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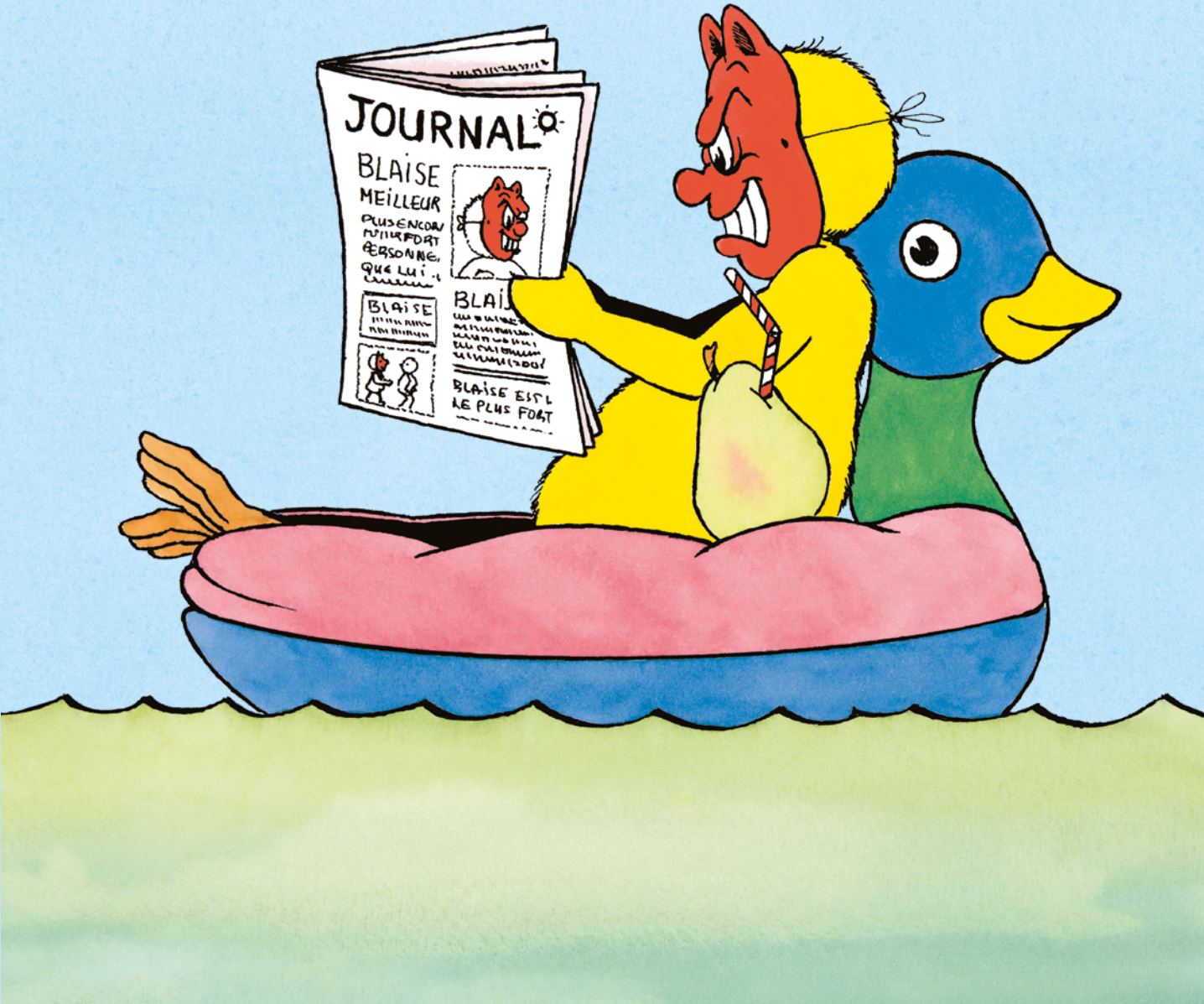

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BOURGEAU & RAMADIER



ONE KISS AND THEN BEDTIME

An interactive word book about the body to get ready for bedtime.

This could become a nighttime ritual. First, place your hand on the book, then your foot, smell it with your nose, place the book on your tummy, then your head… and finally, give the last page a kiss! A perfect book before going to sleep!

Age 0-3

Board Book | 24 pages | 180 x 180 mm | €11
Author: Cédric Ramadier
Illustrator: Vincent Bourgeau
January 2024

SOLD Italian



JEANNE BOYER



THE MAGICAL MERRY-GO-ROUND

Each double page transports the little cat to a world beloved by children (savannah, dragons, firefighters).

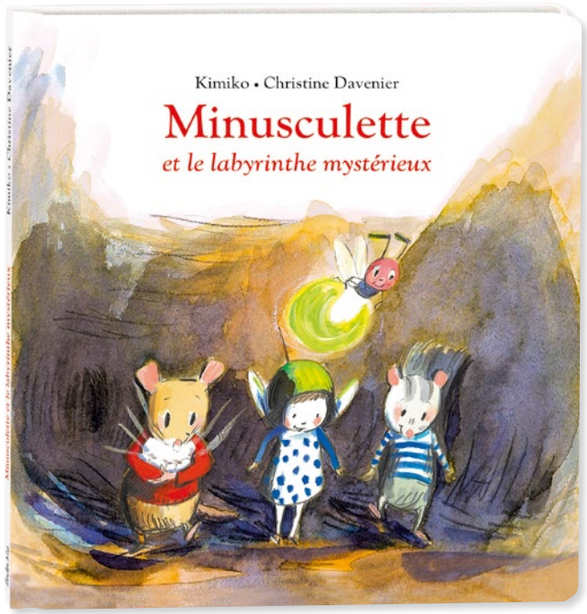
On the merry-go-round's airplane, Miko the cat flies way up high in the sky! Then he climbs onto the cheetah and finds himself in Africa. And when he straddles the dolphin, suddenly he's leaping through the waves! What a magical merry-go-round!

Age 0-3

Board Book shaped like a carousel | 16 pages
160 x 220 mm | €13.50
June 2024



CHRISTINE DAVENIER



TEENY-TINY AND THE MYSTERIOUS MAZE

An encounter with "an outsider," someone we don't know or don't understand, to overcome our prejudices and… open up!

While trying to find a treasure, Teeny-Tiny and her friends get lost in an underground maze. Down in the dark, they meet someone who seems scary at first, but who actually helps them out of the tunnels: the mole! Appearances can be deceiving…

Age 3+

Hardcover | 40 pages | 190 x 200 mm | €11.50
Author: Kimiko
Illustrator: Christine Davenier
April 2024

TEENY-TINY Series
13 titles & 1 game

SOLD
Chinese (Simplified), Italian, Russian, Romanian, Spanish (World)

100,000 copies sold in France





SOLEDAD BRAVI



BEING LITTLE IS AWESOME!

Taking the time to be small and enjoying it, and for parents, diving back into the nostalgia of their own childhood!

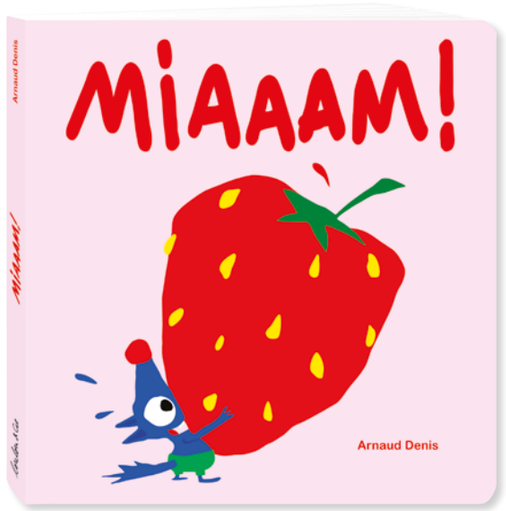
When you're little, you want to be big because you think you'll be able to do lots of things. But when you're little, you can do lots of things that grownups can't do anymore, like jump into Papa's arms, make faces, suck your thumb… And those things are awesome!

Age 2+

Board Book | 54 pages | 140 x 140 mm | €12
Author: Hervé Eparvier
Illustrator: Soledad Bravi
February 2024



ARNAUD DENIS



YUUUM!

Young readers can interact and participate by anticipating the animals and food items on each page.

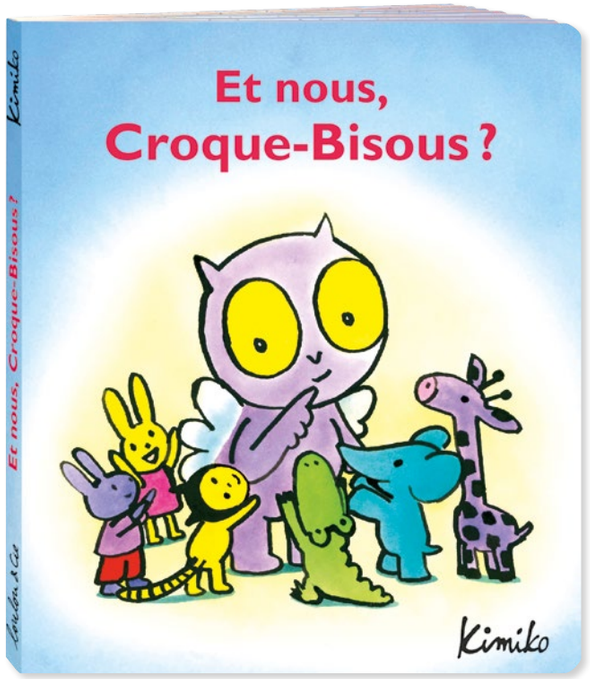
A hen is sitting on a wall, pecking at hard bread… What is the rabbit nibbling on in its burrow? What is the panda crunching on in the bamboo? And what is the pelican enjoying perched on its bucket?
Fun little nursery rhymes to hum.

Age 0-3

Board Book | 22 pages | 190 x 190 mm | €11
May 2024



KIMIKO



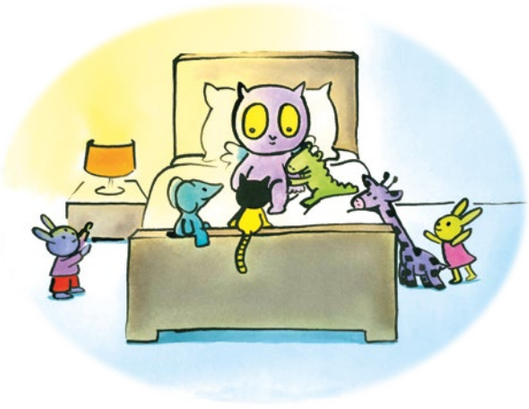
WHAT ABOUT US, CRUNCHY-KISSES?

A bedtime kiss: a very important and soothing ritual in a child's daily routine.

Like every night, Crunchy-Kisses comes to see Little Mouse. Oh no! She isn't home… Crunchy-Kisses forgot: she's on vacation! Who is Crunchy-Kisses going to gobble up with kisses now? Maybe you, little reader?

Age 0-3

Board Book | 22 pages | 180 x 210 mm | €11
June 2024



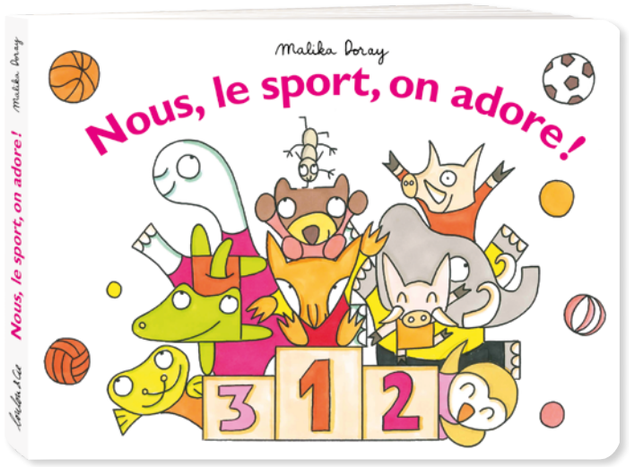
CRUNCHY-KISSES Series | 13 titles & 1 game

SOLD
Chinese (Simplified)

94,400 copies sold in France



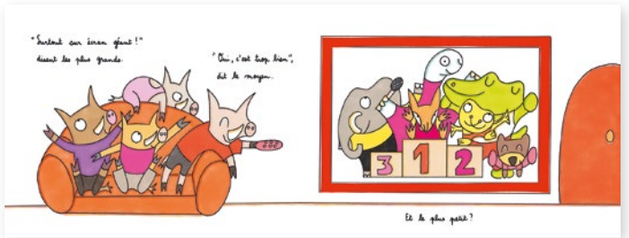
MALIKA DORAY



WE LOVE SPORTS!

Discovering and enjoying sports!
A book that introduces very young children to the wide variety of sports.

Everyone has their favorite sport: for the jackal, it's climbing; for the mammoth, it's soccer; for the fish, it's swimming; and for the wild boars, it's… sitting on the couch watching TV! But the littlest boar doesn't want to sit on the couch! He loves sports! He loves climbing, gymnastics, soccer, and swimming… in the mud!



Age 2+

Board Book | 24 pages | 230 x 170 mm | €11.50
May 2024

HARUKA HARRIS



THE RECIPE FOR A NICE TRIP

Two levels of reading with the combined themes of a journey and colors.

After *The Recipe for a Nice Sleep,* Timothy the little fox shows us how to use colors to take us on a nice trip!
We'll need blue for the sky, yellow for the sun, purple for the mountains…
The more colors fill the page, the closer we are to setting off!

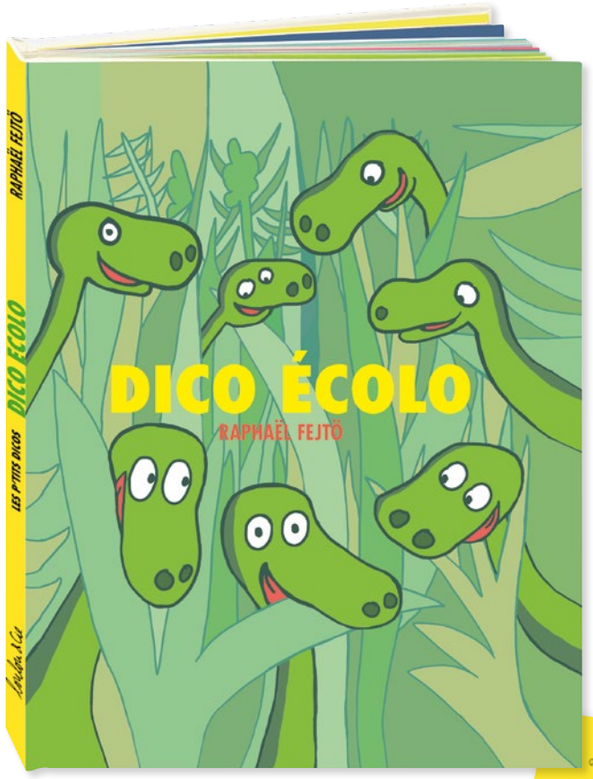
Age 2+

Board Book | 26 pages | 165 x 165 mm | €11
Author: Angélique Leone
Illustrator: Haruka Harris
March 2024

TIMOTHY'S GOOD IDEAS Series | 2 titles



RAPHAËL FEJTÖ



ECOLOGICAL DICTIONARY

A fun and accessible way to teach youngsters important concepts about protecting nature.

All the tips and answers to the questions we ask ourselves about how to protect our planet, thanks to some little green dinos. To become an ecological hero, you can start by recycling, protecting bees and the forests, or lots of other very simple solutions.

