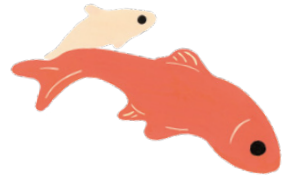
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Out There

Marine Schneider



At the end of the pier, right across from Nana's house, there is a lighthouse. The wind blows hard out there. To go there, you have to be quite big. Today is the big day, we're going! The pier is slippery, the sea roars, the waves swell like giant monsters, and the fish leap out of the water like wild horses. But turning back is out of the question!

Marine Schneider is a graduate of LUCA School of Arts in Belgium. She finds inspiration in her travels, her encounters, and in her kids. She lives and works in Brussels. She has been awarded with the Montreuil Youth Book Fair Prize in 2022.



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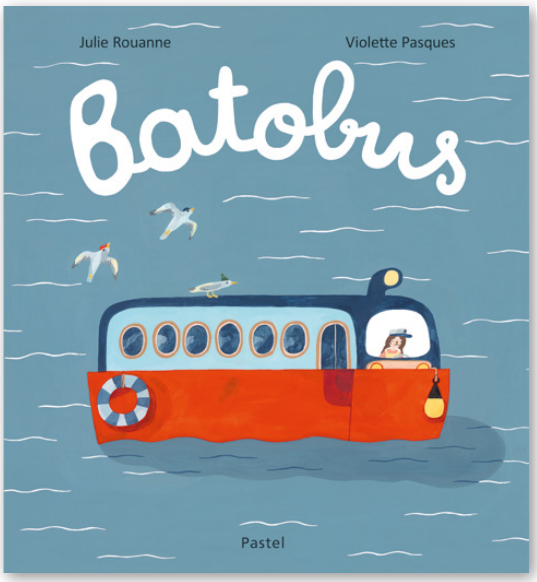
14 spreads | 190 x 235 mm | Board book





The Splash Bus

Violette Pasques – text by Julie Rouanne



It is Captain Clem's first time driving the Splash Bus, a bus that can go on water. Passing the great rock gives her shivers, but she is the one in charge. Ding ding, at each stop, the passengers (otters, seagulls, hikers, and Albert the Moose) get on or off. But at the end of the trip, surprise! They are all gathered cheer Clem on, as she steers between the towering cliffs. Hooray! What smooth sailing!

Julie Rouanne has a master's degree in speculative narration and lives in Brussels, where she splits her time between her work as a bookseller and author.

Violette Pasques holds a master's degree in illustration from Bordeaux Montaigne University. She enjoys painting little worlds full of wacky objects in gouache and watercolour. She lives and works in Bordeaux.

