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The Swing

by Britta Teckentrup



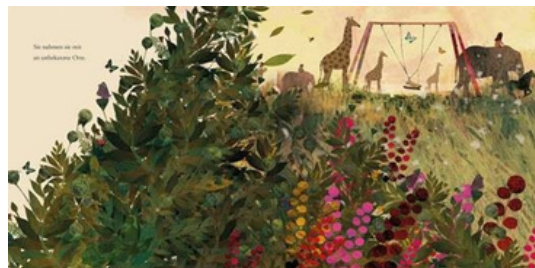
Prestel Junior · 2023 · 160 pages

The new picture book by the internationally bestselling author and illustrator **Britta Teckentrup**

In this book a very special swing plays an important role: when you sit on it you can see the sea, and over the years you'll meet lots of different people here. The swing has lots of stories to tell too. It has watched children grown up, make friends and go their separate ways, dream of the future and worry about things. Then, when the children become parents, they tell all these stories to their own children.

This unique illustrated book is a wonderful companion for the whole family, and will prompt many conversations: **who am I? What motivates me? Do I dare fly high – or should I just sit here, and let the sight of the sea fill me with peace?** Regardless how old you are, you're bound to discover yourself in these pages.

Rights sold :
Italy and
Korea



The Little Prince

Text by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Illustrations by Beatrice Alemagna



A pilot stranded in the desert awakes one morning to see, standing before him, the most extraordinary little fellow. "Please," asks the stranger, "draw me a sheep." And the pilot realizes that when life's events are too difficult to understand, there is no choice but to succumb to their mysteries. He pulls out pencil and paper... Thus begins this wise and enchanting fable that, in teaching the secret of what is really important in life, has changed the world forever for its readers.

Often seen as a symbol of childhood innocence, **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's** best-selling book **The Little Prince** is cherished by children and adults alike across the globe

The most loved story ever interpreted by
one of the most original and surprising
illustrators of our time:

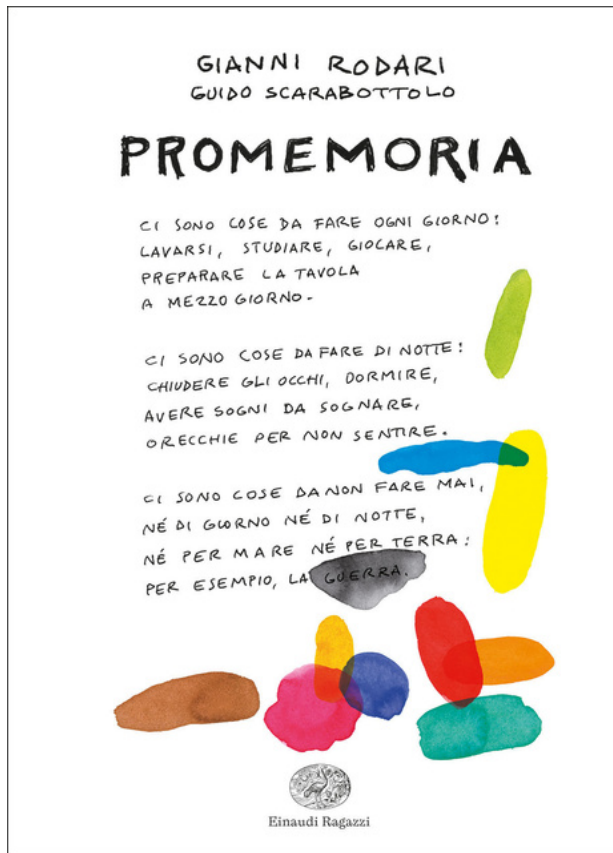
Beatrice Alemagna



Mondadori · 2023 · 128 pages

Reminder

Text by Gianni Rodari, illustrations by Guido Scarabottolo



Einaudi · 2023 · 40 pages

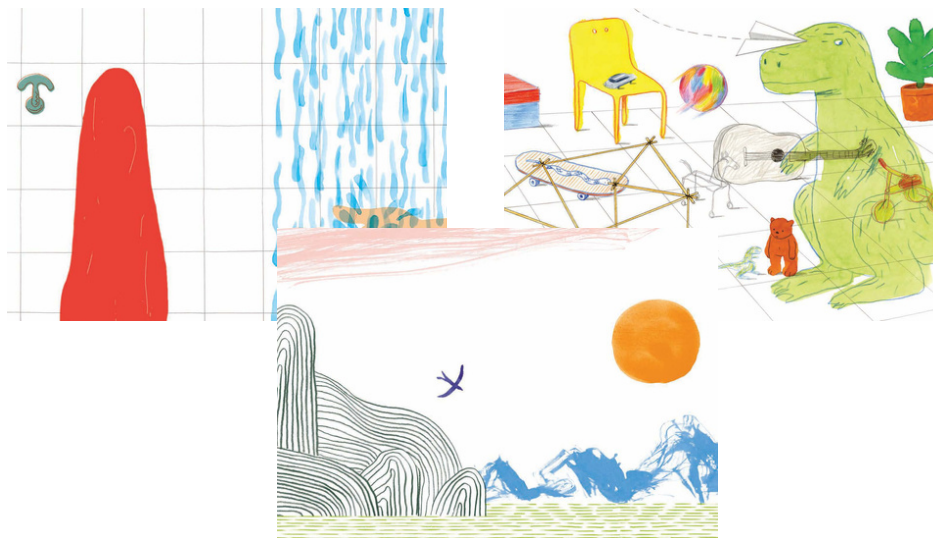
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Promemoria / Reminder is a special hymn to read and learn by heart. A picture book about peace, love and the power of imagination. **Gianni Rodari** reminds us that in life some choices are much simpler than we think, and making war is undoubtedly something we should never do.

