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A Trophy for the Jackal



"I like the book's main character, who is not flawless or perfect, but has his weakness that stays throughout the story. Also, Worm and Seal from Jule Wellerdiek's first book Worm's Lost and Found make an appearance in this book, too."

Sindhya Bergamin Rights and Licensing Manager

Heidi and the Missing Goats



"As a child, I was the proud owner of a Heidi audio cassette. My sisters and I listened to the story until we knew it inside out. I'm so happy that there's a new Heidi adventure with beautiful illustrations and can't wait to give the book to my sisters."

Laetitia Hasler Rights and Licensing Manager

Enough. Over & Out.



"This deceptively simple picture book about three dogs and a squirrel is packed with visual humor that escalates throughout. The clever, unique design will have it standing out on any shelf."

Andie Krawczyk Managing Director NorthSouth Books

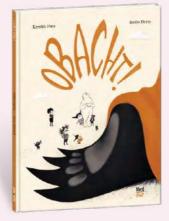
Same Time Next Week?



"I would love to join this nighttime road trip to see the stars. Add a turtle with a bow tie, sandwiches, and time with friends—it doesn't get better than this."

Hanna Lang Rights and Licensing Director

Look Out!



"There are town folk—and then there is Mienchen. Who are we when we encounter the unknown?"

Nina Grünberger Co-CEO NordSüd Verlag

Fancy Dogs



"Have you ever seen what fancy dogs can do? No? Then this book is definitely for you. But be careful about your shoe, because dogs are still dogs even with the fanciest hairdo."

Lena Dempewulf Rights and Licensing Manager

Dear friends and partners,

Once again, it's time to think about the hustle and bustle of the Frankfurt Book Fair and the lovely new titles for Spring 2026 we get to share with you. This program feels as colorful as a spring meadow and really has everything!

What would you do if suddenly there is a huge creature lying down in the middle of your town? The town folk do all sorts of things: build a bridge over it, a road around it, and consider the problem solved. It takes little Mienchen to actually talk to the creature to figure out what is really going on. A contemporary story about communicating, reaching out, and learning from one another.

Speaking of meeting the unknown, we also meet a lot of dogs and get to see them in a way we never have before: fancy as can be or cheeky in a back-and-forth play fight with a squirrel.

Then there is the jackal, who likes to win prizes but must learn these things do not always go the way that you want them to. He wouldn't be the jackal, though, if he didn't already have a plan...

We also get to join four animal friends on a nighttime road trip to see the stars. As more and more obstacles such as rain, sandwich breaks, and naps prevent them from actually achieving their goal, they realize that time spent together can be just as important.

We round off this list with two special offerings: One, a new Heidi story by Katja Alves, illustrated by Taltal Levi. And two, Bernadette telling the story of life through following a river.

Enjoy the read, and let's talk books in Frankfurt!

With our very best wishes,

Your NordSüd Foreign Rights Team

Hanna, Lena, Sindhya, and Laetitia





Enough. Over & Out.

Nina Wehrle

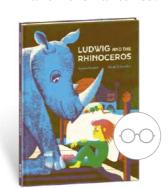
Enough. Over & Out.

64 pages / 13.5 × 32 cm Age: 4+ Original Language: German Publication: March 2026 Sales price: € 20 World Rights available (excl. English (World), Spanish (US/Canada))

Nina Wehrle

was born in Willisau, Switzerland. She is an illustrator, mother, friend, instigator, and collaborator. As part of the illustration duo It's Raining Elephants, she has received several international awards, including the Bologna Ragazzi Award. She is a co-founder of the Bolo Klub and shares her enthusiasm for the language of images in numerous workshops with students, children, and other professionals. After several years in Berlin and Hamburg, Nina Wehrle now lives and works in Lucerne with her family.

Want more Pantones?



Ludwig and the Rhinoceros



"Either you come down now, or we'll poop under your tree!"

Three dogs and a squirrel are messing around in the forest. A cheeky back-and-forth begins, a loud either-or, with a surprise on every page. No stone is left unturned.

