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QUERIDO CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Nominated for the Woutertje Pieterse Prize 2024



Matthijs Meeuwse

A Slimy Kiss for your Grandma



English sample available

8 years and up | Non-fiction | Hardback
17 x 23 cm | 160 pages

Marieke Smithuis

Umbrador



English sample available

10 years and up | Children's book | Hardback
15 x 21.5 cm | 360 pages

Tjibbe Veldkamp

The Boy Who Loved the World



English sample available

10 years and up | Children's book | Hardback
13.5 x 21.5 cm | 184 pages

Anna Woltz

The Spider and the Key



English sample available

10 years and up | Children's book | Hardback
13.5 x 21.5 cm | 192 pages

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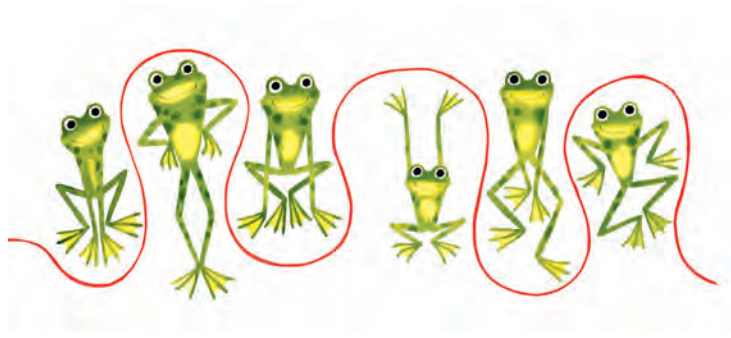
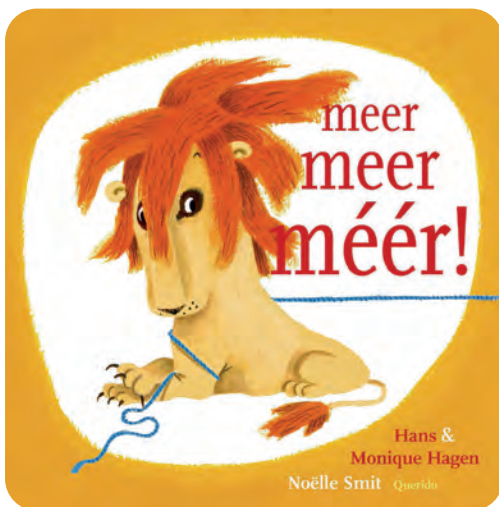
Board book that you won't be able to get enough of

Hans and Monique Hagen & Noëlle Smit

More, More, More!

'An absolutely entertaining story. The book encourages interaction and movement. The wonderful, colourful animals make the story a feast for the eyes.' – mappalibri.be

'Playfully combines popular ingredients: animals, sounds to repeat and movements to imitate.'
– lees-wijzer.be




- sturdy book for children one year and up
- playful storytelling by Hans and Monique Hagen
- colourful illustrations by Noëlle Smit, winner of the Zilveren Penseel award
- irresistible gift

Already off to bed? Not yet! There is still so much fun to be had. In this cheerful picture book, you can whirl, wave and spin around with the animals. And then do it all over again, and again...

English translation available

1 year and up | Board book | 18 x 18 cm | 20 pages

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Adorable board book with two mischievous cats

Fleur van der Weel

Good Morning

'Adventure and fun are guaranteed with these cats' – [bazarow.com](https://www.bazarow.com)



- picture book book for children one year and up
- about getting up and starting the day
- by award-winning illustrator Fleur van der Weel
- based on *Knoeipoezen* (Messy Cats)


Pimpel and Fik's day can't start early enough. Before seven o'clock, they rush downstairs to eat and drink. Things don't of course always go smoothly... After which, they clean themselves up and are ready for the day!

Fleur van der Weel, winner of the Zilveren Penseel award for the Netherlands' best illustrators of children's literature, brings Pimpel and Fik's morning routine to life with endearing illustrations.

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1 year and up | Board book | 13.7 x 13.7 cm | 16 pages

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Monstrously funny

Tjibbe Veldkamp & Rachelle Joy Slingerland

Serves Them Right!