“ There are things to do every day: to wash yourself, to study, to play,
to set the table at noon.

There are things to do at night: to close your eyes, to sleep, to have
dreams to dream, to have ears not to hear.

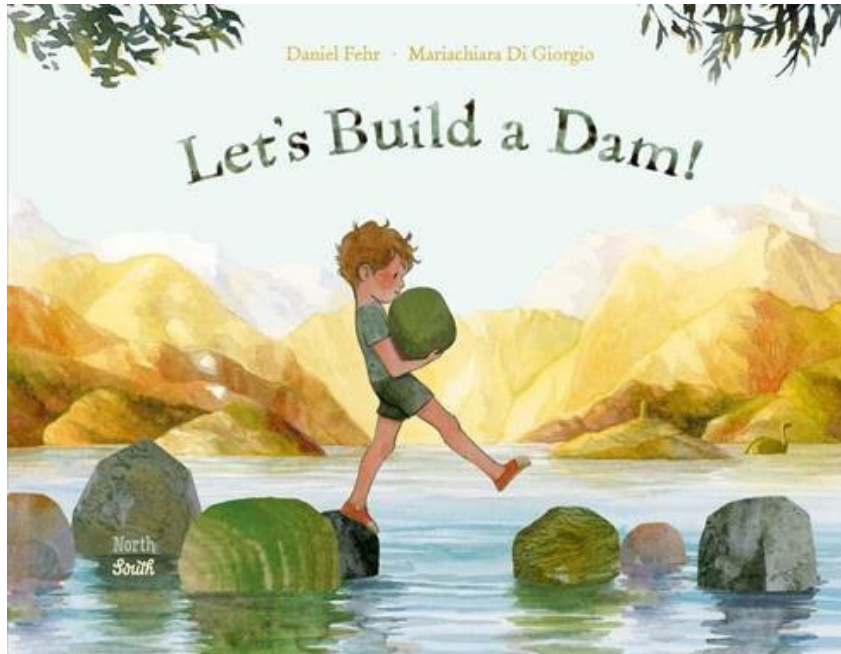
There are things never to be done, neither by day nor by night, neither
by sea nor by land: for example the war. ”



Let's Build a Dam!

Text by Daniel Fehr

Illustrations by Mariachiara di Giorgio



NordSüd · 2023 · 32 pages

Siblings May, Lily, and Noah build a dam. Stone by stone, their dam grows higher and higher, until their creation attracts the attention of fishermen, pirates, and even the King and his fleet. The sky's the limit, until Noah wants his stone back . . .

Each page builds upon the previous scene as the children's imaginations also grow. Children will delight in pointing out the changing details on each page as they laugh along to this picture book about the boundlessness of imagination and sibling friendship.

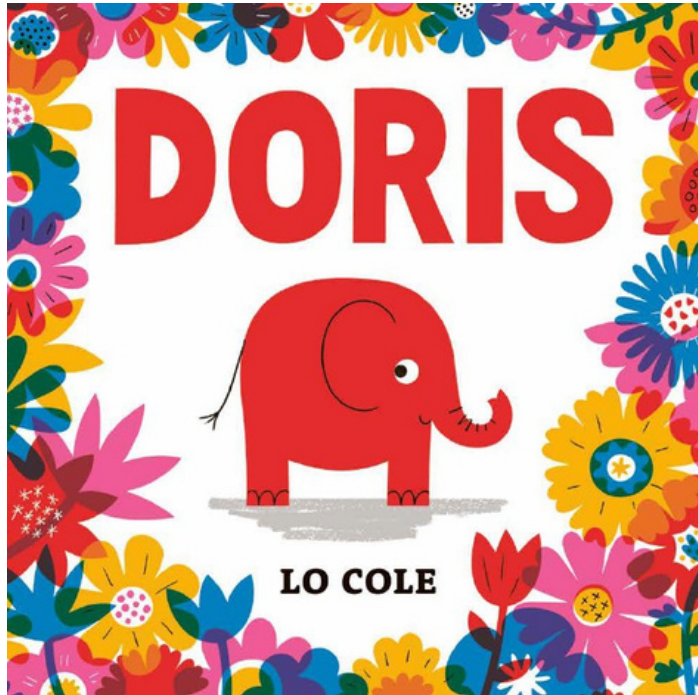
A wonderful picture book by the fantastic combo of the well-known swiss writer **Daniel Fehr** and the internationally acclaimed italian illustrator **Marichiara di Giorgio**.

Rights sold :
Spanish / World
and
Catalan



Doris

by Lo Cole



Rocket Bird Books · August 2023 · 32 pages

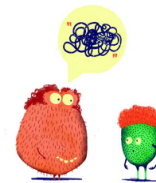
STOP LOOKING AT ME!