Age 3+

Hardcover with Flaps | 44 pages
180 x 220 mm | €12
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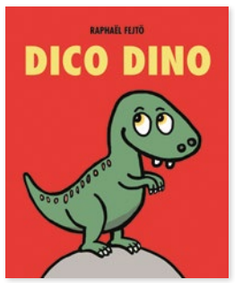
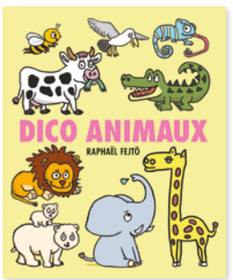
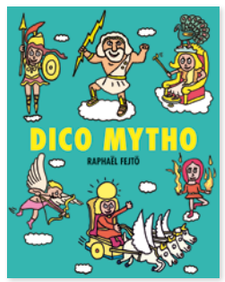
DICO Series | 5 titles

10,700 copies sold in France

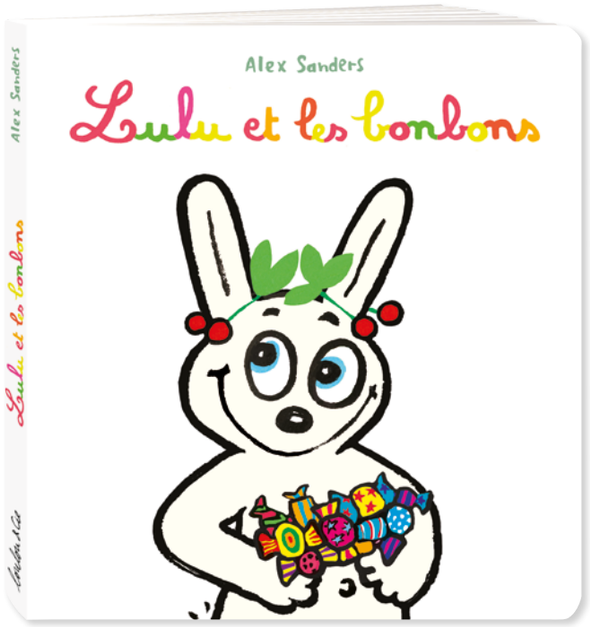








ALEX SANDERS



LULU AND THE CANDY

Learning about diet from a very young age.

Lulu and her friends want to eat candy, but there isn't any left! All they have are the wrappers! Luckily, Lulu has an idea that meets with everyone's approval, an idea that will help them discover something even better than candy!

Age 2+

Board Book | 22 pages | 205 x 220 mm | €11.50
April 2024



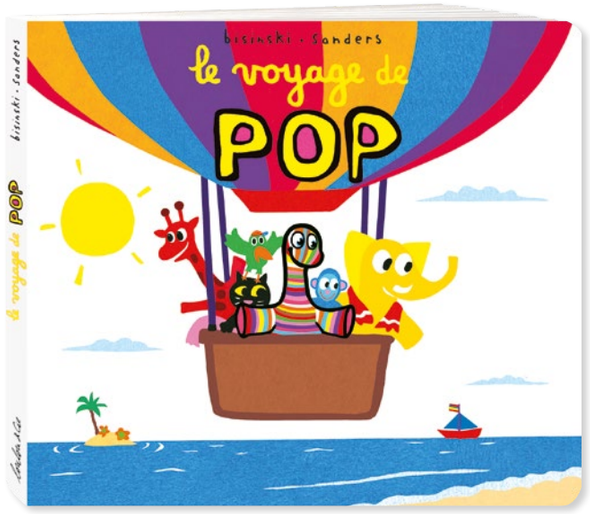
LULU Series | 15 titles

420,500 copies sold in France

SOLD
German, Italian, Korean



PIERRICK BISINSKI & ALEX SANDERS



POP'S JOURNEY

Learn, discover, and enjoy new experiences with Pop.

Pop invites his friends to go to the beach in a hot air balloon. From way up in the sky, the beach is so beautiful! Everyone is excited to run into the water! But the sea is rough, and it's no fun at all. So they climb back into the hot air balloon and this time, they land next to a lake, but the water is freezing! Back to the hot air balloon they go, but disaster strikes: they get caught in a storm. Will they manage to find their way out and finally have a nice swim?

Age 0-3

Board Book | 24 pages | 240 x 210 mm | €12.50
Author: Pierrick Bisinski
Illustrator: Alex Sanders
June 2024

POP Series | 18 titles

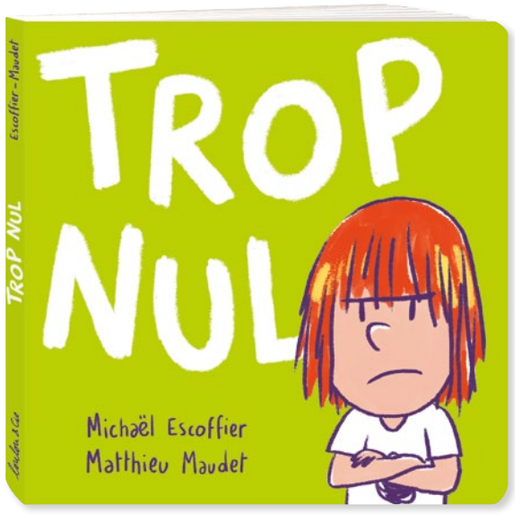
SOLD Catalan, Chinese(Simplified), Italian, Korean, Russian, Spanish (World)

671,500 copies sold in France





MATTHIEU MAUDET



SO LAME

A spoiled child's behavior tackled with humor and impertinence.

A tortoise is better than a goldfish, but a cat is better than a tortoise… Would a dog be better than a cat? This kid is never happy! He always wants more because he thinks that what he doesn't have is better than what he already has. Watch out! The grass isn't always greener on the other side!

Age 2+

Board Book | 26 pages | 190 x 190 mm | €11
Author: Michaël Escoffier
Illustrator: Matthieu Maudet
February 2024



LUCIE PHAN



CROC CHAMPION

Trying, failing, and trying again to discover sports.

Croc would like to be a champion,
but a champion of what? A marathon? No, too tiring!
Pole-vaulting? No, too dangerous!
Archery? Oh dear, Croc isn't very good at that!
Can you help him find the right sport?

Age 0-3

Board Book with a Pop Up | 26 pages
145 x 150 mm | €10
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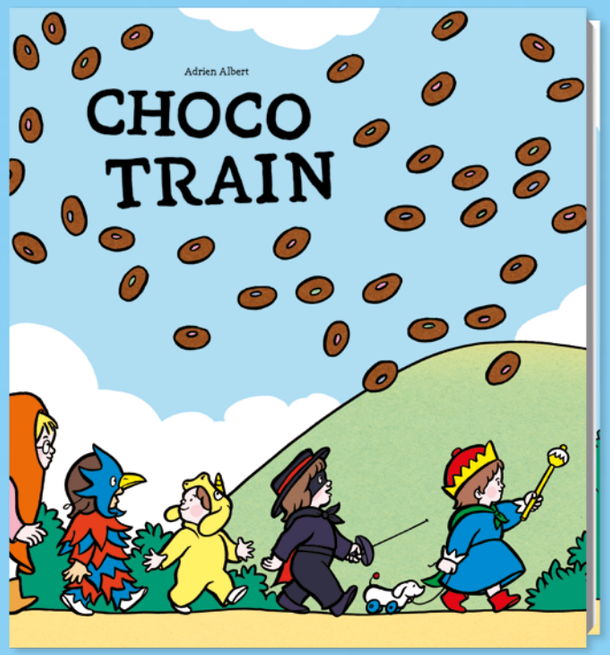
CROC Series | 6 titles



PICTURE BOOKS



ADRIEN ALBERT



CHOCOTRAIN

The crazy high-speed chase of grandmothers trying to satisfy their grandson.

Grandma George is on her way to my birthday party, so I gave her two missions: wearing her costume on the train, and buying me a ton of ChocoTrain in the dining car, which is the only place you can find it. Nothing, and I mean nothing, can stop Grandma George when it comes to carrying out a mission. Don't forget: she's been crowned "strongest human in the world" five years in a row…

Age 3+

Hardcover | 40 pages | 270 x 300 mm | €13
January 2024

GRANDMA GEORGE Series | 2 titles



6,000 copies sold in France

ELLA CHARBON



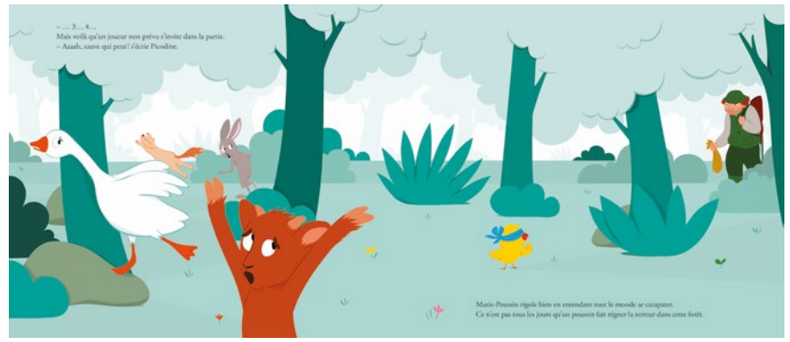
CHICK IS IT!

The bravery and solidarity of the forest animals, in the face of a hunter.

Marie Chick and her friends Capitol, Colette, Artichoke, and Plucky decide to play blind man's bluff. Marie Chick is "it" first. She has to find her friends blindfolded and guess who it is. Here we go! 1… 2… 3… Got you! Pig feet, crocodile teeth, skunk breath… That's strange… The animal she's found doesn't resemble any of her friends!

Age 3+

Hardcover | 40 pages
250 x 215 mm | €13
Author: Gwendoline Raisson
Illustrator: Ella Charbon
January 2024



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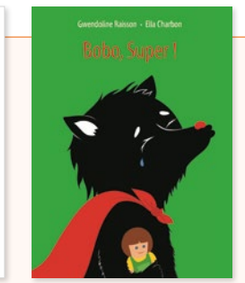

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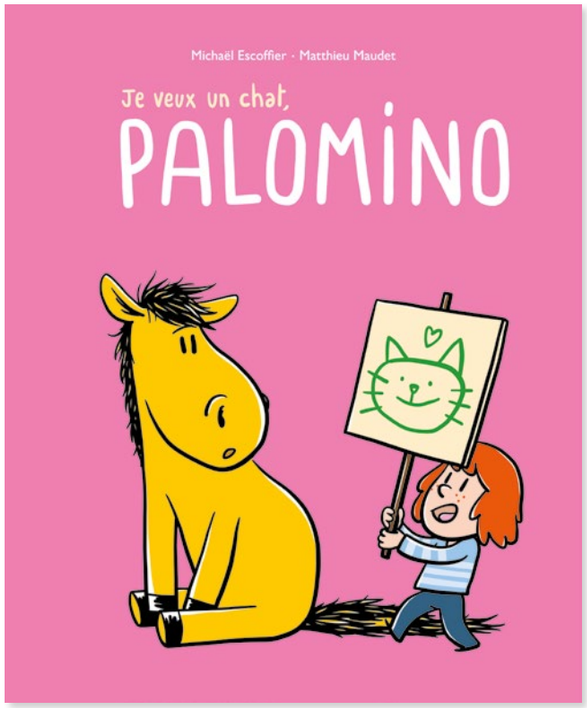


I WANT A CAT, PALOMINO!

Don't be jealous, Palomino

It's all she can think about; she's obsessed. Scarlett, Palomino the pony's little girl, wants her own pet: a cat! Palomino isn't so sure. A cat? Cats shed, they're useless, and they just sleep all day. But maybe Palomino is just feeling a little bit jealous? An outing to the waterfall will change everything... when a little cat calls for help.

Age 3+

Hardcover | 32 pages | 200 x 245 mm | €13
Author: Michaël Escoffier
Illustrator: Matthieu Maudet
August 2024



PALOMINO Series | 6 titles

SOLD
Catalan, Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish (World)

More than 37,500 copies sold in France





CLAIRE LEBOURG



A YEAR TOGETHER

Over the course of four seasons, we follow the daily lives of cat children and grownups in different places and activities. An ode to living together!

In their world, the seasons peacefully go by. The year is punctuated by celebrations and cultural outings, but also work, groceries, and school. They share everything: their space and their emotions. Everyone is included, even the elderly and the homeless. They share the vegetable patch and the corner market practices fair trade. This picture book without any words is very eloquent! Does it describe the cats' dream world, or is it a glimpse into what ours could look like?

Age 3+

Hardcover | 56 pages
Bonus: A bookmark shaped like a cat
225 x 340 mm | €17.50
March 2024

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

14,000 copies sold in France







SOLD
English (World)

CLAUDE PONTI



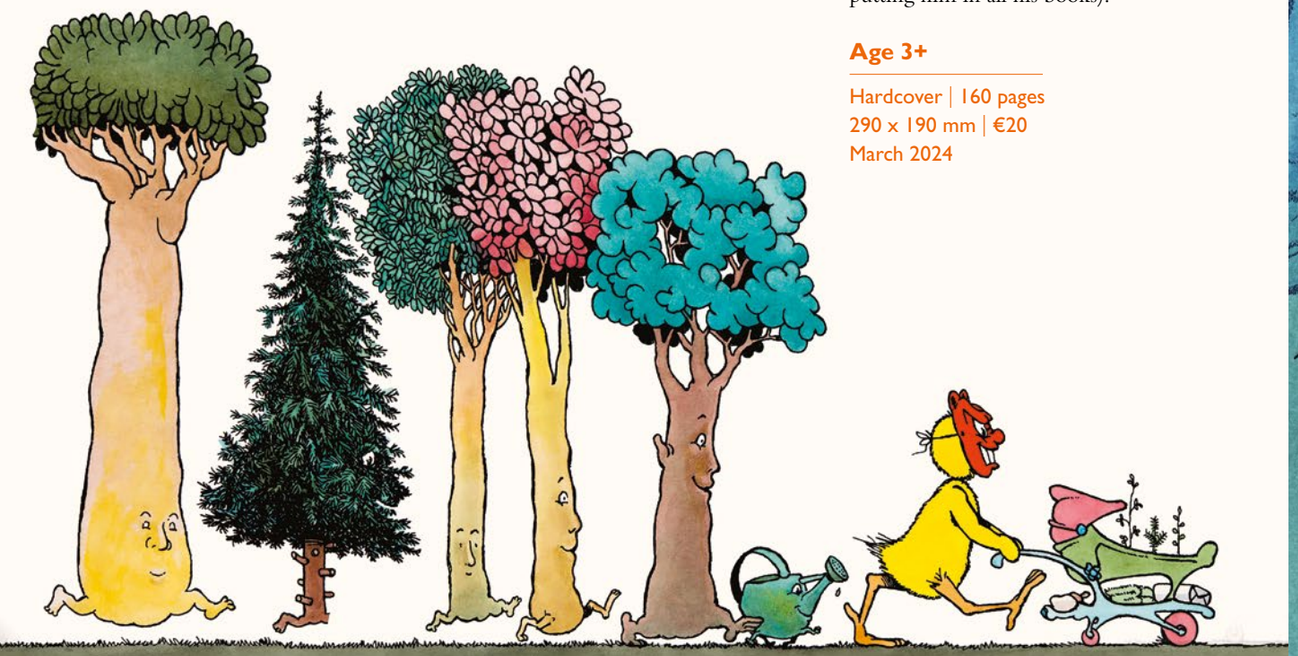
NO SWEAT, BLAISE!

A big collection that will delight fans of the impertinent chick Blaise, and enchant readers who haven't met him before.

Blaise the masked chick is exceptional. Not only is he a sport king, poet, monster handler, shrieker, and fulfiller of unique international exploits, but he can also get up to all kinds of mischief without getting in trouble: he just has to take off his mask, and then nobody knows who it really was. That's handy! He even dares to thumb his nose at Claude Ponti (who can't resist putting him in all his books)!

