—even when no one comes to visit—and about muscles. Not the ones in your arms, but the ones that help you carry life's hardships. Along the way, Siska also meets Inke, her dog Spot, and Kaya—the best friends she could wish for.

Muscles is a moving story about discovering that true strength comes not from avoiding difficulties, but from coping with them. It is a tender novel about resilience, friendship, empathy, and what it means to be there for someone else. Guido Bottinga's warm, honest storytelling is beautifully complemented by Miriam Bos's rich, flower-filled illustrations.

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Original title: *Spierballen* | Format: Hardback

Trim size: 14.3 × 21.5 cm | Extent: 112 pages | Age: 10+

GUIDO BOTTINGA made his debut with Lemniscaat twenty years ago with his first novel for young readers. Since then, he has written mainly for older children, young adults, and adults. Each of his books is widely regarded as a remarkable achievement, earning high praise from readers, reviewers, schools, booksellers, and librarians alike.





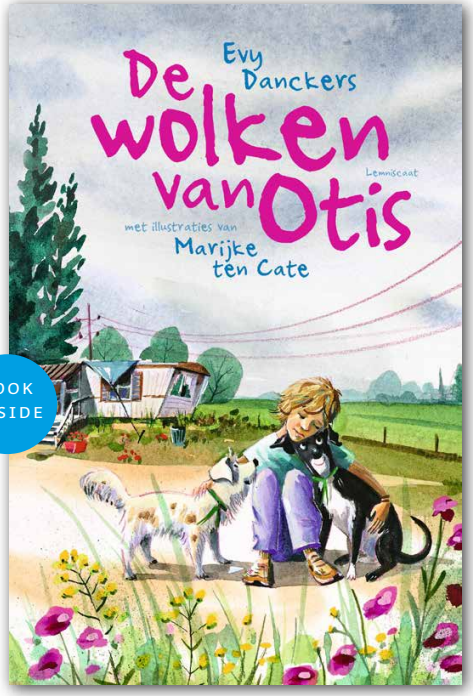
MIRIAM BOS is a celebrated Dutch author-illustrator whose charming picture books have been translated into numerous languages and delight children around the world. Known for her warm, playful style and expressive characters, she creates stories that invite young readers to explore, laugh, and imagine. Her distinctive illustrations also appear on a wide range of products, from puzzles and games to stationery and textiles.



BY THE SAME ILLUSTRATOR *Help! A Surprise!*

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EVY DANCKERS *with illustrations by* **MARIJKE TEN CATE**

THE CLOUDS OF OTIS

Otis and Mimir discover themselves, find each other, and unravel long-held secrets

After moving to a small village with her two fathers in *Mimir's Rainbow*, the cheerful and energetic Mimir discovered some very unusual rabbits living in the shed at the back of the garden. Their names are Descartes, Spinoza and Maya Angelou—and yes, they are philosophers.

In the follow up *The Clouds of Otis*, Mimir has one burning question: how is it possible that her rabbits can talk? Together with Otis, her brand-new boyfriend, she sets out to uncover the truth. Otis lives with his father in a ramshackle bungalow and could do with a little more joy in his life.

Their investigation is filled with surprises, tenderness and witty conversations. But as Otis and Mimir try to unravel the mystery of the talking animals, it turns out Otis is keeping a secret of his own…

Once again, Evy Danckers delivers a moving and humorous story about embracing who you are, beautifully brought to life with full-colour illustrations by Marijke ten Cate.





MARIJKE TEN CATE is a full-time illustrator, best known for numerous successful picture books, including *The Special Bear*. She loves sketching and capturing the richness of human expression.

EVY DANCKERS was born in Belgium and now lives in the United States. A teacher by profession, she writes stories that are delightfully unpredictable and playfully mischievous—just like she is.

ALSO IN THE SERIES

Mimir's Rainbow



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Original title: *De wolken van Otis* | Hardback

Size: 14.3 × 21.5 cm | 204 pages | Age: 10+

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THEMES courage and hope, family and belonging, resilience, survival, friendship, finding home



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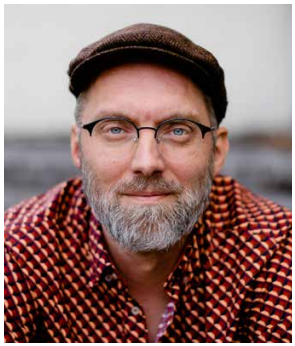
THE TREASURE OF SHADOWTOWN

Where do you belong? And who do you belong to?

When Qin's father loses yet another job because of his failing health, the two of them move to Shadowtown, one of China's infamous ghost cities. The fact that the bus driver refuses to take them there should have been their first warning.

Stranded on the outskirts of the nearly deserted city, Qin and her father take shelter in an abandoned zoo. As her father's condition continues to worsen, Qin does everything she can to find food and look after him. Then she discovers that the park turns out to be far less abandoned than they ever imagined...

