

# Pastel

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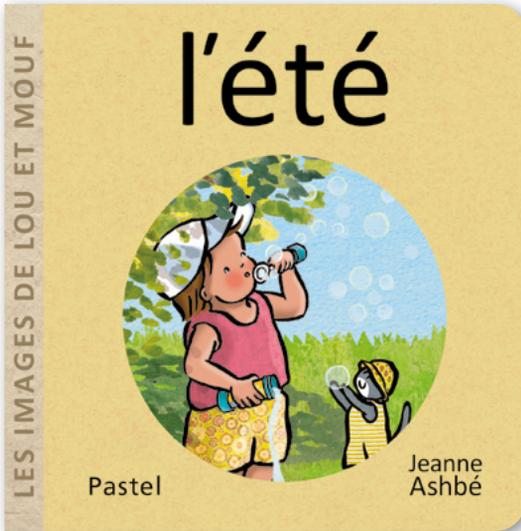
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# LOU AND MOUF'S PICTURES

## Summertime

Jeanne Ashbé



In summer, we put on our sunglasses, enjoy some watermelon, watch insects, and take a nap in the shade, under the trees. These are the little adventures of Lou and his cuddly toy Mouf, to be told day after day. Wordless picture books feature our two heroes and their first life experiences to gleefully share with baby in all languages.

*Jeanne Ashbé was born in Belgium. She first worked as a speech therapist in Quebec before starting to create books for children. She regularly leads training sessions on teaching little ones how to read.*

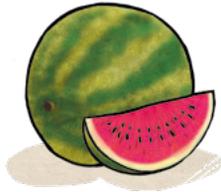
Age: 0-2

16 pages | 145 x 145 mm | Board book

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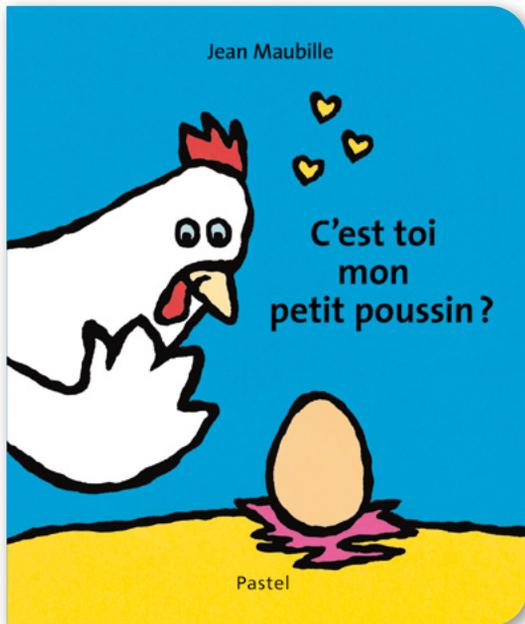
The bath | The evening | The morning | The garden  
The sea | The meal | The zoo | The travel | The city  
The camping | The construction site | The park  
The baby | Christmas | Fall | Spring

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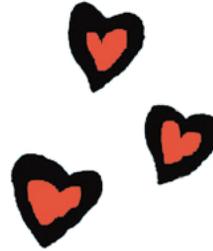
## Is That You, My Little Chick?

