

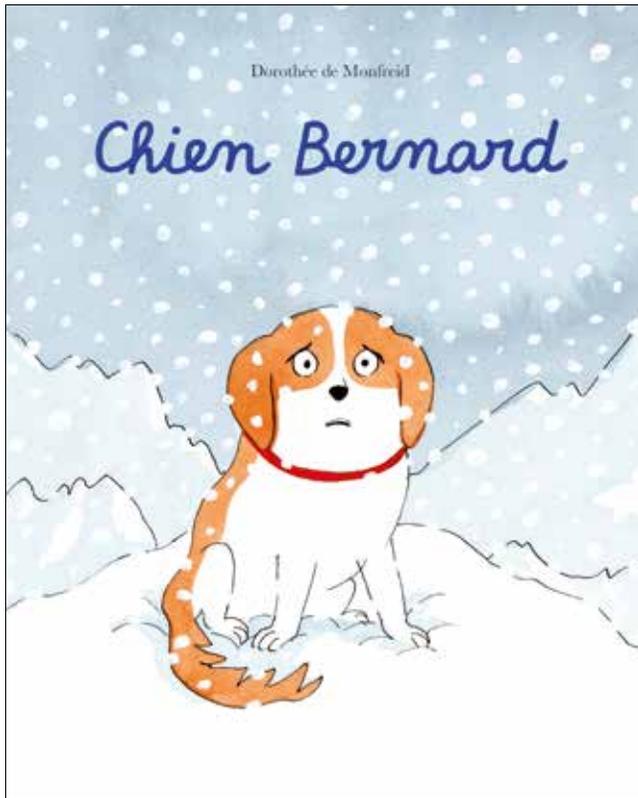
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# *l'école des loisirs*

— FALL 2017 —



# DOROTHÉE DE MONFREID



## BERNARD THE DOG

At only one year old, Bernard is already much bigger and stronger than his owner Bérénice. Yet, Bernard doesn't have a good feeling when he sees snow for the first time in his life. As much as he barks out of fear, Bérénice doesn't listen: she jumps, slides, climbs, and tumbles! But then an avalanche starts to rumble... Luckily, Bernard has a strong sense of intuition!

**Age 5+**

Hardcover | 40 pages  
240 x 310 mm | €12.70

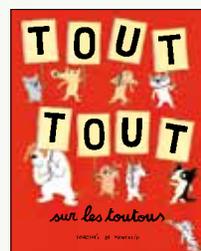


Ils arrivèrent en bas essouffés et hilares.

«Allez, on recommence», dit Bérénice.



**SOLD**  
Spanish (LA)

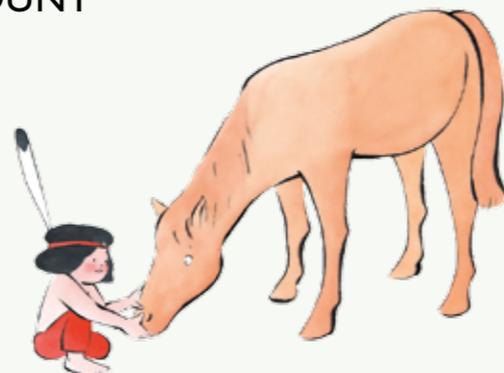


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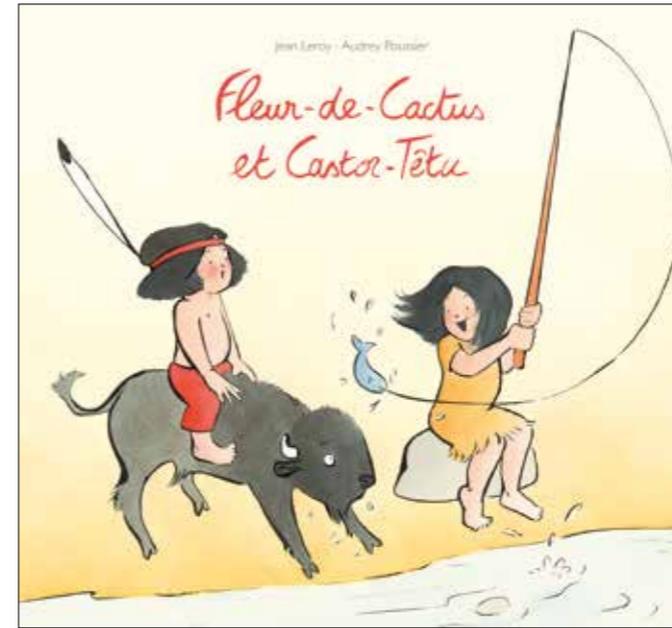
SOLD  
Chinese (Simplified)



**STUBBORN-BEAVER'S MOUNT**



**AUDREY POUSSIER**



**CACTUS-FLOWER AND STUBBORN-BEAVER**

Stubborn-Beaver is brave and successful: he has an eagle feather and a mount, which he won during his past adventures, but he also needs a girlfriend, one who will do all the household chores and always smile. Watch out, Stubborn-Beaver! When you set your heart on the intrepid Cactus-Flower, you will lose some of those macho prejudices... and win a friend who knows more than you think!

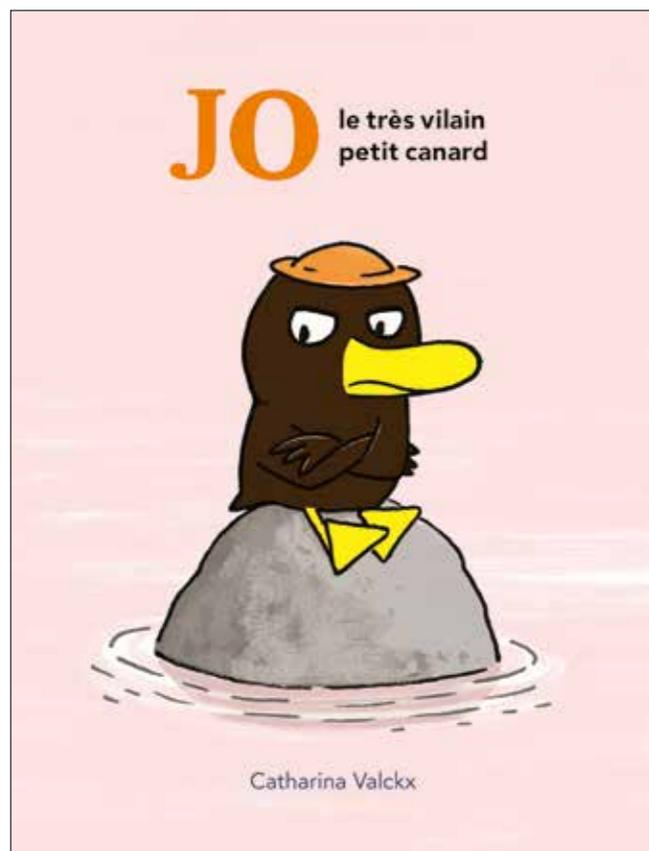
**Age 5+**

Hardcover | 36 pages  
250 x 230 mm | €12.20  
Illustrator: Audrey Poussier  
Author: Jean Leroy

**BEHIND THE STORY**

When Jean Leroy showed up with his new story idea for *Stubborn-Beaver*, Audrey Poussier made a funny face. The little Indian needs a wife to complete his collection? A woman is not an object! "Just wait for what happens next!" Jean said with a smile. How do you represent a growing sentiment? How do you make the reader guess, without saying it outright, that these two are in love? The result is an encounter that is a true adventure!



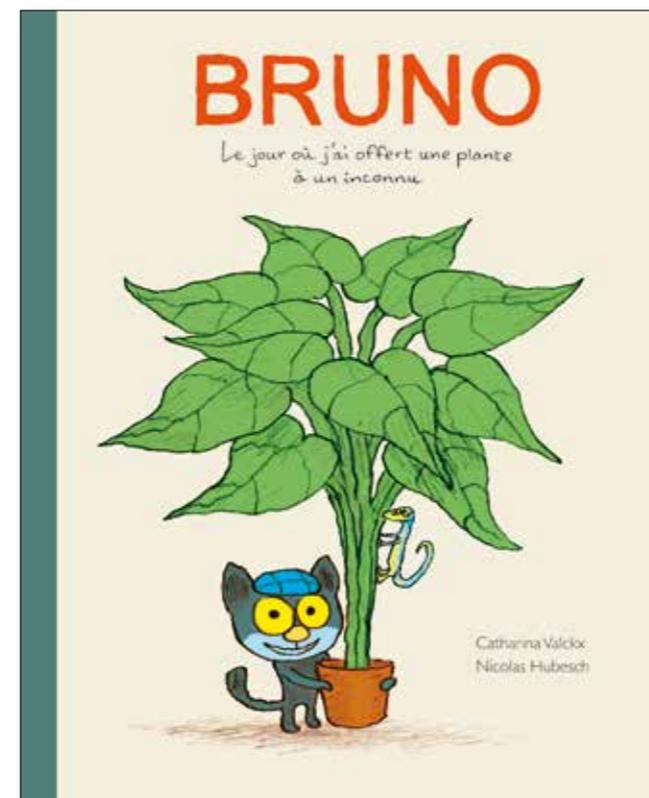


### JO THE DREADFUL LITTLE DUCK

*Catharina Valckx remembers being a child and the important moment when moral conscience forms, the question of becoming someone nice or not. Like Jo the Duck does here.*

Jo the Duck has a lot of friends, everyone thinks he's so cute but he has had enough of being kind. So he decides to become mean, very mean. Just to see. He goes around pinching one friend with his beak and shamelessly insulting another. He proves to be so odious that nobody wants to play with him. Jo quickly learns that this is no way to live...

**Age 3+**  
 Hardcover | 32 pages  
 165 x 220 mm | €11.50

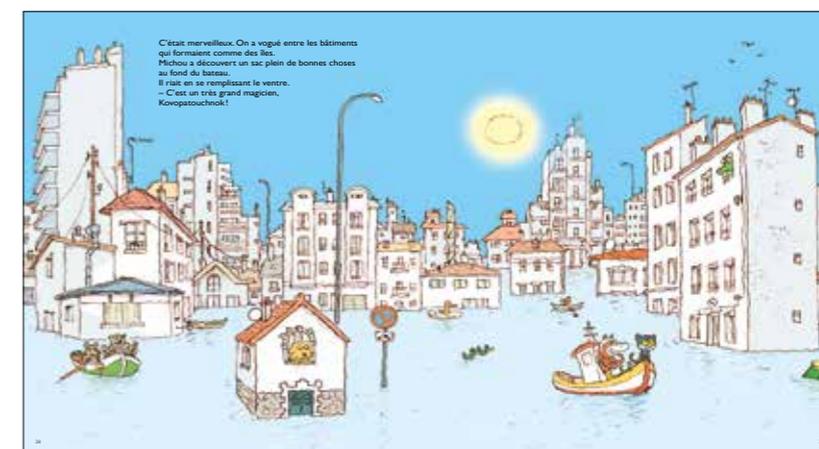
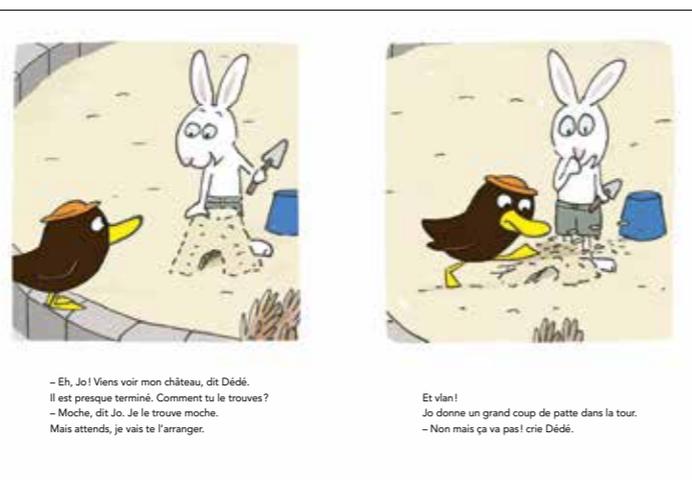


### BRUNO THE DAY I GIFTED A PLANT TO A STRANGER

*Not only do French readers love Bruno, but foreign readers are crazy about him, too! The magical realist atmosphere and the decor embody a charm that is so French.*

Bruno the cat has a way of seeing the beautiful, the funny, and the touching in the smallest details of every day. This morning, for example, upon seeing a potted plant thrown onto the sidewalk, instead of passing by, Bruno grabbed it and decided to gift it to a stranger on the bus. Magical! It was the beginning of an unexpected adventure.

**Age 7+**  
 Hardcover | 72 pages  
 180 x 225 mm | €13.50  
 Illustrator: Nicolas Hubesch  
 Author: Catharina Valckx

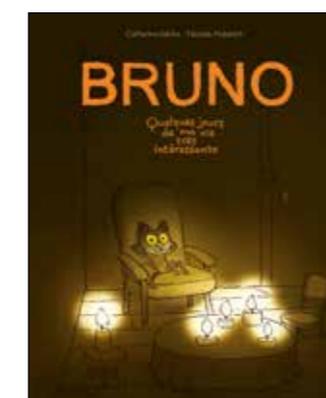


BILLY Series | 5 titles + Game

990,000 copies sold

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BRUNO Series | 2 titles

10,000 copies sold

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Dutch, English (World), Italian, Spanish (World)

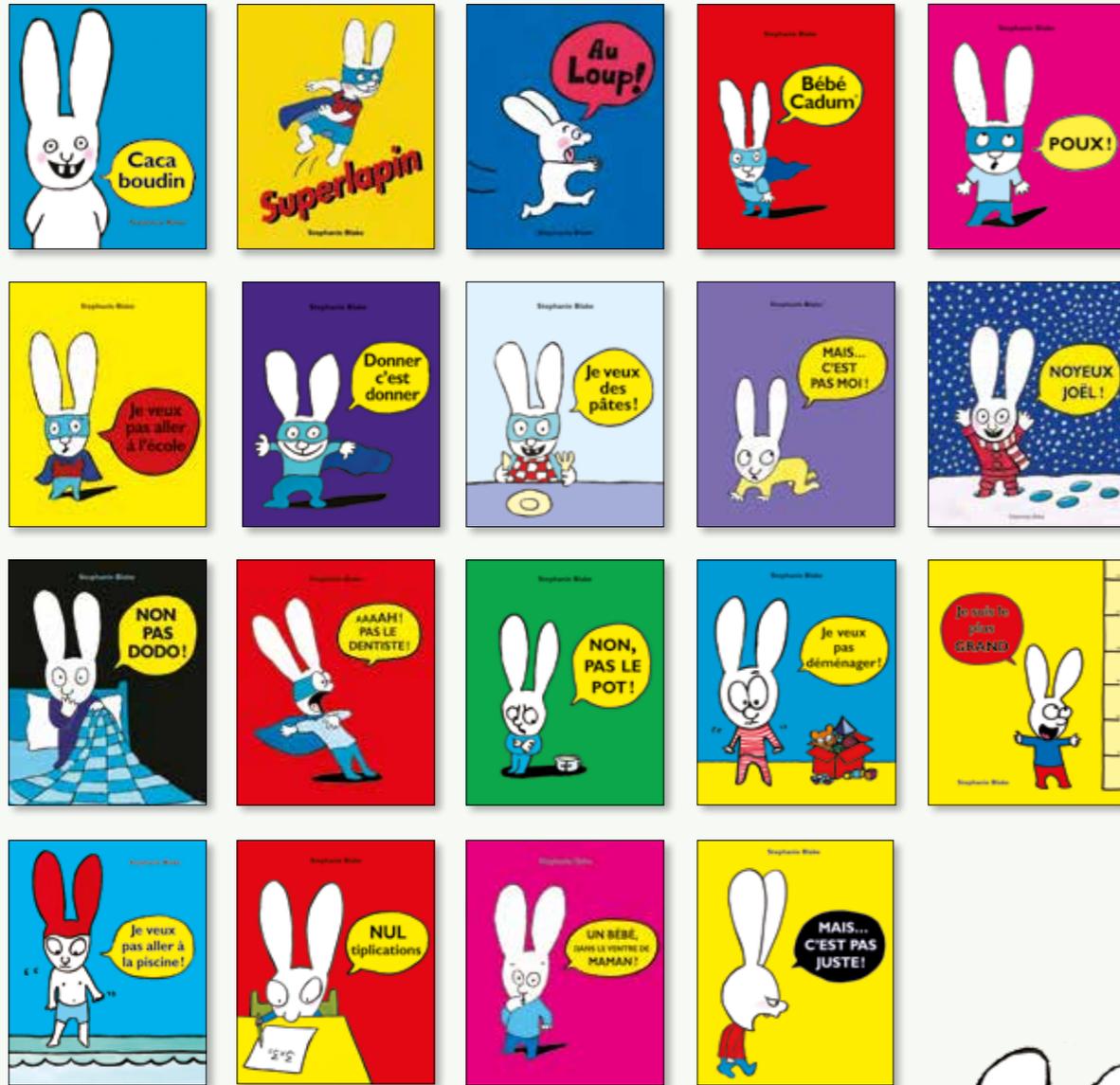


SIMON Series | 20 titles

2,320,000 copies sold

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## STEPHANIE BLAKE



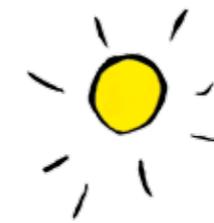
### ROTTEN EGG!

