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“Readers will lose themselves in the pictures. . . . A bookshelf highlight, almost poetic yet still appealing to children.”

Hamburger Morgenpost, on *Little Night Cat*



Enter a Fantastic World

New Picture Books

New Picture Books

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The Smon Smon lives on the planet Gon Gon. In the morning the Smon Smon hangs its last ron ron next to its won won on a lon lon and floats away in a ton ton. But when the Smon Smon falls into a zon zon . . . what happens next is what makes any world worth being in. A finely woven story.

Batchelder Honor Book Award recipient Sonja Danowski takes us on a journey to a beautiful, mysterious world where cooperation and generosity save the day and friendships make it wonderful.

“With her stunningly beautiful and almost lifelike pictures, author and illustrator Sonja Danowski from Berlin has cultivated a unique illustrative style, which is both warm and very classic.”

Kilifü 2016/2017, on *Little Night Cat*



★ “A gentle story that children will return to time and time again.”

Kirkus Review, Starred, on *Little Night Cat*

Sonja Danowski

is a German artist and illustrator. Her work has been selected several times for the Illustrators Exhibition at the Bologna Children's Book Fair, and she has received numerous international awards for her art. In 2013 and 2015 she was honored with a Gold Medal by the Korean Nami Island Illustration Concours, and in 2017 she received the Troisdorfer Picture Book Award by the children's jury. She lives in Berlin.

Gold Medal Winner, Nami Island Illustration Concours 2013 and 2015

Batchelder Honor Book Award 2016

Troisdorfer Picture Book Award, children's jury 2017

Sonja Danowski

Smon Smon

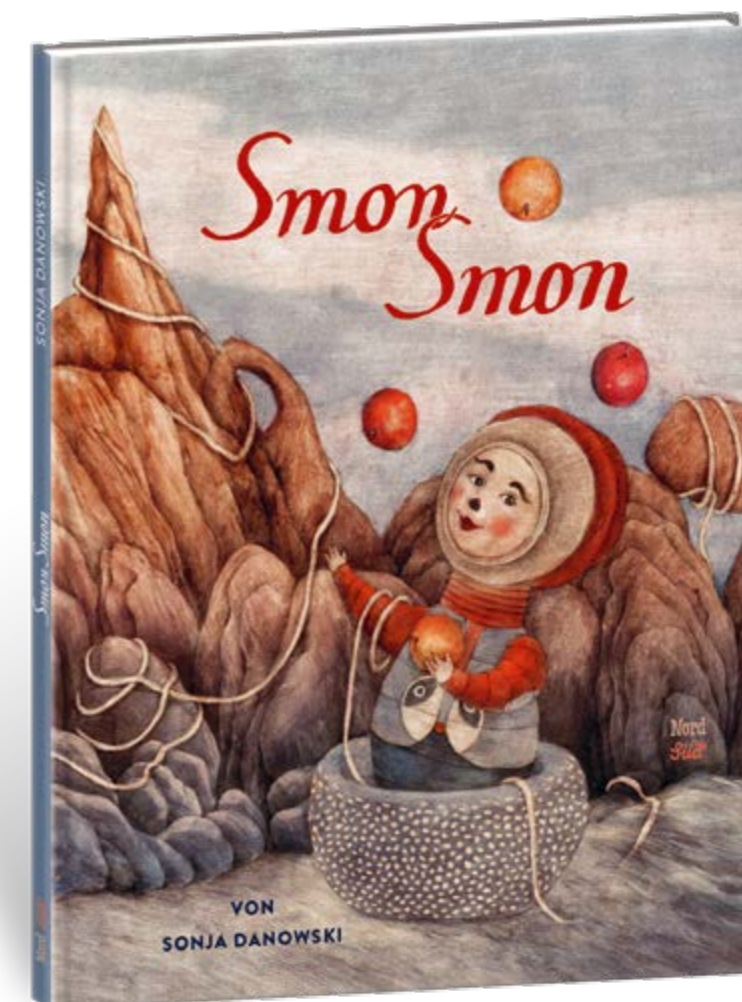
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Full-color illustrations
48 pages / 24 × 31 cm
Ages 4+
Rights sold: IT, U.S./U.K.