Age: 3+
36 pages | 240 x 260 mm | Hardcover







Say Ahh

Yaëlle Palacio – text by Julien Béziat

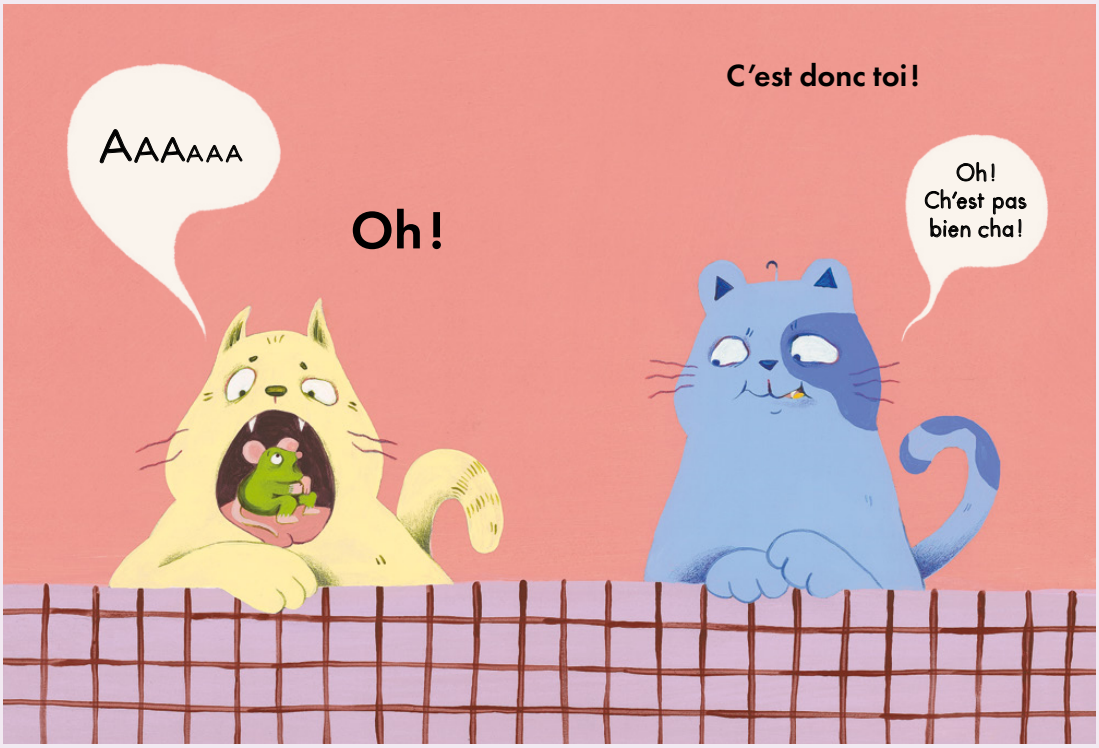


The mouse's and bird's cages are empty! Who did this? Was it you, kitties? Open your mouths wide and say AAAAhh. Oh! The mouse is in there, so you're the one who ate it. Yet, when you're hungry, there are other choices: avocado, gouda, mozzarella... WouAAA!

Julien Béziat lives near Bordeaux, France, where he teaches visual arts at Bordeaux Montaigne University. Mäko, his first book, has been awarded with the Montreuil Youth Book Fair Prize. He is also the author of the famous Berk adventures series.

Yaëlle Palacio grew up in Bordeaux where she studied art and trained herself in pottery. She enjoys facilitating workshops and going for walks in nature.

Age: 3+
36 pages | 170 x 230 mm | Hardcover



But Mommy...

Michel Van Zeveren



After a long day, Mama Hippo returns home with her little ones. She drops off the groceries and the school-bags. But what is happening to her? She feels a little squishy... How strange. It looks like she's starting to melt... The little hippos arrive just in time to scoop her up into the bathtub and take good care of her. Mama Hippo will be back on her feet in no time!

Michel Van Zeveren was born in Gent, Belgium. He enrolled in the School of Graphic Studies (ERG) in Brussels. He now divides his time between creating picture books and collaborating with different magazines.

Age: 3+
36 pages | 245 x 210 mm | Hardcover







The Other Squirrel

Olivier Tallec



Age: 4+
36 pages | 245 x 210 mm | Hardcover

This morning, I wanted to go for a swim in the river, but when I arrived, someone was already there. I told him he couldn't sit there because it's actually my spot. He proudly announced to me that he, too, was a squirrel. In fact, he claimed to be the main squirrel of this very story. So… just being vaguely orange is enough to call yourself a squirrel now? He has no business being here!

Olivier Tallec was born in Brittany. After graduating from the École supérieure d'arts appliqués Duperré, he travelled to Asia, then Brazil, Madagascar, Chile... He now works in Paris as an illustrator for magazines and books.

In the same series



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Master Mischief

Pascal Lemaître – text by Andréa Nève

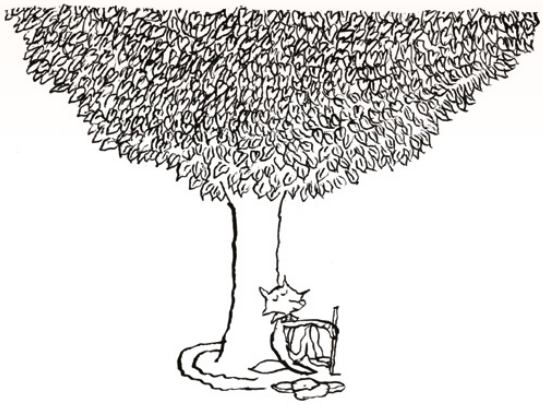


Master Mischief, a hungry and cunning fox, tricks the ferryman to cross the river and reach the village. There, he gives good advice to the inhabitants, offering to rid them of the objects that cause them harm. Little by little, he fills his wheelbarrow: galettes whose crumbs could choke grandmothers, rugs full of diseases, and bewitched dishes. Will he get off so easily?

Andréa Nève has taught French to high schoolers. She writes stories for several illustrators, sometimes in the form of rhymes, sometimes in the form of tales. She lives in Brussels.

Pascal Lemaître lives in Brussels, where he teaches in the art school La Cambre. His work appears in the press (The New York Times, Le Monde...) and in children's magazines. He has published many books for children in the United States and at Pastel.

Age: 4+
36 pages | 210 x 210 mm | Hardcover







General Steel goes on Holiday

Stéphane Poulin



It's vacation time. In his office at the Ministry of War, General Steel files away his folders and locks the door. He is spending the summer at the seaside. Once he builds his heavily fortified sandcastle, he settles in for the day.The next day, he finds a little boy asleep in his fortress, which is now covered in hundreds of glittering seashells. Furious at first, the general is completely disarmed when the child explains to him: "I just wanted to make it pretty". They walk along the shore and admire the beautiful sky and the dancing waves. But where did this child come from?