Being a bright red elephant, Doris is VERY easy to spot. Can you see her? Of course you can. But Doris is shy – she longs to lose herself in a colorful crowd. **This is a journey of self-discovery as on little elephant comes to appreciate her own specialness.**

- Spotting Doris and the other small creatures who appear will hook pre-readers into the storytelling
- «Stop looking at me!» is Doris's catch-phrase, but what if (a big, blue) someone else steals it?
- Doris's word-play (Is she an ele-phant? An ele-fish?) is a game to play beyond the book

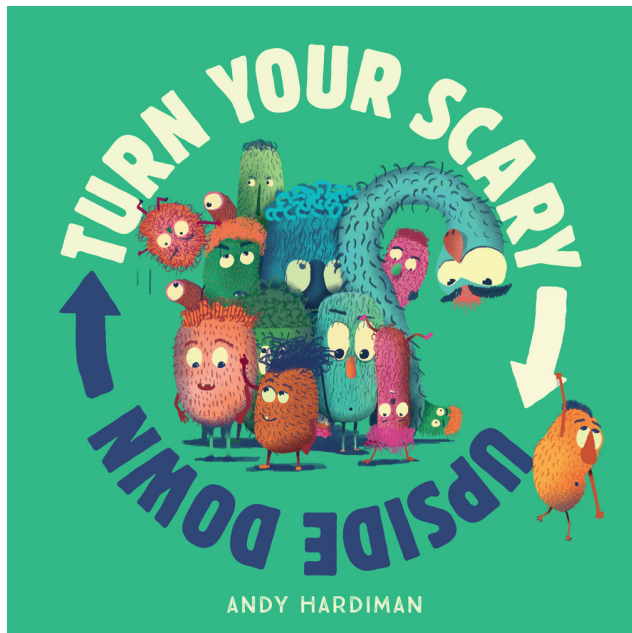


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Turn Your Scary Upside Down

by Andy Hardiman



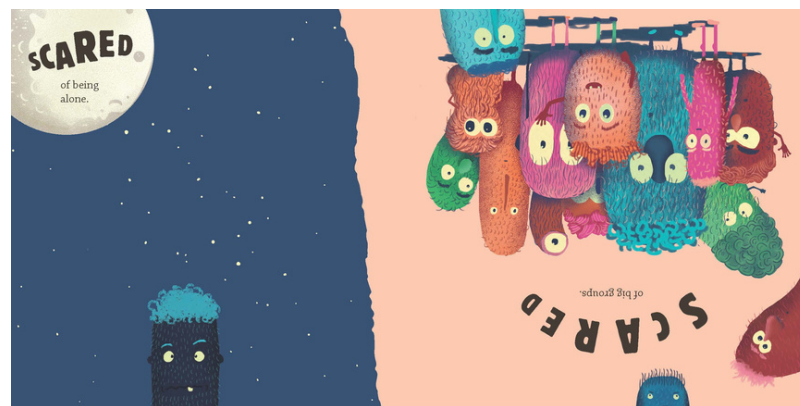
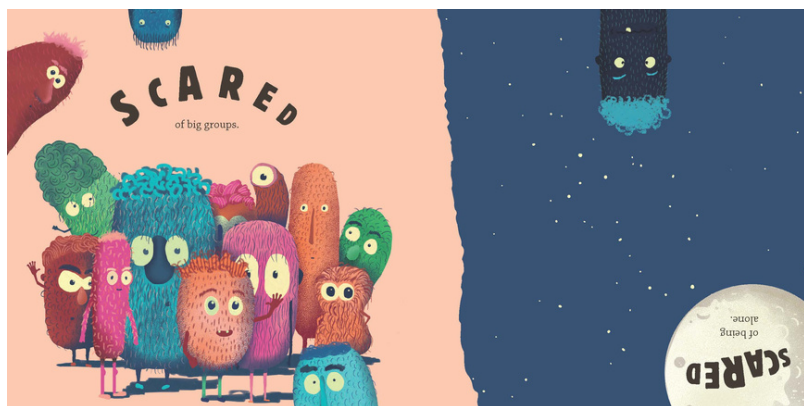
An interactive and clever book
about facing your fears

Turn Your Scary Upside Down is a picture book with a twist – literally! By turning each page upside down, children discover that for every fear that they have, there is another child out there that has **the opposite fear**.

By balancing their own fears with those of others, young readers will find comfort and reassurance that it's ok – and normal – to be scared sometimes. The story also develops empathy within children as they learn about looking at situations from different perspectives.