Our tip:



Little Night Cat
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Middle Eastern Delights

This charming collection of Arabic folktales

transports the reader to the fascinating world of the Orient. It includes magical stories about the genie in the bottle, an enchanted prince, and a mystical mermaid. Six fairy tales, sensitively retold and delightfully illustrated by Franziska Meiners. With a style reminiscent of wood-block printing, she has created a beautiful style all her own. The attached activity pages provide child friendly information about the Orient as well as lovely fairy tale motifs for for readers to color in themselves.



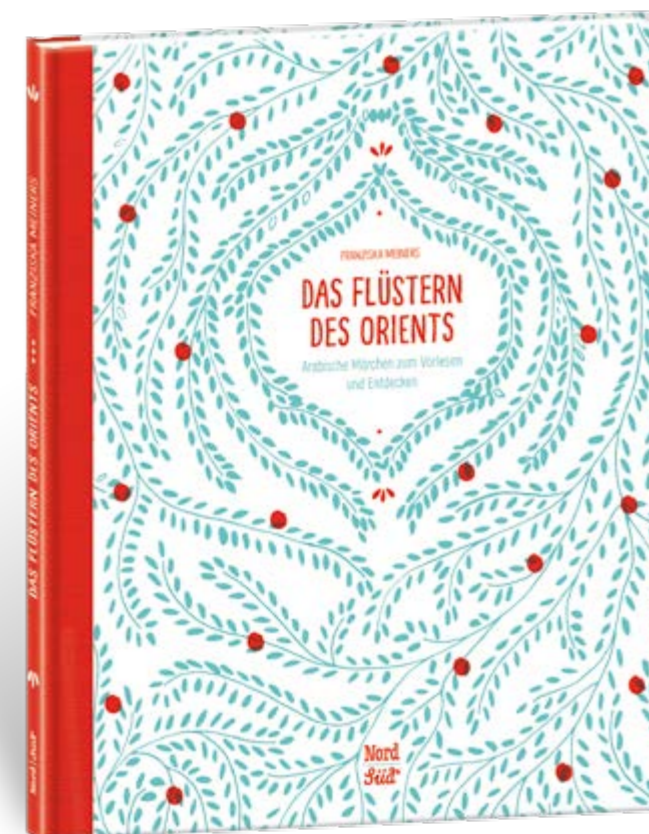
Franziska Meiners

was born in 1992 in Siegen, Germany. She studied communication design at the Aachen University of Applied Sciences. Franziska Meiners is especially interested in cultural exchange and the role of media design in cultural education. This interest inspired her thesis and debut children's book, *The Whisper of the Orient*. Franziska Meiners lives in Cologne, where she works as a freelance designer and illustrator.

Franziska Meiners

The Whisper of the Orient

Hardcover
Cloth-bound
Full-color illustrations
Activity pages
112 pages / 21,5 × 25,8 cm
Ages 6+
Rights sold: U.S. / U.K.



"A wonderfully structured story from beginning to end."

Stefan Hauck, on Nele Brönners Serafina-award-winning debut *Affenfalle / Monkey Trap*

Daddy's Dilemma

Hermann the Tiger is annoyed: the zoo is full of show-offs!

But when he stumbles across an egg one day, the old grump starts to mellow. Hermann becomes a surrogate parent to the little bird, feeding him and taking care of him. And the little bird feels safe with his stripey daddy.

The powerful tiger awakens unsuspected strengths in the bird, but it looks as if the little one has bitten off more than he can chew. Hermann realizes that he needs to have an honest chat with him; but not today.

With expressive illustrations and subtle humor, Nele Brönnner tells the story of an extremely unlikely pair, a story about growing up and learning to be brave.

Nele Brönnner, born in 1977 in Marburg/Lahn, lives in Berlin, where she works as an illustrator, a freelance artist, and a cartoonist. She studied visual communication at the Berlin University of the Arts, the Politecnico di Milano, and the Accademia di Brera. In 2015 she won the Serafina Young Talent Award for Children's and Youth Literature. *The Tiger Egg* is her first picture book for NordSüd.

Serafina Young Talent Award 2015

Nele Brönnner

The Tiger Egg

Hardcover
Full-color illustrations
32 pages / 21,5 × 28 cm
Ages 4+
Rights sold: U.S./U.K.



Are You Ready for Kickoff?

“Vini! Come! The field calls!” cries a girl as she and her younger brother rouse their community—family, friends, and the local fruit vendor—for a pickup soccer (*futbol*) game. Boys and girls, young and old, players and spectators come running—bearing balls, shoes, goals, and a love of the sport. “Friends versus friends” teams are formed, the field is cleared of cows, and the game begins! But will a tropical rainstorm threaten their plans?