Jean Maubille



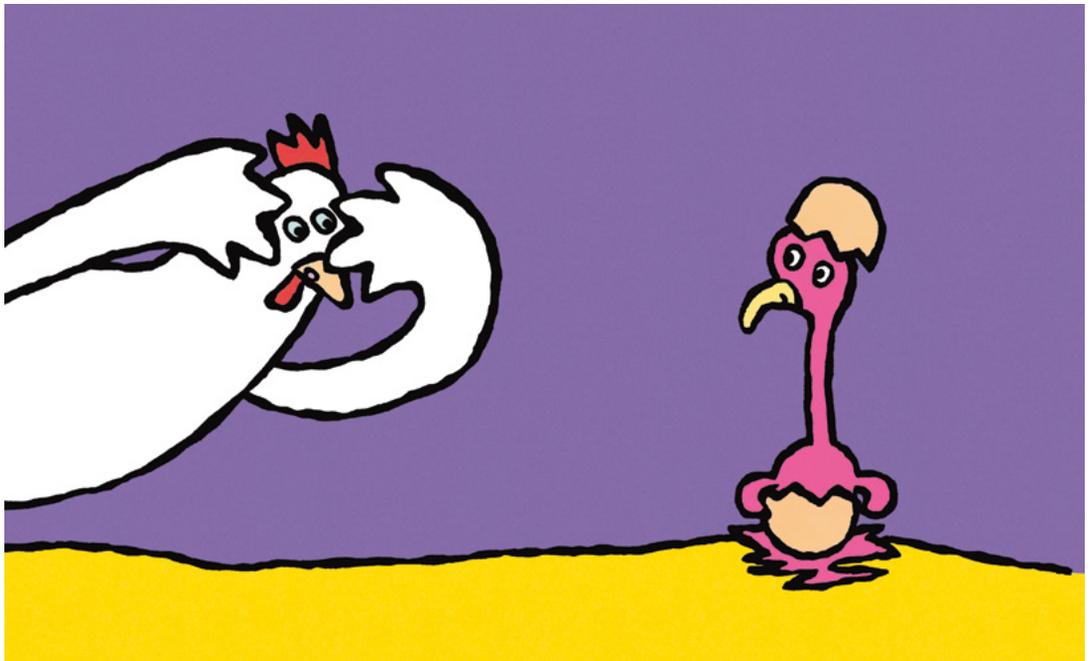
Papa Rooster goes knock, knock, knock on the egg-shell: "Is that you, my little chick?" "Of course not, you big goof! I'm a baby duck!" What about this egg then? "Of course not, you big goof! I'm a baby flamingo!" Where could baby chick be?

*Jean Maubille was born in Leopoldville, Congo. He lives in Belgium, where he is an illustrator and a child carer. He gets his inspiration in the daily observation of children. He usually works with collage.*



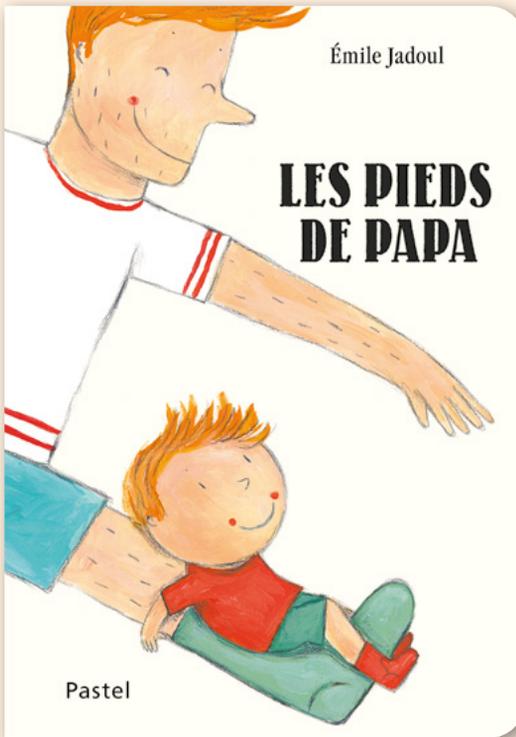
Age: 0-2

26 pages | 170 x 200 mm | Board book



## Daddy's Feet

Émile Jadoul



Age: 0-2

28 pages | 180 x 250 mm | Board book

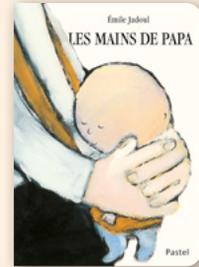
My two little feet on top of Daddy's big feet, I'm ready for an adventure! Giddy-up, giddy-up, big horse-feet! Into the water, big boat-feet! We're heading home, big airplane-feet! And when Daddy isn't around, his big slippers are all mine!