Rights sold :
Italy and
China

Hardie Grant · Sept 2022 · 32 pages

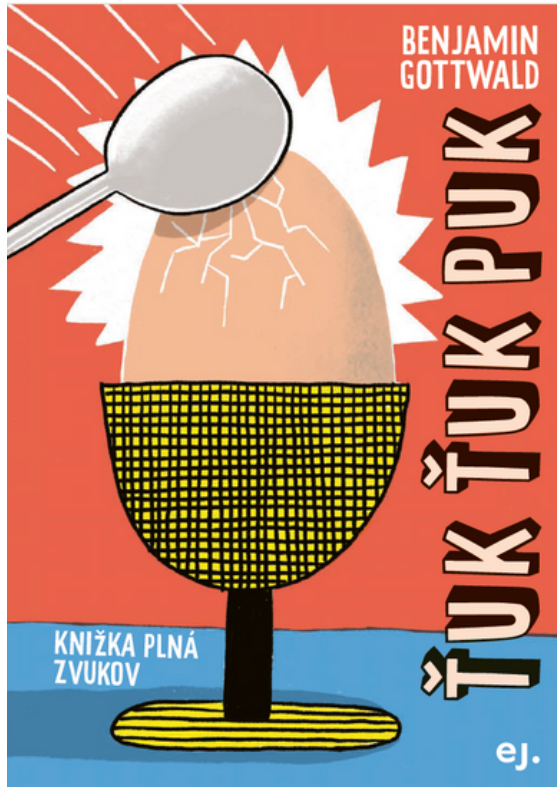


Spider Plays Piano

by Benjamin Gottwald

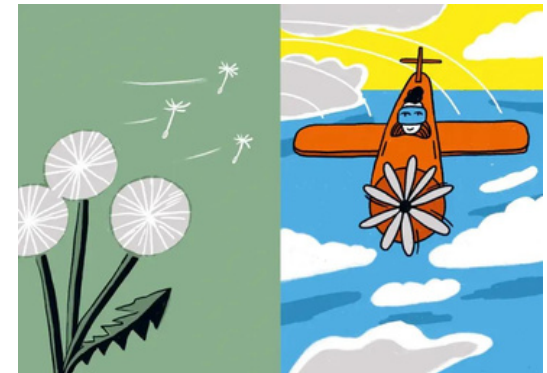


Picture Book



Carlsen · 2022 · 160 pages

No words necessary – just by looking at the pictures, readers hear all kinds of sounds in their heads. And if they want, **they can let the sounds out** and roar like a lion, rumble like a washing machine or coo like a dove!



Hamburg Picture-Book Prize 2022

Rights sold :
Italy, Slovakia
and Korea

Series Wild About...

by Philip Bunting



0 - 3 years



Little Hare · April 2021 · 24 pages



Little Hare · April 2021 · 24 pages



Little Hare · Sept 2023 · 24 pages

Wild About Dads and *Wild About Mums* are fresh, funny celebrations of animal dads and mums from every corner of the globe, combining a humorous narrative with fascinating animal facts. Young children will discover that it's not only we humans that can have great parents.

The newest title, *Wild About Babies* is a delightful celebration of childhood across the many animal species on earth. From prickly babies (porcupines) to hungry babies (caterpillars) and babies born with a special tooth (tree snakes),

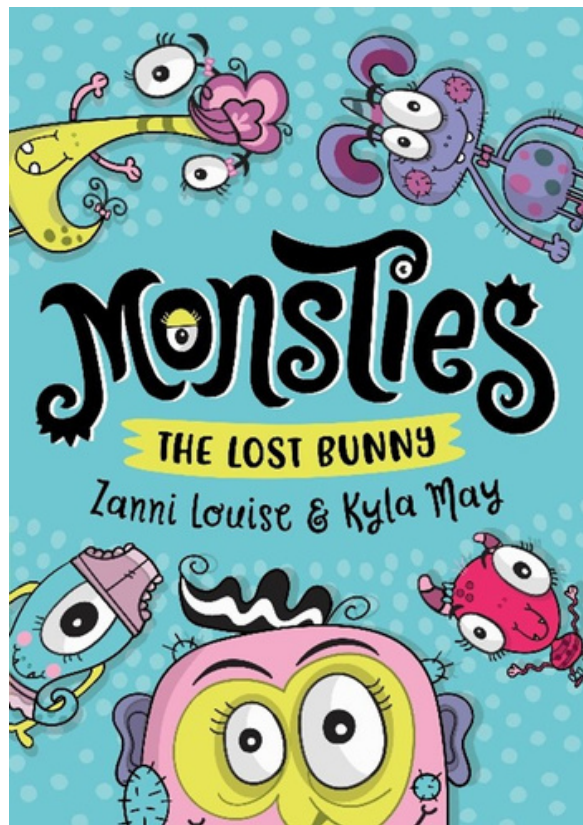


**Bunting's books have
been translated into
more than 30
languages!**



Series **Monsties**

Text by Zannni Louise, illustrations by Kyla May



Vol.01 · Hardie Grant · June 2023 · 112 pages

These illustrated Monster Books **for girls aged 6+** turn the genre on its head – combining themes of friendship, kindness and problem-solving. Join the **Monsties** as they ask: why be scary when you can be kind?

Children will fall in love with the five best friend monsters, Orla, Pearl, Mig, Boo and Oops as they adventure through Scaryland. The Monsties are surrounded by scary places and scary monsters, but they much prefer candy and cupcakes to spiders and centipedes. In their adorable escapades, the **Monsties** must join together to help each other face their fears and overcome any obstacle!



'Actually, that's **my** spare leg!' yelled a voice.

Mr Grumpleton, the town grump, **picked up** his leg and went back inside his house.



Oops ran ahead. It looked like she'd **spotted** something.



**Vol. 02 will be out
in December 2023!**

Series Gustav & Henri

Text by Andy Matthews, illustrations by Peadar Thomas

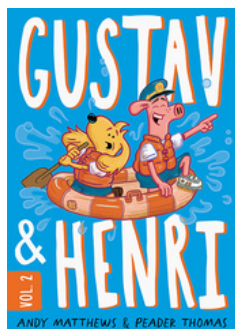


3 short comic stories for first readers!

Opposites attract in this humorous illustrated graphic novel series about best friends, Gustav is a goofy, optimistic and naively enthusiastic pig. Henri is a grounded, pragmatic and quietly sceptical dog. They are as drawn to each other as they are to the weird and ridiculous!