The world’s most popular and inclusive sport has found its spirited, poetic, and authentic voice in Baptiste Paul’s debut picture book.

*“Watch for this beautiful book next spring. . .
I’m already so excited to share with my readers!”*

Matthew Winner, *All The Wonders Podcast*, on *The Field*



Baptiste Paul

Born and raised in the West Indies (St. Lucia), Baptiste Paul is a native Creole/Patois speaker and enjoys roasting his own coffee and chocolate. He holds a BS in Environmental Science and a BS in Political Science and currently resides with his family near a wildlife sanctuary in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This is his first picture book for NorthSouth Books.

Jacqueline Alcántara

spends her days drawing, painting, writing, and walking her dog. She studied art education, has managed an art gallery in Chicago, and worked in NBC’s set decoration department. In 2016, she received the inaugural We Need Diverse Books Illustrator Mentorship.

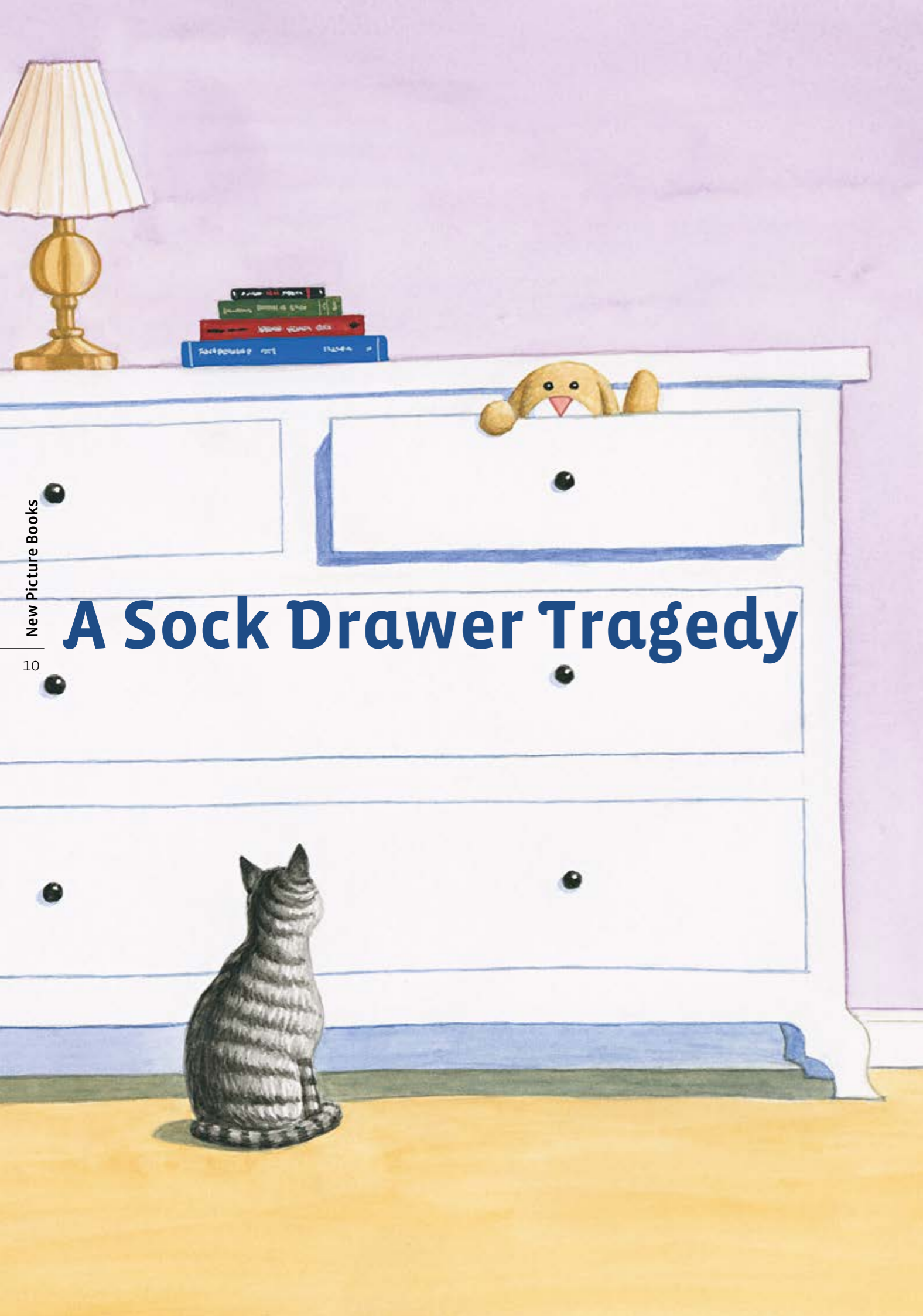
Baptiste Paul
Jacqueline Alcántara

The Field

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Full-color illustrations
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Ages 4+
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A Sock Drawer Tragedy