Age 3+

Hardcover | 160 pages
290 x 190 mm | €20
March 2024



BY THE SAME AUTHOR



SOLD
Chinese (Simplified), English (World), Italian, Latvian, Romanian

240,000 copies sold



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

14,400 copies sold



SOLD
Italian

16,300 copies sold

RUDY SPIESSERT

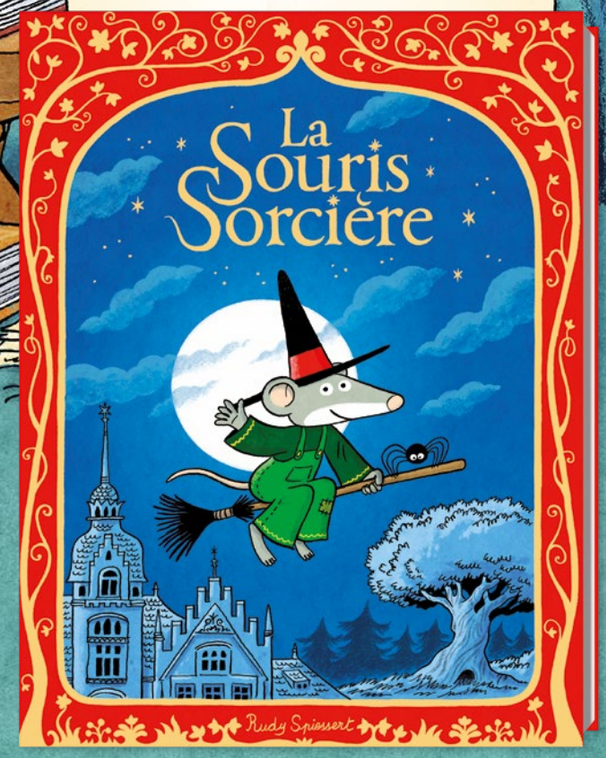
THE WITCH MOUSE

A tiny mouse with massive problems to solve: 9 centimeters versus 300 kilos. Will she be up to the task?

Today is graduation day at the International School of Witches. Amongst the graduates, Sophie is the first mouse ever to receive a witch diploma! Along with her spider Minouche, Sophie sets out to open her own witch consulting practice. She's good at minor spells, which is good because her customers come to her with minor problems. But one day, three children come to her with a VERY BIG problem: ogres are spreading terror through the forest…

Age 5+

Hardcover | 60 pages
230 x 300 mm | €15
June 2024



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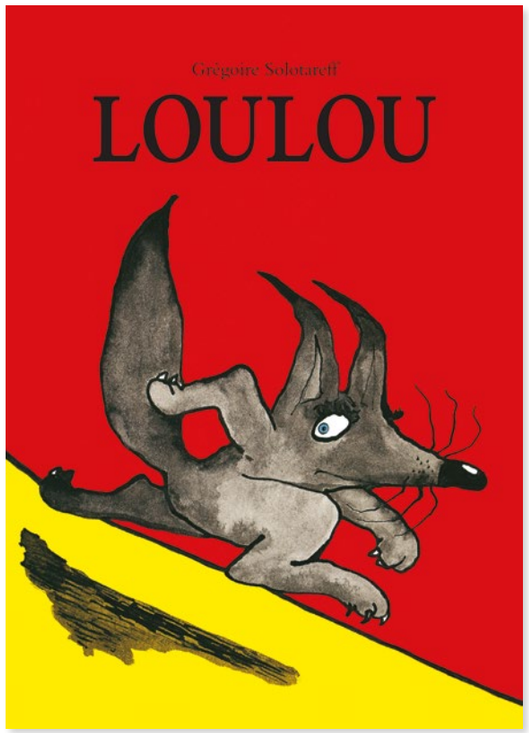
8,400 copies sold

GRÉGOIRE SOLOTAREFF



WOLFY

Wolfy has been captivating us for 35 years now, making us dream and value friendship.
To celebrate this anniversary, discover a special edition with a behind-the-scenes "making of" segment.

Can a wolf who's never met a bunny become friends with a bunny who's never met a wolf? Yep. Can the bunny name him Wolfy? Yep. Can these two friends learn from one another? Yep. Can one of them scare the other? Unfortunately, he can. And does life go on after a quarrel? Luckily it does.

Age 5+

Deluxe Hardcover | 48 pages | 220 x 310 mm | €19.90
January 2024

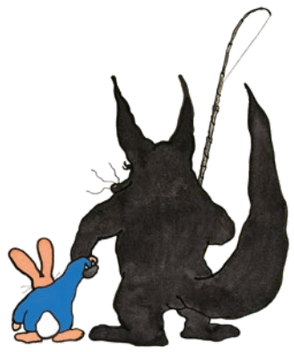
SOLD Arabic, Basque, Chinese (Simplified), English (World), German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Persian, Portuguese (SA), Spanish (EU), Swedish

453,000 copies sold in France



"Beautifully offbeat, gorgeously illustrated and with an uplifting message about friendship, diversity, understanding and loyalty."

PAM NORFOLK, Lancashire Post (UK)



GRÉGOIRE SOLOTAREFF



A BEAR UNLIKE EVERYONE ELSE

The author is back with his bittersweet tales full of tenderness, the hallmark of his greatest and most successful titles. A story about self-acceptance and friendship.

At the country house, in Tom's room, the stuffed animals are left to their own devices while he's gone. So they often bicker and Pacha, the colorful bear, is always the one being teased. He's had enough! So Pacha decides to go out on an adventure. The world is colorful too, just like him. He finds a hut in the forest. He knocks, and… guess who opens the door?

Age 5+

Hardcover | 40 pages | 220 x 280 mm | €14
January 2024

SOLD German

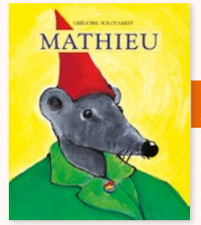


BY THE SAME AUTHOR



34,000 copies sold in France

SOLD
Chinese (Complex & Simplified), English (North America), German, Italian, Persian



78,000 copies sold in France

SOLD
Chinese (Simplified), German, Korean



7,500 copies sold in France

SOLD
German

CATHARINA VALCKX

CATHARINA VALCKX



LISETTE'S GREEN SOCK

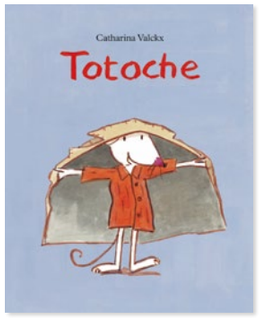
Lisette's Green Sock is a springtime fresh picture book about how socks, like friends, are always best in pairs.

Age 3+

Hardcover
40 pages | 210 x 310 mm
€13 | ©2002

SOLD Chinese (Simplified), Dutch, English (World), Japanese, Korean

52,000 copies sold in France



TOTOCHE

One beautiful fall day, Totoche is bored. When he sees Josephine the mole with her new coat, he offers to go with her and act as a coat rack. But Josephine isn't satisfied with the strange new coat rack. It chats too much. So what's Totoche to do now? Is there anyone who does need a talkative coat rack?

Age 3+

Hardcover
40 pages | 220 x 250 mm
€13 | ©2005

SOLD Chinese (Simplified), Italian, Japanese

24,400 copies sold in France



STICK 'EM UP!

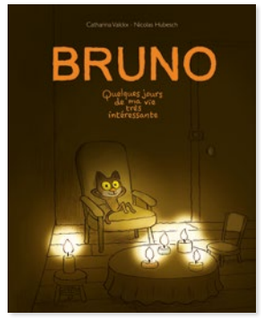
Billy will never be a super gangster like me, says his father, despairing. He has too much integrity and he's really too kind. Yet, dad decides to give his son a pistol and holster and teach him his first bandit lesson. It's simple: all he has to do is point his revolver and say, "Stick 'em up!" What his father doesn't know is that this simple phrase is going to help Billy not only earn his stripes as a bandit, but make a gang of friends, too!

Age 6+

Hardcover
40 pages | 210 x 260 mm
€13.50 | ©2010

SOLD Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), German, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Polish, Spanish (EU)

141,100 copies sold in France



BRUNO

A Few Days in My Very Interesting Life

Bruno, the cat with the plaid cap, takes life as it comes. When it's raining too hard to go out, he improvises an indoor picnic with his friends Michou the pony and Georgette the turtledove. When he meets a fish that swims through the air, he follows it. When Titi the canary mixes up all the words instead of singing, Bruno begins a dialogue with him. When you think about it, Bruno can count on quite a few days like this, days not like any other; and that's enough so that life, suddenly, takes on a unique flavor.

Age 6+

Hardcover | 100 pages
180 x 225 mm | €13.50
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SOLD Dutch, English (World), Italian, Spanish (World)

18,875 copies sold in France

Prix Bernard Versele



EDITH
THE LITTLE GIRL WHO WAS 100 YEARS OLD

A poignant story about existential life choices.

When she was born, Edith received two gifts. The first, from a novice fairy, enabled her to bring any object to life. The second, from an old fairy at the end of her career, made her a child forever. So today, Edith is about to turn 100 years old, but she only looks like she's 7. What will she wish for this time? A new friend, maybe? A new life, for sure.

Age 5+

Hardcover | 88 pages | 220 x 240 mm | €16
March 2024

SOLD German



XIAOZHU



FEIFEI AND COCOON

A little caterpillar who takes flight through drawing.

FeiFei the little caterpillar loves her garden and everything she does there: watering, pottery, music, painting, caring for the plants… Unfortunately, there is one required activity that she doesn't enjoy at all: knitting her cocoon. It scares her and stresses her out. Obviously, she dosen't want her life to change! Her sad abandoned cocoon keeps saying, "What about meeeee?" If FeiFei keeps procrastinating, her cocoon will take matters into its own hands. It knows what to do…

Age 5+

Hardcover | 32 pages
200 x 260 mm | €13
May 2024





MARCIANNE BARCILON



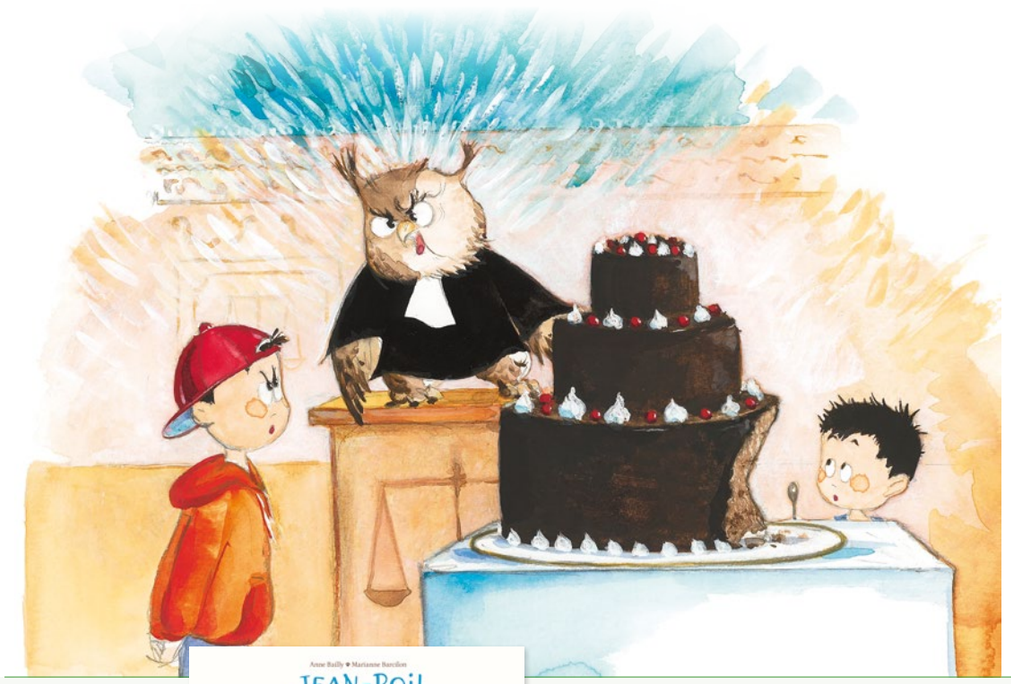
BLAST IT!

The setting and characters of a nutty courthouse, to talk about injustice.

Are you mistreated by your brother, teacher, or parents? Do you feel like telling everyone to take a hike? Then look no more: by yelling "Blast it!" five times in a row, you will summon the Tribunal of Great Injustice. But watch out! The sentence could surprise you… Are you ready?

Age 3+

Hardcover | 40 pages | 260 x 210 mm | €13.50
Author: Anne Bailly
Illustrator: Marianne Barcilon
March 2024



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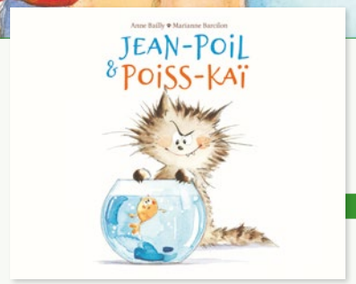
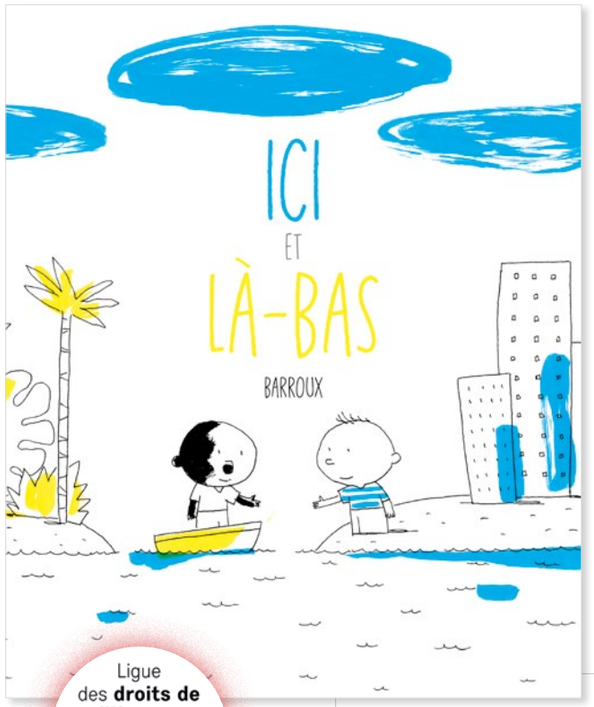


7,400 copies sold in France

BARROUX



Ligue des **droits de l'Homme**

HERE AND THERE

An homage to the migrants who die every year at sea. A book supported by the Human Rights League.

Two children with very different lives, from two very different worlds…
In this powerful book, Barroux takes a stand for the right to asylum, tolerance, and what makes us human.