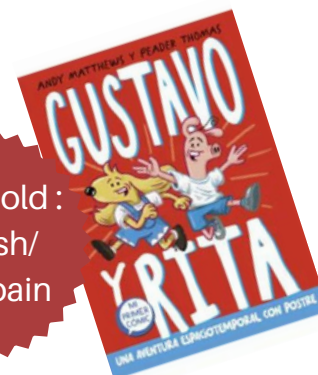


Vol.01 · Hardie Grant · March 2022 · 128 pages



Vol. 02 · August 2022 · 128 pages

Rights sold :
Spanish/
PRH Spain



Series Sofia Fraidycat

by Simone Frasca



First Readers



Thanks to her monster friends, Sofia is ready to face one of her many fears: the stage! Sofia has been chosen by her classmates to play the little vampire in the school's Halloween musical play. Too bad she has terrible stage fright!

Thanks to her monster friends who arrived at the neighboring house to celebrate her great-great-grandfather's birthday and a spectacular trip to the Great Festival of Rock Monsters in the Silent Swamp, Sofia will discover a few tricks to learn how to overcome her fear!

Capital letters for a high legibility!

Vol.02 · Battello A Vapore · October 2022 · 48 pages



Vol. 01 · Jan 2020 · 44 pages

Series *Vito* The Feel Good Dog



First Readers

Text by Fabiana Angelini and Capucine Lewalle
Illustrations by Maria Guitart



Vito n'est pas le genre de chien à donner la patte.
En revanche, il donne la patte à toutes celles et ceux qui le croisent.
Normal, une souris est contrainte :
Vito est un chien qui rigolouille !
C'est rigolouille ? Oui, qui rigolouille !
Comme de bonnes grosses châlounilles !



Vols. 01 & 02 · Casterman · January 2023 · 32 pages

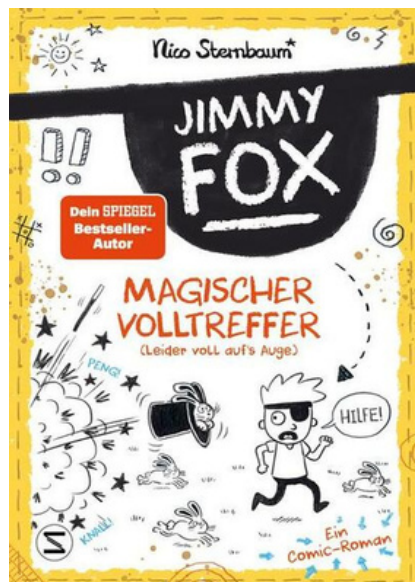
Vito is a hunting dog who lives in the city... All his energy has now transformed into a real fascination for the feline race. He loves cats, looks for them, studies the mand tries really hard to become their friends. It has become a real mission.

**The new fun packed series for children
ages 3 and up... filled with humor, friends, and crazy adventures!**

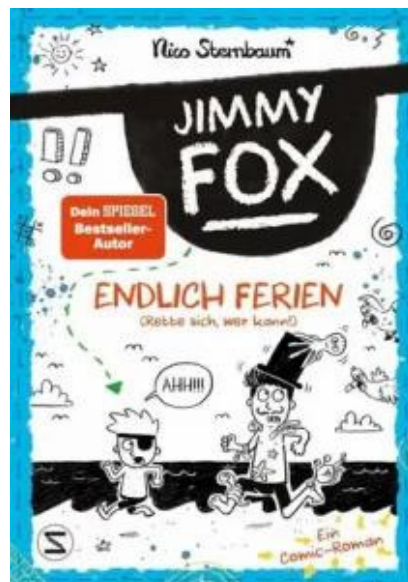
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and Italy (Gallucci)

Series Jimmy Fox

by Nico Sternbaum



Vol.01 · Schneiderbuch
October 2022 · 192 pages



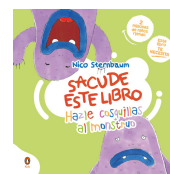
Vol. 02 · Schneiderbuch
February 2023 · 192 pages



Rights sold :
Spanish/Catalan
(Anaya /
Barcanova)

Jimmy doesn't have it easy. Nobody in his house is normal, least of all his father, who's a professional magician, although a rather bad one, to be honest. It seems like something's always exploding, or his white rabbits are running away. And the other family members also make for a chaotic home life...only one thing for Jimmy to do: keep his cool!
And write about his crazy life in a comic-book diary.

The first comic diary by **DEIN SPIEGEL**
best-selling author
Nico Sternbaum



Spanish



Catalan



Dutch



South Korea

Series Spooki

by Ruth Rahlff



Vol.01 · Carlsen
October 2022 · 288 pages



Vol. 02 · Carlsen
February 2023 · 288 pages



Vol. 02 · Carlsen
June 2023 · 288 pages

Rights sold :
Greece
and
Russia

Actually, Robert is just a normal boy. If it weren't for the fact that he's part of a family of ghosts. Which, of course, no one is to know. But then Robert has to deal with a power-hungry artificial intelligence who will stop at nothing to find information about his family. Together with Isabella, a computer specialist, he takes up the fight against AI!

Ghosts + artificial intelligence = high addictive potential



Series The Journal of Ruby Black

by Cally Stronk



Dtv · Vol #01 · 2020 · 224 pages



Dtv · Vol #02 · 2021 · 224 pages



Dtv · Vol #03 · 2022 · 224 pages

Ruby wants only two things: to be normal and inconspicuous, and to find friends. This isn't all that easy considering her eccentric family and their home on the edge of a cemetery, which happens to be where her entire family works. Oma Ottilie gives yoga courses for reconciliation with the dead, Ruby's father designs caskets, and her mother bakes totally insane death-themed confections for the cemetery cafe.