*Simon is jealous! A topic that's always current on the playground. At any age, love is great, love is beautiful, and it's difficult to be in love!*

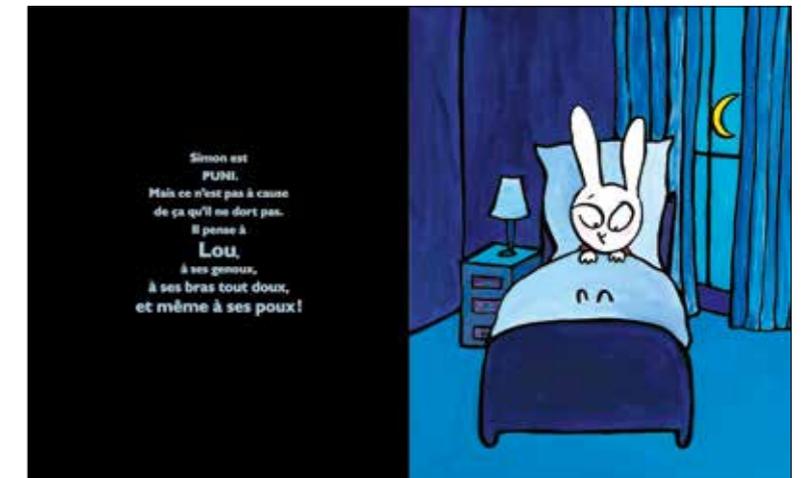
Simon is sad and terribly jealous. Lou, his darling, doesn't look at him anymore and no longer gives him sweet kisses. She only has eyes for Mamadou. So when his mom and dad say something to him like, "Time for bed," he replies, "Rotten egg!" Going to bed is torture when you can't sleep. What can he do? Go talk to Lou!

Age 3+

Hardcover | 32 pages  
220 x 275 mm | €12.70



SIMON IS ON TV!  
52 episodes of 5 min  
since December  
on French TV

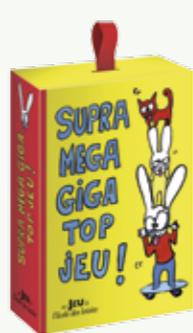


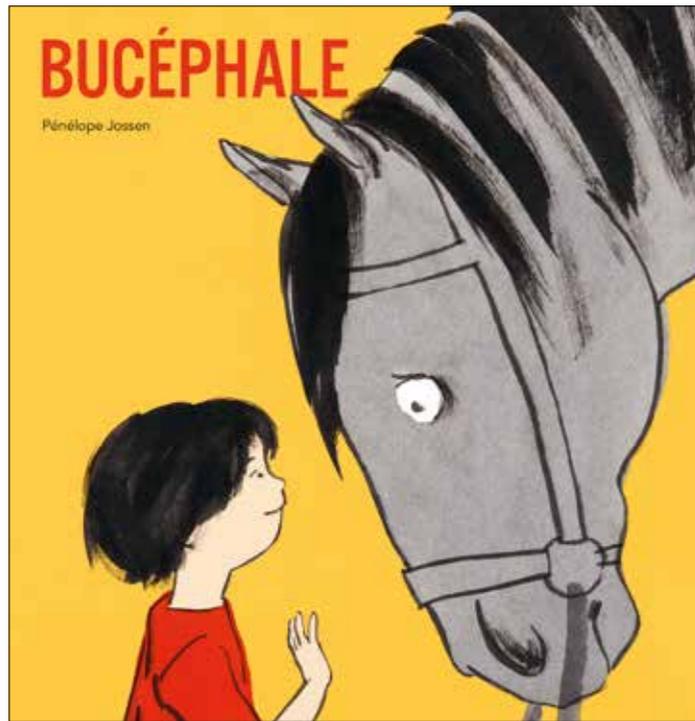
SOON ON TV  
Asia (except Japan), Belgium, Canada (French-speaking), Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Israel, Latin America, Switzerland and Sweden.



### GAMES SOLD

Italian, English (World)





**BUCEPHALUS**

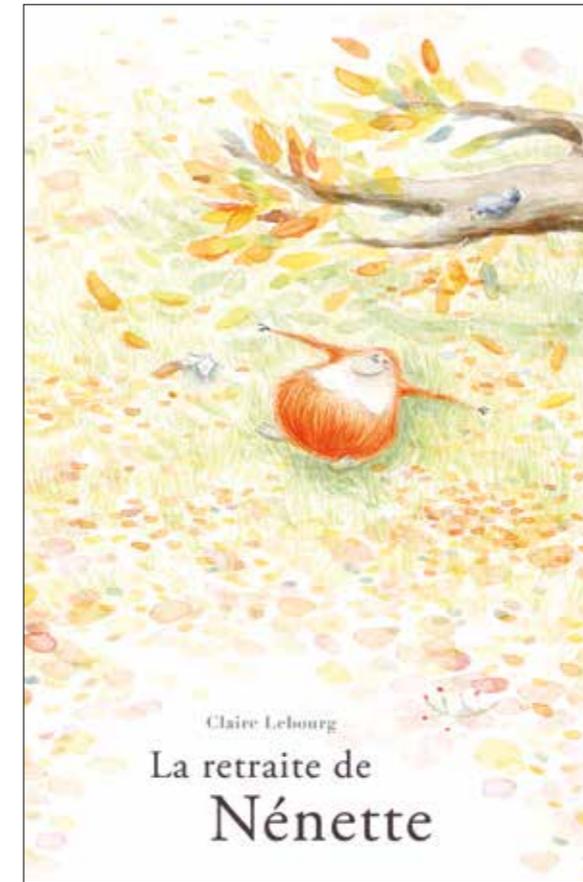
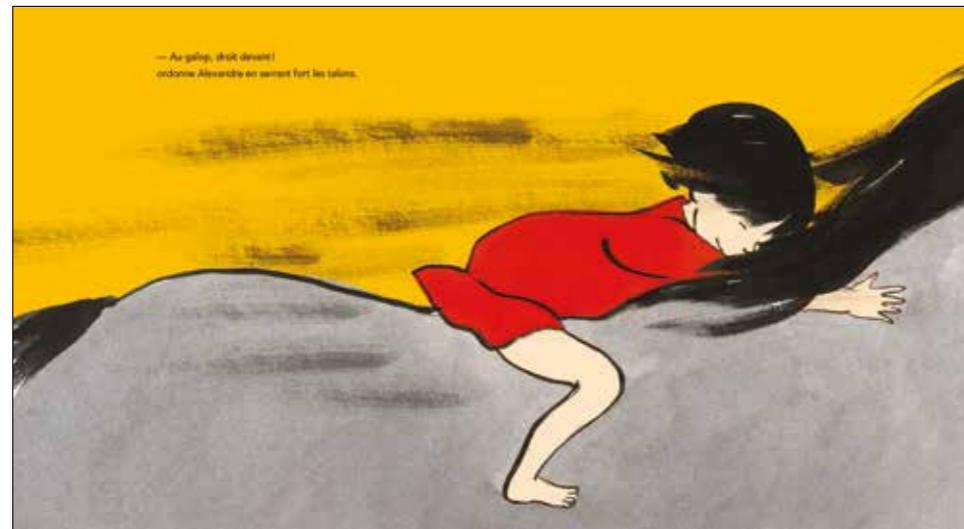
*The improbable alliance between a gigantic horse and a very little boy.*

Bucephalus is very big. Alexandre is very small. Bucephalus is a horse. Alexandre is the king's son. Bucephalus can't be tamed: he is afraid of a black monster that hangs onto his feet and follows him everywhere. Alexandre understands that the horse is afraid of his shadow, and knows how to make it disappear. Perhaps Alexandre had seen the problem that the adults didn't because he was small, the height of a shadow. It was a golden opportunity for Pénélope Jossen to pick up her favorite theme: the contrast between big and small.

**Age 3+**

Hardcover | 36 pages  
270 x 280 mm | €12.70

SOLD Italian



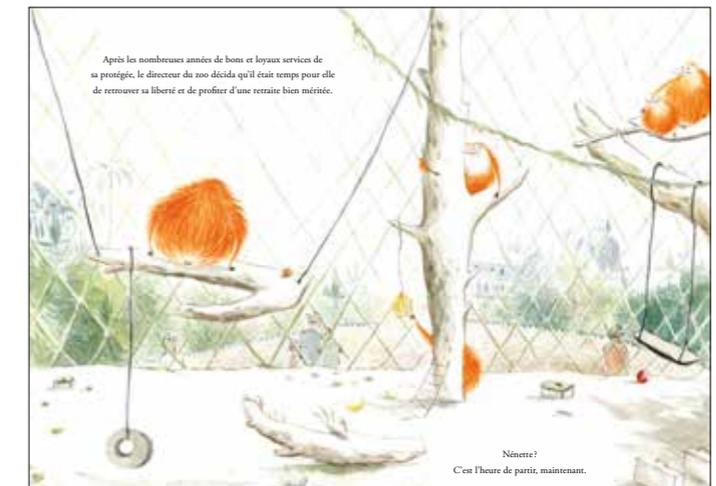
**NÉNETTE'S RETIREMENT**

*When you see an animal in a cage, do you feel a bit sad and dream of being able to set it free? Then this story is for you.*

Nénette is the star of the oldest Parisian zoo. At age 40, she's also the veteran of the orangutans. And it just so happens that in this zoo, 40 is retirement age. The cage is opened and Nénette is free. She moves to the top floor of a building. But soon she's dreaming of warm places far away. This is a story of longevity that pays homage to the very old Nénette. But it's especially a story of freedom, like Claire Lebourg has dreamed of giving her heroine ever since she was a child.

**Age 5+**

Hardcover | 60 pages  
150 x 240 mm | €13.50

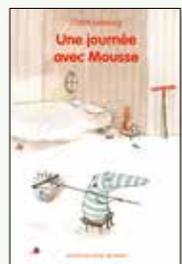
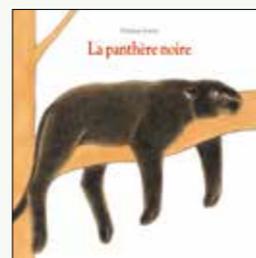


MOUSSE Series | 2 titles

SOLD German



SOLD German



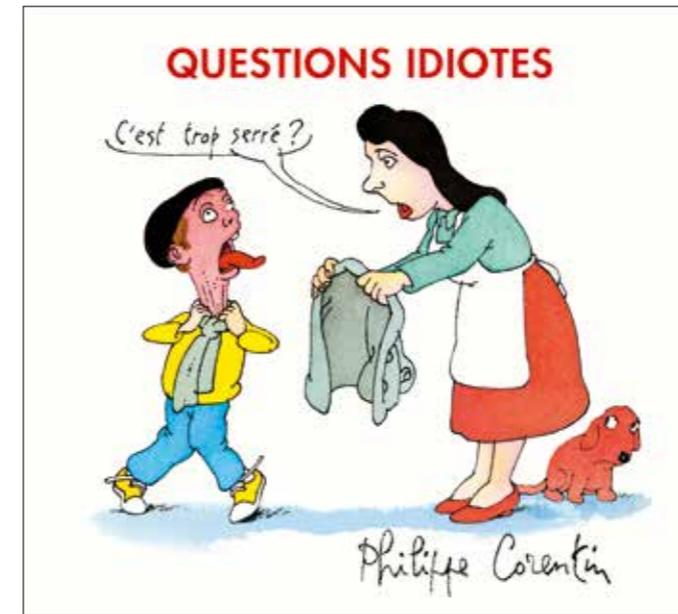


260,000 copies sold

SOLD  
German, Italian, Swedish



## PHILIPPE CORENTIN



"Is it too tight?"

## STUPID QUESTIONS

One absurd situation per page to gently make fun of adults' quirks. A new edition of an out-of-print book by Corentin.

What's wrong with them? They keep asking questions without paying attention, without looking or thinking. They ask us if we've washed our hands when it's as obvious as the nose on your face that they're filthy. They ask if the bath is too hot when we've become red as a lobster. These adults are hopeless!

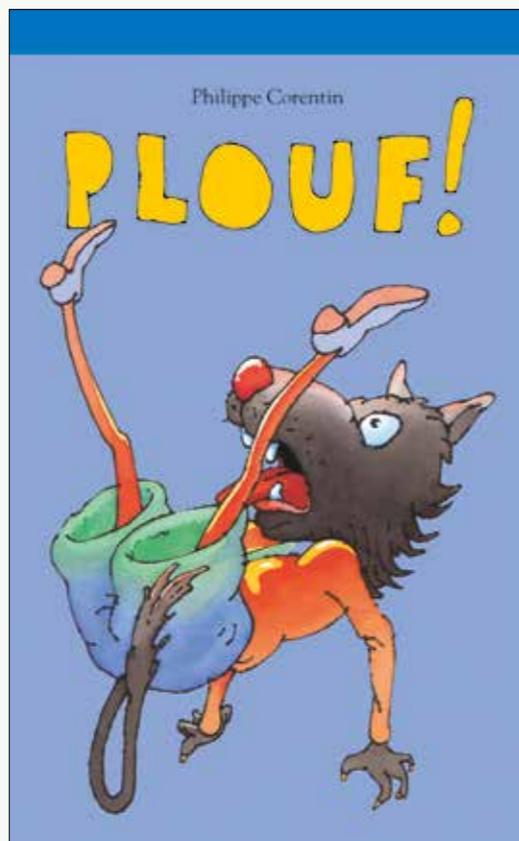
Age 7-77

Hardcover | 36 pages  
170 x 150 mm | €10



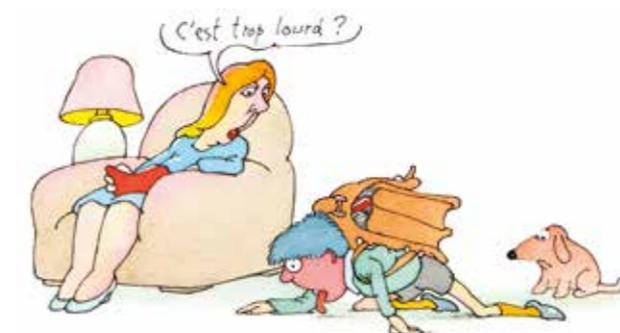
700,000 copies sold

SOLD  
Basque, Chinese (Simplified), Italian,  
Japanese, Korean, Spanish (World)



"Have you brushed your teeth?"

"Have you seen my shoes?"



"Is it too heavy?"

# YVAN POMMAUX



Age 5+

Hardcover with cloth-binding | 44 pages  
310 x 217 mm | €14.80

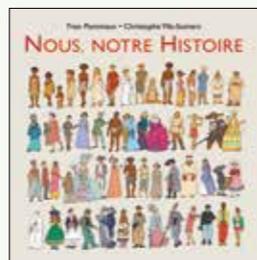
## WELL THEN, I'M LEAVING!

With this picture book, Yvan Pommaux wanted to protest in his own (joking) way against the dictatorship of smartphones and pay homage to a fantastic drawing and photography professor, Karl Blossfeldt, who took close-ups of flowers for his students and inspired Art Nouveau.

Children, have so many things to tell their moms, but moms are not always available. They have so much to do! Plus these days their phones ring constantly and send them messages. What good is it having a mom in these conditions? Norma wonders. She decides to leave, and dives into a marvelous world she invents.