Swiss illustrator Nina Wehrle sets a brisk pace with this book. Childlike playfulness and strong graphic imagery come together on the page. The portrait-format book, printed with Pantone colors, is an experience for all the senses: It barks, it farts, it bangs, and it has to be read aloud—loudly. Enough. Over & Go!

Cheeky back-and-forth banter in play

No fear of conflict

Loudly illustrated by Swiss illustrator Nina Wehrle

A TROPHY FOR THE JACKAL

32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm Age: 4+

Jule Wellerdiek

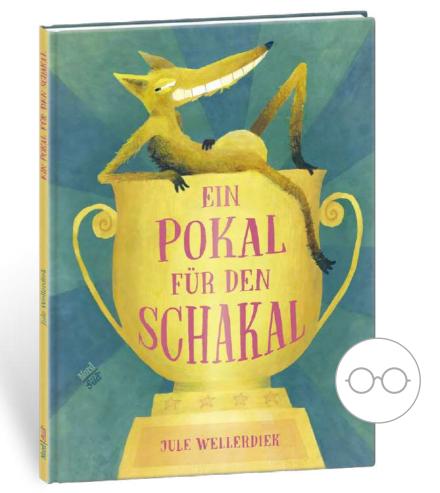
A Trophy for the Jackal

Original Language: German Publication: February 2026 Sales price: € 18 World Rights available (excl. English (World),

Spanish (US/Canada))

Jule Wellerdiek

was born in Bielefeld, Germany.
After studying design at Münster
University of Applied Sciences,
she is now a freelance illustrator
and devotes herself to what she
loves to do most: come up with
stories and turn them into pictures,
preferably with lots of quirky
characters and details. Her first
book with NordSüd, Worm's Lost
and Found, was published in 2023.
Jule Wellerdiek lives in Bochum.



The jackal dreams of winning a trophy. Unfortunately, the goose wins the prize for the best hairstyle. Without further ado, the jackal organizes a new award ceremony with the prize for "the best jackal," which he wins, of course. Soon one animal after another is awarding themselves their own prizes! The jackal isn't happy about this, because he wants the biggest prize of all...

We all know a jackal: the one who always has to win. The best, the biggest, and the greatest! Jule Wellerdiek tells the story of competing for first place in a cheeky tone with wonderfully funny illustrations.

For anyone who doesn't like losing

A fun competition for first place

Humorously narrated and illustrated by Jule Wellerdiek



New Picture Books



New Picture Books

Tini Malina creates surprising and funny scenes with minimalist strokes. Her observations are endearing, refreshing, and ultimately universal.

We've never seen dogs like this before

The multifaceted life of our four-legged friends

Humorously summed up by Tini Malina

Tini Malina

was born in Mainz, Germany, and gained a wide range of professional experience in various places before she finally found her way to illustrating children's books. She loves creating small, independent worlds for equally small and independent creatures. Today she lives, writes, and illustrates in Saarland.

Tini Malina

Fancy Dogs

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More by Tini Malina





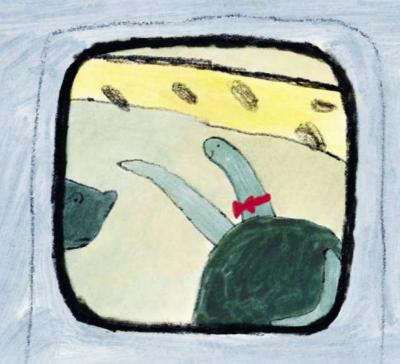
48 pages / 19 × 22.9 cm Original Language: German

Dogs











Same Time

Next Week?

Four animal friends have a common goal: to see the stars. They race out of the bright city and into the darkness. But plans can change when rain, sandwich breaks, and naps get in the way. And what's that? The sun is already rising! No big deal, say the friends. Same time next week?

Marlene Droop tells a story about friendship with few words and a lot of humor. With edgy illustrations and plenty of charm, she celebrates her debut with NordSüd.