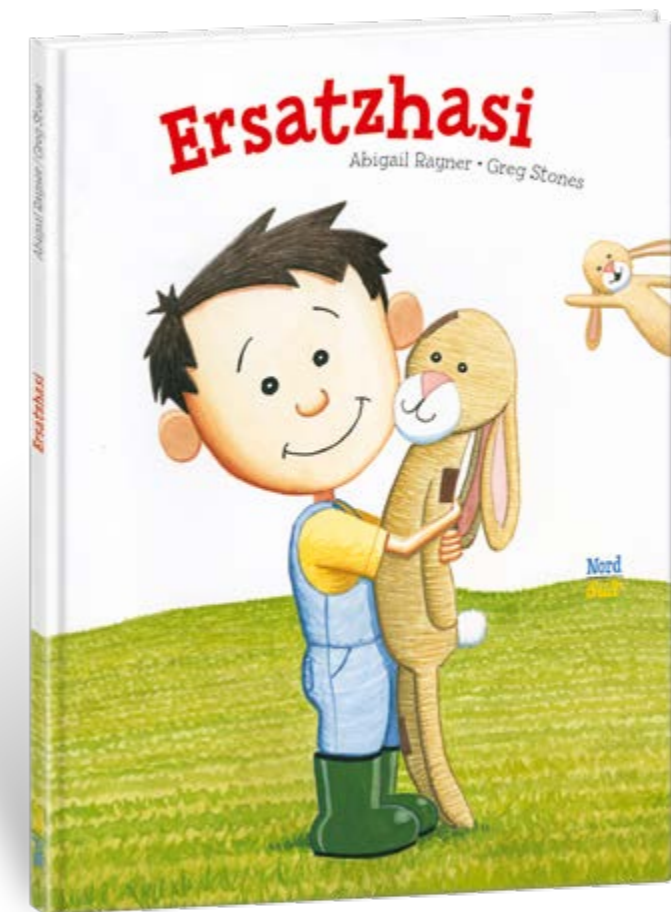
Abigail Rayner
Greg Stones
The Backup Bunny
Hardcover
Full-color illustrations
32 pages / 21,5 × 28 cm
Ages 4+
Rights sold: U.S./U.K.

Abigail Rayner

was born in England, where they have lots of history and rain. When she grew up, she became a reporter and moved to New York, where she was encouraged to write stories, but not the made-up kind. These days she lives in New Jersey, with her wonderful husband, two brilliant kids, and three terrible cats.

Greg Stones

majored in studio art at Bates College, where he learned to paint photo-realistically and was the cartoonist for the school paper. Two years after graduating, he began combining his pretty landscapes with his cartooning skills—adding penguins, zombies, and now bunnies to his work. He is the creator of the illustrated book *Zombies Hate Stuff*. Greg lives in Rhode Island.



Everybody needs a backup plan, especially when you lose your favorite toy. When Max loses his favorite toy—Bunny—his clever mom brings out the “backup bunny”—Fluffy—to save the day. Fluffy is thrilled to have the chance to play with Max but is soon rejected by the observant child, who notices that his ears are too new and perky. Can Fluffy find a way into his favorite boy’s heart?

The Backup Bunny will keep the reader laughing and inspire you to make room for another favorite story.



Fresh Fun for Fairies . . . and Dragons

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Sloppy the tree dragon doesn't want to take a bath. "Being mucky is what a tree dragon is all about." But when Dewdrop refuses to give him a hug until he's clean . . . Sloppy reconsiders. Could it be that getting clean is nearly as much fun as getting dirty?



"Funny, lovable and thoroughly educational!"

Stiftung Lesen, on *Sloppy Wants a Hug*

"A heart-warming picture book with a wide read-aloud audience. It's even more fun with each reading."