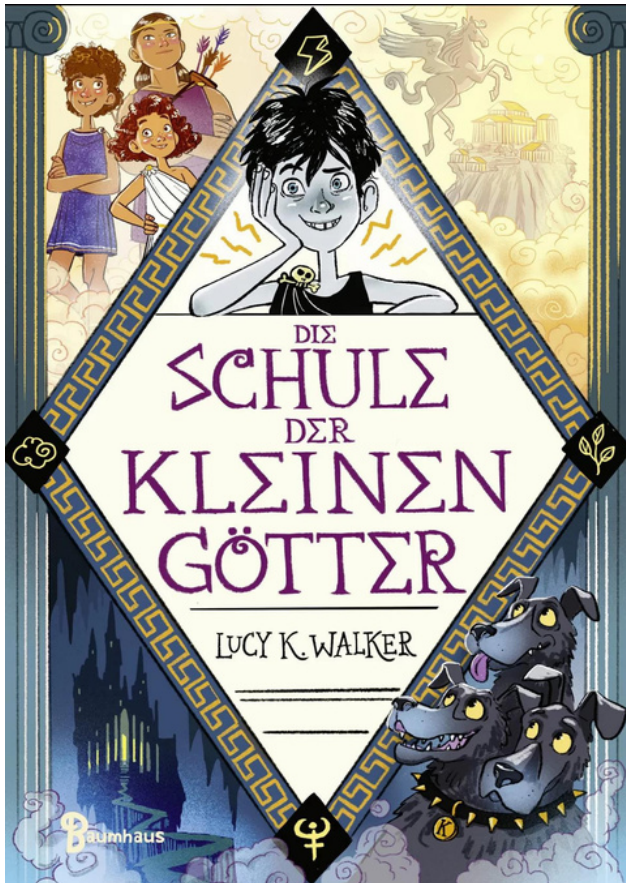
Despite all this, Ruby's chances have never been better than they are now. She has changed schools, and nobody at her new school knows about her crazy family...

An endearing protagonist with a family in the graveyard business

With quirky characters and funny scrawly illustrations, as well as timeless themes such as friendship and first crushes

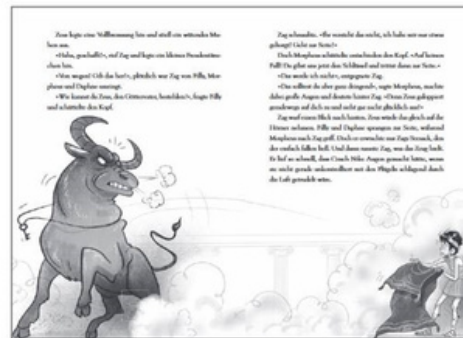
The School of Little Gods

by Lucy K. Walker



Baumhaus · March 2023 · 272 pages

Zag wants to escape from the underworld! But it's not easy. Especially since the underworld is actually his home – and Hades, the ruler of the Kingdom of the Dead, is his father. But Zag has had enough of this dreary place. He wants to go to the gods' school on Mount Olympus, like everyone else his age. When yet another of Zag's escape attempts fails, Hades makes him a deal: Zag can attend the school if he agrees to complete ten tasks for his father while he's there. Zag can't believe his luck! But he soon learns that even gods have to contend with homework and whoopee cushions, and his dad's tasks are no walk in the park...



A fast-paced adventure in which a weedy boy has to prove he is also a god
As exciting as PERCY JACKSON, as funny as DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Series

ZOMBIE SEASON

by Justin Weinberger



Middle Grade



Scholastic · Sept 2023 · 240 pages

Vol. 02 · May 2024

Vol. 03 · November 2024

The Zombie Apocalypse is coming and only YOU can stop it

**READ THE BOOK
PLAY THE GAME
FIGHT THE DEAD**

Joule refuses to evacuate with her mom. She can't leave town while her dad's still missing. He's out there, somewhere, and Joule is going to find him. But what if he's not just lost? What if he's become what she most fears?

Regina is proud of her scientist parents, especially now that they're working on a weapon to keep the zombies at bay. But when she discovers a dark underside to their new technology, she must decide what matters most: her family's reputation... or saving lives.

Oliver is sick of the drills. What's the point in pretending you can run and hide when it's clear the zombies are growing faster and stronger than ever? But when the adults refuse to accept this scary truth, Oliver must find a way to sound the alarm: this year's zombie season is very, very different. Something has changed, and time is running out to stop it..



Series RED THE CLUB OF MAGIC CHILDREN

LOEWE
WOW!

10 -12 years

Text by Sonja Kaiblinger, illustrations by Vera Schmidt



Vol.01 · Everything in red!

Loewe · February 2023 · 160 pages

Reading minds, seeing the future, brewing magic potions and controlling nature: The kids of the secret club Red have super cool abilities and solve puzzling cases in no time! How ingenious is that! The colour red evokes magical abilities in some people. This is also the case with the twins Ronja and Rob, whose family belongs to the secret society of the Redlings. They help the police undercover with tricky cases. Rob and Ronja, however, find the Redlings totally stuffy and lame. When a classmate disappears one day and Ronja's cockatoo Kiki is kidnapped, the twins take the case into their own hands. In the process, they discover a dark secret ... Red alert for the Reds!