Age 6+

Hardcover | 40 pages | 200 x 240 mm | €13.50
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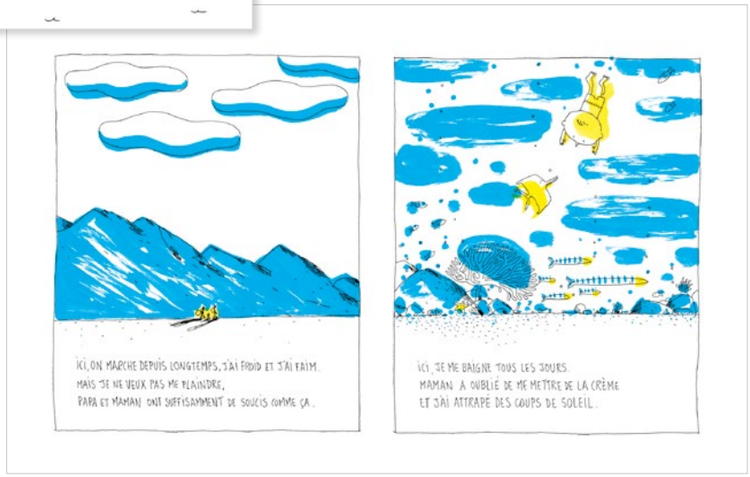

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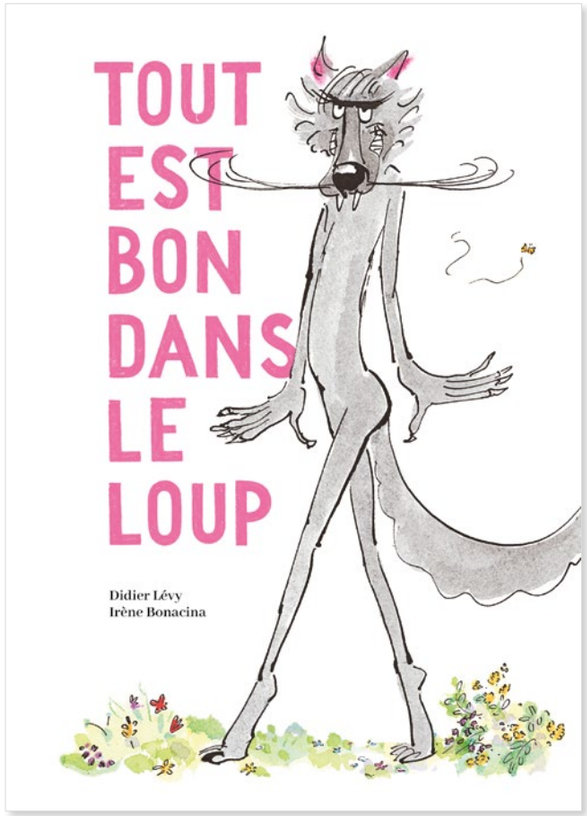
Chinese (Simplified)

IRÈNE BONACINA



THERE'S MORE TO THE WOLF!

Discover a key character in children's literature in a different light.

We often hear about the Big Bad Wolf, his sharp teeth, and his cunning and wicked nature… but the party in question is sick and tired of this label! He'd like people to know about his sensitive soul, soft fur, or shiny whiskers. Well, thanks to this collection, you will see the wolf in a very different light!

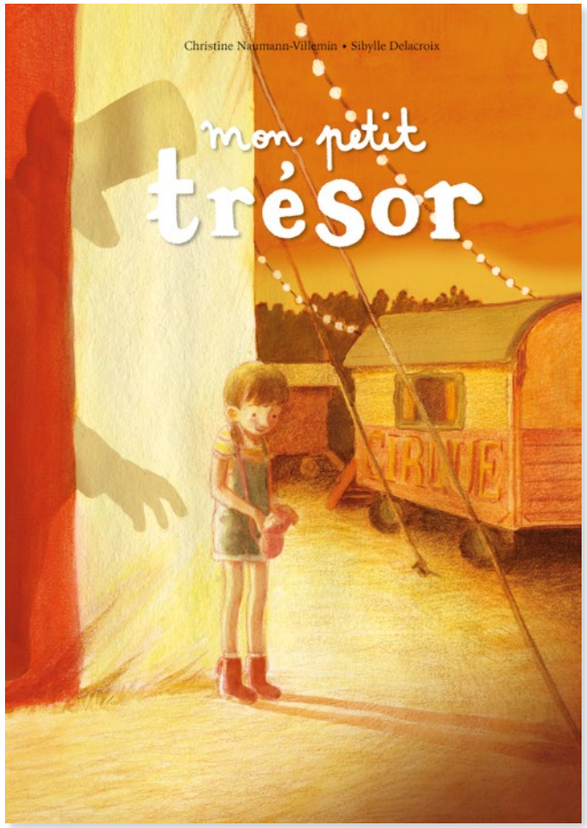
Age 6+

Hardcover | 48 pages | 190 x 270 mm | €14
Author: Didier Lévy
Illustrator: Irène Bonacina
May 2024





SIBYLLE DELACROIX



MY LITTLE TREASURE

A reassuring book to dare to talk about sexual aggression without shame or guilt.

Lou is part of a family of circus performers. Lou brings her little treasure everywhere, safe in her little purse. It is hers, and hers alone. Nobody is allowed to touch it or even look at it. Except for Lou.

Age 6+

Hardcover | 36 pages | 200 x 287 mm | €13.50
Author: Christine Naumann-Villemin
Illustrator: Sibylle Delacroix
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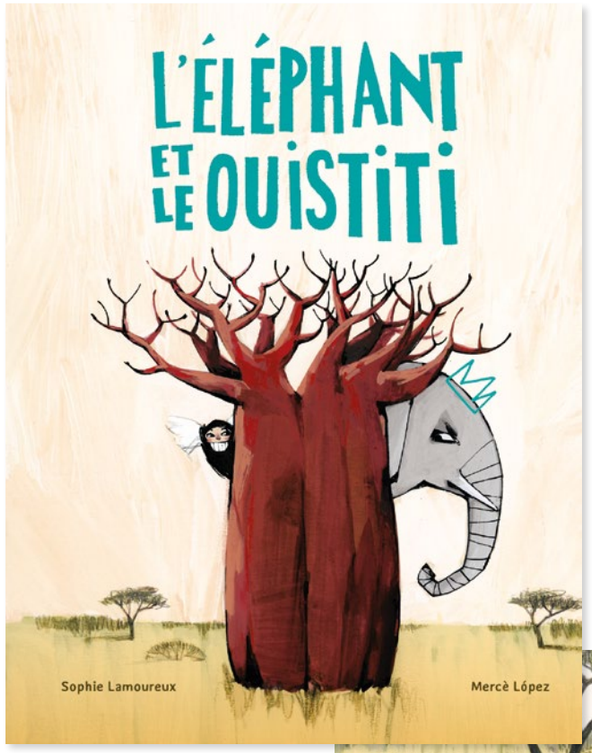
SOLD
English (World), Japanese, Korean



5,000 copies sold in France

SOLD
Korean

MERCÈ LÓPEZ



THE ELEPHANT AND THE MONKEY

A philosophical tale that denounces bullying and encourages self-affirmation.

This is a story about a fierce elephant reigning over the savannah. He mercilessly sprays water at all the other animals. Nobody dares oppose him. But the elephant is bored. So he decides to throw out a challenge that nobody can meet… except for a tiny little monkey!

Age 3+

Hardcover | 36 pages | 230 x 297 mm | €13.50
Author: Sophie Lamoureux
Illustrator: Mercè López
January 2024



BY THE SAME ILLUSTRATOR



SOLD
Spanish (LA)



SOLD
Portuguese (SA)

THIERRY MANES



THE LITTLE PRINCE WHO DIDN'T WANT TO BE KING

A good-natured book to help children find their place, regardless of the weight of family traditions.

The king and queen had one desire: to see their son sitting on the throne and ruling the kingdom. But this seemed to be a very heavy burden. What if the little prince wanted to do something else?

Age 5+

Hardcover | 32 pages | 240 x 300 mm | €13.50
Author: Nadine Brun-Cosme
Illustrator: Thierry Manes
February 2024



ANTHONY MARTINEZ



THE CHEERFUL FOREST ANIMALS

5 side-splitting and zany stories in which friendship always wins the day.

A very long time ago (or maybe not that long ago), far, very far away in another land, another world, or right next door, lived the cheerful forest animals. Their adventures have been forgotten. Let me tell you about them…

Age 5+

Hardcover | 84 pages | 170 x 230 mm | €14.50
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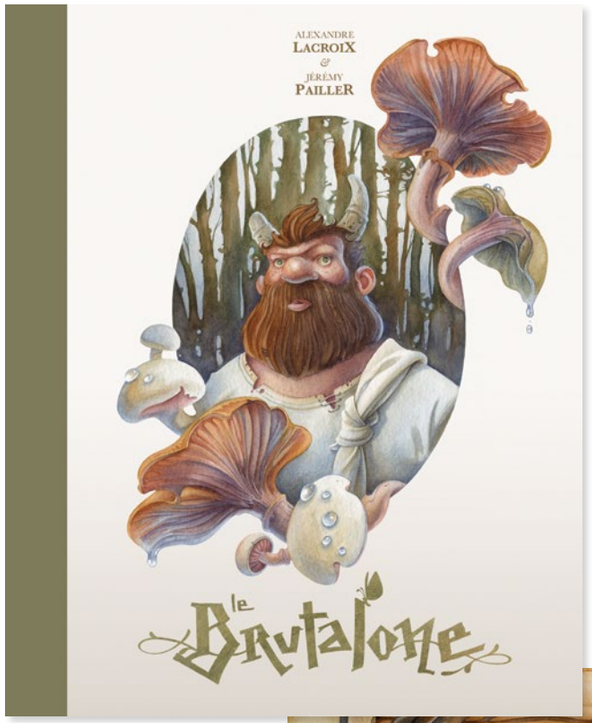
Italian

JÉRÉMY PAILLER



THE BRUTALONE

A book for learning to see beyond appearances.

The Brutalone lived in the heart of a deep wood. Thanks to his colossal strength and deafening cry, he led a peaceful life, free from any danger. But he was also colossally clumsy and lonely. The Brutalone was disheartened: would he ever find a friend?

Age 5+

Hardcover | 40 pages | 210 x 260 mm | €14.50
Author: Alexandre Lacroix
Illustrator: Jérémy Pailler
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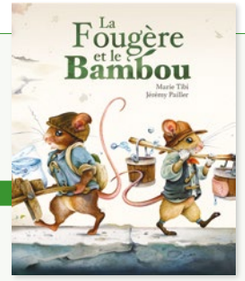
16,100 copies sold in France







SOLD
Italian, Korean

5,100 copies sold in France

MAURÈEN POIGNONEC



THE GREEN FLAMINGO

Talking about bullying and rejection starting at a very young age.

One day, next to a pond… a green flamingo appeared.
"Who's that?"
"We've never seen him before!"
"He sure looks odd!"
What's he doing here? The pink flamingos are suspicious of this strange newcomer… Will they manage to overcome their prejudice?

Age 3+

Hardcover | 32 pages | 180 x 240 mm | €13.50
Author: Elsa Devernois
Illustrator: Maurèen Poignonec
April 2024

BY THE SAME ILLUSTRATOR



SOLD
Chinese (Complex)





AGNÈS ERNOULT



HOW TO CONJURE A DRAGON?

A funny and flowing text that leads readers to a very unexpected final twist.

Anybody can conjure a dragon, especially children. Gathering all the ingredients couldn't be simpler: you just have to rake, dig, rummage, open cupboards, rifle through drawers, throw everything into a big cauldron, and ABRACADABRA! You can bet your bottom dollar that a furious dragon-like mother will appear!

Age 5+

Hardcover | 32 pages | 200 x 280 mm | €13.90
Author: Coralie Ramon
Illustrator: Agnès Ernoult
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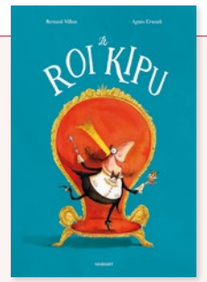


THIBAULT PRUGNE



FOX, THE LETTER, AND THE HOODLUMS

A fable that turns prejudice on its head.

This morning, Fox received a letter with a drawing of a bottom… What kind of hoodlum would have done something so inappropriate? Furious, Fox goes after his new neighbor, a skunk that gives off a particularly ripe odor. She must be the culprit! After wrongly accusing several animals, Fox will finally realize his mistake.

Age 5+

Hardcover | 40 pages
200 x 280 mm | €13.90
April 2024







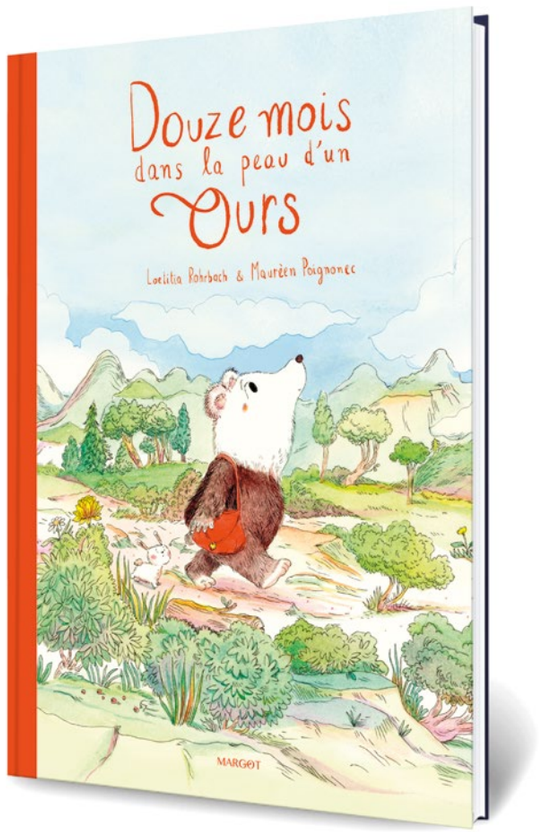


FOX Series | 5 titles

SOLD
Bosnian, Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Italian, Romanian, Russian, Spanish (World), Thai, Ukrainian

56,500 copies sold in France

MAURÈEN POIGNONEC



12 MONTHS AS A BEAR

An ode to discovering the world, written from a child's perspective, whose experiences encourage us to be curious as well.

January, February, March. For the first few months, everything is perfect for Mama Bear and her bear cub. But the day Simon spits out a carefully fried crawfish, that's the last straw for Mama Bear, who sends him packing. Luckily, Simon is as strong as a hurricane and ready for adventure, especially if he's able to try some delicious pastries along the way. In the whirlwind of the city, the bear cub will lead an extraordinary life over the course of a few seasons.