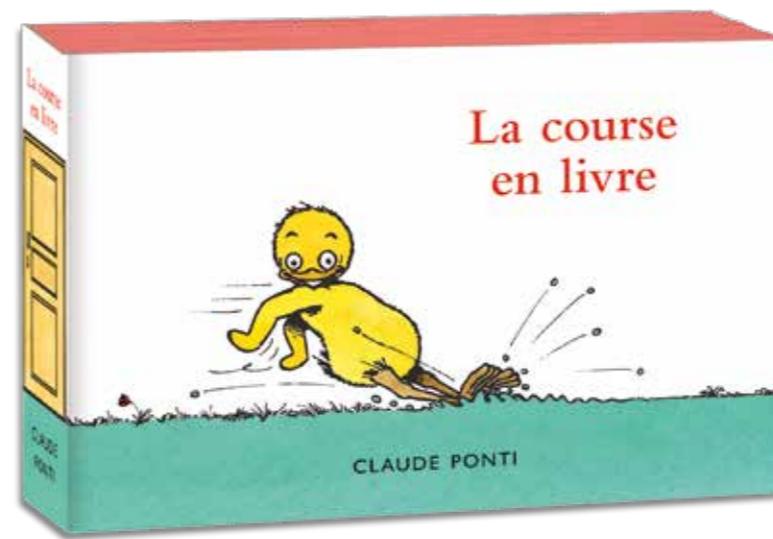
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Chinese  
(Simplified)



140,000 copies sold worldwide

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Catalan, Chinese (Simplified & Complex),  
English (World), Estonian, German, Greek,  
Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish (World)

# CLAUDE PONTI



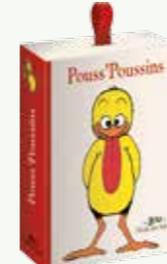
## THE BOOK RACE

Two-way reading!

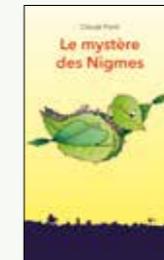
The chick runs and runs. Where? Here and there, straight ahead, twirling. And while he runs, he plays, talks, eats, meets animals, monsters, words, other chicks, and he falls in love... And when he arrives at the edge of the book cover? It's simple, he turns around and changes direction, and it starts over. That's because it's "impossible to be the prisoner of a book" says Blaise, the masked chick.

Age 3+

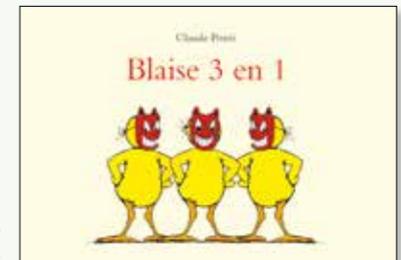
Hardcover | 216 pages  
180 x 120 mm | €15



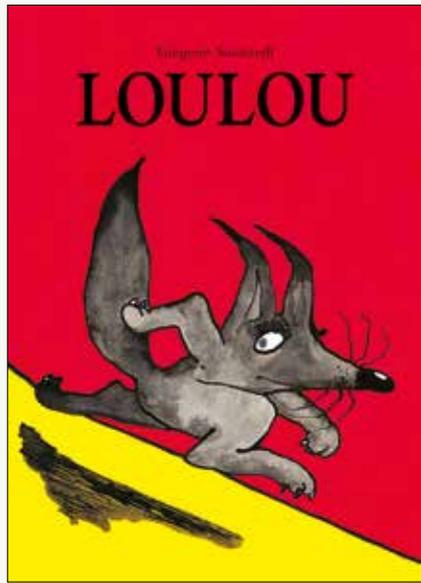
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17,000 copies sold



SOLD  
German,  
Italian



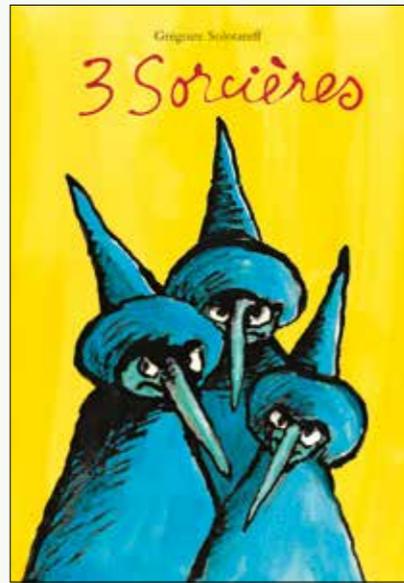
# LOULOU

LOULOU

700,000 copies sold

+ 20 foreign editions

SOLD Arabic, Basque, Chinese (Simplified), English (World), German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish (World)

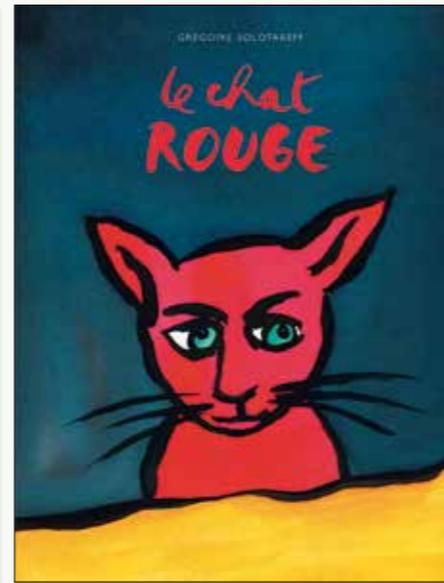


# 3 Sorcières

THREE WITCHES

250,000 copies sold

SOLD Italian



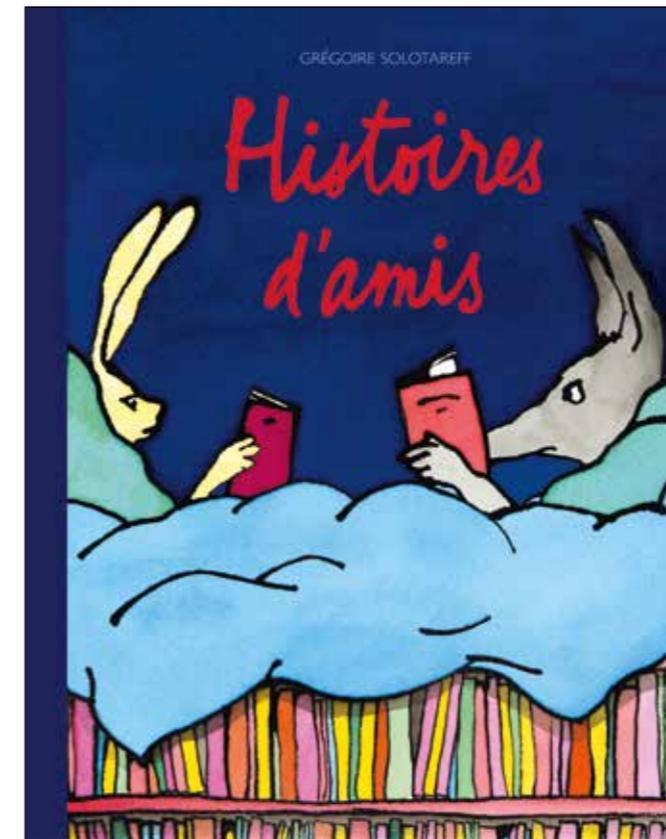
# le chat ROUGE

THE RED CAT

200,000 copies sold

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## GRÉGOIRE SOLOTAREFF



# Histoires d'amis

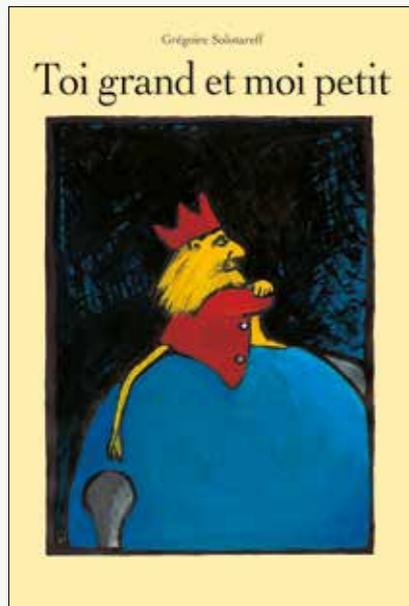
### STORIES ABOUT FRIENDS

A landmark of children's literature which brings together 5 essentials stories from the work of Solotareff.

Grégoire Solotareff has painted and told all sorts of stories in his life. Stories about wolves, lions, rabbits, cats, and elephants. Stories about witches, dwarves, and Santa Clauses. Stories about girls and boys. Stories about falling in and out of love. The common thread running through his work, however, is stories about friendship: an unexpected encounter, something in common, and our lives change for the better. Here is an anthology of five of those stories, to be read when you miss someone.

Age 5+

Hardcover with cloth binding | 168 pages  
220 x 280 mm | €24.80



# Toi grand et moi petit

YOU BIG, ME SMALL

170,000 copies sold

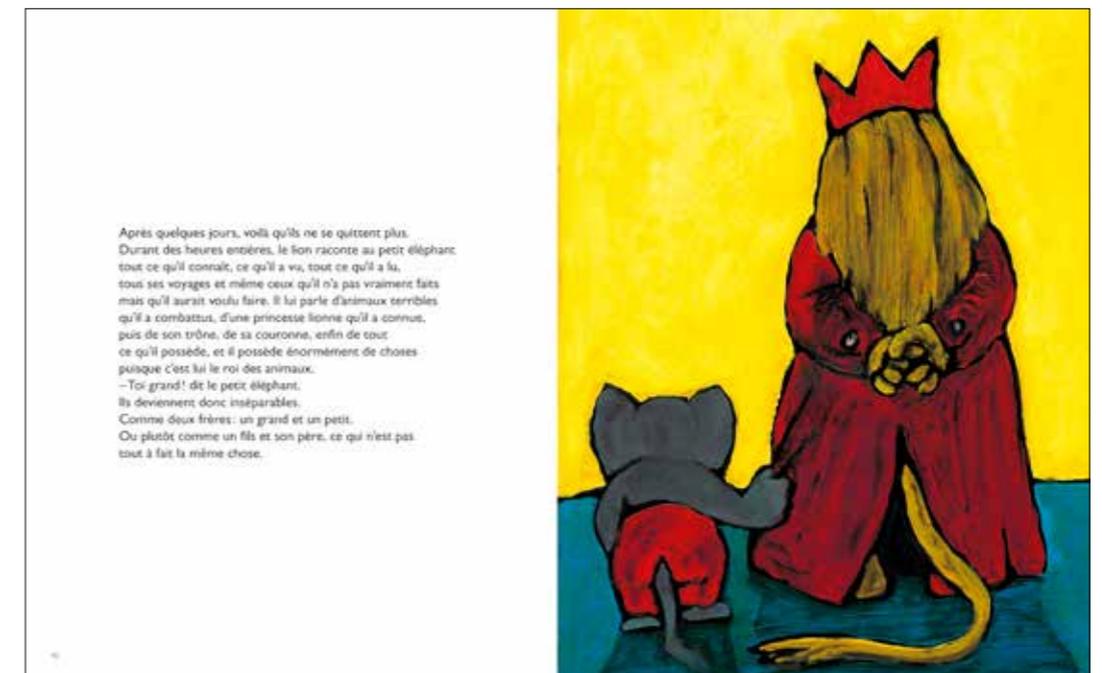
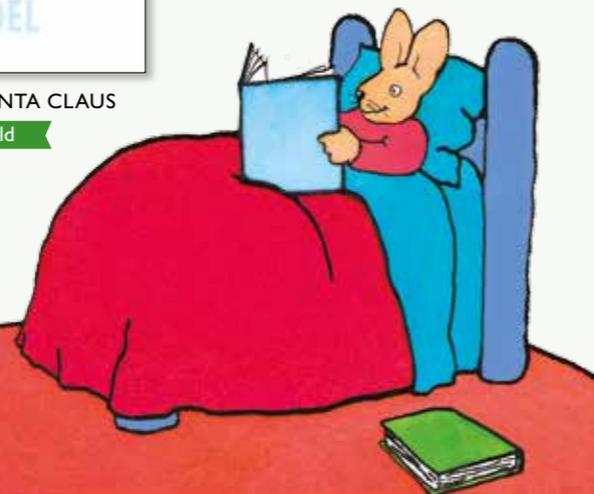
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# QUAND JE SERAI GRAND JE SERAI LE PÈRE NOËL

WHEN I'M BIG, I'LL BE SANTA CLAUS

165,000 copies sold



Après quelques jours, voilà qu'ils ne se quittent plus. Durant des heures entières, le lion raconte au petit éléphant tout ce qu'il connaît, ce qu'il a vu, tout ce qu'il a fait, tous ses voyages et même ceux qu'il n'a pas vraiment faits mais qu'il aurait voulu faire. Il lui parle d'animaux terribles qu'il a combattus, d'une princesse lionne qu'il a connue, puis de son trône, de sa couronne, enfin de tout ce qu'il possède, et il possède énormément de choses puisque c'est lui le roi des animaux. -Toi grand! dit le petit éléphant. Ils deviennent donc inséparables. Comme deux frères: un grand et un petit. Ou plutôt comme un fils et son père, ce qui n'est pas tout à fait la même chose.



MAXIME AT THE WHEEL

Maxime's dad just bought a brand-new car that's red and magnificent. It's just too tempting to climb in alone and play. But then the car starts talking. "So, Maxime, is it you who's driving today? Where do you want to go?" On an adventure, of course! Where will this incredible voyage lead them? As far as their dreams, into space, and even well beyond...

Age 5+

Hardcover | 36 pages  
215 x 265 mm | €12.70  
Illustrator: Claire De Gastold  
Author: Thomas Bretonneau



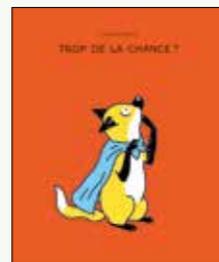
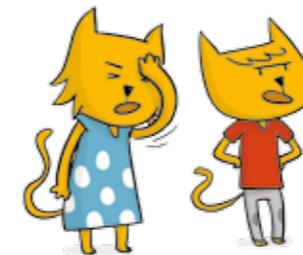
THE THREE LITTLE PAINS-IN-THE-NECK

With this story, Jean Leroy wanted to say two things:  
1) don't let anyone tell you that children today don't like stories from the past – it's not true;  
2) eating cake reconciles everyone.

Grandpa wants to read an old-fashioned story to his three grandchildren, when they would rather watch TV. Who is going to win? The three tireless children have an answer to everything, but the old tom has more than one trick in his bag.

Age 3+

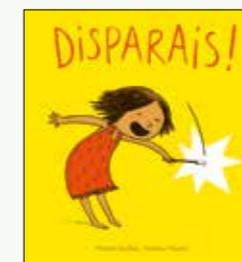
Hardcover | 36 pages  
210 x 260 mm | €12.20  
Illustrator: Matthieu Maudet  
Author: Jean Leroy



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Chinese (Simplified)



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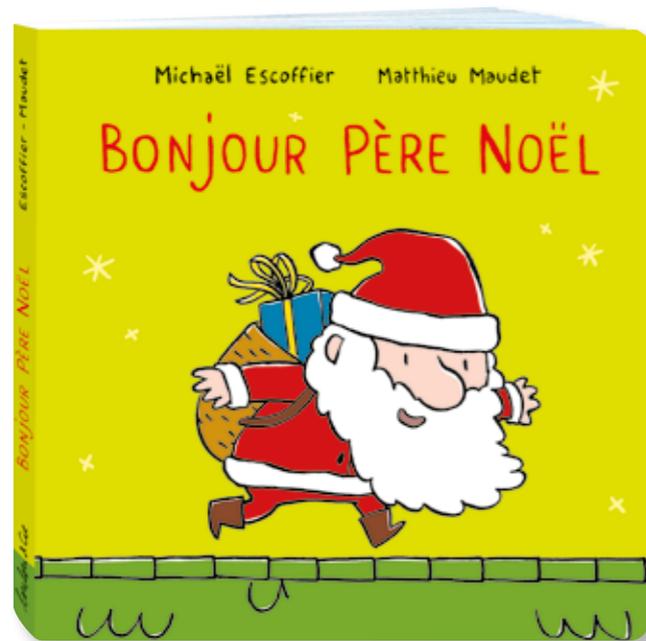


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Chinese (Complex & Simplified)



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Chinese (Complex & Simplified), Dutch, Korean, Spanish (LA)

## MATTHIEU MAUDET



### HELLO, SANTA CLAUS

Do-It-Yourself Santa Claus!  
During his rounds, it turns out that Santa Claus no longer has the wished-for gift. So he quickly makes one, with what he has, and the children are still thrilled. But by making toys with his clothes, he winds up in his boxers! Luckily, the giraffe brings him a costume that he can dress in.

**Age 0-3**

Board book | 30 pages  
190 x 190 mm | €9.70  
Illustrator: Matthieu Maudet  
Author: Michaël Escoffier

## SOLEDAD BRAVI



### THE "I LIKE IT" BOOK

I like it, I like it, and I like it!  
Just because children don't like spinach doesn't mean they don't like anything!  
There are a lot of things they like to do, such as: getting bread dressed as Superman, or jumping in puddles!