Four friends and a road trip

Plans can change, no big deal

Marlene Droop's debut with NordSüd

Marlene Droop

studied graphic design in her hometown of Münster, Germany. She then moved to Hamburg to pursue a master's degree in illustration. Her first young adult novel, Echt das Leben und Ich (Real Life and Me), was published in 2024 and nominated as one of the Most Beautiful German Books by Stiftung Buchkunst.

Same Time Next Week? is her first picture book.

Marlene Droop

Same Time Next Week?

40 pages / 21.5 × 25.8 cm

Age: 4+

Original Language: German

Publication: April 2026

Sales price: € 18

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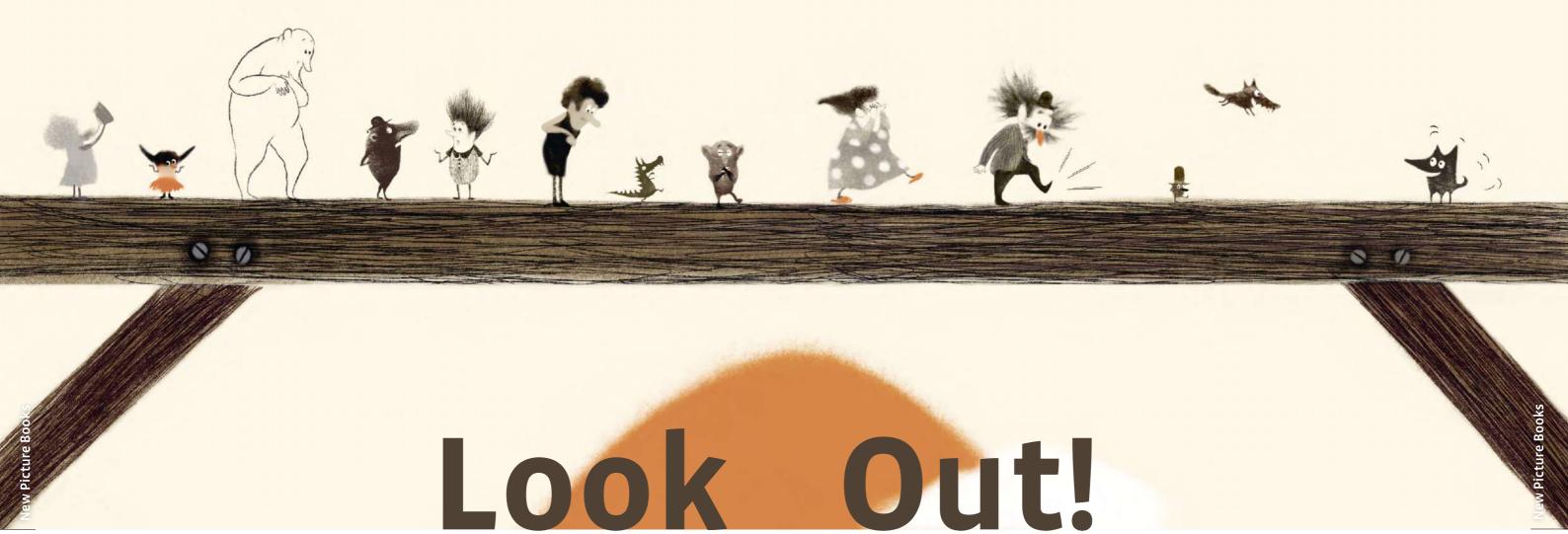












Oh no, there's a huge creature in front of the town! It's blocking the way. "Eieiei," sounds the Wompf. "Oh dear," groans Timpe-Ma. Something must be done! And then they do something. They cover the creature, build a bridge over it and a road around it. Problem solved! Only Mienchen shakes his head; he doesn't like it at all. But who listens to Mienchen? So he plucks up his courage and speaks to the creature...

Kerstin Hau and Stella Dreis have created a picture book that is both timeless and contemporary. With pace, humor, and frank words, they show us how we can encounter the unknown. The minimalist illustrations allow for projection: Anyone can be Mienchen or the town folk. A story about talking, reaching out, and learning from each other.