Age 5+

Hardcover | 32 pages | 200 x 280 mm | €13.90
Author: Laetitia Rohrbach
Illustrator: Maurèen Poignonec
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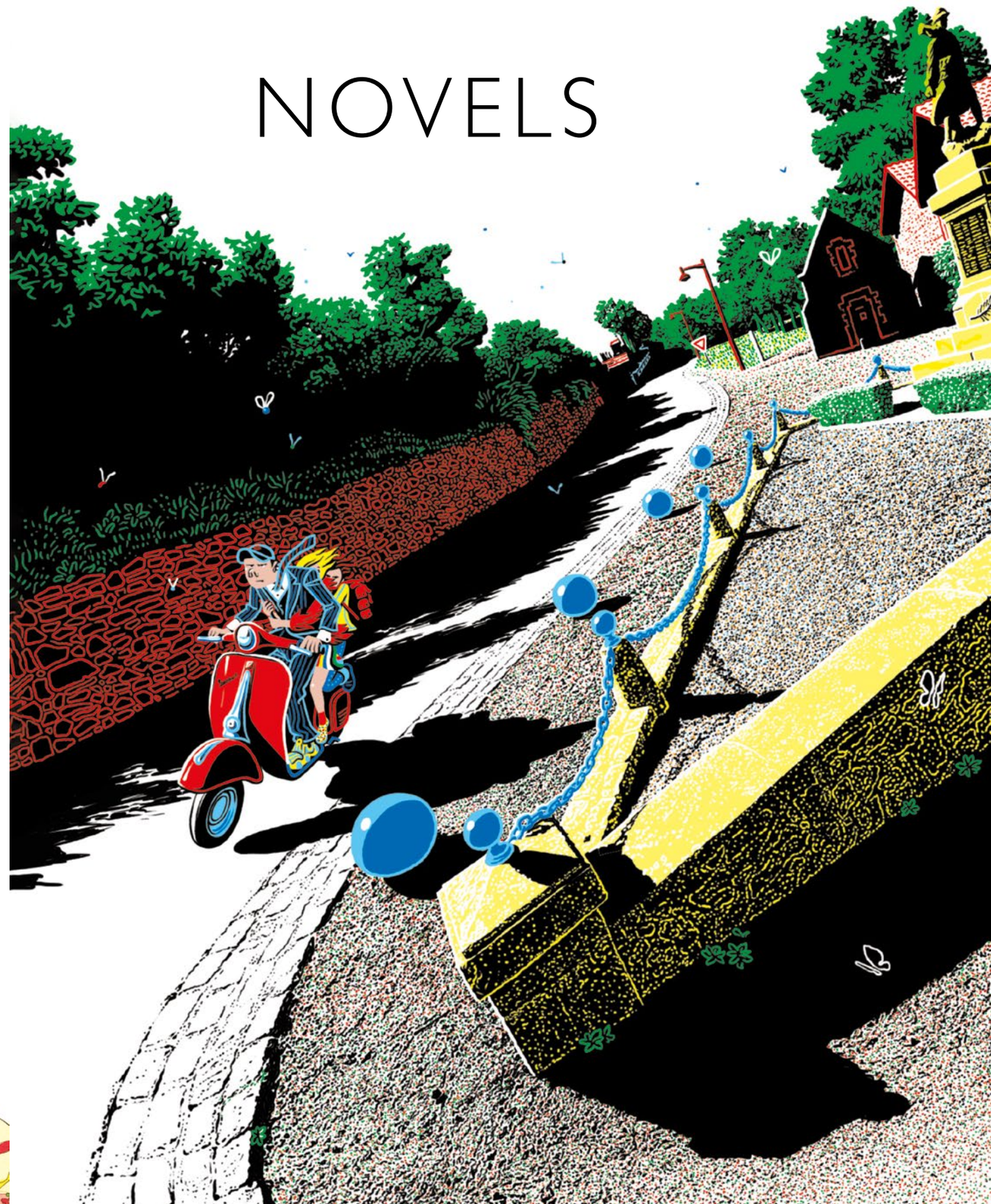
NOVELS



VINCENT BOURGEAU



CHARLINE AND LEON
A GOOD START!

Stories like nursery rhymes and treasure hunts that incite readers to make their way through the story…

A trunk with a spyglass and a map, an explorer who doesn't know how to get back home… For Leon and Charline, this is just the beginning of a funny adventure and a wonderful friendship!

First volume of a new series.

Age 6+

Softcover | 48 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €6.50
June 2024

NATHALIE KUPERMAN



A NAME FOR THE WITCH!

Playing with words to answer questions that speak to children: what is the relationship between my name and me? Is there a right way to name things, animals, or people?

The witch, whom everyone just calls "witch," decides she wants a name like everyone else. She asks the creatures who venture past her house to think of one for her. But she is hard to please and gets very angry. Who knew that coming up with a name was so complicated?!

Age 6+

Softcover | 48 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €6.50
Author: Nathalie Kuperman
Illustrator: Soledad Bravi
April 2024

INBAR HELLER ALGAZI

TOUPEE SERIES | 2 TITLES | ONGOING

7,300 copies sold in France

SOLD Italian

Pure poetry. A new gentle world full of grace.

English translation available



THE TIN OF TREASURES

Toupee is on holiday in the mountains, at Grandma's house. She gave him an empty cookie tin to fill up with treasures, so the little bear heads out into the forest. But treasures aren't that easy to find.

April 2023



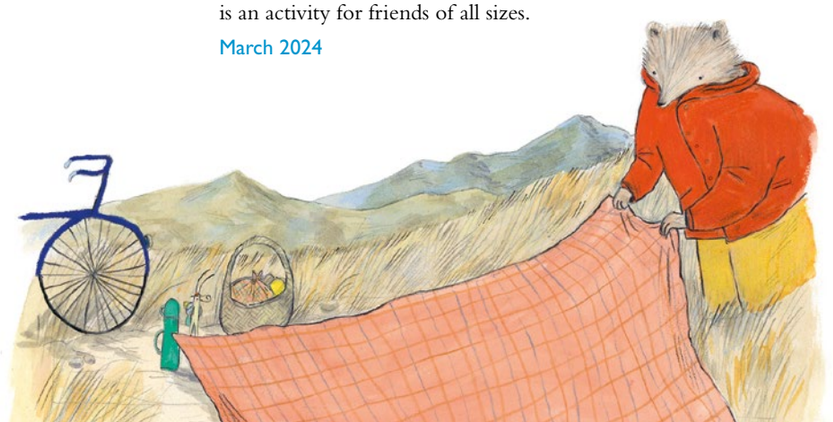
THE DAY WITH MOUCHKA

On his bike, Toupee is whistling and smiling: he is so happy to see Mouchka again! But when it comes to eating and playing together, the bear and his tiny friend aren't exactly the same size… Luckily, looking at clouds is an activity for friends of all sizes.

March 2024

Age 6+

Softcover
Vol. 1: 48 pages, Vol. 2: 40 pages
125 x 190 mm | €6.50



CLAIRE LEBOURG



CHICORY
ARM IN A CAST

When friendship makes everyday life wonderful.

I fell and now I have a cast on my arm. Luckily, my friends come to see me. But they haven't been back in a long time. Could they have forgotten about me?

Age 6+

Softcover | 48 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €6.50
Author: Claire Lebourg
Illustrator: Mickaël Jourdan
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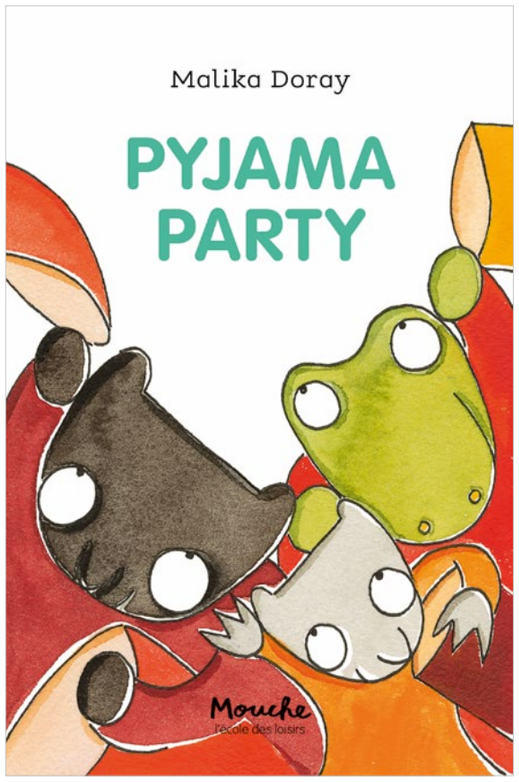
MALIKA DORAY



PAJAMA PARTY

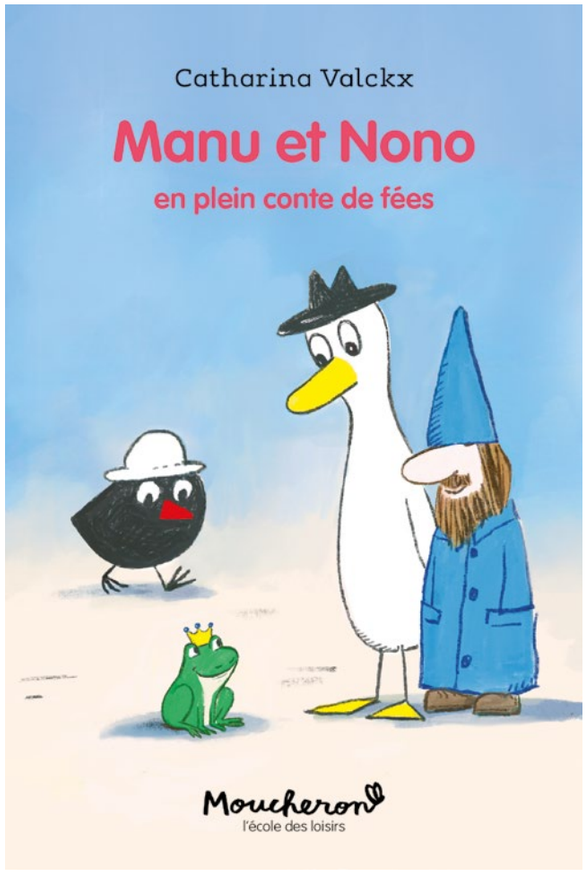
Even the best moments with friends can give rise to misunderstandings! A "mise en abyme" of the process behind inventing a story; a book within a book.

The panther and the crocodile are listening to the ant, who wrote a story. How perfect for a pajama party! Except when the story isn't to everyone's liking…

Age 6+

Softcover | 80 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €8
April 2024

CATHARINA VALCKX



MANU AND NONO
IN A FAIRY TALE

Classic fairy tales meet Manu and Nono under Catharina Valckx's mischievous and quirky gaze.

Manu and Nono are two friends who live in a little house next to a lake. When Nono meets an elf who knows one of Snow White's seven dwarves, the friends head out to meet this celebrity themselves…

Age 6+

Softcover | 48 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €6.50
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MANU & NONO SERIES | 7 TITLES | ONGOING

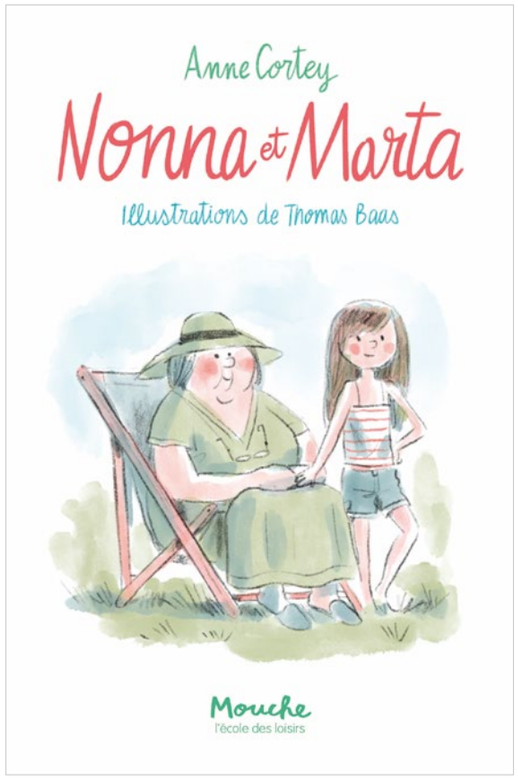
SOLD German, Spanish (LA), Turkish

52,700 copies sold in France

English translation available



ANNE CORTEY



NONNA AND MARTA

Children have plenty to teach old people. A book about the little things that make up a summer day in the countryside.

In the summertime, Marta stays with Nonna, her grandmother. The house is in the middle of the woods. She'd really like to go swim in the river, but old people are often tired. So while Nonna takes a nap, Marta goes off to explore…

Age 6+

Softcover | 48 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €7
Author: Anne Cortey
Illustrator: Thomas Baas
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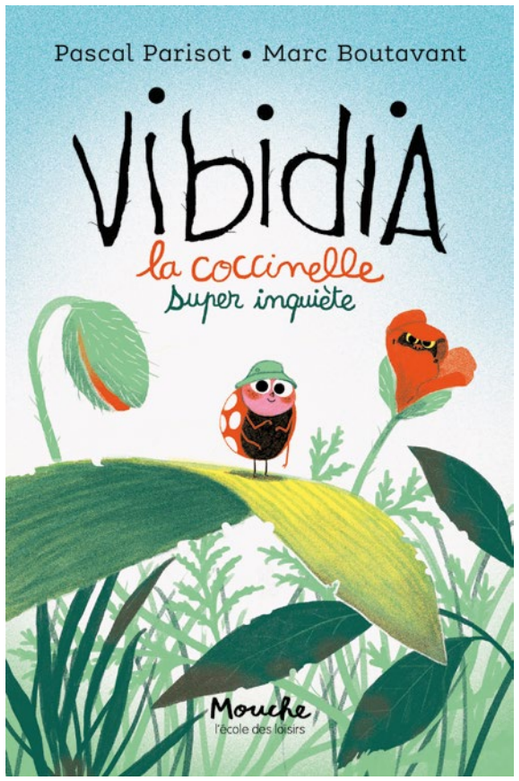
PASCAL PARISOT



VIBIDIA
THE VERY WORRIED LADYBUG

Language like a playground: the songwriter Pascal Parisot plays with the poetry of sounds and situations.

Vidibia is a very pretty ladybug with 12 white points on her back. One day, she receives a letter saying that she's lost all her points and she's not allowed to fly anymore! How will such a tiny thing manage in such a huge and terrifying world?

Age 6+

Softcover | 40 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €7.50
Author: Pascal Parisot
Illustrator: Marc Boutavant
January 2024

SOLEDAD BRAVI



GABI SKATEBOARDS

Slices of life with a light tone that gradually paint the portrait of a young girl and, through her experiences, childhood today.

Gliding, turning, jumping… Skateboarding looks easy, but if you want to learn how, it takes a lot of practice – and a lot of falling. Luckily, Gabi can count on her friend Milo to teach her some moves. And on her mom to take care of her scrapes!

Age 6+

Softcover | 56 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €7.50
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GABI SERIES | 6 TITLES | ONGOING

SOLD Catalan, Italian, Spanish (World)

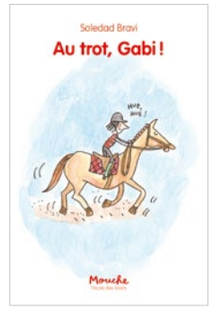
29,100 copies sold in France











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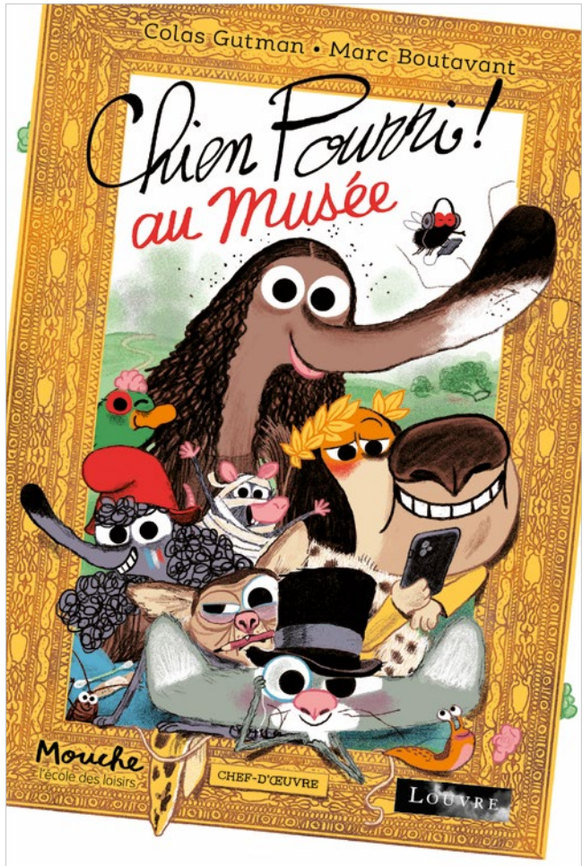


DUMB DOG AT THE LOUVRE

Humor in every nook and cranny of the Louvre. Dumb Dog is about to meet the Mona Lisa! A playful book that makes readers want to visit museums.

Dumb Dog and Flat Cat are visiting the most famous museum in the world: the Louvre! A poodle is bound and determined to stick bangs on the Mona Lisa, but a mischievous elf, the tiniest thief in all of Paris, is on the premises… Follow the Odious Guide for a hilarious visit!