*Émile Jadoul lives in Belgium. Since he left the Fine Arts Academy, he has been living in the countryside in a house in the woods. When he is not drawing in his studio, he talks about his work and gives classes to future illustrators.*

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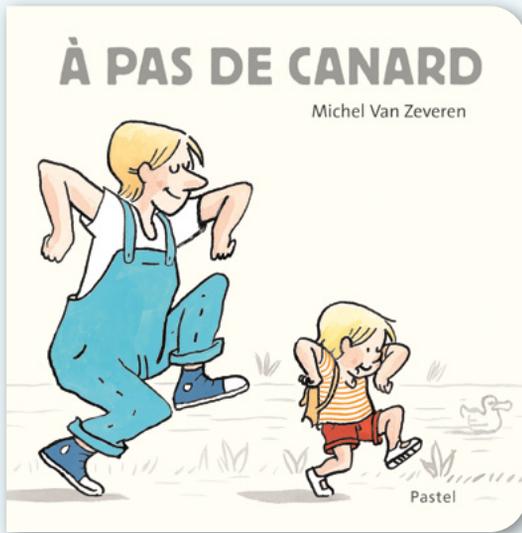


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## Duck Walk

Michel Van Zeveren



Walking home from school? Ugh... it's far! Even if we walk like a rabbit? What if we tried walking... like an ant? or like an elephant? Or maybe like a wolf? Personally, my favourite way is to walk like Mommy.

*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: 2+  
28 pages | 210 x 210 mm | Board book

### In the same series



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## 1, 2, 3, I Count for You

Sabine De Greef



1, 2, 3 kittens in the woods. 4, 5, 6 picking some cherries. I want to join them! "No, not you! Go away!" they say. Bright red cherries, so beautiful. Not for me... But wait! 1, 2, 3, I count for you, you count for me.

*Sabine de Greef lives and works in Brussels. She wears several hats: author, illustrator, trainer, she also gives performances based on her stories to the little ones.*



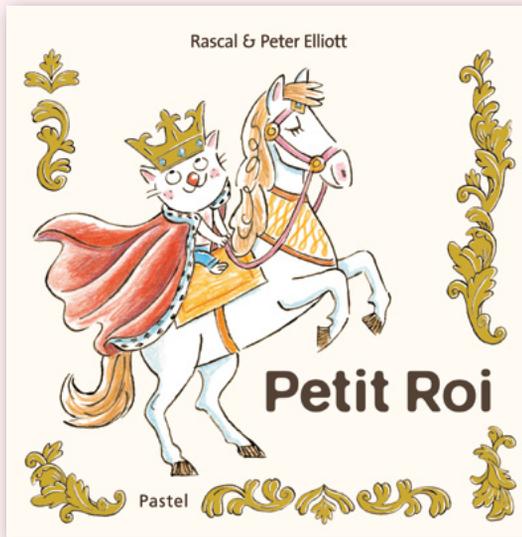
Age: 3+

32 pages | 200 x 260 mm | Hardcover with round corners



# Little King

Peter Elliott – text by Rascal



“Hey Big Dog! Look what I found on the road! A golden crown!” Little Cat becomes Little King! He gets up, eats breakfast, plays, and even does a handstand with his crown on. But this afternoon, it’s nowhere to be found. How can he be a Little King without his crown?

*Rascal was born in Belgium. After working in advertising, drawing posters for the theatre, Rascal decided to devote himself to children’s books. He has been awarded with the Triennial Prize for Children’s Literature by the Belgian government 2009-2012.*

*Peter Elliott has been passionate about drawing since childhood. As soon as he finished studying at the Saint-Luc Institute in Brussels, he devoted his time to drawing for the publishing industry, magazines for youth, comics...*

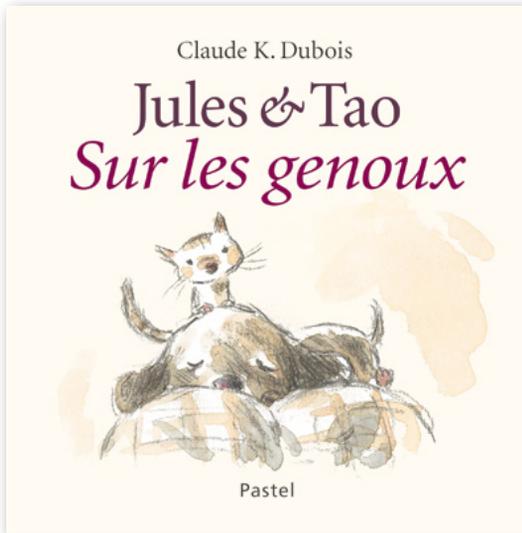
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32 pages | 210 x 210 mm | Hardcover with gold foil