Eselsohr, Sylvia Mucke, on *Sloppy Wants a Hug*

Sean Julian

enjoyed art from an early age, focusing on potato printmaking and creating plasticine dinosaurs. He now focuses his talents on children's book illustrations, where he can follow his passion to draw hairy gorillas, bears, and dinosaurs. His pictures delight and entertain. He lives in Bristol (UK).

Sean Julian

Sloppy Takes the Plunge

Hardcover
Full-color illustrations
32 pages / 21,5 × 25,8 cm
Ages 4+
Rights sold: U.S. / U.K.

Our tip:



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The Shooting Stars Return

Giachen just can't sleep. He is desperate to see shooting stars. Because if you see a shooting star, you get to make a wish. Together with his friends, he sets off to the Shooting-Star Mountain. But the journey is quite exhausting. Will the friends make it?

A new adventure with Gian and Giachen, the two ibex who have become cult figures.

"Impressively illustrated."

BuchMarkt, on *The Bad Mood*



"This book is simply wonderful. The dialogue between the two dialect-speaking ibex is world-class!"

bookreviews.at, on *Gian and Giachen and the Fearless Snow Hare*



Amélie Jackowski

was born in Toulon, France. She studied at the École des Arts Décoratifs in Strasbourg and at Aix-en-Provence University. She has published many children's books. Her work has been exhibited at numerous group shows, including the Bologna Children's Book Fair in Italy. She lives in France and works as a freelance illustrator.

Amélie Jackowski

Gian and Giachen and the Shooting-Star Mountain

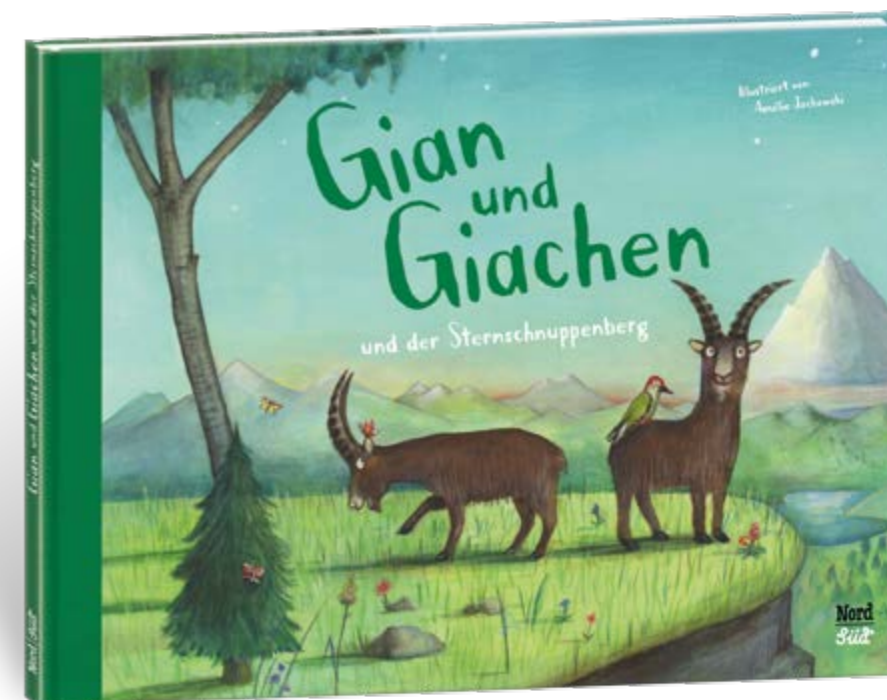
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Hare and Bear Learn to Share



Christa Kempter
Frauke Weldin
**Mr. Rabbit and
Mrs. Bear:
The Big Argument**
Hardcover
Full-color illustrations
32 pages / 21,5 × 28 cm
Ages 4+
Rights sold: FI

Christa Kempter
was born in Ingelheim, a town by the Rhine, in 1945. After leaving school, she was an administrative officer until the birth of her first son. She has been a freelance children's book author since 1992, working also in radio and television. As is evident in her Mr. Rabbit and Mrs. Bear books, she treasures the small wonders of the every day and delights when modest dreams are fulfilled.

Frauke Weldin
was born in Northeim, Lower Saxony, in 1969. She grew up in Münster, Berlin, and Nordhorn (also in Lower Saxony), and has been living in Hamburg since 1989. After completing her training as a bookseller, Frauke graduated with a degree with a focus on illustration from Hamburg's University of Applied Sciences. She has been working as an illustrator since 2002.