'A tough and mercilessly funny monster story with very lively pictures.' – *De Morgen*

'A masterpiece of a monster book... a highly developed concept and a hilarious story.' – *Trouw*




- a cool monster book with a surprising ending and a surprising middle!
- from the award-winning author of the 2022 Dutch Picture Book of the Year
- Rachelle Joy Slingerland's picture-book debut

Three big monsters tease three little monsters. Help comes from an unexpected quarter: the words of the story! They give the story a surprising twist and tease the big monsters, who don't know what has hit them. Serves them right!

English translation available

4 years and up | Picture book | 21 x 29.5 cm | 32 pages

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Heartwarming animal story with enchanting nature illustrations

Edward van de Vendel & Jet Parent

The Last Rays of the Sun

'This picture book is uplifting in an original way' – *de Volkskrant*




- by master storyteller Edward van de Vendel
- for young and old alike
- convincing debut by illustrator Jet Parent

The forest has been dark for days, and it has been raining all the time. The animals are sitting together, grumbling under a thick pine branch. 'Where has all the light gone?' wonders Field Mouse. 'Where are the last rays of the sun? We must go and look for them!' Fox, Owl and Badger think this is a ridiculous idea. But quiet Squirrel softly says, 'Mouse, I'll go with you.' A beautiful animal story about looking for bright spots in dark times.

English translation available

4 years and up | Picture book | Hardback | 22.5 x 33 cm | 40 pages

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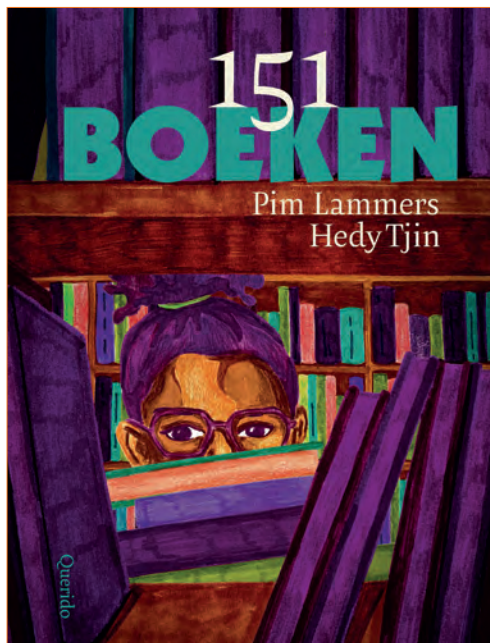
Familiar to all children

Pim Lammers & Hedy Tjin

151 Books

'Pim Lammers is one of the most important innovators in the world of children's books.' – *De Standaard*

'Hedy Tjin's highly original style and technique are unparalleled... excellent.' – *Jury Report Penseel Jury*




- new collaboration between two highly acclaimed creators
- original call for more diversity and inclusion in children's books
- powerful, colourful illustrations

What do you do when the classroom bookcase contains 151 books, but you can't identify with any of them? Rosa decides it is high time to do something about it. All she needs is... a pencil!
In this picture book, Pim Lammers and Hedy Tjin advocate for more recognition of all children, so they don't have to take matters into their own hands to see themselves represented in books.

English translation available

6 years and up | Picture book | Hardback | 21 x 27.5 cm | 32 pages

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Heartwarming story about a child made of snow and ice

Gerda Dendooven

Where is Winter?

'Another original hit by an author who knows what she wants and never shies from a multilayered story that touches both young and old.' – pluizuit.be



- by one of the most acclaimed illustrators in the Low Countries
- comforting story about loss
- Gerda Dendooven's unique visual language
- one of the 100 Outstanding Picturebooks 2024 (dPICTUS)

One day in December, when it has snowed, Pip and Mika make a snow child in the garden. Then something strange happens: a wisp of breath rises from its mouth. The child of ice and snow is alive! They are delighted.


But where should Winter sleep? And what will happen in spring? Can Winter still play outside with the other children? No, that is not possible. But it happens anyway...