Age 6+

Softcover | 96 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €9
Author: Colas Gutman
Illustrator: Marc Boutavant
April 2024



DUMB DOG SERIES | 19 TITLES | ONGOING

3,2 millions copies sold in France

SOLD Basque, Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), Dutch, English (World), Estonian, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish (World), Ukrainian

700,000 copies sold worlwide

English translation available



VICTOR POUCHET

UNCLE KID SERIES | 2 TITLES | ONGOING

"A deliciously ebullient novel." **TÉLÉRAMA,** TTT



U LIKE URGENCY, K LIKE COURAGE

A hilarious James Bond in a pastiche of action and espionage stories.

It's summertime in the French countryside. Juliette and Ulysses are heading to their family's castle, without the slightest inkling that their summer vacation is about to go to hell in a handbasket or that their favorite uncle is none other than the biggest secret agent in Western Europe. And he's going to need their help to carry out his latest ultra-top-secret mission, from the Poitou to Buckingham Palace, all while thwarting attacks from the Firm's formidable mustached men. Will they make it out alive?

October 2023



U LIKE UNBELIEVABLE, K LIKE CORSICA

Breakneck speeds, unwavering confidence, a vivacious hunger for life, calm fearlessness, a totally jaded outlook, and an epic lack of modesty: long live Uncle Kid!

When you think of Corsica, you probably think of blue water, walks as a family, relaxation… But for Juliette and Ulysses, their vacation will have to wait. Uncle Kid was kidnapped before their very eyes by the terrible mustached man of the Firm, who are hiding in the mountains and planning one of their Machiavellian plots.

May 2024

Age 6+

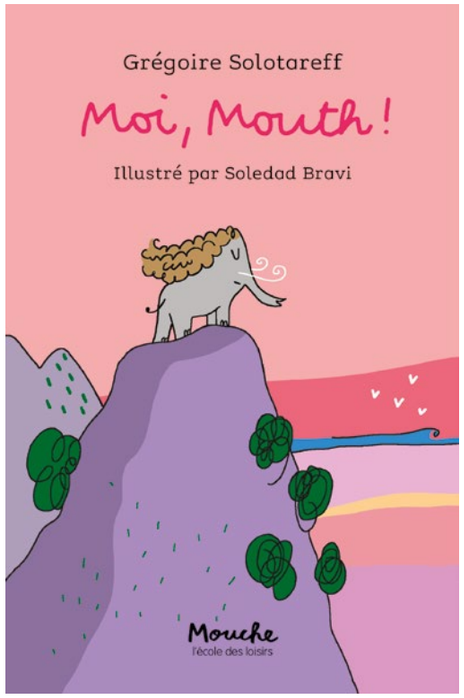
Softcover | Vol. 1: 80 pages, Vol. 2: 72 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €8 | Author: Victor Pouchet | Illustrator: Killoffer

GRÉGOIRE SOLOTAREFF

MOTH SERIES | 2 TITLES

5,500 copies sold in France





MY ROMANTIC PREHISTORY

What was there before me?
How did parents meet and what were they like before kids? The theme of origins.

My name is Moth. I'm going to tell you the story of my mom, Mammoth, and my dad, Papoth, and how they fell in love and all that: their story before I showed up.
Also known as: my romantic prehistory.

March 2022

ME, MOTH!

After recounting her parents' love story, Moth tells us about meeting Poth.

Poth is very different from me. First of all, he's a boy, well, a boy-mammoth. What's more, he's always thinking. One day, he said to me, "I'd like to kiss you." And nothing has been quite the same since.

February 2024



Age 6+

Softcover | Vol. 1: 48 pages, Vol. 2: 64 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €7.50
Author: Grégoire Solotareff | Illustrator: Soledad Bravi
SOLD Italian

EMMANUEL VILLIN

GRANDMA SERIES | 3 TITLES | ONGOING SERIES

6,000 copies sold in France

Ready to investigate? A series for young detectives featuring an endearing duo of a mischievous heroine and her grandma!







ON GRANDMA'S SECRET SERVICE

Every summer, I spend the holidays at grandma's house. It's not like in the city, where everybody is running all the time. Here, in the countryside, everything is calm. When she notices that I am bored, grandma gives me missions to accomplish, like feeding the animals, planting seeds or going to fetch the mail. I prefer investigations, I love them. Well, in books at least, because I've never had the chance to live a real one. But Barnabé the house cat has gone missing and someone has left a strange note in the mail box…The suspects better hold on to their hats, I'm ready to investigate.

January 2020

FROM GRANDMA, WITH LOVE

We were watching a Sherlock Holmes movie, my favorite detective, when the TV turned off. All of Paris was plunged into darkness, not even the Eiffel Tower was lit up anymore. Luckily, we could still order sushi so we wouldn't die of hunger. When the delivery guy arrived, I noticed that his electric scooter was working just fine. Something strange was going on…

May 2022

GRANDMA VERSUS DR. JO

"Horror and gloom, pallor and tiny room!" That's what I exclaimed when Grandma told me about her operation at the hospital. With her super sporty Flashy Max tennis shoes, Grandma really doesn't look like a grandmother. And she doesn't look sick either. So why would she need to go to the hospital? What was she hiding from me? I had to find out…

May 2024

Age 6+

Softcover | Vol. 1: 40 pages, Vol. 2: 64 pages, Vol. 3: 56 pages | 135 x 205 mm | €7.50
Author: Emmanuel Villin | Illustrator: Frédéric Rébéna

SOPHIE CHÉRER



THE SKINNY OGRE

A clever fable to explore meat consumption from a different angle: when humans are for dinner.

Famishedbelly isn't your average ogre. He really likes children. He likes to raise them, tell them stories, and play with them. He doesn't want to fatten them up or devour them. But progress is king in the Ogre World. Everyone is working harder so they can eat more. Famishedbelly tries to resist, but he's just one ogre in the face of many. Will he be strong enough on his own? No. The help he needs will come from the children themselves.

Age 8+

Softcover | 112 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €8.50
Author: Sophie Chérer
Illustrator: Émilie Sandoval
April 2024

BRIGITTE SMADJA



MY BIG BROTHER, LIONEL MESSI, AND ME

An ode to brotherhood and children's self-confidence. Brigitte Smadja always knew how to explore differences: social, cultural, intergenerational, etc.

My name is Leo, and that's no coincidence. I'm about to turn 8, but just like Lionel Messi, I live and breathe soccer. Dribbling, shooting, scoring… If I could, I'd spend every minute of the day with a soccer ball. Except that there's this little thing called school. I have to practice reading and writing at least two hours every day. My teacher told my mom that it's required, otherwise I might be held back.

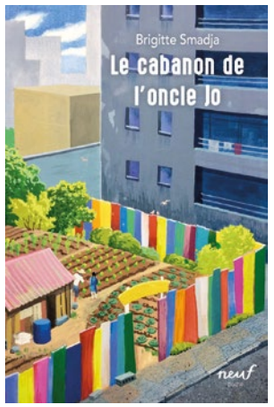
Age 8+

Softcover | 160 pages | 135 x 205 mm | €12
Author: Brigitte Smadja
Illustrator: Juliette Baily
February 2024

BRIGITTE SMADJA

As always with Brigitte Smadja, we care about her heroes, we relish in their adventures, we tackle reality alongside them.

It would be impossible to silence this voice that taught for so long before drawing on emotions from childhood, hers and that of her students, to inform her work. *"A clear and precise voice, the voice of someone standing right in front of you, with convictions, consistency, and candor. A voice that never hesitates to speak the truth."*



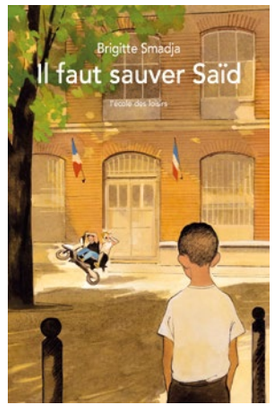
UNCLE JO'S FORT

Lili is spending the holiday with her aunt north of Paris. Uncle Jo is depressed because he lost his job. Along with Lili, he starts to clear out the dump in front of their house. Little by little, they manage to create a garden, with tomatoes and strawberries. It's a miracle! But two years later, the inevitable happens: the garden is destroyed by diggers sent by town hall. A short book told in the first person, from Lili's point of view. It showcases a beautiful relationship between a child and her uncle, a story about poverty and perseverance, life in the projects, and the desire to create something beautiful and poetic.

Age 8+

Softcover | 96 pages | 125 x 190 mm
€6.50 | ©1996

68,000 copies sold in France



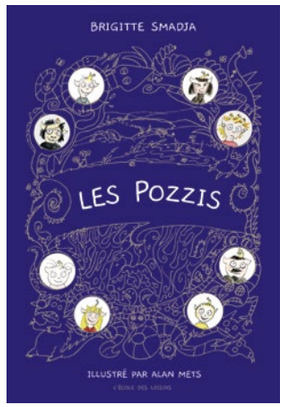
SAVING SAÏD

11-year-old Saïd loves to learn. His elementary teachers always praised his work. But now he is starting middle school. This is another world: there are 2,000 students, including a handful of gangsters. In order to survive, he'll need to fight contempt, extortion, the other kids, but also himself… Will Saïd manage to find his way?

Age 8+

Softcover | 96 pages | 125 x 190 mm
€6.50 | ©2003
SOLD Chinese (Simplified), Italian

13,000 copies sold in France



THE POZZIS

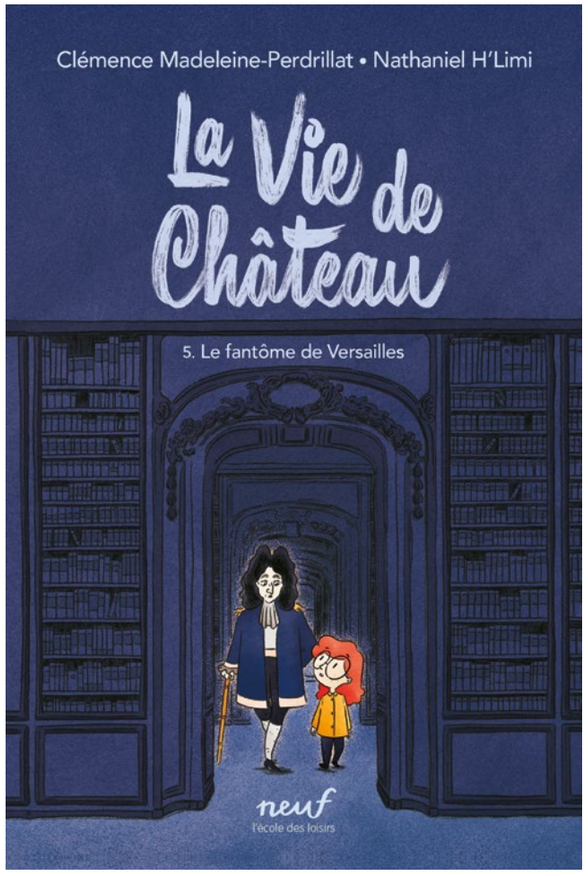
The Pozzis like to play the flute, build bridges and change the color of their dresses whenever they feel like it! They seem so peaceful and happy – hard to imagine they are threatened by a terrible curse. For, at the border of their wonderful country, lies Elsewhere. A grey and cold forest full of shrieks and violence, where two tribes fight an everlasting war. Separated by an unsurmountable wall, the Elsewherians and the Pozzis know nothing of each other. But when Adèle is taken by the Spiral, on the other side of the border, the Pozzis don't have a moment's hesitation. They launch an expedition to get her back from Elsewhere, that cursed land nobody ever returns from…

Age 8+

Softcover | 320 pages | 148 x 218 mm
€15.50 | Illustrator: Alan Mets | ©2009
SOLD Chinese (Simplified)

22,000 copies sold in France

CLÉMENCE MADELEINE-PERDRILLAT



THE VERSAILLES GHOST

Régis is in love and a ghost is roaming Versailles! A new book at the crossroads between romcom and fantasy.

Malcolm is sure of it: "Regis is in love; he should tell Olga how he feels." But I don't agree at all. My uncle is in love with Versailles. He loves taking care of its gardens and enjoying nature. Could he also be in love with… a woman? If it is true, then it wouldn't just be the two of us anymore. Besides, my mouse has gone missing and I have enough on my plate as it is.

Age 8+

Softcover | 88 pages | 135 x 205 mm | €11
Author: Clémence Madeleine-Perdrillat
Illustrator: Nathaniel H'Limi
May 2024

LIVING AT VERSAILLES SERIES | 5 TITLES OUT OF 6 | ONGOING

SOLD Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified)

27,100 copies sold in France

SUMMARY NOTE AVAILABLE



AGNÈS MAROT



THE LIMPING GIMPS
VOL.1 GANG OF LAME DUCKS!

An adventure novel featuring an endearing troupe of disabled adventurers in a world that turns the codes of heroic fantasy and role play on their head. The author manages to explore the subject of handicaps while avoiding the pitfall of miserabilism (smiles guaranteed!)

Look at these fearless and irreproachable heroes, with their portrait proudly nailed to all the trees. They look like they could defeat a horde of famished ogres in two shakes of a lamb's tail! Okay, okay, the drawing doesn't exactly look like them… But who would hire a crippled girl, a blind barbarian, a grumpy gremlin, and a heartless elf? As it just so happens, the Limping Gimps' poster has hit its mark. The king wants them to dispel a pack of yetis who have taken over Touron Castle. But first they have to survive the journey…

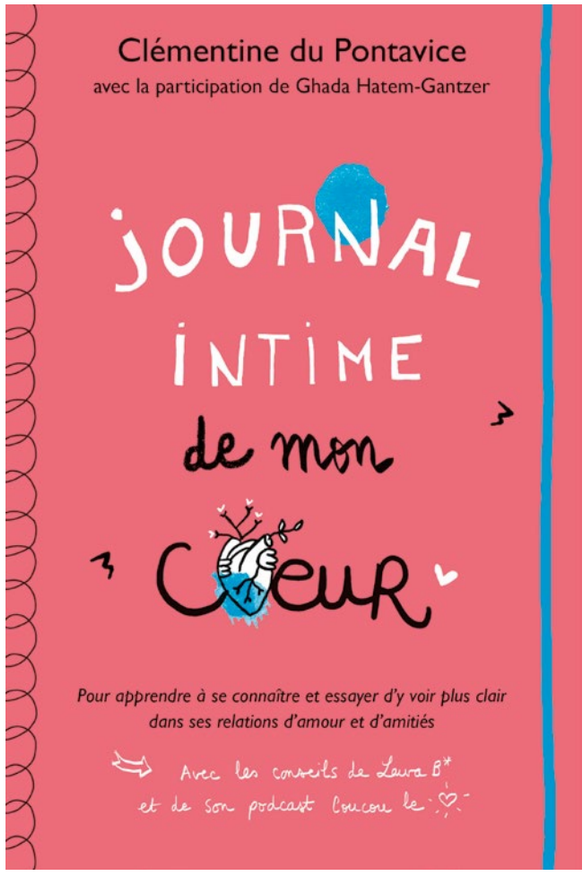
Age 8+

Softcover | 256 pages | 135 x 205 mm | €13.50
Author: Agnès Marot
Illustrator: Chevalier Gambette (Tristan Gion)
March 2024





CLÉMENTINE DU PONTAVICE



PRIVATE DIARY OF MY HEART

"I'm overwhelmed with emotions right now… I don't know what do about it and I don't understand what's going on." After Private Diary of My Body, *Clémentine du Pontavice talks to pre-teens about emotions. By sharing keys and tips, this book can serve as a guide to the wide range of often challenging experiences related to learning about feelings.*