**Age 0-3**

Board book | 76 pages  
140 x 140 mm | €11.50  
Illustrator: Soledad Bravi  
Author: Hervé Eparvier

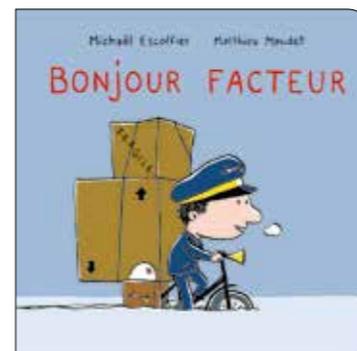
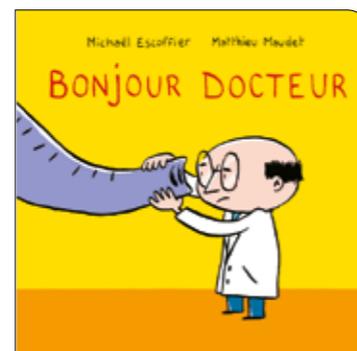
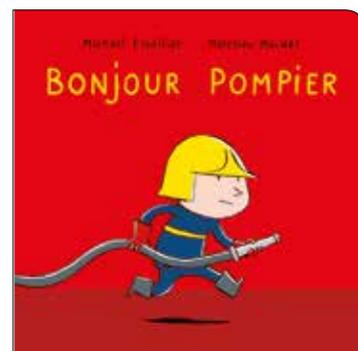


BONJOUR Series | 4 titles

280,000 copies sold

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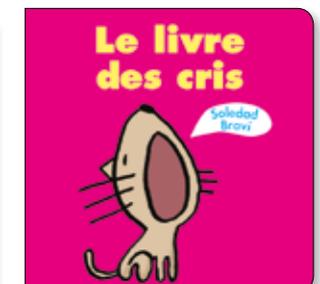
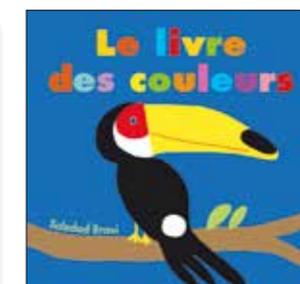


Series | 6 titles + Game

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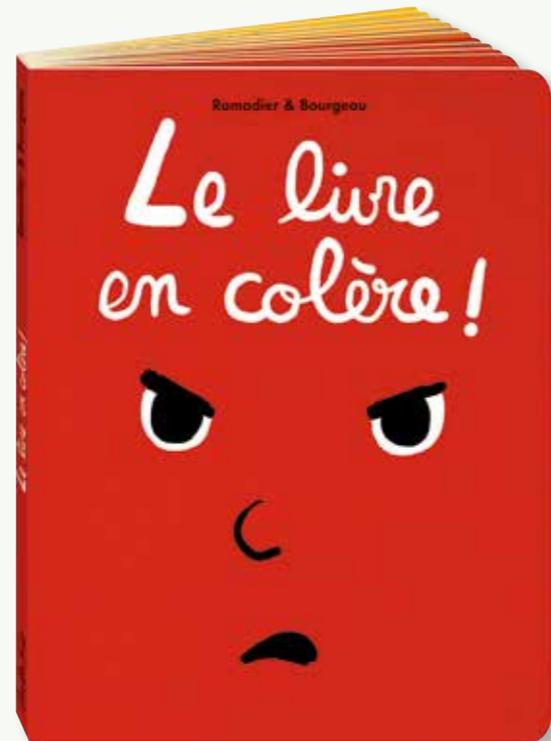
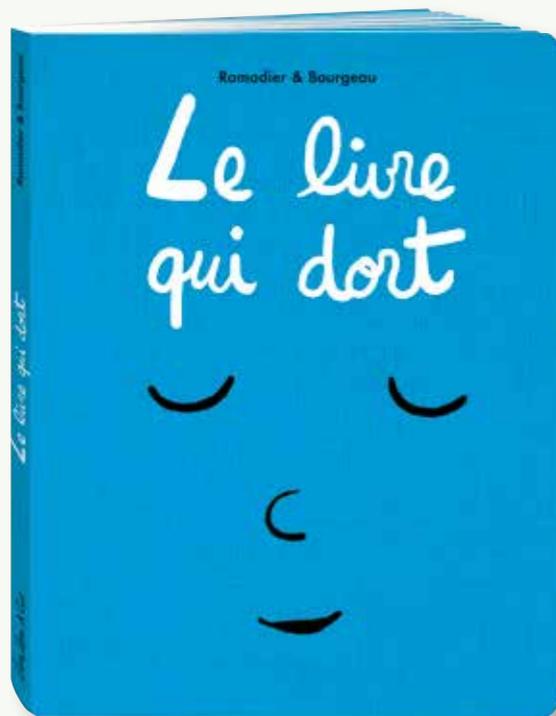


Series | 3 titles

290,000 copies sold of the first two volumes

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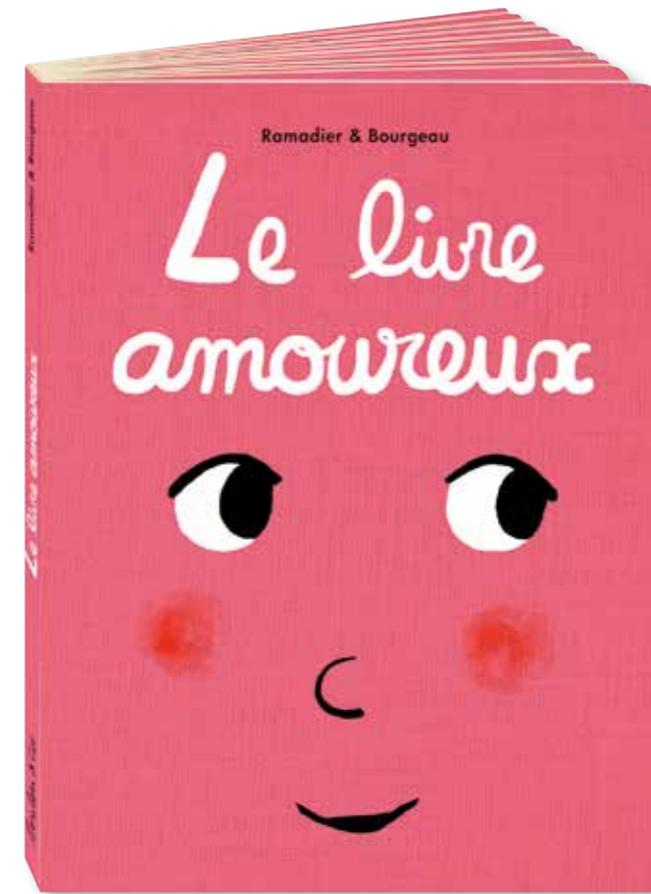
Chinese (Simplified), English (World), Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (World), Spanish (World)



Et maintenant, il est temps  
qu'il nous dise pourquoi  
il était si fâché.  
Approche-toi, il va  
te le dire à l'oreille.



## RAMADIER & BOURGEAU

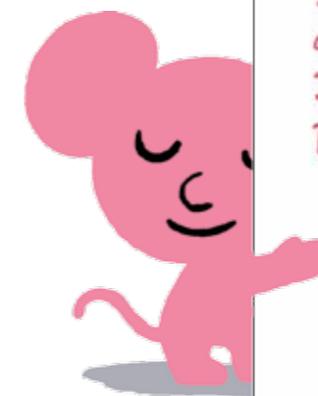


### A BOOK IN LOVE

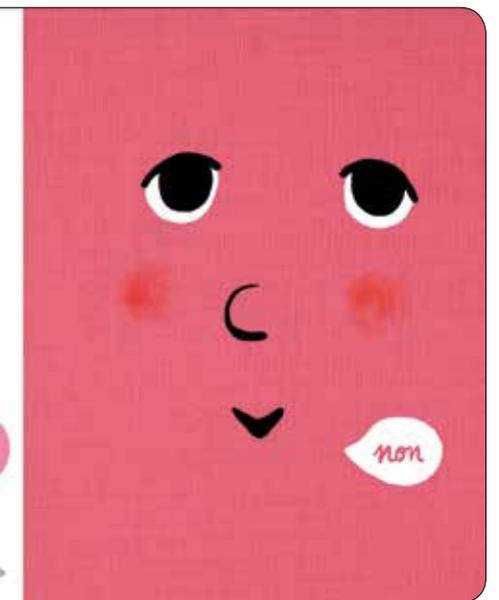
He is in lo-o-o-ove!!!  
Oh, how cute he is!  
The book is in love!  
Is he blushing?  
Who is he in love with?  
Ask him, but will he dare to tell us?

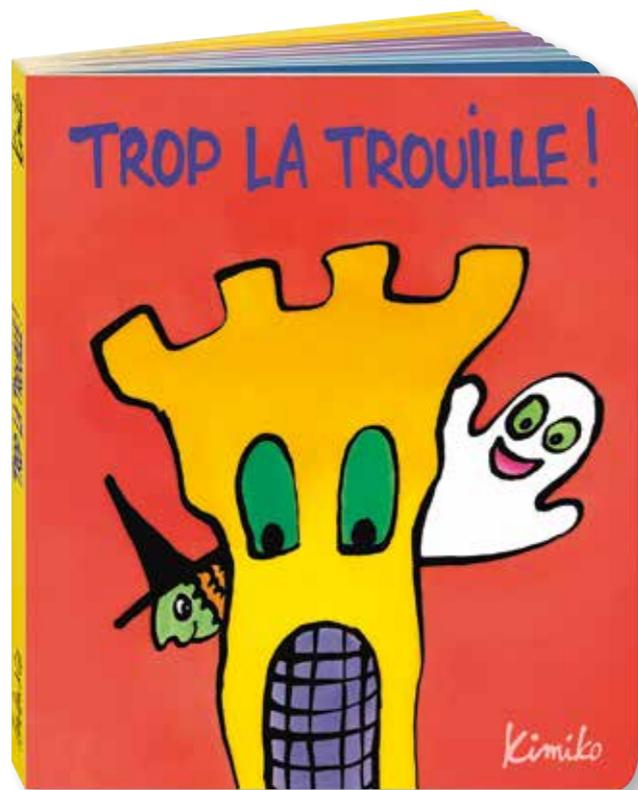
Age 0-3

Board book | 20 pages  
185 x 240 mm | €10.50  
Illustrator: Vincent Bourgeau  
Author: Cédric Ramadier



Il est peut-être  
amoureux d'un autre livre?  
D'un doudou? D'un jouet?  
Demande-lui...



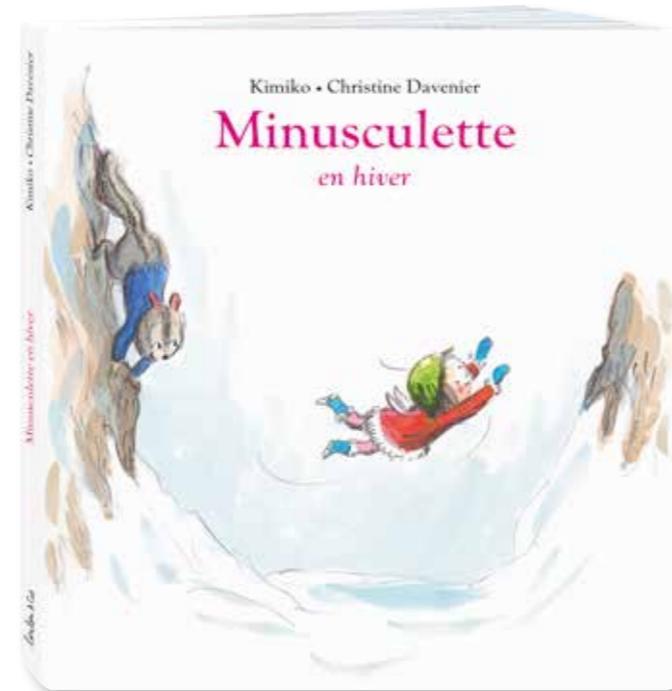


**TOO TERRIFYING!**

Make me scared!  
A haunted castle? A ghost?  
A witch? Too terrifying!!!!  
At least they aren't all that frightening,  
And we can have crazy fun in this castle!

**Age 0-3**

Pop-up book | 12 pages  
200 x 235 mm | €13.90



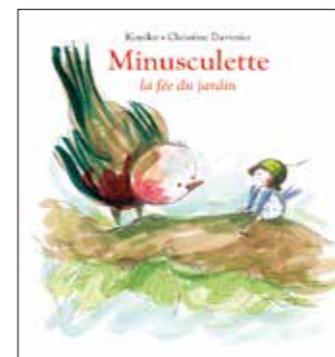
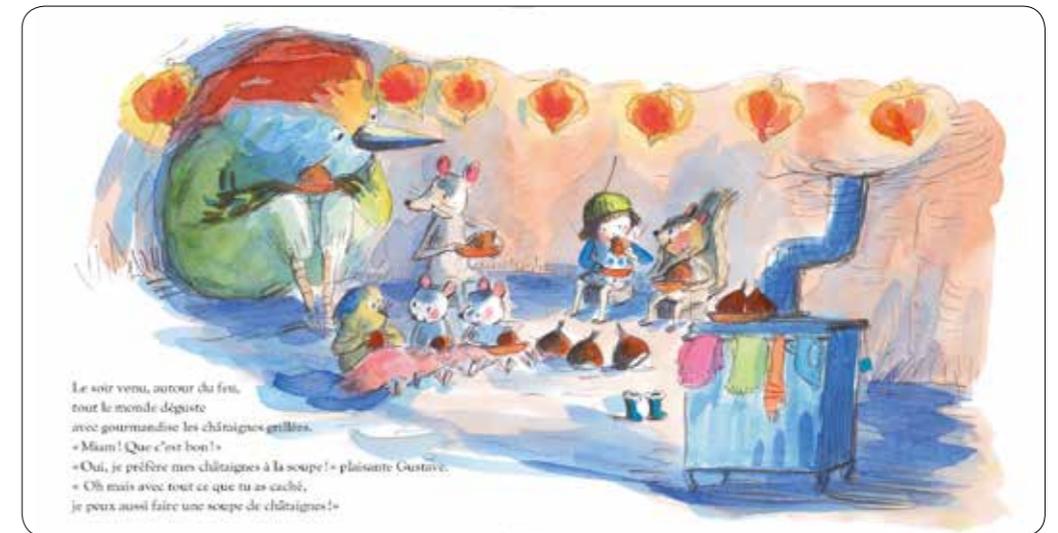
**MINUSCULETTE IN WINTER**

Reserves under guard, it snowed.  
Everything is frozen and white.  
Minusculette meets Gustave,  
a little chipmunk, or striped squirrel,  
who has a problem.  
He has hidden his winter reserves too well.  
Will Minusculette be able to help?

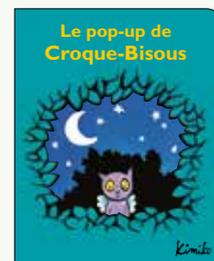
**Age 0-3**

Hardcover | 32 pages  
190 x 200 mm | €10.70

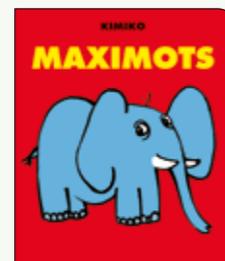
Illustrator: Christine Davenier  
Author: Kimiko



MINUSCULETTE Series | 2 titles



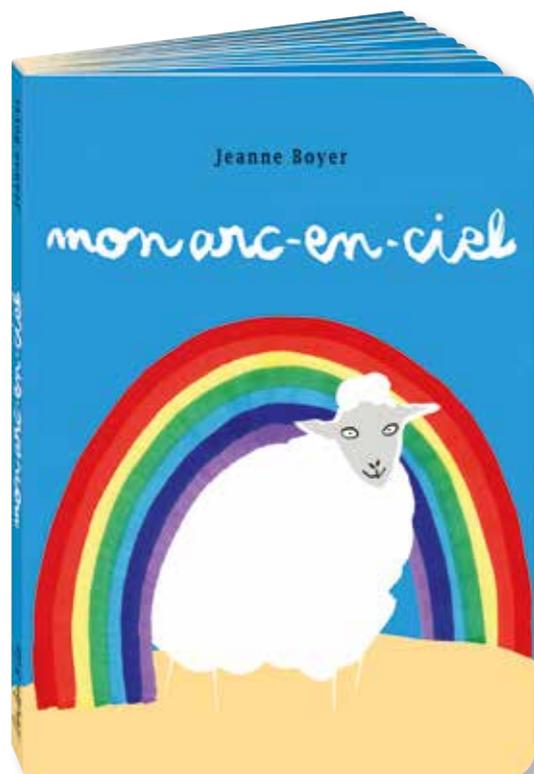
SERIES SOLD  
Chinese (Simplified)



SOLD  
German, Italian



JEANNE BOYER



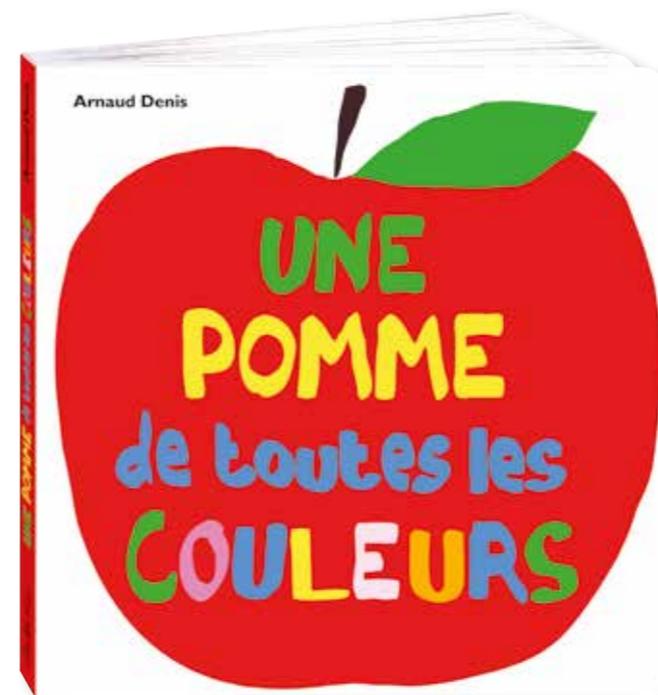
### MY RAINBOW

A not-so-ordinary sheep. Edgar the sheep goes it alone. This makes him sad. Then, after a storm when he is the only one to go sliding down the rainbow, he turns every color, and the other sheep start talking to him.