In this magical, suspenseful and deeply moving adventure, Reinier Sonneveld evokes the wonder and emotional depth of Life of Pi. A story about family, resilience and survival, in which the beauty and meaning of Chinese characters are woven seamlessly into the narrative.



REINIER SONNEVELD is a theologian and a screenwriter. He has written extensively for adults. He gives lectures and presentations at schools about myths and fairy tales from around the world and what they mean. His debut *The Secrets of Star City* (2025) received unanimous critical acclaim.

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BY THE SAME AUTHOR
The Secrets of Star City



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Binding: Hardback | Trim size: 14.3 x 21.5 cm
Extent: 288 pages | Age: 10+

KRIS TERWINDT

THE SECRET OF TWILIGHT ISLAND

A hidden box full of family secrets sets two friends off on a thrilling quest.

Imagine being dropped off by your mother at the home of a grandmother you've never even met, because she must leave for America. That's what happens to Rits. He doesn't want to be there, and Grandma Clotilde seems to want him around even less. She'll provide peanut butter sandwiches, but otherwise he's on his own.

Across the street, Ping is staying with Vera. She knows it won't last—nobody ever keeps her around for long. When she gets bored, she climbs into Rits's room. Together they uncover something that was meant to stay hidden...

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A warm and poignant coming-of-age story about prejudice and staying true to yourself

'Hey, peanut!'
Roy and I both turn around.
'Cheesehead!' we shout back as loud as we can.
Then again. 'Cheesehead!'
An elderly woman glares at us. 'Behave yourselves!'
she snaps. 'Didn't your parents teach you any manners?'
The two boys are struck speechless. They exchange
puzzled looks. For a moment, no one says a word.
Then one of them pats the seat beside him.
'Want to sit here?' he asks.

Spring, 1977. Charlie moves with his parents, brother and Indonesian grandmother to the predominantly white town of Schagen. He quickly becomes friends with Erik and settles into his new school, despite the usual bullies. And with Marieke in his class, life seems almost perfect.

Charlie's grandmother, Boe, often tells him Indonesian stories, including the fairy tale of Prince Agung and Princess Indah—a reminder that love and understanding rarely come without obstacles. Then South Moluccan activists hijack a train and take a school hostage. Although Charlie doesn't care about politics, the events unleash a wave of suspicion and intolerance in society. Suddenly, he finds himself judged for his heritage, forcing him to confront prejudice and discover who he wants to be.

In Dutch, 'peanut' is a derogatory term for people of Indonesian descent, while 'cheesehead' is a nickname—sometimes used mockingly—for Dutch people. The use of such terms is not acceptable in everyday life today, but they were used frequently during the period in which this story is set.

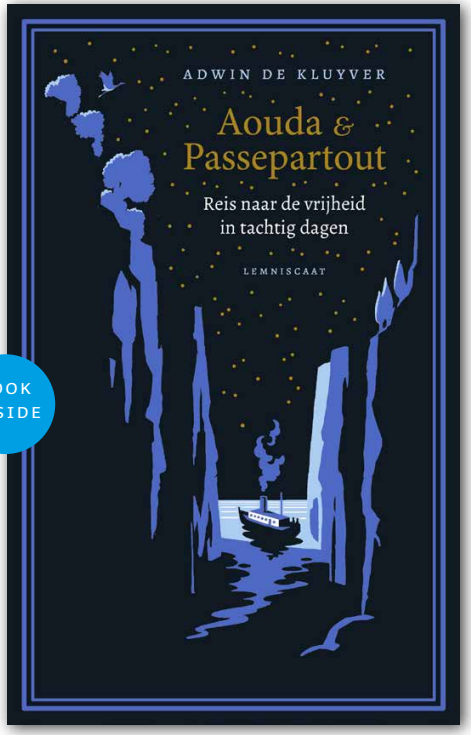


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A gripping historical adventure filled with action, courage, friendship, and the determination to forge your own path.



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A hauntingly beautiful novel about despair, second chances, and truly seeing one another

The barriers are coming down already; your timing is perfect. Just as you've studied it, calculated it, a hundred times. No need for a timer now. The rhythm of the approaching intercity train thrums inside your head. Make. It. Stop. Make It Stop.

Longing for silence and peace, seventeen-year-old Aisha makes a desperate decision: she ends her own life.

To her astonishment, she now finds herself at an airport—in a place called the Transit Zone. There she meets Armin, a boy her own age who died at the same time as she did, after being hit by a lorry.

Now they are both dead. One by choice, the other by a tragic accident. But they are not alone. Airport 1 is inhabited by others too, including Aisha's beloved grandmother. And in the Control Tower, virtual reality allows them to revisit and relive moments from their past.

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