Since I started middle school, there have been many changes. Sometimes I'm overwhelmed by my emotions or the uncontrollable need to cry. I feel like I'm different from the other kids and I'm scared they don't like me. What's more, Zephyr is in my class. He's been my friend for a long time, but now when I see him, I experience strange sensations, like a wave rising within me. That didn't ever happen before…

Age 8+

Softcover | 72 pages | 135 x 205 mm | €11
May 2024

"Desire for others
Where does it come from?
What is it?
- It's having [butterflies] in your tummy
- It's constantly wanting to be with the other person, and hugging and kissing them…
- Sometimes, when you don't get what you desire, you might want it even more, but frustration isn't a good motor for desire, it can cloud your judgment!
The desire hormone is called… dopamine"

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

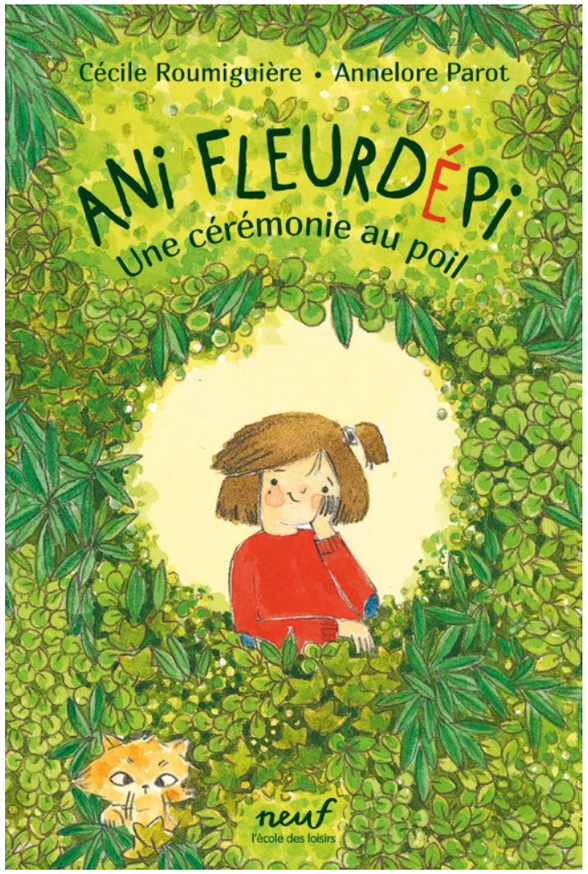


English translation available

5,300 copies sold in France

SOLD
Italian

CÉCILE ROUMIGUIÈRE



ANNIE FLOWERBOTTOM
A FUR-FECT CEREMONY

Somewhere between Pippi Longstocking and Greta Thunberg, with Annie, ecology rhymes with energy!

Annie Flowerbottom lives with Granny Grace. Mom is often away. Annie lives out her passion for plants, animals, and the environment every day. So when something isn't right, she acts with determination and vigor. Sacrificing animals to make handbags or clothes? This must be stopped. It's decided: along with her friends, Annie is going to organize a major ceremony… Her motto? "It's never too late, for goodness sake, no need to swear, just repair!"

First volume of a new series.

Age 8+

Softcover | 128 pages | 135 x 205 mm | €12
Author: Cécile Roumiguière
Illustrator: Annelore Parot
May 2024



BY THE SAME AUTHOR

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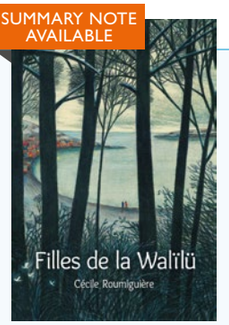
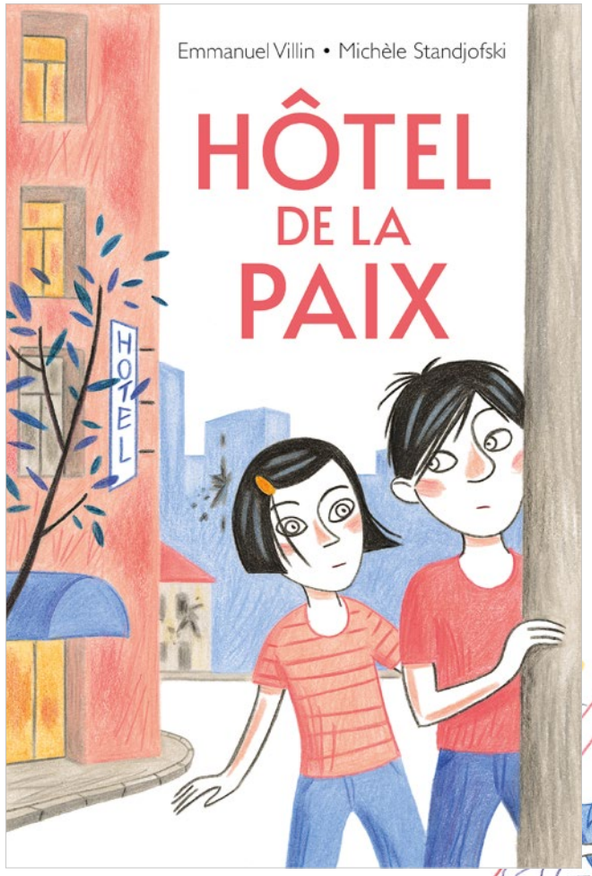






4,500 copies sold in France

EMMANUEL VILLIN



PEACE HOTEL

A powerful subject explored with tact: war without pretense.

I lived with my family in a hotel that my parents ran. We were eating with the customers in the dining room when we heard shots. It wasn't fireworks: there were armed men in the street. We could hear the sound of guns outside. It was the first day of the war. But it was also the first day of a wonderful friendship.

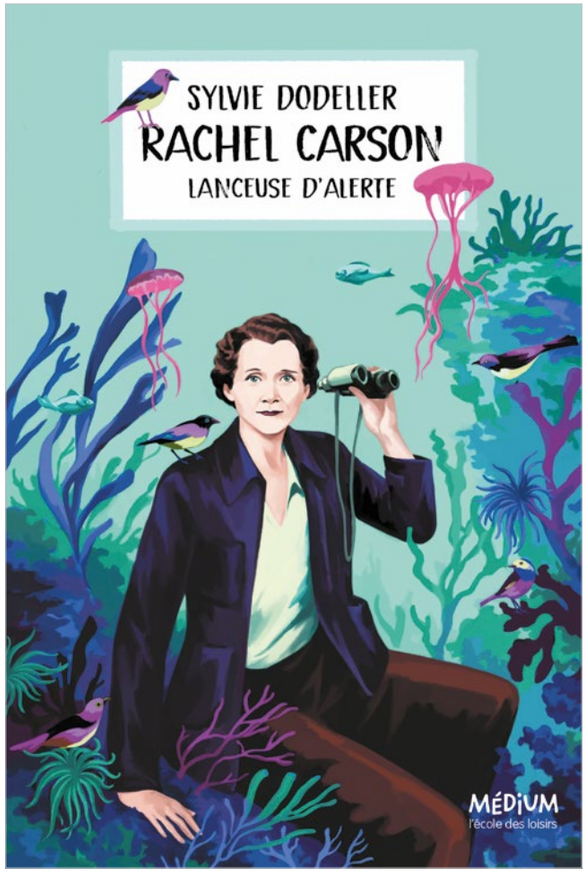
Age 8+

Softcover | 80 pages | 135 x 205 mm | €11
Author: Emmanuel Villin
Illustrator: Michèle Standjofski
January 2024



FIND OUT ABOUT THE AUTHOR'S TITLES ON PAGE 45.

SYLVIE DODELLER



RACHEL CARSON
WHISTLEBLOWER

Not a documentary and not a romanticized biography, but more like a "narrated" biography. The story of a woman in the 1950s. Born poor and a female, Rachel Carson had to fight to pursue her studies and become a scientist despite the stereotypes. She would be a whistleblower before her time.

It was impossible for her to stay quiet! In 1962, Rachel Carson denounced the pesticide scandal in a shocking book: *Silent Spring.*
The American public discovered with horror that DDT, sold as a miracle product, poisoned the soil, water, animals, and also humans.
A successful marine biologist and writer, Rachel Carson was the first scientist to confront the powerful chemical industry lobby. She paid dearly for it… But her fight would contribute to the birth of the ecology movement.

Age 11+

Softcover | 176 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12
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OTHER NARRATED BIOGRAPHIES

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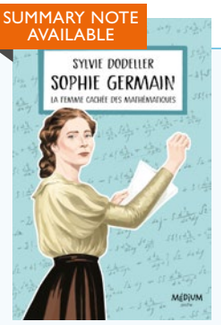
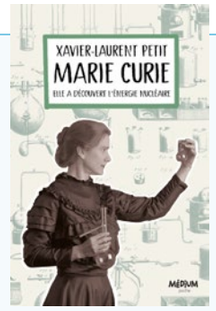
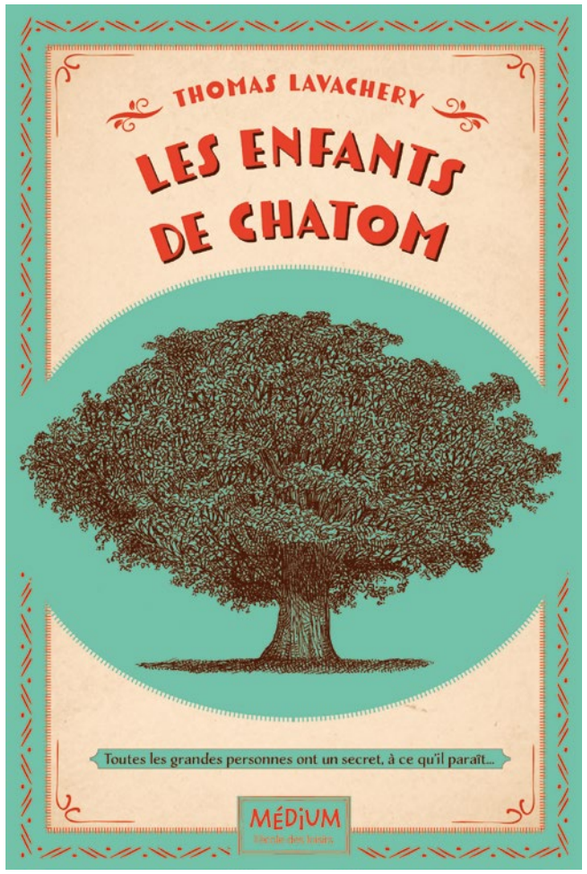




THOMAS LAVACHERY



THE CHILDREN OF CHATOM

All grownups have a secret. Follow the story of a little town community in rural America at the beginning of the Great Depression. Thomas Lavachery skillfully recounts this town's tragedies and joys.

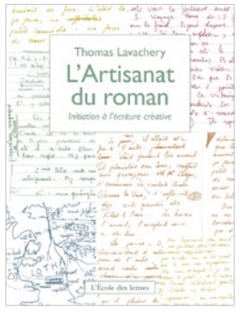
You might think that nothing ever happens in Chatom. And yet, Stumpy Malone, a former gold miner, disappears every year in October, and nobody ever sees him leaving his house. And then there's the strange child who seeks refuge in Chatom, and risks losing his life if his identity is revealed. With the help of Alice and Mrs. Ruffo, a teacher unlike any teacher you've ever met, Sam Harriott is determined to get to the bottom of this little town's mysteries and secrets.

Age 11+

Softcover | 224 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €13
March 2024

"Stumpy was a mystery for the inhabitants of Chatom. He lived alone on the outskirts of town, in a house near a frog pond. A lumberjack by training, he always looked sad. No, not 'sad,' more like… absent. His face was expressionless and believe me if you will, Stumpy never uttered more than three words a week.
When September came, his appearance would imperceptibly change. You'd see him smiling discreetly and he would whistle under his breath… And then, one fine morning, he would disappear into thin air! His house remained closed up for months and no smoke ever came from the chimney. Where did he go? What could Stumpy Malone be up to? The locals' imaginations ran wild.
Horace MacPhain, the barber, was convinced that he spent the winter months in the city, with his family.
'What family?' Mrs. Ruffo would reply, 'He doesn't have a family anymore.'"

BY THE SAME AUTHOR





CAROLINE SOLÉ



A spin-off of *La pyramide des besoins humains* [*The Pyramid of Human Needs*].

NEB

WELCOME TO THE UNDƎRBƎLLY OF THE DIGITAL WORLD
AN INTERNATIONALLY SUCCESSFUL ONLINE GAME.
THREE TEENS IN THE FINAL.
HACKERS LYING IN WAIT.
WHO WILL WIN?
AND ABOVE ALL… WHO IS PULLING THE STRINGS?

When he finds himself in this famous online game's final, Alex discovers the underbelly of new technologies: manipulation strategies used by internet giants and the risks of addiction.

Age 11+

Softcover | 288 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €15
Author: Caroline Solé
Illustrator: Gaya Wisniewski
January 2024

"I had the best possible childhood given the circumstances.
'Had.' Because now my father is my living hell. We adored each other, and now we hate one another. He yells at me for just about anything: 'Alex, clean your room; do your homework; stop stuffing your face; put down your phone!' I can't stand his voice or his presence anymore. Anyway, I don't even want to explain why, because there's nothing to say, except that I grew up, that's it.
He says that NƎB drove us apart.
But I know that's not true.
I got into NƎB because things were already rough. I desperately clicked on the link to sign up for the game just like I might have jumped onto a train to run away."

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



40,000 copies sold in France

SOLD
Hungarian, Spanish (EU)

TAÏ-MARC LE THANH



ONLY WIND AND DUST SHALL REMAIN

A magnificent heroine, an unbridled plotline full of fury and tenderness. The second instalment of the Dust trilogy.

Imagine a wild land, where survival of the craziest reigns. Imagine America at the end of the 19th century, a few years after the War of Secession. It is this land forgotten out of pity that Vinh is traveling, relentlessly and tirelessly, trying to outrun the men hired to destroy her family when she was a child, in the far-off empire of Dai Nam. She is 17 now, and the dragon of vengeance is blowing its scalding breath through her soul. With bounty hunters and journalists hot on her heels, Vinh is ready to do whatever it takes to carry out the mission she's given herself.

Age 13+

Softcover | 404 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €17
April 2024

PRESS REVIEW

"An authentic western of fury and fire. It's also a story of vengeance and rage driven deep into the bone, the kind that burn your soul and reason, a devastating spiral of violence. It's also the legend of a strange family, a man and a flock of daughters who will never accept male domination. A kind of feminist anti-western. The result is dazzling, the plotline explosive, the rhythm racing, yet tenderness and poetry win the day against all the odds."