**Age 0-3**

Board book | 32 pages  
160 x 200 mm | €11.50

ARNAUD DENIS

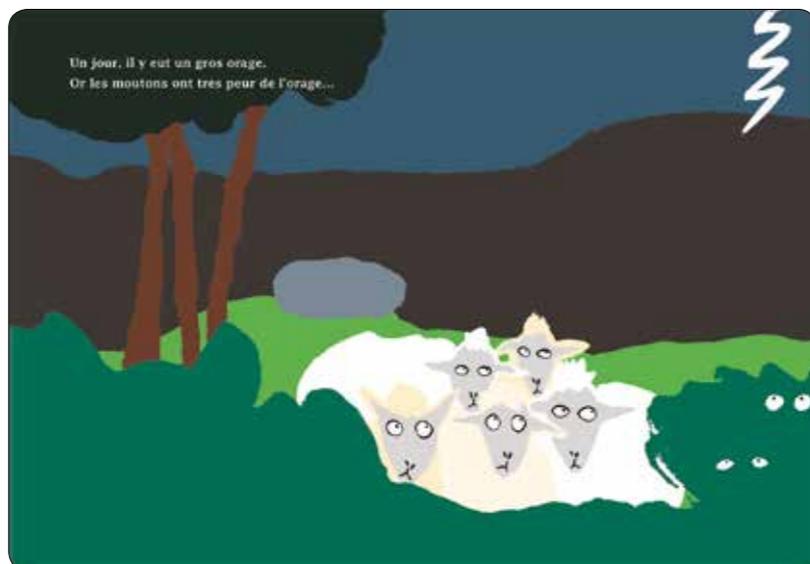


### AN APPLE OF EVERY COLOR

A red apple falls from a green tree. We catch it by the black stem and show it to these blue gentlemen. It becomes orange, then purple, Then yellow, and flies off! Is this possible?

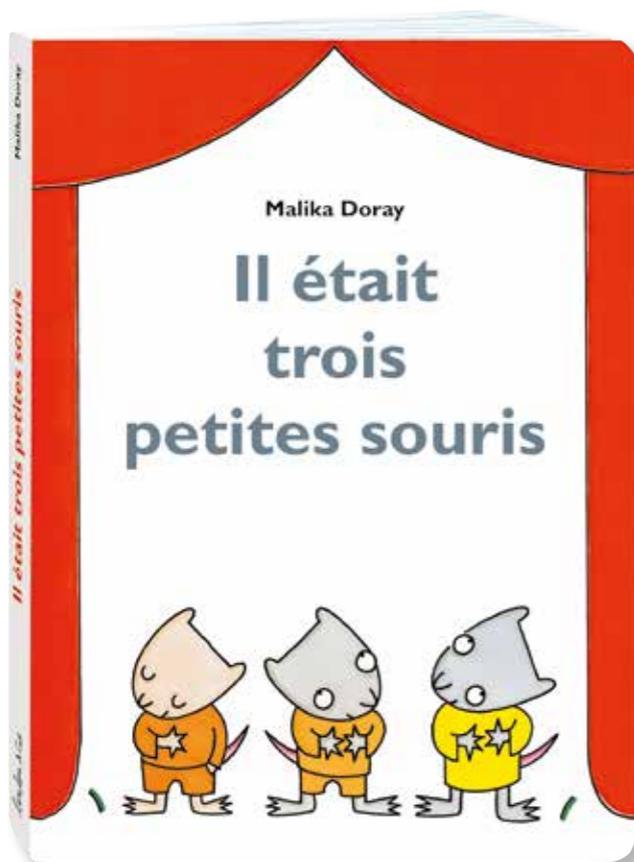
**Age 0-3**

Board book | 26 pages  
205 x 205 mm | €11



**SOLD**  
Spanish (LA)

# MALIKA DORAY

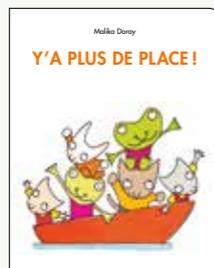
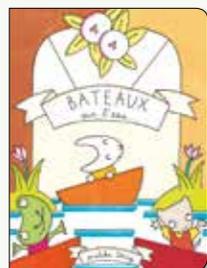
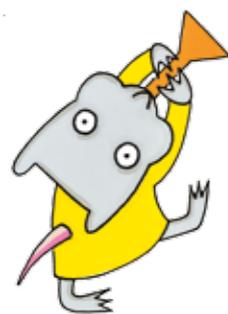


## THERE WERE THREE LITTLE MICE

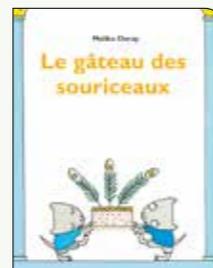
It's time to go to bed.  
The children don't want to sleep,  
and for once, the parents agree!  
We're going to sing, dance, and play music!  
It's a party at the home of the mice,  
but are the neighbors happy, too?

**Age 0-3**

Board book | 24 pages  
190 x 260 mm | €11

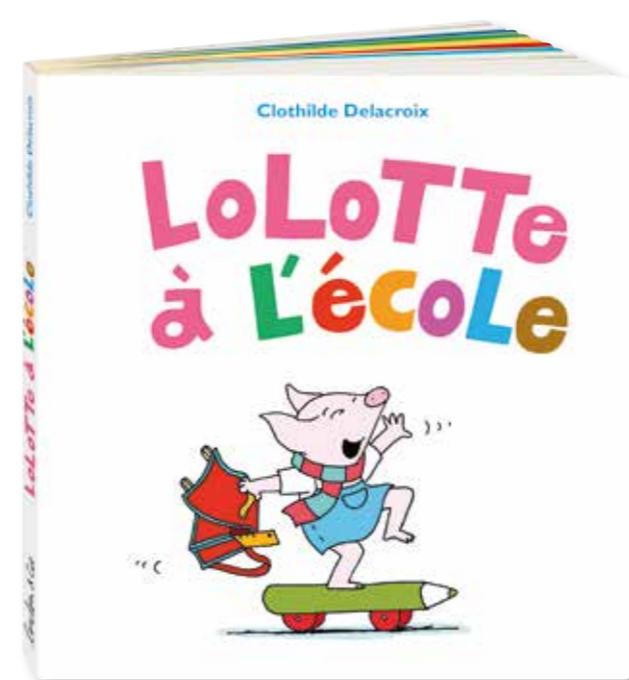


SOLD  
Spanish (LA)



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# CLOTHILDE DELACROIX

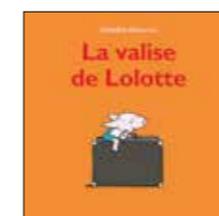


## LOLOTTE AT SCHOOL

A dreamy school.  
It's back to school tomorrow,  
and Lolotte doesn't want to go.  
Luckily, Cocotte and Crocotte are there  
to lift her spirits. "Long live math!  
Long live reading! Long live recess!" they say.  
It all seems so nice that Lolotte falls asleep  
with her head full of school... and dreams!

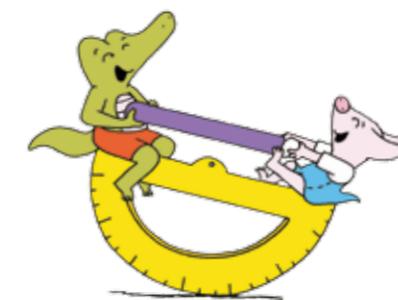
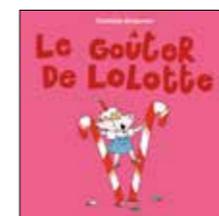
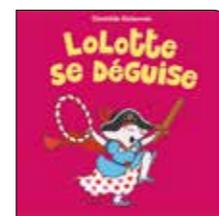
**Age 0-5**

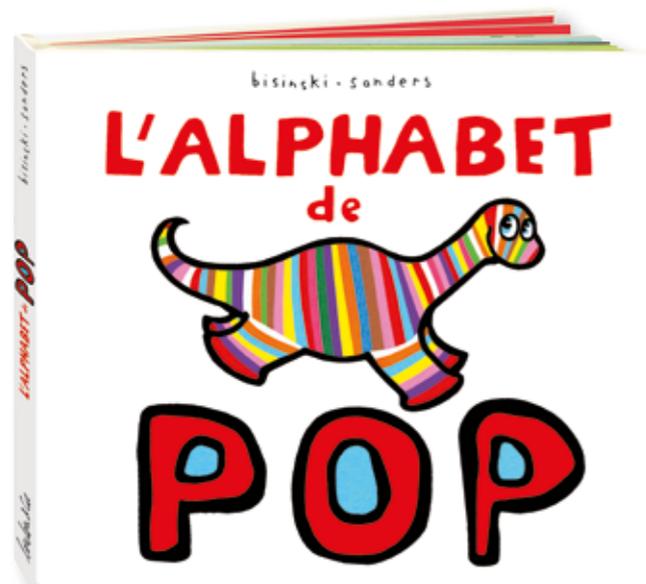
Board book | 28 pages  
205 x 205 mm | €11



LOLOTTE Series | 7 titles

SOLD  
Chinese (Simplified), German

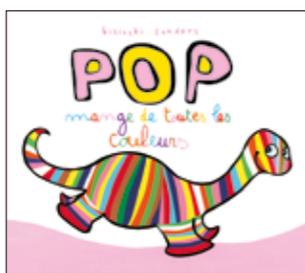
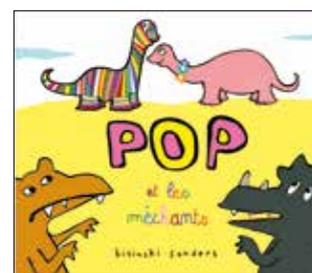
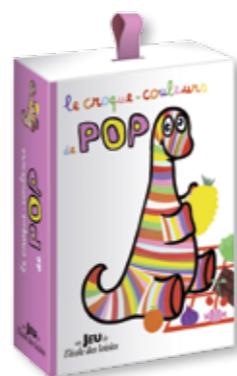
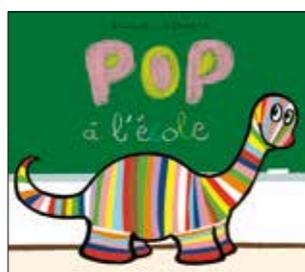




POP'S ALPHABET

P as in Pop! Pop parts early, to fish with his Pal Pompon the Penguin. Each letter of the alphabet is told by Pop, with a little story each time. It's very fun!

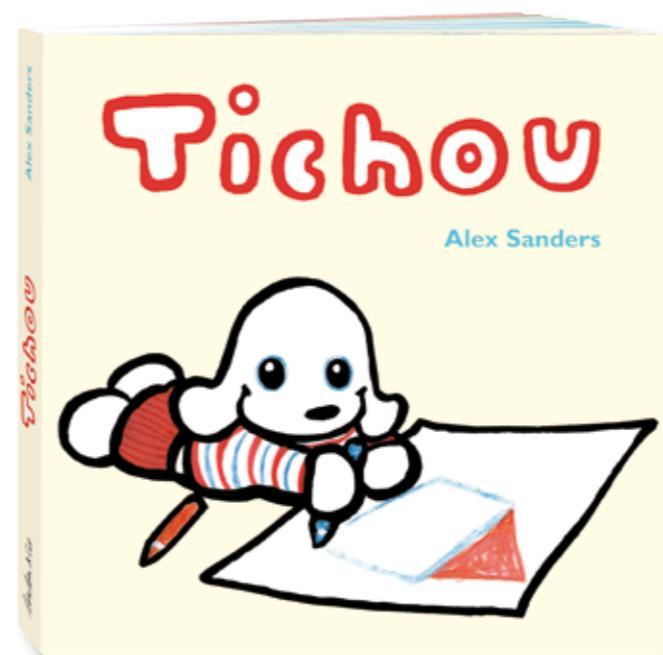
**Age 0-3**  
 Bound book | 56 pages  
 240 x 210 mm | €11.20



POP Series | 9 titles + Game + Stickers

260,000 copies sold

**SOLD**  
 Italian, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Russian, Catalan, Spanish (World)



LILSWEETIE

Too sweet! Lilsweetie is so sweet! He is starting to do many things by himself: he eats by himself, goes potty by himself, and he can even give kisses by himself!

**Age 0-3**  
 Board book | 20 pages  
 180 x 175 mm | €10.20

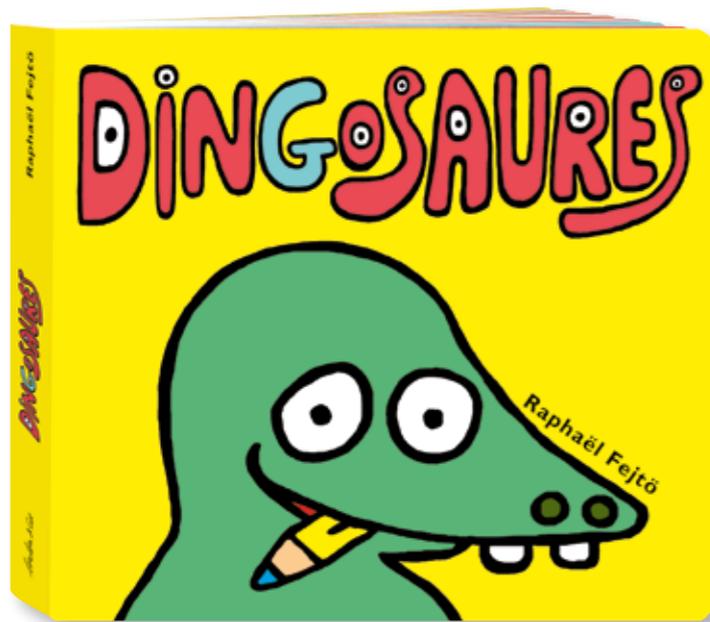


THE NAUGHTY WOLF Series | 5 titles

260,000 copies of the series sold

**SOLD**  
 Chinese (Simplified), Spanish (World)



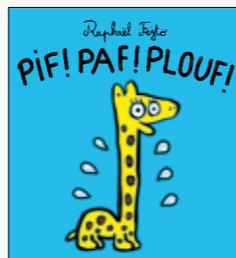
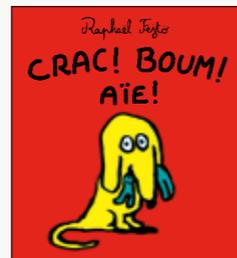
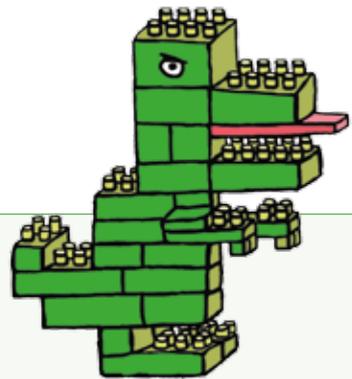
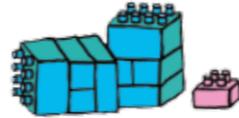


DING-DONGOSAURS

Have you heard of Yuckosaur?  
If not, you must not be an expert because  
this strange dinosaur is well known.  
And the Fartosaur? That one has  
an extremely effective weapon.  
There is also the Cuddlyosaur,  
the Dorkosaur, and still others  
that you will be able to invent!