English translation available

Italian and Spanish rights under option

6 years and up | Picture book | Hardback | 19.5 x 26 cm | 48 pages

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A brand-new Pinocchio by two masters

Imme Dros & Carll Cneut

Oh Pinocchio



Querido welcomes Carll Cneut



- masterful retelling of Collodi's *Pinocchio*
- by wordsmith Imme Dros
- spectacularly illustrated by Carll Cneut
- irresistible gift book


'My hero is undoubtedly Pinocchio. One day I want to portray him myself. The idea has been taking shape in my mind for years. My task will be to reinvent my childhood hero graphically. I'll make it happen before I turn 65. I'm deadly serious.' Carll Cneut once said this in an article about storybook heroes, and he has made good his word (well ahead of time).

Imme Dros adapted the classic story as she does so well: with few words, in a language that is poetic yet entirely clear. Together with Carll Cneut, she brilliantly brings Geppetto's wooden puppet to life. Children of all ages will identify with this Pinocchio.

English sample available

6 years and up | Children's book | Hardback | 22.5 x 31 cm | 64 pages

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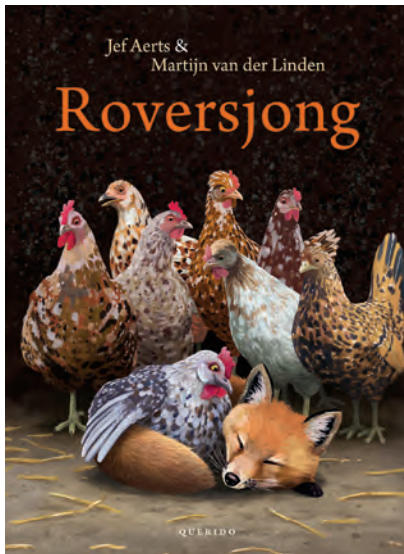
A fairytale storybook about a fox cub growing up with chickens

Jef Aerts & Martijn van der Linden

The Raider's Child

'Truly another one of those delightful, lovely, well-written children's books.'

– de Grote Vriendelijke Podcast about *De nacht van Ronke*




- about the search for who you really are
- by the winner of the Boekenleeuw award and three Zilveren Griffel awards
- with beautiful illustrations by Martijn van der Linden

Vera the hen escapes a raid by the foxes because she is brooding under a berry bush. At the barn, she finds a trembling little fox who was left behind after the hunt. Vera doesn't think twice about taking the fox cub under her wing. Her eggs hatch, the cub grows up and larks about happily with the chicks. But the other chickens don't feel at all safe with a young fox on the farm. When they decide to send the little fox away, Vera doesn't want to abandon him. And so, they embark on a 'big journey' together.

English sample available

6 years and up | Children's book | Hardback | 17 x 23 cm | 64 pages

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Bahar and her friends' new adventure

Michael De Cock

Bahar on the Moon

'A book to cherish and enjoy. Highly recommended!' – pluizuit.be

'A delightful story about a girl with two mothers.' – *Friesch Dagblad*




- sequel to *Bahar Bizarre*; can also be read on its own
- about how love sometimes fades and the power of friendship
- charming and funny
- with delightful illustrations by Arevik d'Or

It looks like Ruman's parents' pizzeria will close because they are getting divorced. The fact that love can just fade away makes Bahar sad. And a world without pizzas? That is unthinkable. When the children go to the museum with their class, they devise a plan to keep the restaurant open.

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8 years and up | Children's book | Hardback | 14.5 x 21 cm | 88 pages

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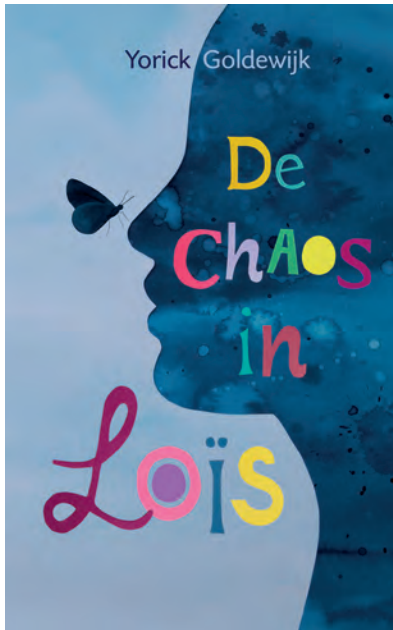
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A philosophical story