## JULES & TAO

### *On Daddy's Lap*

Claude K. Dubois

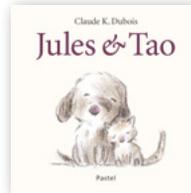


Age: 3+  
48 pages | 150 x 150 mm | Hardcover

Jules and Tao are both sleeping in Jules' basket. Jules decides to climb onto Daddy's lap. Tao wants up, too. So, they start to squabble. "That's enough!" says Daddy. "Both of you, get down!" Jules falls asleep on the rug, and Tao takes the opportunity to sneak back up onto Daddy's lap. But Jules saw everything...

*Claude K. Dubois was born in Verviers, Belgium. She taught illustration at the Saint-Luc Institute in Liège, where she studied herself. She particularly enjoys drawing from life, sketching and watercolours.*

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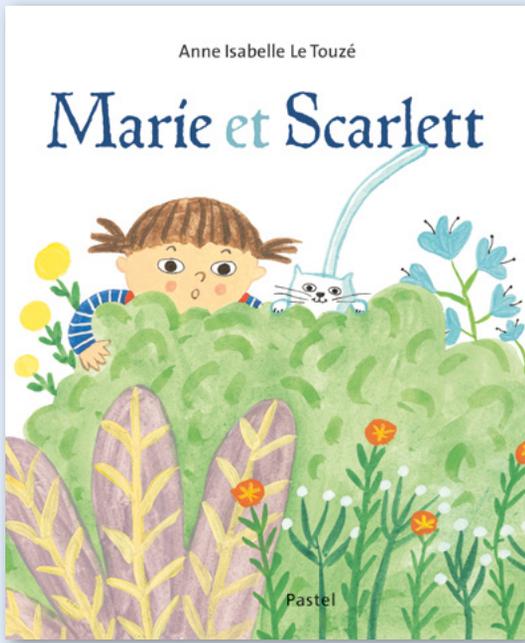


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## Marie and Scarlett

Anne Isabelle Le Touzé



Whoa, Scarlett, cries Marie, what kind of animal is that? Look at its stripes... do you think it's a tiger? Oh, did you hear that? Sounds like it's growling... Help! It could be a bear! But hang on, what could it really be?

*Anne Isabelle Le Touzé was born in Paris, France. She has lived in Rennes, Germany, Congo... She studied at the Fine Arts Academy in Rennes and now devotes her time to creating posters, working for the press and illustrating books for children.*

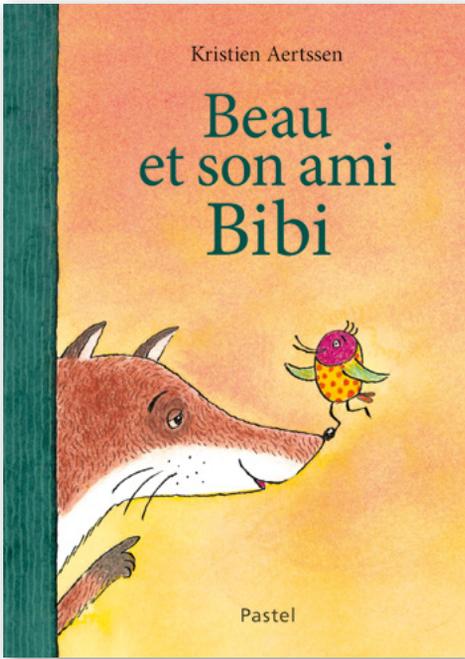
Age: 3+

32 pages | 200 x 240 mm | Hardcover



## Beau and his Friend Bibi

Kristien Aertssen



Age: 4+

56 pages | 150 x 210 mm | Hardcover

Beau the fox feels very lonely. One day, deep in a nest, he finds a tiny egg, and a very small bird hatches from it. A friend at last! Together, they can enter singing contests or play in the snow... These are three fun adventures with Beau and Bibi.