How do we deal with the unknown?

A story about communicating and connecting with one another

Timeless and yet contemporary

| Kerstin Hau

lives in Darmstadt. She had a son and is a graduate of the Academy for Children's Media. Kerstin Hau has learnt that everything new springs from darkness and that true love is immortal. She weaves her stories from this. She has been a freelance author for young and old since 2015.

Stella Dreis

was born in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. In 1995, she moved to Germany, where she initially studied fashion design. Today, she works as a freelance illustrator in Heidelberg. Her work has already won numerous awards, including the Troisdorf Picture Book Award and the German Children's Book Award for best illustration. Most recently, Stella Dreis was nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2025.

Kerstin Hau Stella Dreis

Look Out!

40 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm

Age: 4+

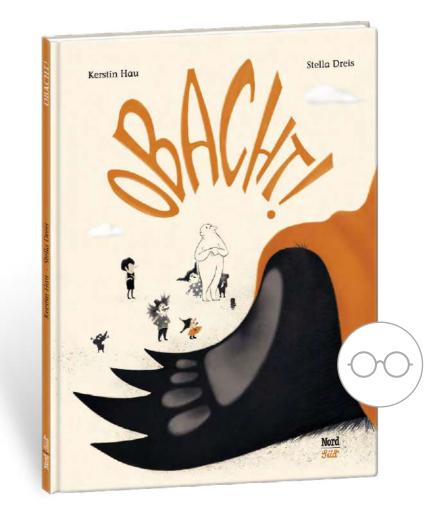
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Publication: February 2026

Selling price: € 18

World Rights available
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Spanish (US/Canada))





Heidi and her friend Klara spend their summer in the Alps. One night, a storm damages the roof of Grandfather's hut. And when the goats Schwänli and Bärli disappear, the girls, together with their friend Peter the goatherd, embark on an adventurous search.

Almost 150 years after its publication, Switzerland's most famous children's book character is back for a new adventure. Katja Alves tells the story with a keen sense of the literary original, and Taltal Levi illustrates it with timelessly modern images.

The most famous Swiss children's book character

A new adventure with Heidi, narrated by Katja Alves

Timelessly modern illustrations by Taltal Levi

Katja Alves

was born in Coimbra, Portugal, and grew up in Switzerland. She has worked in various professions, including as a bookseller, journalist, and television and radio editor. Today, she works primarily as a children's book editor and author of children's novels and radio plays. She lives with her family in Zurich.

Taltal Levi

was born in Galilee. Israel. Since graduating in illustration fiction from Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, she has been working as a freelance illustrator. In 2019, she was nominated for the Serafina Young Talent Award for her debut picture book Ein Fingerhut voll Mut. Taltal Levi lives and works in Basel.

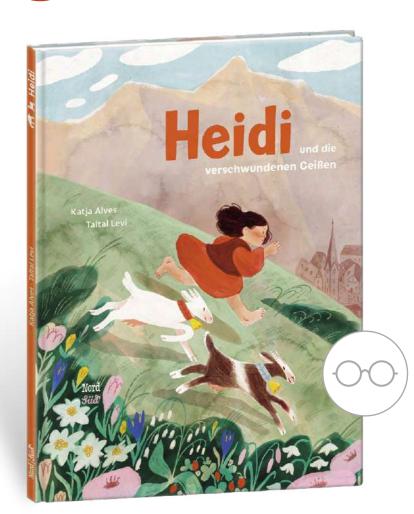
Katja Alves Taltal Levi

Heidi and the Missing Goats

32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm Age: 4+ Original Language: German Publication: March 2026 Selling price: € 18 World Rights available (excl. English (World), Spanish (US/Canada))

The Classic







Unfortunately, she misses him every time! That's a shame, because Uncle Nowruz heralds the arrival of spring. In his honor, she prepares a lavish celebration. Together with her grandchildren, she cleans the house thoroughly and sets the table festively. But when Uncle Nowruz arrives, Nane Sarma is already dozing off just like every year.