Yorick Goldewijk

Chaos in Loïs




- touching, hopeful and funny story
- by Yorick Goldewijk, winner of the Golden Griffel award
- children's book for the Dutch Month of Philosophy

Maarten and Loïs grew up together and always played with each other. But since falling in love with her, he goes bright red whenever she looks at him. And now Loïs is sick. Maarten feels guilty for not daring to visit her and desperate because she might die. When he hears about a mysterious empty house where broken things are magically restored, he comes up with a plan. What if Loïs were to spend a night in this house...?

English sample available

10 years and up | Children's book | Paperback | 12.5 x 20 cm | 96 pages

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A captivating graphic novel about growing up

Joke van Leeuwen

The Way to Tomorrow Morning




- graphic novel by the multitalented Joke van Leeuwen
- about the big step to adulthood
- in beautiful cinematic images
- dream and reality are intertwined in an extraordinary way

Twelve-year-old Veertje, who lived more than a hundred years ago, is lying in bed. Tomorrow, she won't be going to school anymore but will be picked up by the lady she is going to clean and wash dishes for. Veertje falls asleep and dreams a story about everything she doesn't know yet. Strange encounters follow, bringing new insights about what adults call 'the real world'. In Veertje's dreams, this life has already started – this life in which she is no longer a child.

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12 years and up | Graphic novel | Hardback | 24 x 20 cm | 80 pages

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Blinding infatuation at the start of adolescence

Herman van de Wijdeven

Julia and My Brother and I

'Van de Wijdeven's excellent adolescent portrait is impressive.' – jaapleest.nl




- gripping story, cinematically narrated
- about revelatory first love

It is a scorching summer in a village near the border. Esse wants to become a football legend and is willing to do anything to get there. He gets involved with Rocky, who deals in illicit substances. His sweetheart Julia is worried. And his younger brother Jakob, who is head over heels in love with Julia and tries to impress her, also gets increasingly entangled in Rocky's web. When he tries to break free of it, a violent confrontation becomes inevitable.

English sample available

12 years and up | Young Adult | Paperback | 14 x 21.5 cm | 184 pages

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An exciting and original story about time travel, art theft and friendship

Dirk Weber

Welcome Home, Chrononauts

'Sensational... Weber surpasses himself.' – *Het Parool*




- exciting young adult novel
- imaginative plot and a surprising ending
- about family, friendship and belonging somewhere
- Dirk Weber has been awarded two Zilveren Griffels and the Thea Beckman Prize

When Barend is asked to work for Mr Rieter's auction house, he doesn't know what the job entails and even if he had been told, he wouldn't have believed it. He is going to be a time traveller. His task is to travel back in time to rescue lost artworks.

The travels are exciting, and Barend enjoys them. But he starts having doubts as he gets back sicker after each trip. Is Mr Rieter being honest with him? And where are the travellers who worked for the auction house before? It soon becomes clear that Barend's life is in danger!

14 years and up | Young Adult | Paperback | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | 368 pages

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Ludwig Volbeda's captivating novel debut

Ludwig Volbeda

Banks

'What a poignant and comforting debut! In the tender and small Ludwig Volbeda is unbeatably great.'

– Arthur Japin



- poignantly beautiful young adult novel
- about gender, friendship and daring to accept who you are
- by Ludwig Volbeda, who has twice been awarded the Gouden Penseel


Jip has a school assignment for the May holiday: draw a self-portrait. It should be simple for someone who can draw so well. Yet Jip keeps putting it off and making excuses. Their thoughts keep drifting to the new boy in class. Finally, someone who doesn't think Jip is a weird nerd and doesn't speculate on whether they likes boys or girls. Is Jip in love with him?

In *Banks*, Ludwig Volbeda portrays a young person grappling with questions about gender, friendship and life. And who ultimately has the courage to look in the mirror and draw a razor-sharp self-portrait.

English sample available

14 years and up | Young Adult | Paperback | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | 232 pages

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