*Kristien Aertssen was born in Antwerp, Belgium. After studying graphics at the Antwerp Academy, Kristien received a scholarship to specialise in illustration in Pasadena, US. Inspiration comes to her from primitive and naïve arts, Indian and Islamic miniatures, children's drawings and toys.*



## Masquerade

Jean-Luc Englebort – text by Andréa Nève



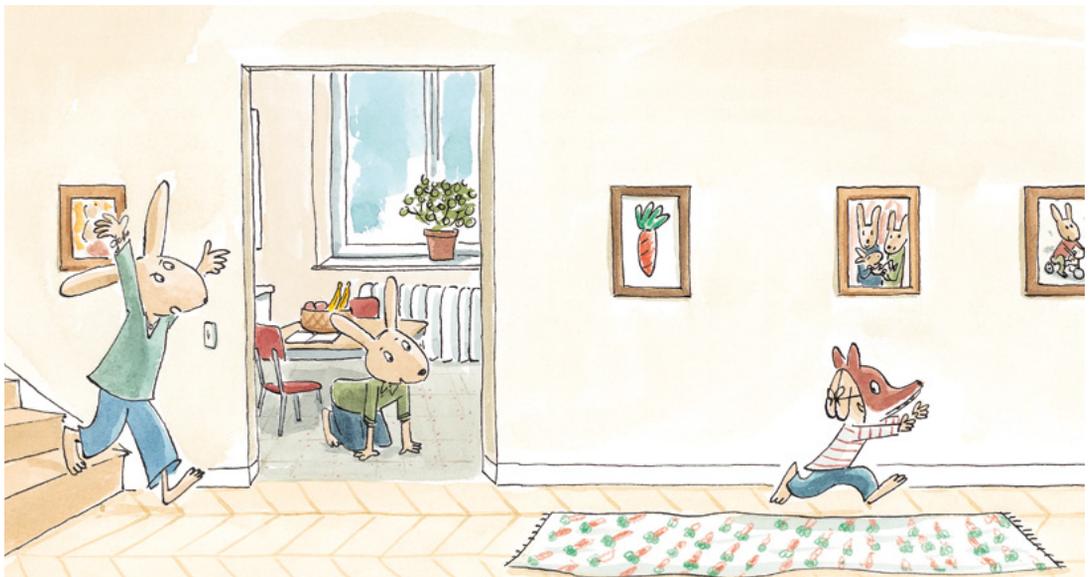
It's carnival time, and Matteo the little rabbit has made himself a fox mask. He is having fun scaring his neighbour Barnabé, who runs away shrieking in terror. But then, Matteo hears applause from a real fox: "Bravo! That was quite funny, and it's made me hungry!"

*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.*

*Jean-Luc Englebort was born in Verviers, Belgium. He attended courses at the Saint-Luc Institute in Brussels and soon became an illustrator of children's books. His stories are tender, illustrated by luminous and sober watercolours.*



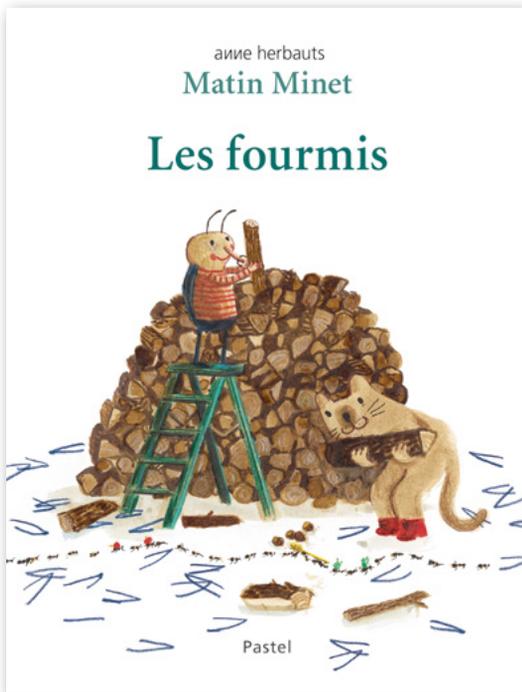
Age: 4+  
36 pages | 170 x 240 mm | Hardcover