Age 0-3

Board book | 48 pages  
200 x 180 mm | €12.30



BUBBLE KISS!

Dodo has fun making bubbles, blub, blub, blub!  
There's one that flies above the houses,  
the fields, the mountains, and the oceans  
to arrive at Dodo's friend's house.  
What happens when this pretty  
little bubble explodes?

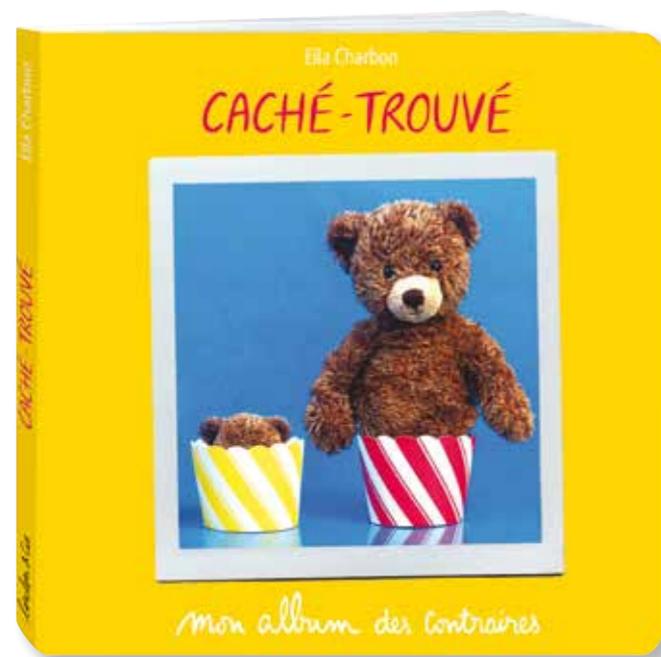
Age 0-3

Board book | 24 pages  
205 x 205 mm | €10.50



DODO Series | 5 titles

SOLD  
Chinese (Simplified),



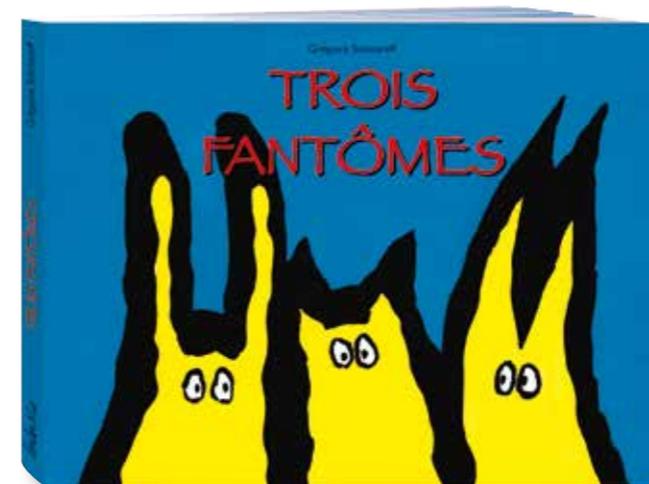
### HIDE-N-FIND

*Photo album of opposites.*

To the left, a little boy, to the right, a stuffed animal or an object to illustrate differences, opposites, moods and shapes in a very poetical way.

**Age 0-3**

Board book | 34 pages  
200 x 200 mm | €10.70

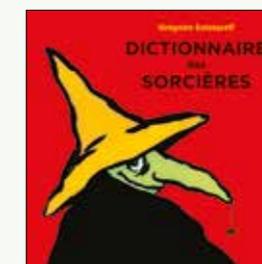
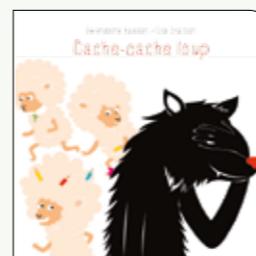
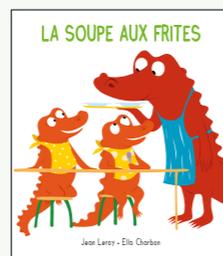


### THREE GHOSTS

Three friends dress up as ghosts and wait for nighttime to go out. But in the dark, they end up scaring themselves! They prefer to go home, where a surprise awaits them.

**Age 0-5**

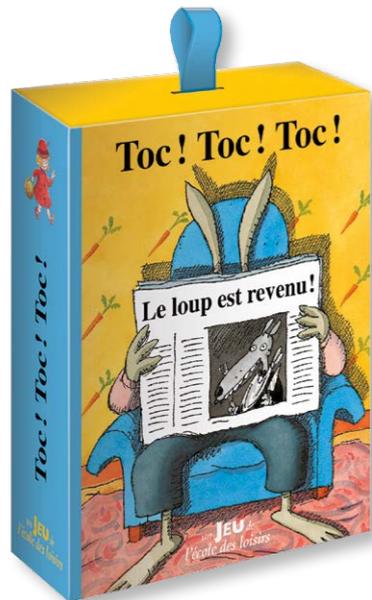
Board book | 16 pages  
240 x 180 mm | €9.80



SOLD  
English (USA & Canada)

# GAMES

A collaboration *l'école des loisirs* | **playBac**

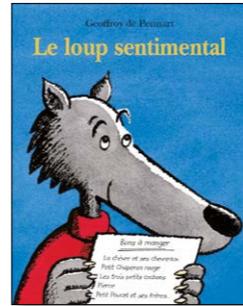


## KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!

Be the first to entertain five guests at your house in order to win the game. But watch out, the wolf has returned, and he's on the prowl! Don't cross paths with him, otherwise your guests might run away. A game of speed and visual recognition that's funny and caustic.

**Age 4+**

1 board | 111 cards | €11.90



**THE WOLF Series | 14 titles**

3,130,000 copies sold

**SOLD** Chinese (Simplified), German, Greek, Italian, Korean, Spanish (World), Japanese, Vietnamese, Portuguese (Brazil), Polish



**MYTHOLOGY Series | 4 titles**

190,000 copies sold

**SOLD** Chinese (Simplified), German, Greek, Italian, Russian, Spanish



## THE MINOTAUR'S LABYRINTH

Who will be the first to exit the infernal labyrinth conjured by Daedalus? A game of strategy filled with twists where you will have to use your ingenuity to win.

**Age 7+**

1 big board | 7 character playing pieces  
100 tiles including 6 Minotaur tiles  
1 die | €19.90

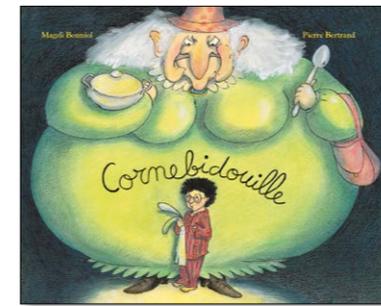


## FIX-IT WITCH 2 PUZZLES FOR FEATHERED MOSQUITOS!

Fix-it Witch is going to make your head spin, and all the lice have to do is hold on tight!

**Age 5+**

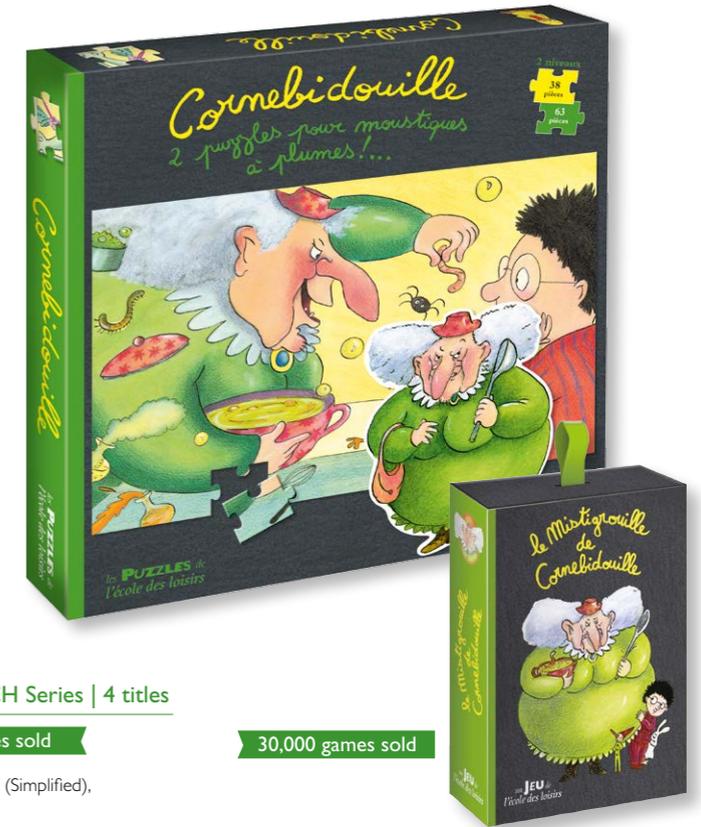
1 puzzle with 63 pieces – 50 × 32 cm  
1 puzzle with 40 pieces – 24 × 35 cm  
€13.90



**FIX-IT WITCH Series | 4 titles**

350,000 copies sold

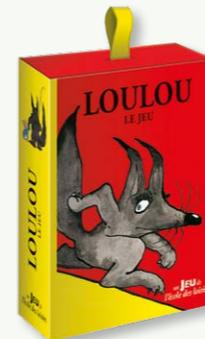
**SOLD** Chinese (Simplified), Dutch, Italian



30,000 games sold

All our games are based on our author's books

17 games available



9,000 games sold



15,000 games sold



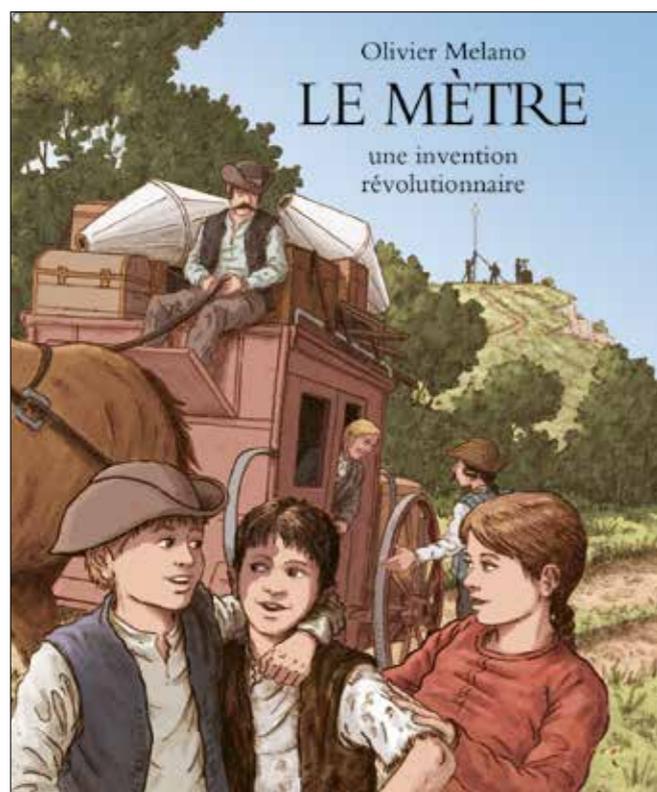
11,000 games sold



5,000 games sold



11,000 games sold



## THE METER A REVOLUTIONARY INVENTION

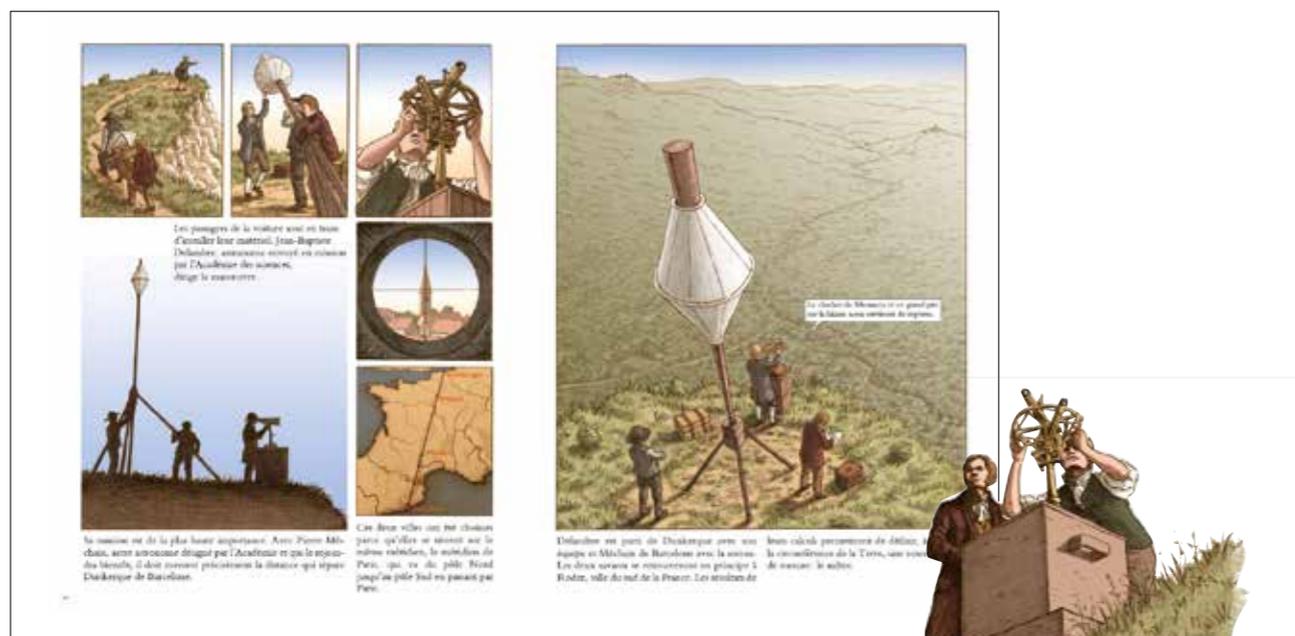
*Learn everything there is to know about the meter (and centimeters and kilometers), which we use every day, and which didn't always exist!*

Summer, 1792. Two suspicious looking people are striding across the hills surrounding a village in the South of Paris. They set up telescopes and other strange devices. Who are they? Prussian spies preparing to invade France? Sorcerers? At first worried, then intrigued, three inseparable friends, decide to go get a closer look. What they discover is extraordinary. These men are two astronomers sent on a mission by the Academy of Sciences to measure France. Their calculations will help them invent a new and unique unit of measurement: the meter.

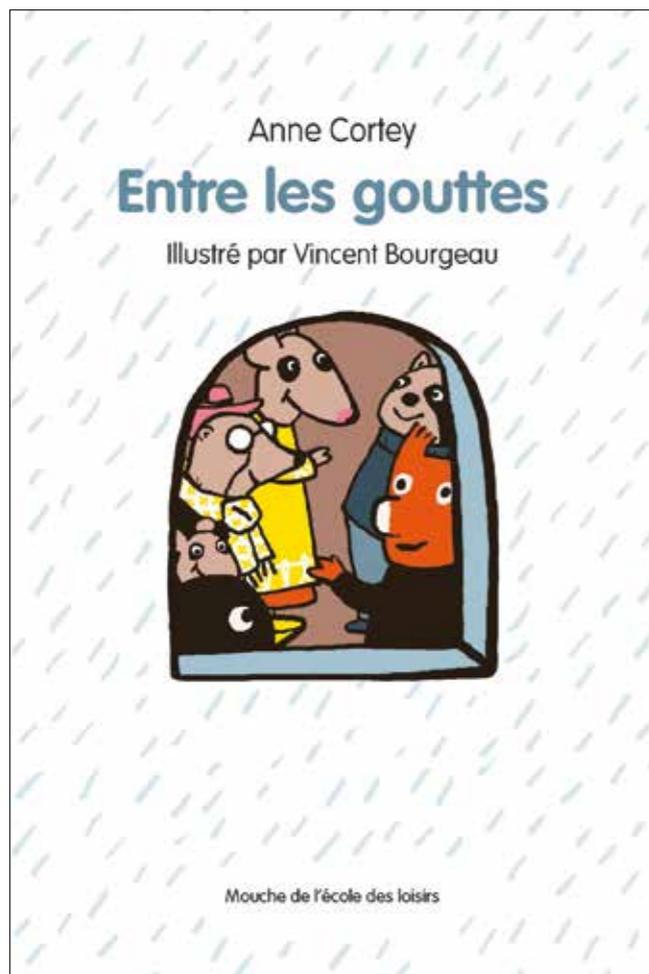
**Age 7+**

Hardcover | 48 pages  
220 x 280 mm | €12.70

## NOVELS



ANNE CORTEY



COME IN OUT OF THE RAIN

*A tale of friendship and community, recalling us how good it feels to cozy up together on rainy days.*

Rainy days are so sad. Everybody wants to stay in. So Squirrel has an idea: he'll invite some friends around to have a party. Mrs Mole and Blackbird give out the invitations while Squirrel gets started on the cooking. That's when everything begins to go wrong: the pancake dough is full of lumps and a smell of burning sweeps over just as the guests arrive. No to mention that grump of a kingfisher...