**Illustrated in black and white
with red spot colour**

Feather & Claw

by Marta Palazzesi

10 - 12 years



Mondadori · February 2023 · 240 pages

Other novels by the same author:



Premio Strega 2019
Il Castoro · 2019 · 160 pages



Sold to USA (Red Comet Press)
Il Castoro · October 2022 · 368 pages

Valencia, 1914. Amparo is twelve years old and has lived with her grandfather since she lost her parents. Due to a supposed allergy, she never goes out into the sunlight; in reality, she keeps an extraordinary secret. Hawk by day and human by night, Amparo hides her nature by keeping everyone at a distance. But when, while flying over the Fair recently arrived in town, she sees a boy, Tomás, transforming into a panther during a conjuring trick, she has no doubts: he is like her too, and she feels the need to approach him. All the more so as the boy awakens images and memories of an inexplicable common past. Thanks to the help of Pepe, a cunning boy with impertinent ways, Amparo and Tomás, Feather and Claw, never human at the same time, will go in search of their origins, facing dense mysteries, family secrets and an ancient legend that will push the two animal-boys to find the strength and courage to choose their own destiny.

**by the winner of the Premio Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi,
Marta Palazzesi**

**Rights sold :
Germany
(Thienemann)**

One Against All

by Daniela Cologgi

10 - 12 years



Einaudi Ragazzi · 2023 · 160 pages

Manuel changed schools this year. From his previous school, he was expelled for bullying a classmate and for his constant bullying and aggressive behaviour. Before entering the new building, he observes the other students from afar and mulls over the best way to present himself in order to attract attention, but once in the classroom no one is interested in him. He has to find a way to make his new classmates realise who they are dealing with. So, he decides to target them, but each time something goes wrong...

The story of a fragile and aggressive boy who, thanks to the intelligence and cooperation of his classmates, will manage to change, discovering the value of friendship.

'Bullying' from the perspective of the bully himself

Green

by Alex Gino

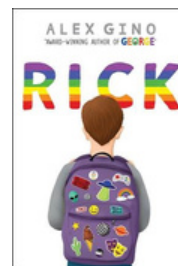
BE
WHO
YOU
ARE.

12 years



Middle-grade superstar author Alex Gino returns to the world they began with MELISSA and RICK with GREEN, the story of a non-binary middle-schooler named Green who comes into their own in no small part by fighting for gender-free casting in their school's production of THE WIZARD OF OZ.

From the bestselling author of
MELISSA, a new book putting a non-
binary kid named Green at center stage.



Scholastic · Sept 2023 · 240 pages

Rights sold for other titles by Alex Gino:

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GLOBAL KIDS BOOKS (COMMONWEALTH PUBLISHING)/Chinese: Complex

GRUP EDITORIAL 62 S.L.U. (EDICIONES 62/GRUP 62)/Catalan

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SCHOLASTIC AUDIO/English Domestic

SEEDBOOK/Korean

UITGEVERIJ KLUTTMAN ALKMAAR BV/Dutch

WYDAWNICTWO NOWA BASN/Polish

Merry-Go-Round

Text by Sergio Rossi, illustrations by Agnese Innocente



Graphic novel



Inspired by Arthur Schnitzler's eponymous play, Merry-Go-Round is a **cycle of ten episodes, each featuring two teen protagonists**, one of whom will reappear in the following, episode and so on. The characters are typical teens, looking for love and trying to figure out their place in the world: they stumble, fall, and pick themselves back up while arguing, telling fibs, and revealing the most secret sides of themselves. **Missed appointments, love triangles, secret stories, parties, suspected pregnancies:** here are the intensely-felt everyday lives of a group of 16-year-olds, depicted with delicacy and thoughtfulness.



Movie rights optioned!

FULL Spanish translation available!



Rights sold :
USA and
Russia

Il Castoro · 2020 · 192 pages

Those Who do not Love Must Die

by Ruth Stiller



Jessy comes into Maya's life like a whirlwind and turns her life upside down. Because Jessy has recognised Maya's drawing talent and gives the 16-year-old acknowledgement in her sprayer group. After a campaign on a foggy night, the two girls kiss. Maya falls head over heels in love, but for Jessy it is just a game, she actually fancies the sprayer Fly. And when he signals interest, Maya is out. But Maya can think of nothing but Jessy, doesn't want to live without her. And in the end Maya just loses it: just a little shove, then the train... those who do not love must die

Inspired by a true case:
true crime trend at the highest level

Tension with psychological depth
and a final clever twist at the end!