Our tips:

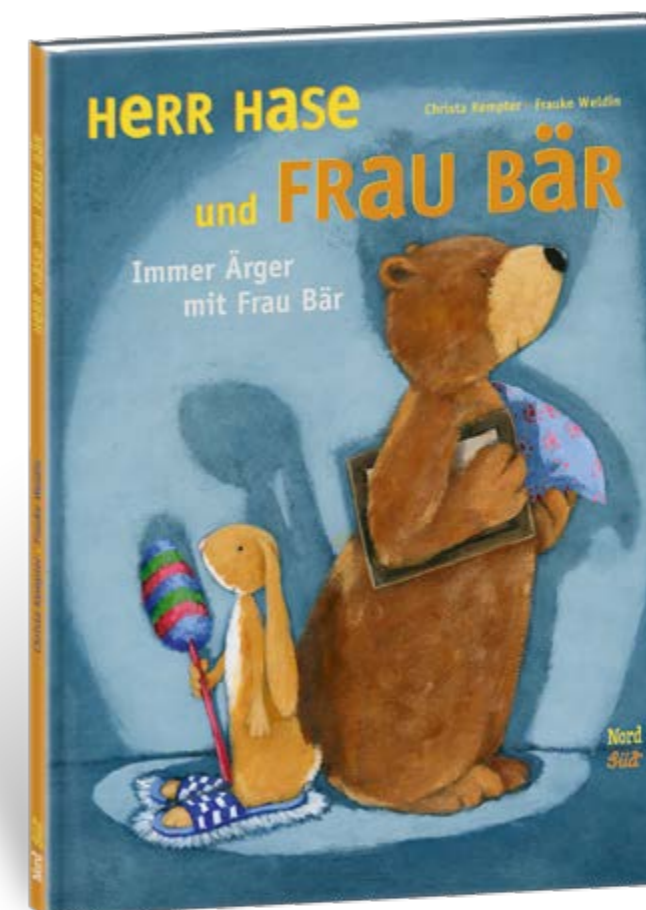


Mr. Rabbit and Mrs. Bear
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**Snow Fun with
Mr. Rabbit and Mrs. Bear**
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Mrs. Bear's messy habits are driving Mr. Rabbit mad. There are crumbs all over the staircase again. It's more than a rabbit can take. When he complains for the umpteenth time, Mrs. Bear storms out in a huff. But when she's gone, Mr. Rabbit notices that he misses Mrs. Bear terribly. And suddenly the crumbs on the staircase don't seem so bad anymore.

With bags of humor and soulful illustrations, the series about the unlikely housemates Rabbit and Bear succeeds in delighting readers once more.

"These cuddly characters captivate the reader until the very last page."

Münchner Merkur, on Snow Fun with Mr. Rabbit and Mrs. Bear



Where Do Bunnies Take a Break?

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When Pauli hears about his friend Wendy Wildgoose's wonderful vacation at the beach, he wants to go too. But he and his family can't fly like geese, and their wagon is too weak to carry their luggage, so the beach is out. But Pauli has an idea for his family that could be just as fun!

"Warm-hearted and charming."

Tageblatt, on The Big Book of Pauli

"Delicate illustrations and lovingly told stories."

Stiftung Lesen, on 24 Stories for Advent

"A charming Christmas book."

WAZ, on 24 Stories for Advent



Brigitte Weninger

was born in Kufstein, Austria, and spent twenty years working as a kindergarten teacher before trying her hand at writing. She has since published more than fifty books, which have been translated into thirty languages worldwide. She continues to be heavily involved in promoting literacy and storytelling.

Eve Tharlet

was born in France but spent much of her childhood in Germany. After graduating from the Superior School of Decorative Arts in Strasbourg, France, she began working as a freelance illustrator in 1981 and quickly received international acclaim. Her big breakthrough came with the series about Pauli, the cute and cheeky bunny, which propelled her name around the world.

Brigitte Weninger
Eve Tharlet

Pauli's Summer Vacation

Hardcover
Full-color illustrations
32 pages / 21,5 × 25,8 cm
Ages 4+
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Our tips:



Pauli, Dearest Mommy
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Lowdown on the Farm

One fine day, Ina the goat starts to wonder what really happens to her milk after she has been milked. Together with a little mouse, she sets off to solve the mystery. She discovers how cheese is made from milk and how other foods are made on the farm. An exciting and educational day for Ina, and pretty soon she knows everything there is to know.