Age 6-8

Softcover | 72 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €7.50  
Full-colour illustrations by Vincent Bourgeau



MARIE DEPLESCHIN



THE SCHOOL OF MY LIFE

*Tender and fresh, The School of my Life captures the unforgettable excitement of summer holidays.*

Vacations at last! 1st grade is over for Fanta and a friend of her mom's, Sylvie, has invited her to the countryside. For the first time in her life, Fanta will travel by train, look at the nature and see plenty of animals. But Sylvie has a request: she asks that the young girl has a long read every day. And that's no fun at all. Fanta does her best to skirt the daily reading sessions. Until she goes to the swimming pool, and realises she cannot swim! Why do we always have to learn new stuff?

Age 6-8

Softcover | 80 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €8  
Full-colour illustrations by Glen Chapron

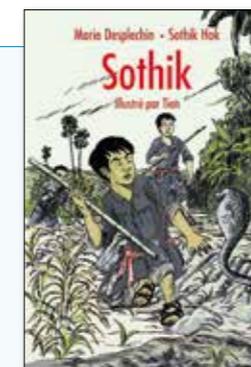


SOLD  
Chinese (Simplified),  
Italian

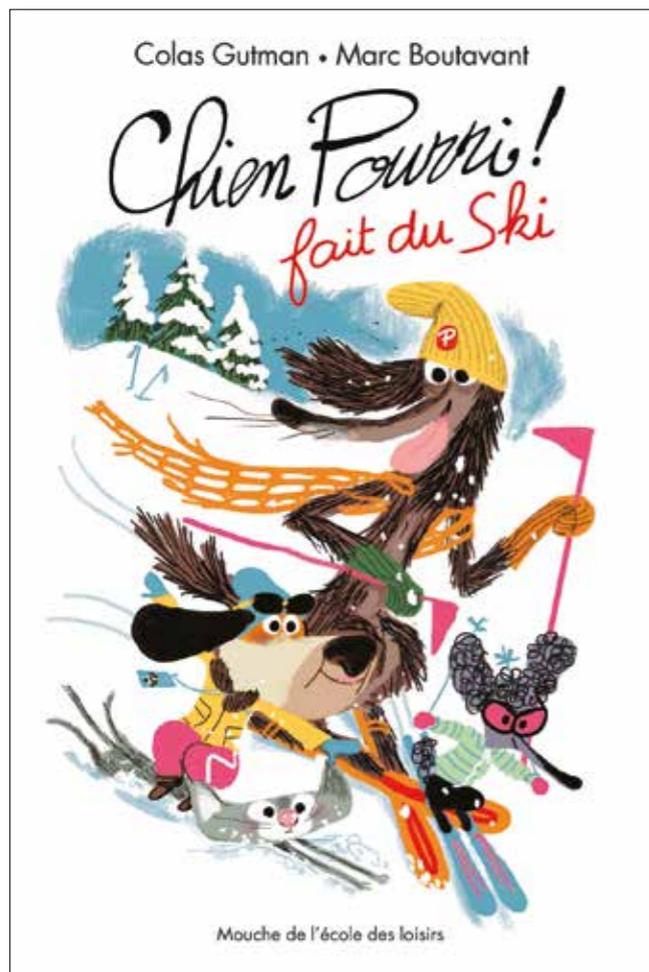
VERTE Series | 3 titles

Long-seller: 650,000 copies sold

SOLD  
Chinese (Complex & Simplified),  
Greek, Italian, Korean, Polish,  
Hungarian, Turkish, Vietnamese



# COLAS GUTMAN & MARC BOUTAVANT



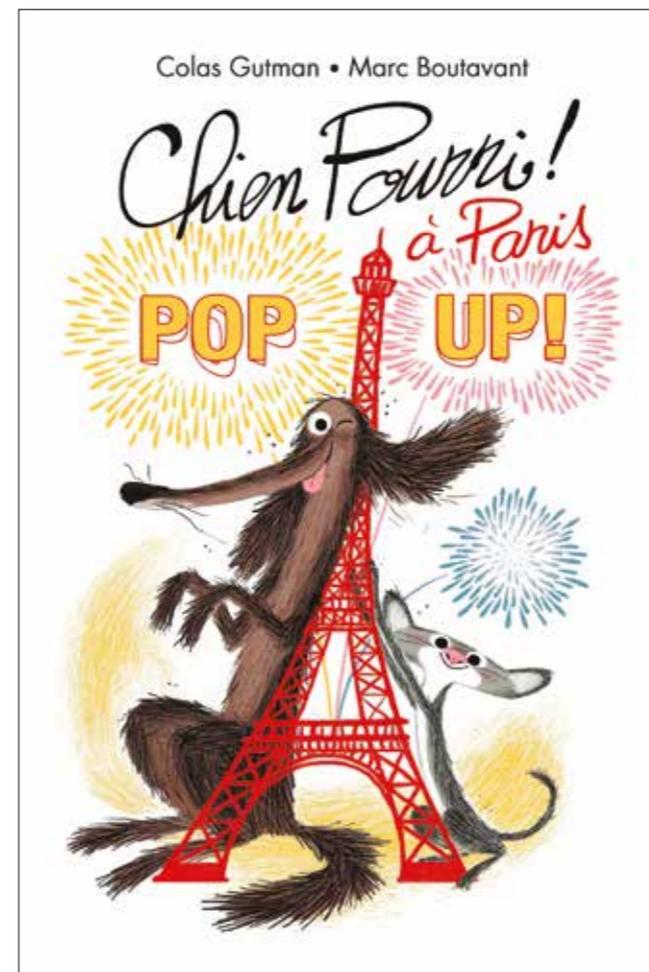
## DUMB DOG GOES SKIING

**WANTED**  
Husky, to pull garbage cans  
in Chameaunix skiing resort.

That is the job announcement Dumb Dog and Flat Cat replied to, so as to win a train ticket to the mountains and a room at the Chat Laid Hotel. But guess who comes to greet them at the station? The ab-normal snowman!

**Age 6-8**

Softcover | 80 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €8  
Full-colour illustrations by Marc Boutavant



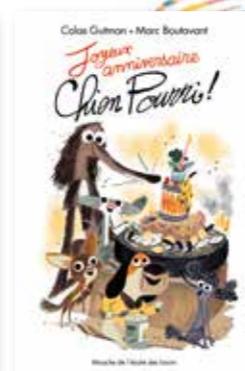
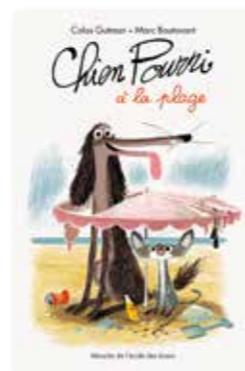
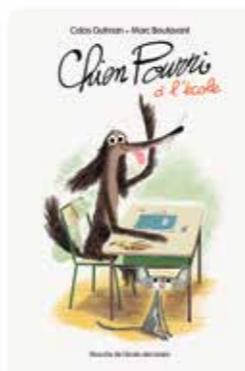
## DUMB DOG IN PARIS

- An unabridged pop-up book with new illustrations
- 50 pages of pop-up and animated images
- Icing on the garbage can: a poster map of Paris designed by Marc Boutavant!

The Paris of Dumb Dog and Flat Cat is a nostalgic Paris, with its little heroes not unlike Gavroche from *Les Misérables*, its cabaret dancers, its fortune tellers, and its smooth talkers. In the end, what counts is the travels that lead to the postcard and not the postcard itself.

**Age 6-8**

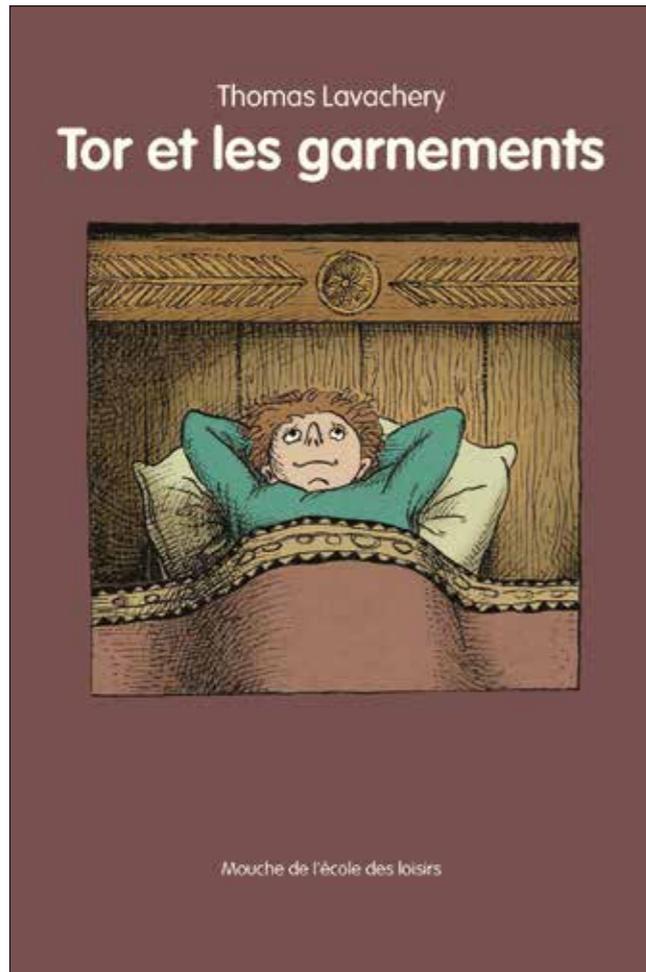
Pop-up book | 50 pages | 140 x 190 mm | €24.90  
Pop-up creator: Camille Baladi



DUMB DOG Series | 10 titles

**SOLD**  
Chinese (Simplified), Hungarian,  
English (World), Spanish (LA)





TOR AND THE RASCALS

*Curious, open-minded, joyful and courageous, Tor comes back with his love of magical creatures to show us what happens when children are more responsible than adults.*

As a favor to his friend Borigh-Borigh, Tor looks after Lutzigh – an ugly, smelly, wrinkly troll baby – for a few days... and no one must know. Truth be said: the timing couldn't be worse. Autumn is just around the corner and, as happens every year, the village of Borgisvik is in turmoil: Karl Gunnarson, the famous actor, is coming to inaugurate the hunting season.

Age 6-8

Softcover | 80 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €7  
Black & White illustrations by the author



TOR Series | 3 titles

13,000 copies sold



YOURS IS BETTER

*We keep comparing ourselves, with a mixture of envy and awe. Brigitte Smadja subtly shows us how to find the good in every situation.*

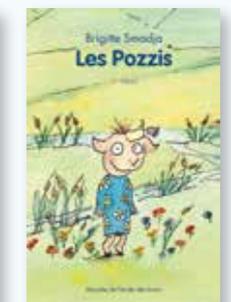
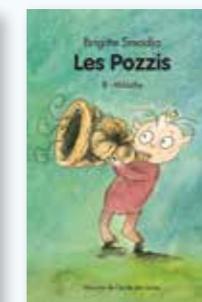
Louise owns two backpacks: one with a Plam tree for hot days, and one with mountains for cold days. Amina has two brothers who annoy her whatever the weather. The atmosphere at Louise's is dim and comfy. At Amina's, it's always bright and loud. Yet there are only 42 steps between their homes...

Age 6-8

Softcover | 56 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €7.50  
Full-colour illustrations by Jérémie Moreau



THE POZZIS Series | 10 titles





MY STRESS MONSTER

*An unexpected comedy about anxiety!*

Who is the king of stress? The prince of anxiety? Look no further: that's me. And it cannot last any longer. I need a cure – quickly. One day, this tall guy with a beard and long hair came to my home. His name was Benoît, he was a friend of my dad's, and he was just back from Amazonia. Benoît owned nothing and had nowhere to go. But he had one thing for me: he taught me how to get rid of my stress monster !

Age 8-10

Softcover | 160 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12  
Black & White illustrations by Nathalie Desforges



ADDICTED TO THE ARCTIC

*A laugh-worthy adventure that will take you all the way to the North Pole.*

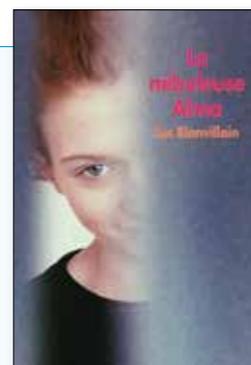
Antoine Delamoute and three of his middle-school friends have won a contest organized by the famous frozen food brand. They have just embarked on a Greenland-bound ship for an whole month. If they ever get there! The captain is suffering from a mysterious disease and a rival expedition is attempting to stall them in every possible way. The trip could turn out to be a disaster!

Age 8-10

Softcover | 144 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12  
Black & White illustrations by Vincent Bourgeau



SOLD  
Turkish



“ – Here's a comforting thought, said Joris as she lowered her binoculars. The situation could be worse. I couldn't see how. The tiny fraction of ice floe was drifting away on the Atlantic Ocean. But Joris pointed her finger towards a grey spot that was floating at the surface of the water.

– White Bear. Ursus maritimus. Carnivorous. He hasn't located us, thanks to the direction the wind is blowing. So she actually was right: the situation could have been worse. ”





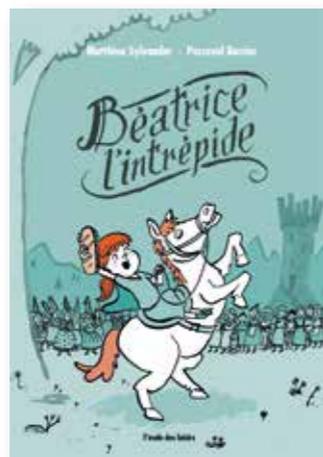
**FEARLESS BEATRICE  
AND SWEET FRANÇOIS BLUE TIGHTS**

*As her name suggest, Beatrice is a fearless heroine, always on the lookout for new adventures. Her pet peeves: princesses. Her obsession: being as brave as a knight.*

One of the reasons Beatrice chose to be a Lonely Heroine was that she didn't want to burden herself with a pain in the neck. But, ever since she met François Blue Tights the fife player and that nicompoop Jean-Claude, neither one of them will leave her alone. All they want to do is help! While Beatrice goes off to fight throngs of monsters, François and Jean-Claude will take care of the cleaning and grocery shopping. And never mind how they behave while she is away...