## MORNING KITTY

*The Ants*

Anne Herbauts



Age: 4+

40 pages | 160 x 210 mm | Hardcover

Morning Kitty and Hadek are walking through the forest. Suddenly, they discover an anthill. Hadek watches, fascinated. "Hee hee! Looks like a traffic jam." The next day, while going to get wood, Morning Kitty pulls out a log and everything collapses! They must tidy it all up before the rain comes. What would the ants do?

*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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**Smimna**

**Grandeur nature**  
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## They say that...

Olivier Tallec



Age: 4+  
36 pages | 200 x 280 mm | Hardcover

I swallowed an apple seed by accident... They say that if you swallow a seed, a tree grows inside you. Günther told me that if you swallow a seed from a red apple, a red tree grows inside your belly. But that can't really happen, can it?

*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.*

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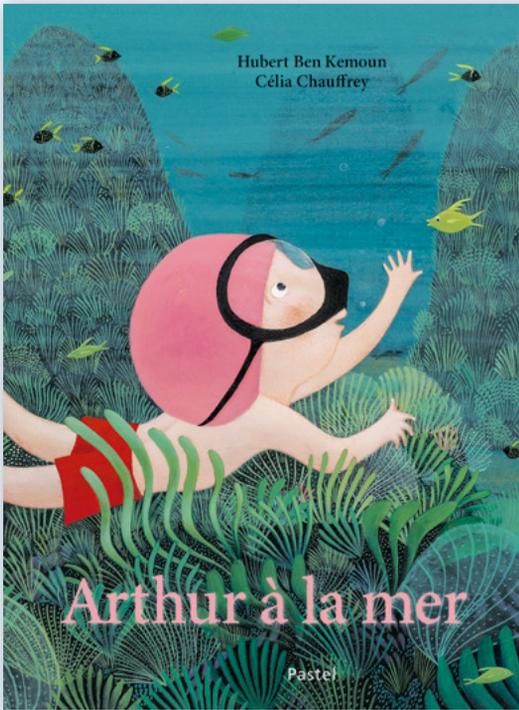
C'est mon arbre | Un peu beaucoup | J'aurais voulu  
Un meilleur meilleur ami | Est-ce qu'il dort ?

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## Arthur Dives In

Célia Chauffrey – text by Hubert Ben Kemoun



Arthur discovers the sea for the very first time. He wants to find the fish that live in the deep, but all he first spots are his own toes. He moves his arms and legs and starts to swim. But to go see the fish, you have to take the deepest of breaths. Arthur dives in...

*Hubert Ben Kemoun has been writing picture books and novels for young readers for about thirty years. He lives in Nantes.*

*Célia Chauffrey lives in France. After majoring in literature, she studied graphic design in Paris. Then she joined the Émile Cohl School in Lyon where she is still living now.*



Age: 4+

32 pages | 200 x 270 mm | Hardcover



## Let Me Tell You a Poem

Anne Brouillard – poems by Carl Norac



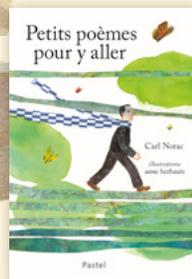
Age: 6+  
132 pages | 135 x 195 mm | Hardcover

How can one be happy in such a tiny garden? What is an umbrella's greatest wish? What do you do when the night is having trouble falling asleep? Is a kangaroo welcome on the Moon, even without a flag or a rocket? These poems are for wondering, for imagining, and for playing with words.

*Born in Belgium, Carl Norac worked as a French teacher, a television scriptwriter, and a journalist before devoting himself to writing. In addition to poetry and plays, he has written many children's books (most of which at Pastel) and received a lot of awards. He was chosen to be Belgium's National Poet for 2020.*

*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.*

By the same author



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