TÉLÉRAMA, TTT

THE DUST TRILOGY SERIES
2 TITLES OUT OF 3 | ONGOING

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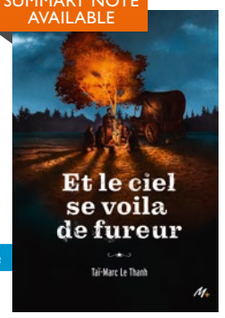
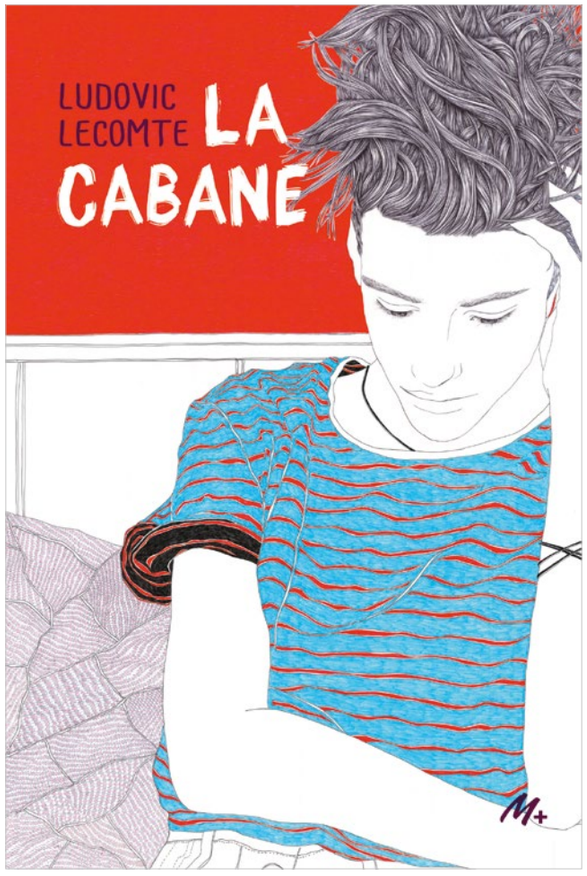


5,200 copies sold in France

LUDOVIC LECOMTE



THE CABIN

A short, striking, and deeply moving text to be read in a single breath. A novel that puts words and hope to eco-anxiety and the Hikikomori syndrome (Cabin fever.)

May 14. An exceptional day for me.
If I succeed, if I can see it through.
In two hours
I will put my hand on the door handle
open it
cross the threshold
walk through the yard
open the gate
take a few steps on the sidewalk
turn around
come back.
Then... I'll have succeeded
I'll have just gone out into the street
I'll have just walked a few meters outside
But that would be the first time
in six months.

Age 13+

Softcover | 112 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12
January 2024

"Cabin Fever.
That's what my condition is called. It always feels strange to say 'my condition.' I don't have a fever, aches or pains, a cough, or a headache. And there aren't any doctors to cure me.
And yet, I'm unwell. I have been incapable of leaving my house for six months, incapable of stepping through the door, incapable of setting foot in the yard.
At first, my parents thought I was just being a difficult teenager. They thought I was just trying to get out of school. That I was faking my anxiety crises. They got mad, didn't want to listen, tried to drag me outside, almost by force.
But I couldn't.
Physically."

BY THE SAME AUTHOR

English translation available





76,600 copies sold in France

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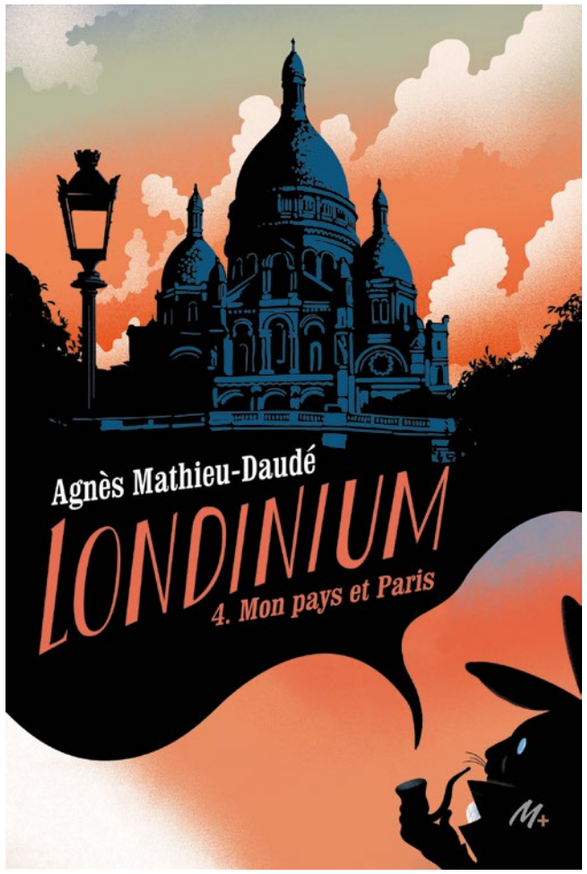
Catalan, Italian, Russian, Spanish (World)

AGNÈS MATHIEU-DAUDÉ



LONDINIUM
MY COUNTRY AND PARIS

Agnès-Mathieu Daudé brings together the codes of animal fables and teen lit, with a political context that directly resonates with our era.

Paris! The city of Josephine Baker, elegant clothing, and refined conversation… The city that Arsène's family left many years ago… Between the abundance of rats, the congested streets, and the political tensions stirring up the crowds, Paris is very different from Londinium, even if the fragile equilibrium between humans and animals is on the brink of collapse.
The Resistance, betrayed by its leader, appears powerless in the face of Prince Alexander's dark plot. Soon, there will be nothing but prey and predators everywhere.

Age 13+

Softcover | 224 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €15
February 2024

"So smart! So original!"
LE MONDE DES LIVRES

LONDINIUM SERIES | 4 TITLES | COMPLETED

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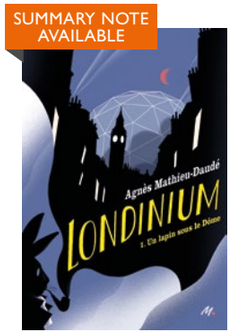
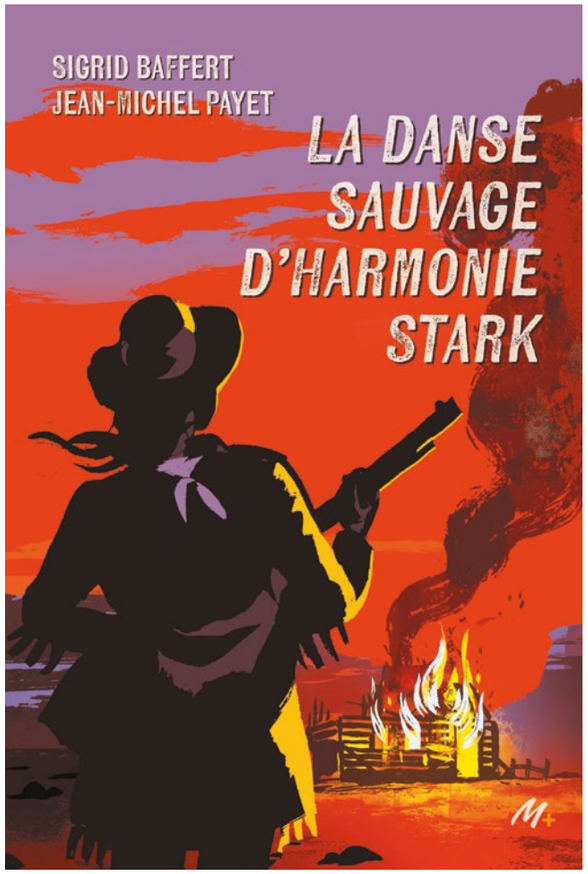






SIGRID BAFFERT & JEAN-MICHEL PAYET



HARMONIE STARK'S WILD DANCE

The hunt for a serial killer. What is her true identity? What are her motivations? The story of Harmonie Stark is told in parallel, like a tale within a tale. Suspense and danger drip from every page.

There are only three of them left. Little, the kid, Big, with his wounded leg, and the mare, Captain Wynn. They managed to escape when the Viper with the Winchester shot Old Fillmore and set the barn ablaze.
All the other kids died in the fire. All?
Little and Big know what they have to do. Go West and find Widow Edmée, a woman who runs a saloon and could help them identify the Viper. And so they make their way forward, driven by rage and their thirst for revenge.

Age 13+

Softcover | 288 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €15.50
May 2024

BY JEAN-MICHEL PAYET — BY SIGRID BAFFERT

SUMMARY NOTE AVAILABLE

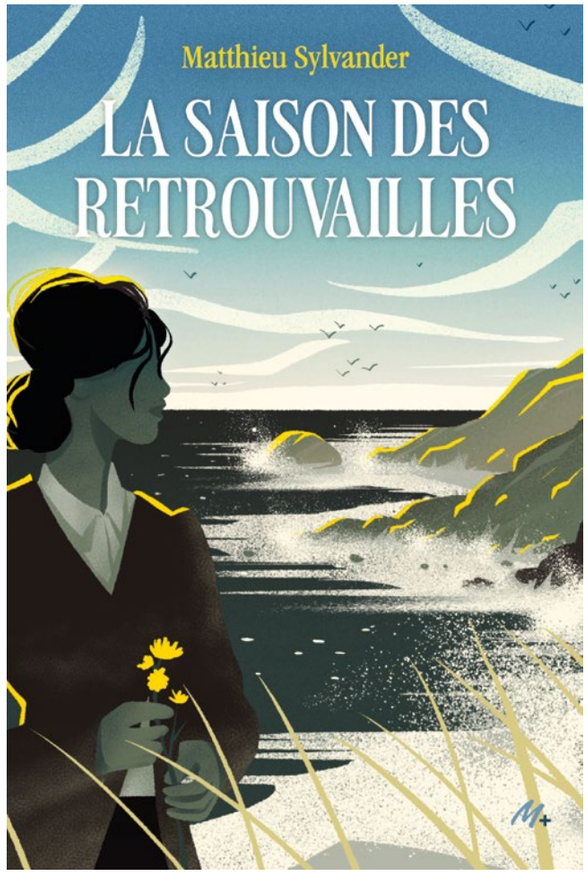


11,400 copies sold in France



"They walked from dawn to dusk. Limping. Stumbling. Roaming. Panting. Hobbling. Fear in their bellies, because they are certain that the Unspeakable is behind them with her bullets and fire, the Terrible-Unspeakable must be hunting them down, Big doesn't sleep.
But Little sees it: Big's legs can't take anymore.
'We have to stop.'
'We keep going,' says Big.
'Captain Wynn is exhausted,' pleads Little, patting the mare's neck.
Fine, if it's the mare. Big stops. In this rocky expanse of sand and white boulders, he spots three bushes that have miraculously grown in the depths of this semblance of a valley.
'Over there. But no fire.'
'No. No fire,' Little obediently repeats.
Because Big likes acting like a grownup. No fire to avoid being spotted, alright. But what about to eat?"

MATTHIEU SYLVANDER



THE SEASON OF REUNIONS

The sequel and finale to the Morwood sisters' adventures, a new detective plotline with interwoven stories and zero down-time until the final resolution.

Oh, life is so wonderful! 19-year-old Eleanor Morwood is getting ready to celebrate her union with Lord Newton-Russell. As for her sister Eliza, she still dreams of freedom, adventures, and mathematics, quenching her thirst for knowledge at university. They both do a marvelous job in their role as patrons for the young boarders of Thirteen Mansion, victims of a sinister past. But a shadow is looming across Europe yet again. Ghosts come knocking and the sisters' lives are upended by a dramatic event. Hastily brought back together, will the team from the previous season prove itself to be up to the task?

Age 13+

Softcover | 432 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €18
June 2024

"We step into this novel like into the whirlwind of a ball, the rhythm is vivacious, the action spins, the main characters are prickly and light. […] A vibrant tale with many mischievous references to Jane Austen, Edgar Allan Poe, and Arthur Conan Doyle."
TÉLÉRAMA

"With his highly derisive style, Matthieu Sylvander loves playing with codes, and for that, he can count on his main character, young Eliza Morwood. […] The story plunges us into a flamboyant Season before shifting into a pure adventure novel."
FRANCE INTER

THE SEASON SERIES | 2 TITLES | COMPLETED



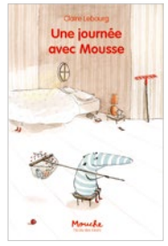
NOVELS WITH ENGLISH SUMMARY NOTES AVAILABLE

6+



Gender, stereotypes, environmental issues, feminism, solidarity

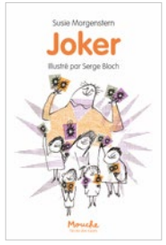
7+



Friendship, mutual aid



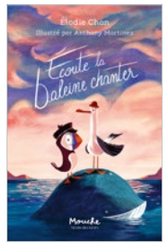
Humor, Vikings, gender



Humor, school, life lessons



Siblings, babysitting, responsibility



Whale, solidarity, sea life, environment

8+



Friendship, friendship dynamics, moving, family relationships



Birth, new baby, child-adult relationships



Beliefs, mysticism, psychic abilities, humor

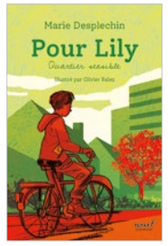
9+



Fantasy, Viking folklore, adventure



Journey, quest, forgetting, loved ones



Social conditions, friendship, school



Reinvented Arthurian tale, coming-of-age



Fantastic creatures, siblings



Animals, adventure, morality



WWI, the sea, maritime life, childhood



Adventure, detective, Czechoslovakia

11+



Humor, school life

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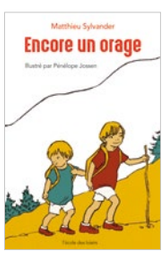

Nature, mountains, being different, mourning



Death, family secrets



Middle school, knights, bravery, courtly love, initiation



Vampire, monsters, cinema, power of imagination



Gender, women's status

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Sea, ecology, family

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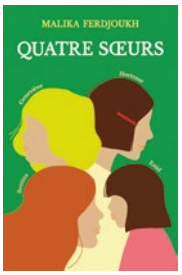
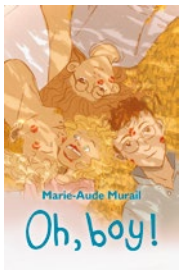
Feminism, 19th-century Paris, working class living conditions



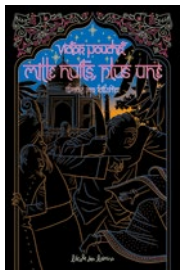
Family, love, friendship, siblings, mourning



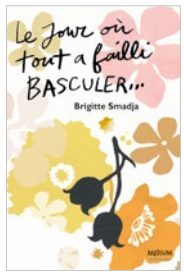
Vikings, fantasy



Family, illness, guardianship



Power of stories, women's place in society, India



Friendship, young love, religion, beliefs

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Game, pirates, Far West, sorcerers, jungle, treasure island



Bullying, coming of age, guilt, summer camp



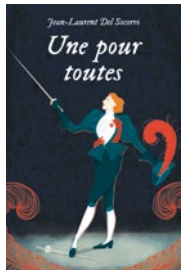
Sibling rivalry, anorexia, eating disorder



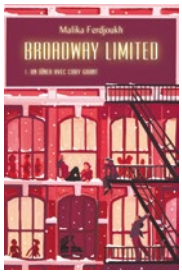
Toxic relationship, young love, abuse



Religious community, love, unlikely friendships, life choices



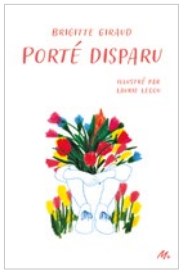
Role of women, 17th century, love, bravery



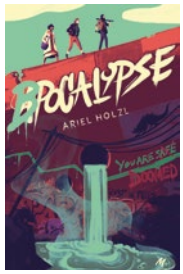
Love, dance, music, 20th-century, New York, coming of age



Murder, family secrets, village life



Sexuality, solidarity, friendship



Science-fiction, post-apocalypse



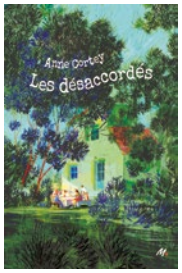
Ecology, environment, political activism, civic engagement



Inca Empire, sacrifice, escape, archeology



Reinvented classic, feminism



Friendship, love, middle school, illness, social networks



True story, illness, art, song



Fear, haunted houses, trauma



Investigation, family, drug trafficking



Immigration, integration, poverty, Romani, chess



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