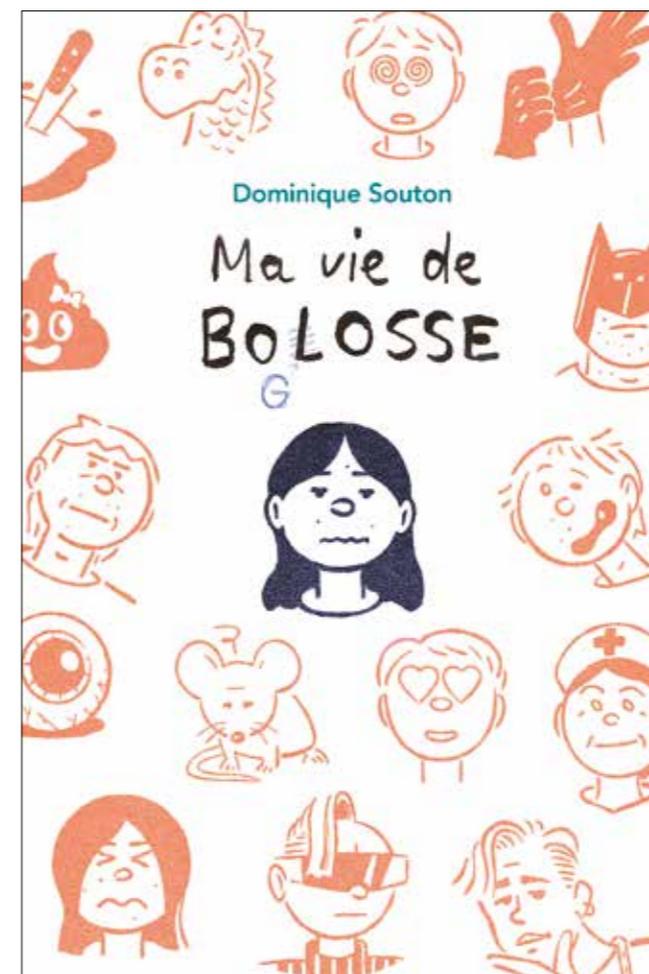
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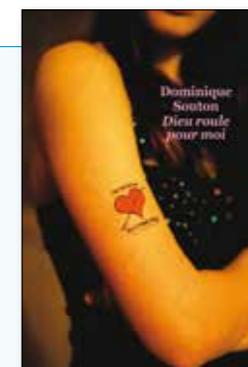
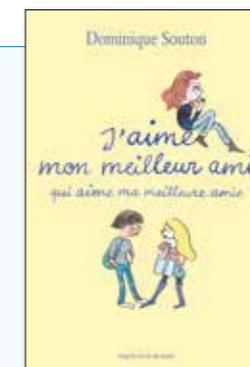
**MY LIFE AS A LOSER  
WINNER**

*Here is an important reminder (that you probably already know): middle-school divides in classes.*

1. At the top, the popular kids who rule over the rest of the students.
  2. In the middle, the normal kids, a majority of students – cool kids who don't show off.
  3. At the bottom, the losers aka the invisibles: nobody ever hears about them, and they are the show-offs' scapegoats. Like me.
- That's the way it is in all middle-schools. There are 365 students in my school. Apart from a few popular kids, most of them are normal. I'm about the only loser.

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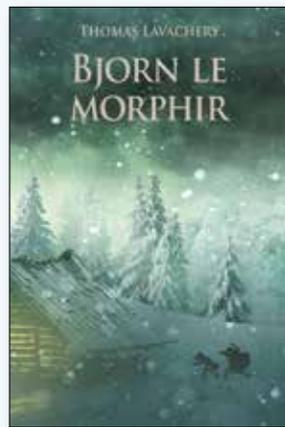
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# BJORN



*Bjorn the Morphir, a YA coming-of-age series inspired by viking's mythology*

**Fast-paced adventures with a strong narrative: a definite page-turner**  
**From nobody to hero, a subtle and complex examination of the heroic figure**  
**A rich, immersive universe rooted in viking mythology**  
**An overlooked series, which stands up to the great names of the genre.**



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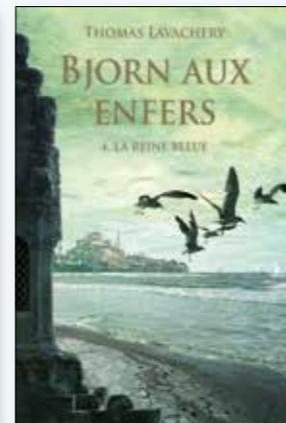
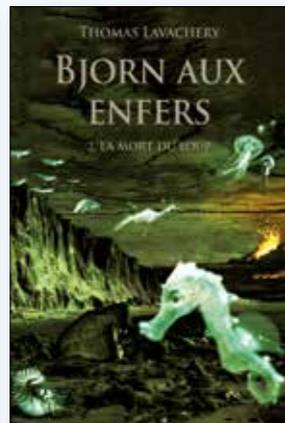
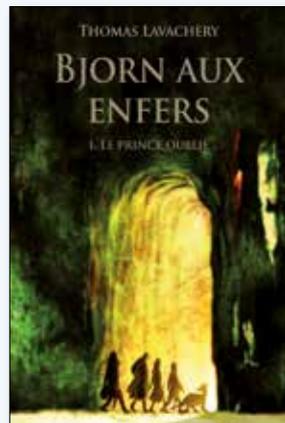
During a drastic winter, the snow attacks the Vikings. Not natural snow but an evil demon which has materialized in snow. Bjorn and his family barricade themselves in their wooden house. Anxiety and deprivation reveal each and everyone's true nature, for better and for worse.

208 pages | €6.80

### What is a morphir?

A "morphir" is a type of nordic hero – the rarest kind. Morphirs distinguish themselves by the sudden evolution of their nature and of their physical capacities: fearful and meagre at first, they "rise" one day to become exceptional warriors.

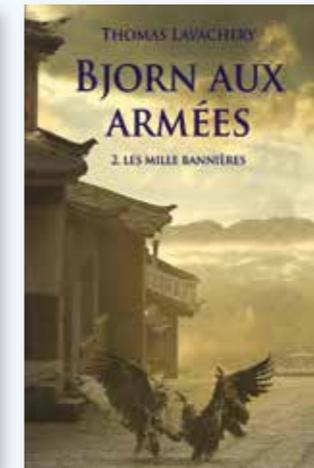
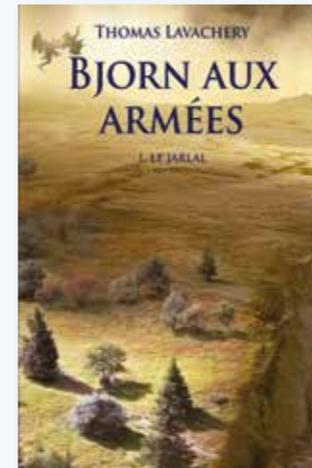
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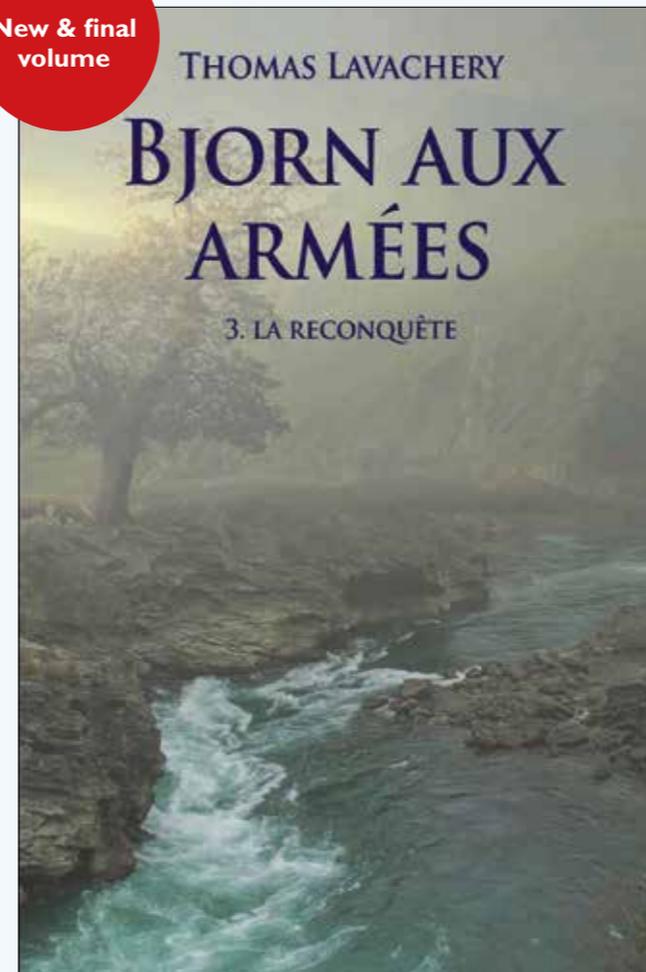
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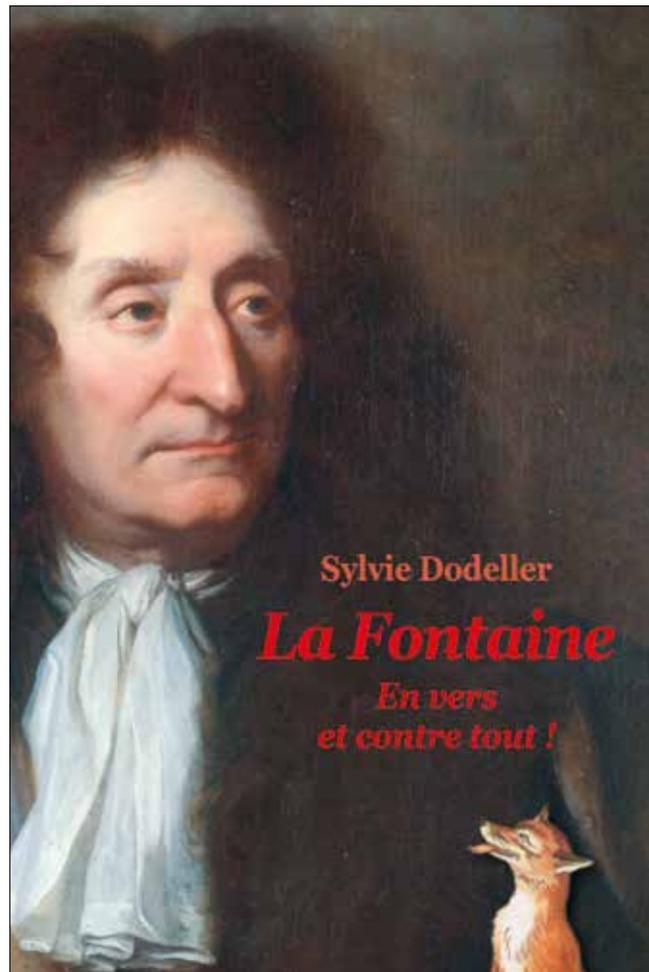
After his defeat in Fizzland, Bjorn travels to the faraway steppes to seek help from a barbarian chief. The excursion turns out to be disaster and Bjorn is forced to enroll in the army of Batachikhan, the new master of the steppes. Mixing with a warlord doesn't go without risk. Batachikhan has a tortuous mind, a heart made of steel and he rules with an iron hand. Woe to those who do not appeal to him! Following in his wake, Bjorn learns the art of war and military strategy. Between battles, he even adopts a little girl who has been abandoned in the desert. Fizzland seems so far away... When will Bjorn be back to free his people and to reunite with his dear Sigrid? When will he turn back into a morphir?

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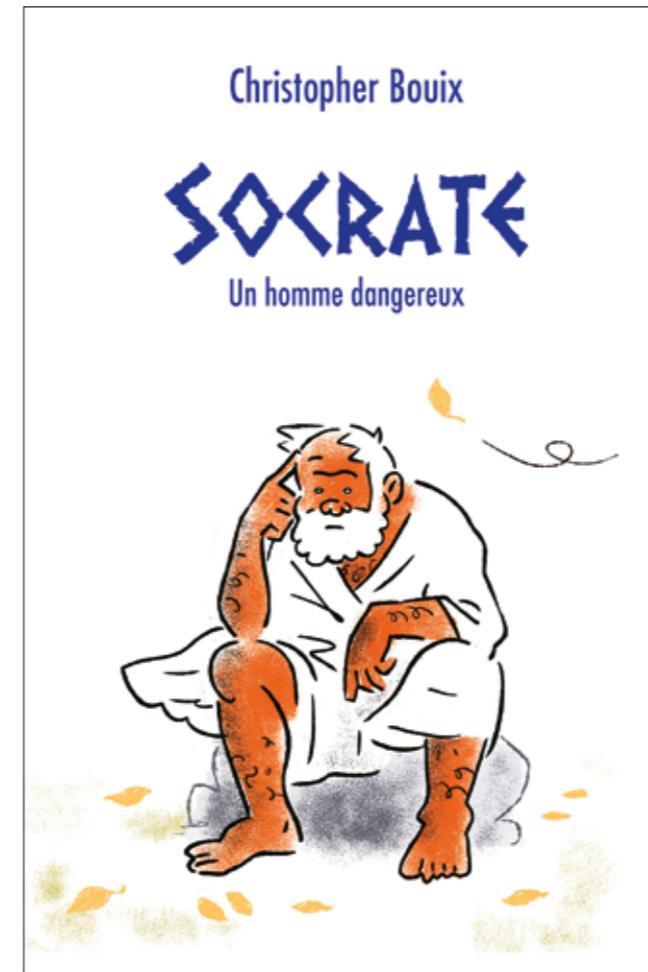
LA FONTAINE

*To most of us, Jean de La Fontaine, one of the greatest French poets, remains a famous person we've never heard of.*

Jean de La Fontaine, does that name ring a bell? You probably know a few verses he wrote, perhaps whole fables. But who was the man behind the poet? Or rather, the “old chum” as his friends would call him? His fables were published when he was 47 years old. Before that, he had devoted his time to writing tales for grown-ups. He loved wine, women, gambling, and above all poetry. He was an awful father, a bad husband but a loyal friend, especially to outcasts. He frequented neither the royal court nor Versailles, and Louis XIV wasn't particularly fond of him. This book will change that.

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SOCRATES  
A DANGEROUS MAN

*2,500 years later, the ideas of this incredible man – provocative and likeable founder of philosophy – have not aged.*

In Athens, not everybody likes Socrates. People freeze when they spot him strolling around the agora, bare foot with an unkempt beard. For the philosopher never stops bothering them about democracy, work, consumer society, good morals: he leaves no subject unaddressed. Not only does he ask questions, but he also provokes. What is freedom? What is a successful life? How to resist populism and ready-made opinions? No doubt that Socrates is alive and kicking!

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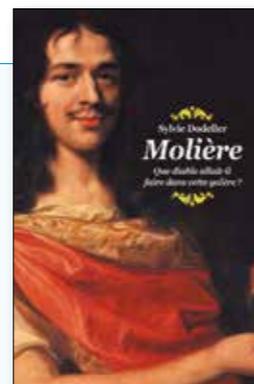
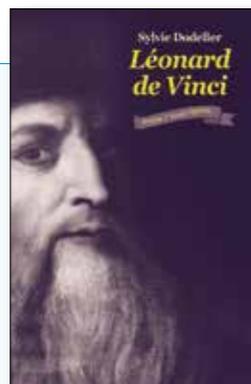
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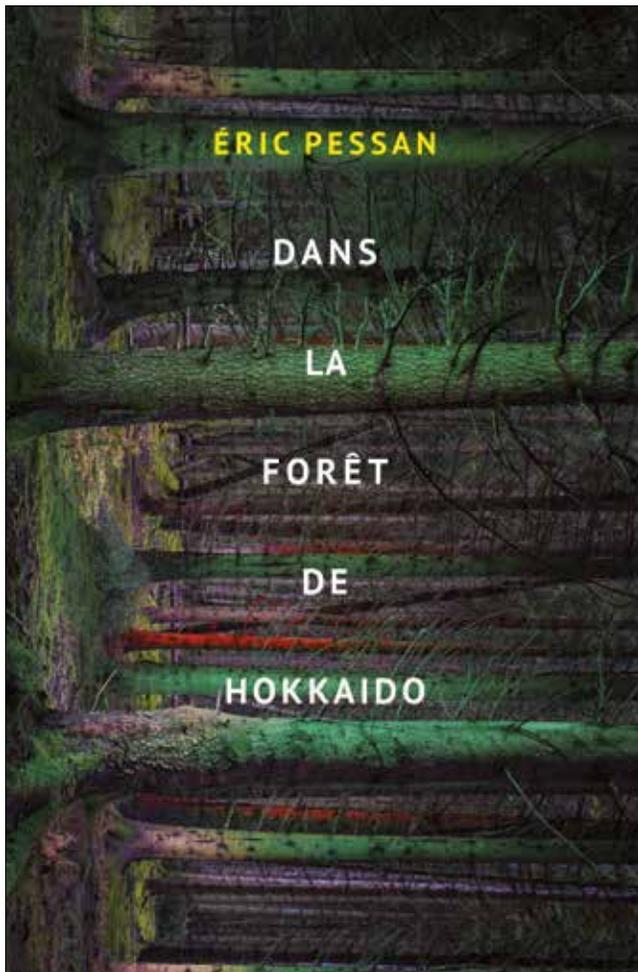
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## IN THE FOREST OF HOKKAIDO

*When she dreams, Julia becomes a young Japanese boy, abandoned in a terrifying forest. Except it is not a dream, and she must help the boy out before he dies.*

I woke up screaming.  
Never in my entire life had I screamed like that, never.  
I cut my parents' questions short. I instinctively knew that this dream should be kept secret. But it was there, quite vivid in my memory. I was a little boy.  
I was lost in the forest of Hokkaido.  
I was alone.  
I was lost. Worse even.  
I had been abandoned.

**Age 14+**

Softcover | 144 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €13  
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*A gripping narrative which explores empathy through the worst fear of every child: abandonment.*

*What if it were not only a dream?*

*What if the fate of a little boy who roamed a Japanese island 10,000 kms away and that of Julie truly were intertwined?*

TÉLÉRAMA



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Japanese