Born in Montréal, Stéphane Poulin studied graphic arts at the Collège Ahuntsic in Montréal. He mostly enjoys oil and one can discover his work in over a hundred books. He is the recipient of numerous awards.



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Milo's Mishmash

Sandra Edinger



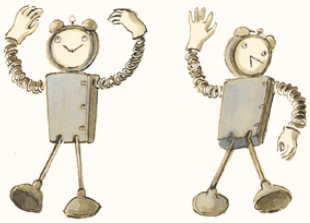
Milo has built a mountain out of everything he owns. He loves to carefully inventory them. "21 cushions, 2 large tires and 8 flags, 6 candles and 5 pairs of skis. Everything is accounted for." But does he like sharing his possessions with friends? Absolutely not. One day, the whole pile comes crashing down. Milo is alone, no more stuff, no more inventory... What if that changed everything?

Sandra Edinger grew up in a village near Nancy, France. This explorer of many derelict fields, bookworm, and card collector, turned to art studies at La Cambre in Brussels, and settled in Belgium.

Age: 4+
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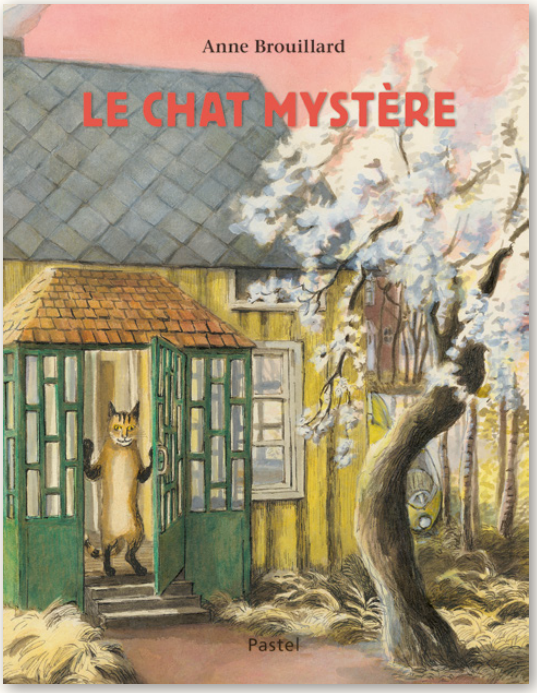






Mystery Cat

Anne Brouillard



Mystery Cat reveals his latest invention to Killiok: a time-making robot. But the robot goes haywire and vanishes. Killiok and Mystery Cat set off in search of it and discover that clocks have stopped ticking.
The machine actually worked! What if they used all this free time to dream up other inventions?

Anne Brouillard was born in Leuven, Belgium, to a Belgian father and a Swedish mother. She is the author and illustrator of about forty books. She has been awarded with the Triennial Prize for Children's Literature by the Belgian government 2015-2018.

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36 pages | 200 x 260 mm | Hardcover











Tale Spinners

Anne Herbauts – text by Sébastien Cousin



You already know the stories of Little Red Riding Hood, Tom Thumb, or Hansel and Gretel. But have you ever heard the tales of Little Green Riding Hood, Giant Tom, or Sans Salt and Gluten? Because in the magic forest, when night falls, other tales allow themselves to be told, and with music!

A story narrated by Laure Grandbesançon, music performed by the Orchestre Colonne (Paris) and sung by five talented performers.

Trained as a pianist, Sébastien Cousin has worked to promote, first in the classroom, then at the French Ministry of Education and at Radio France, musical and artistic projects aimed at young audiences.

Anne Herbauts was born in Brussels. She studied Illustration and Comics at the Brussels Academy of Fine Arts. Since then, she has authored about forty books for children (and for adults). Anne Herbauts has been awarded with the Triennial Prize for Children's Literature by the Belgian government 2021-2024.

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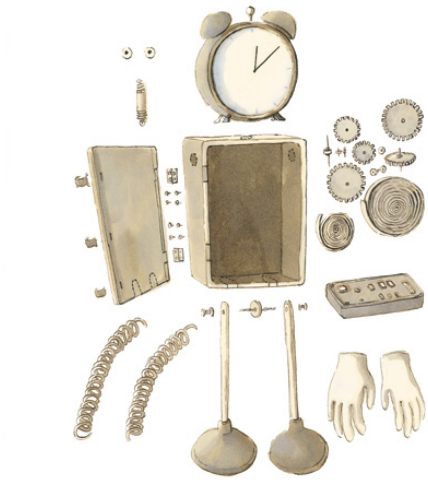
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