Iranian author and illustrator Rashin Kheiriyeh presents us with a colorful springtime story. The Persian holiday Nowruz marks the beginning of spring and the start of the new year. For anyone who celebrates Nowruz or would like to learn more about this joyful festival.

Nowruz, the Persian spring festival

A folk tale about the changing seasons

Narrated by American-Iranian artist **Rashin Kheiriyeh**

was born in Iran. She studied graphic design at the University of Tehran. The awarddiplomatique. In 2011 Rashin won the

where we are. Nowruz, to me, is a bridge between past and present, between cultures and hearts, and, always, a new beginning."

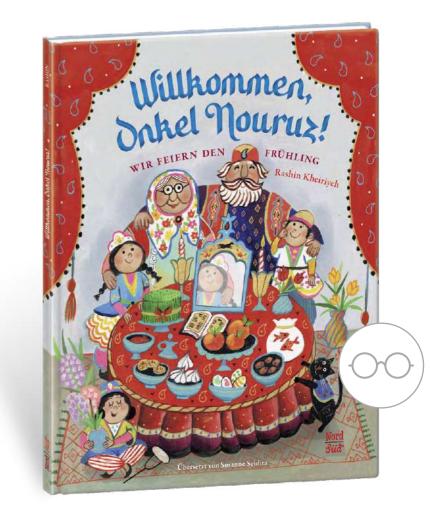
Rashin Kheiriyeh

Rashin Kheiriyeh Welcome,

Uncle Nowruz!

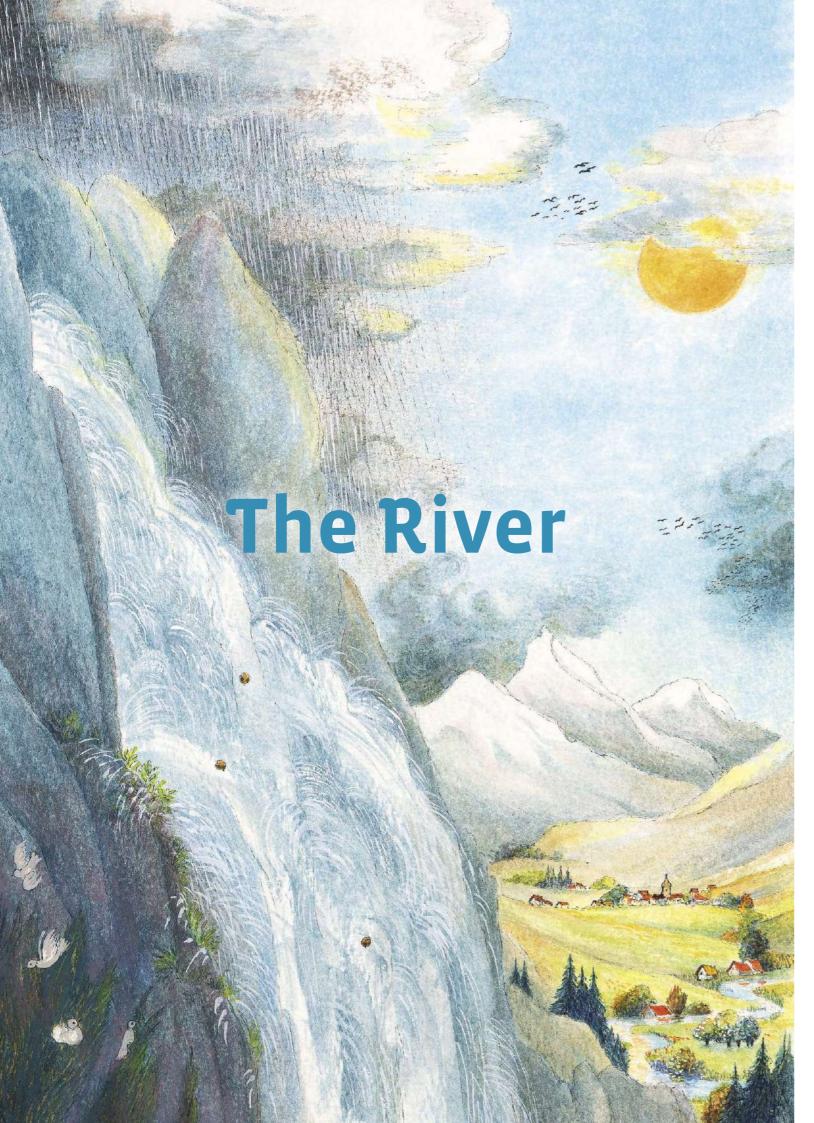
A Persian New Year's Story 40 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm Age: 4+