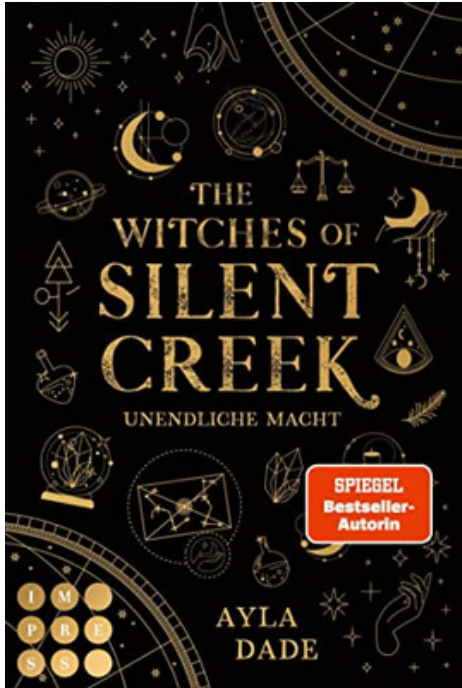
Thienemann · 2023 · 240 pages

The Witches of Silent Creek

by Ayla Dade



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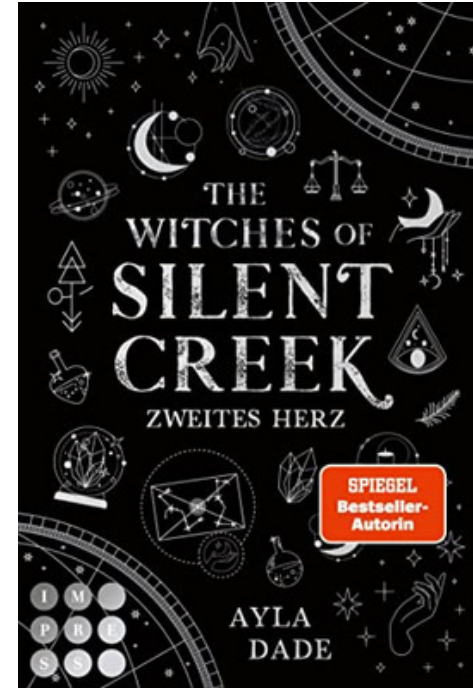


Vol. 01 Unlimited Power

Carlsen · Nov 2022 · 416 pages

When Helena's parents die under odd circumstances, she moves to her mother's homeland. Silent Creek is a town on the Scottish coast and contains many a mystery. Dark powers rule here, and she also senses these in her fellow student Tyrael. But strangely enough, it's Tyrael who saves her life, and Hel notices that the dark powers also seem to be latent in her.

Mystical-magical
witch fantasy



Vol. 02 Second Heart

Carlsen · March 2023 · 448 pages

Hel gets caught in the middle of treacherous war among witches. Betrayed by her great love, Tyrael, she doesn't know who she can trust anymore. Imprisoned, she knows nothing of the oath Tyrael has sworn in order to not only break a cruel curse, but also to save Hel from a terrible fate...

New Adult • Highlights

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*Everything
is possible!*



LYX · 2022 · 400 pages

Series West Well by Lena Kiefer

SPIEGEL
Bestseller-
Autorin

Vol. 01 with 200,000 copies printed!
Vols. 02 +03 directly to #1 on the SPIEGEL Bestseller list!

Romeo and Juliet meets Gossip Girl. A forbidden love in the world of New York high society



LYX · 2022 · 416 pages

Series Whitestone Hospital by Ava Reed

SPIEGEL
Bestseller-
Autorin

Rights sold : Czech Republic, Netherlands,
Hungary, Italy, Russia and Spain!

Young doctors at the beginning of their careers: risky operations, strokes of fate and the great love ...



Loewe Intense · 2022 · 350 pages

Series Maybe by Caroline Wahl

SPIEGEL
Bestseller-
Autorin

100.000 copies sold only in Germany!

Gabriella, Joana and Karla live together in a shared flat in Munich. To finance their studies, they work together for a catering company, where they will not only realize their dreams, but also find true love.

Mama Mammals

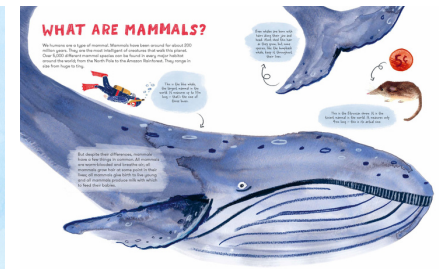
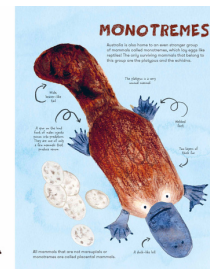
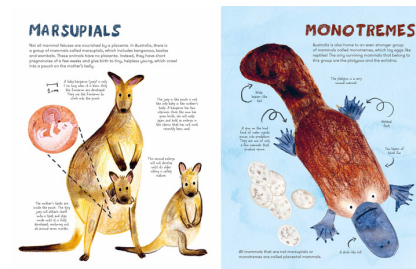
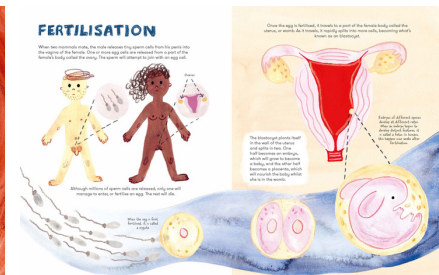
Text by Cathy Evans, illustrations by Bia Melo



Cicada • 2023 • 40 pages

This beautifully presented science book explains **the facts of life by looking at sex and reproduction in mammal species**. Through short, concise texts and warm, engaging illustrations, we learn about fertilisation, gestation, birth, breastfeeding and early parenting across the mammalian order.

Did you know that, unlike other mammals, whale calves are born tail first, so that the mother can push them to the surface to breathe as soon as they emerge? Or that echidnas do not have nipples? Their young lick milk that seeps from pores in their chests.



Christoph Drösser
Nora Coenenberg

**Wir mussten
flüchten**

Was es bedeutet, die Heimat zu verlassen
und irgendwo neu anzufangen

GABRIEL

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Real Sex

Text by Nadine Beck & Rosa Schilling, Illustrations by Sandra Bayer



Upfront Answers to your Questions About Love, Lust and Puberty

Puberty is a thrilling rollercoaster which throws everything into turmoil. Questions about love, your body and sexuality suddenly become extremely important. “Real Sex” is more than an educational book, though. It’s your personal companion on your path to an autonomous, positive sexuality, which gives you the relevant answers without any bullsh*t.



Oetinger · Sept 2022 · 128 pages



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