Using the linocut technique, young illustrator Mira Gysi skillfully depicts everyday life on the farm with great attention to detail.



“There is much to be discovered in Mira Gysi’s colorful and detailed illustrations, done by hand in the linocut technique.”

Nadine Spengler, don at HSLU Luzern on
The Goat Who Knows Everything

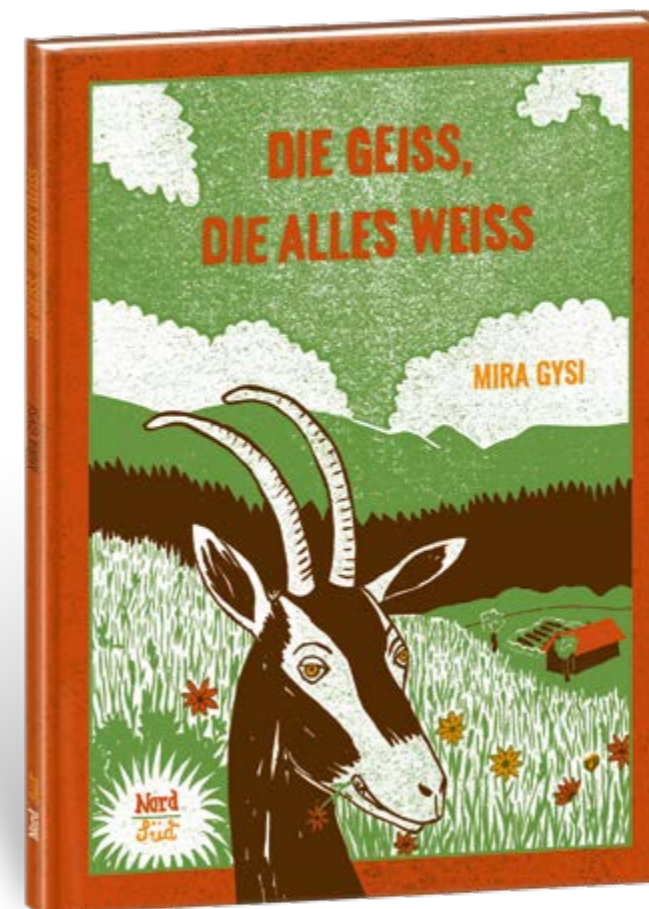
Mira Gysi,

born in 1989, studied illustration in Lucerne and ceramic design in Berne. She lives and works in Trubschachen, a small village in rustic Emmental, Switzerland. Mira Gysi is a freelance illustrator and farmer. She finds inspiration in her pristine natural surroundings and on her farm. *The Goat Who Knows Everything* is her debut and thus her first book with NordSüd.

Mira Gysi

The Goat Who Knows Everything

Hardcover
Full-color illustrations
32 pages / 21,5 × 28 cm
Ages 4+
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Monica Brown
John Parra
Frida and Her Animalitos
Hardcover
Full-color illustrations
40 pages / 21.5 × 25.8 cm
Ages 4+
Rights sold: EG, HR, KR, U.S./U.K.

"I have always loved Frida Kahlo both as a painter but much more as a personality, as a strong passionate woman with a dramatic and intense life. She has become the symbol of the new feminism, and it is great and necessary to show kids who she was, all her colorful and symbolic imagery and also what she represented, as an educated woman in Mexico, in her time."

Our Spanish agent, Sandra Rodericks, on her favorite NordSüd title



Sandra Rodericks

Agents' Favorites



Anna Spadolini



Hans Fischer
Pitschi
Hardcover
Full-color illustrations
40 pages / 24 × 17,6 cm
Ages 3+
Rights sold: CN, FR, JP, KR, LT, RU, TW, U.S./U.K.

"I have a special fondness for Hans Fischer's Pitschi—a modern classic about a curious kitten who wants to experience being something else until she finds out that being a kitten is the best thing of all. I love the witty and sweet story and the lively, simple though rich-in-elements art style with its vintage look—I easily imagine children being captivated by the many funny details in the pages!" Our Italian agent, Anna Spadolini, on her favorite NordSüd title

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“There are picture books which make your heart beat a little faster when you open them.”

BuchKultur, Andrea Wedan, on Little Night Cat