Original Language: English Publication: February 2026 Selling price: € 18 World Rights available (excl. English (World), Spanish (US/Canada))



winning illustrator works for newspapers such as The New York Times and Le Monde Golden Apple at the Biennale of Illustration Bratislava. She lives in Washington, D.C.

"Let's celebrate it—no matter



Bernadette Watts Brigitte Sidjanski

The River

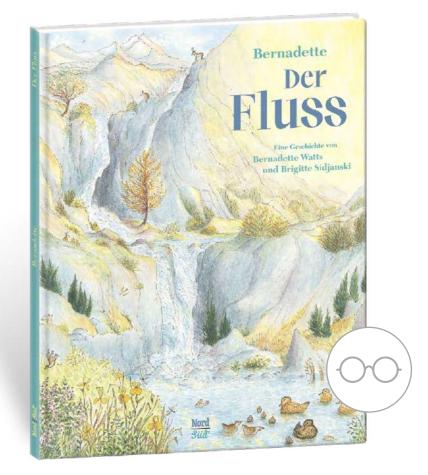
32 pages / 21.5. × 28 cm
Age: 4+
Original Language: English
Publication: April 2026
Selling price: € 18
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Spanish (US/Canada))

Bernadette Watts

was born in Northampton, England. She studied illustration and art at Maidstone College of Art in Kent, with Brian Wildsmith and David Hockney, among others. She has worked as a freelance illustrator since 1968. She has illustrated countless Grimm and Andersen fairy tales for NordSüd Verlag in her unique style. Bernadette lives and draws in Kent.

Brigitte Sidjanski

was born in Zurich in 1931.
Together with her husband,
she founded NordSüd Verlag
in 1961. She discovered and
promoted young talents who
are now known worldwide.
In 2005, she retired from the
publishing house and became
an author. Sidjanski died in 2012.



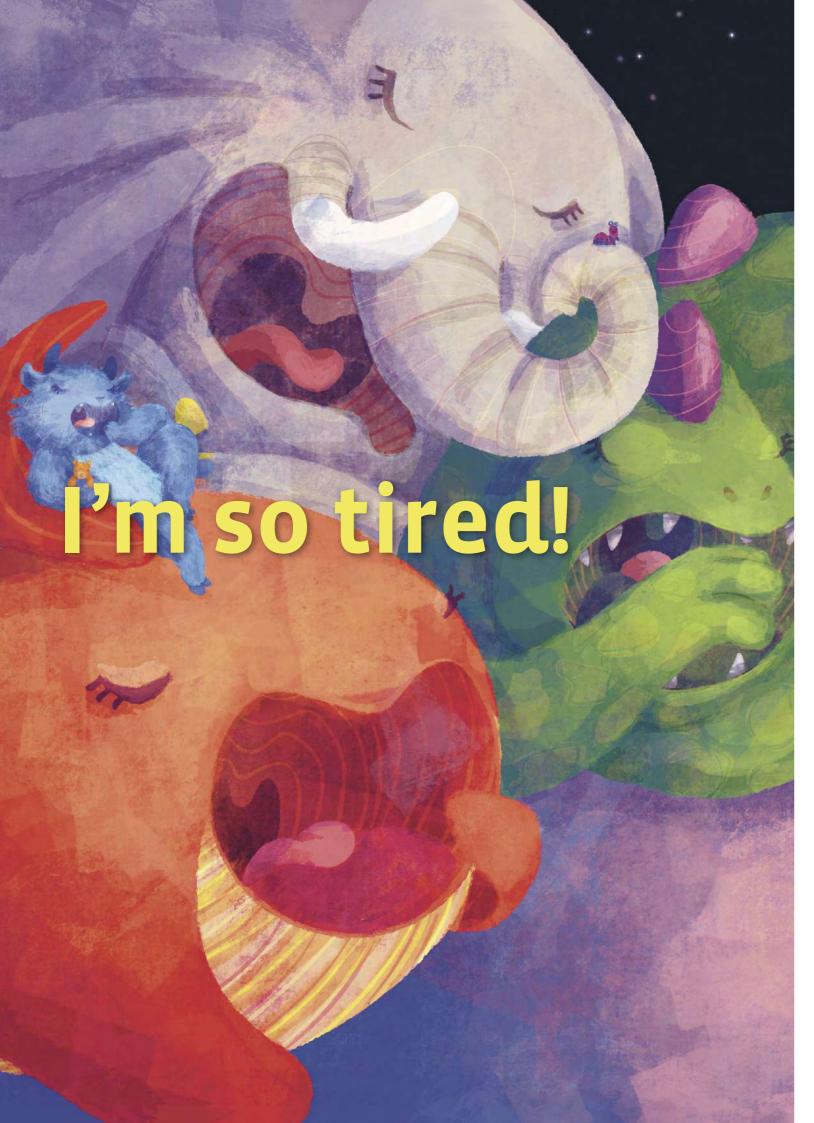
High up in the mountains, water trickles from a spring. The trickle becomes a stream that flows merrily down into the valley, taking five pine cones on an adventurous journey. They overcome waterfalls, cross valleys and cities, and over time, each of the pine cones finds a place where it would like to stay. Before the last cone drifts out onto the endless sea, a wave washes it ashore. What will it experience there?

Bernadette wrote this journey of a river, from its source to its mouth, together with the publisher's founder Brigitte Sidjanski. A small masterpiece about the search for home, it is being published by NordSüd for the first time after almost twenty years.

The poetic journey of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ river

Sometimes you find a new home along the way

Written in collaboration with NordSüd Verlag's founder, Brigitte Sidjanski



Lena Lackmann

Ich bin so müde!/ I'm so tired!

32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm Age: 4+ Publication: Spring 2026 Selling price: € 20.90 World Rights available

Lena Lackmann

is a freelance illustrator and author who loves bringing small, funny stories to life. She studied illustration in Münster and tries to express in her pictures what words alone cannot show. She lives in a blue house and loves being around dogs.



Want more good night vibes?



Bedtime at the Zoo



I am soooo tired! But what happens when the moon is really tired? Or a dragon? Or even a color?

In this charming good night story, Lena Lackmann explores a world where everyone is tired. See a whale yawn so wide that all the fish get swept away into its mouth or the sleepy moon fall from the sky causing a crazy crime scene. Get ready to snuggle in bed together and fall asleep – or read the book once more from the beginning!



Please see below for upcoming printing schedules and feel free to get in touch about prices to join our co-edition printings.

Co-editions

Co-edition, delivery September 2026

Torben Kuhlmann's **Mouse Adventures** (Lindbergh, Armstrong, Edison, Einstein, Earhart)

30. 03. 2026 Confirmation of order required, files available Finished files due to NordSüd 30.04.2026

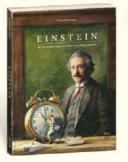
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Lindbergh



Edison



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Co-edition, delivery August 2026

The Rainbow Fish (across all titles and formats)

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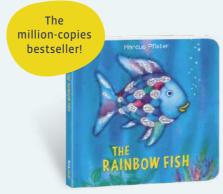
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The Rainbow Fish: Colors



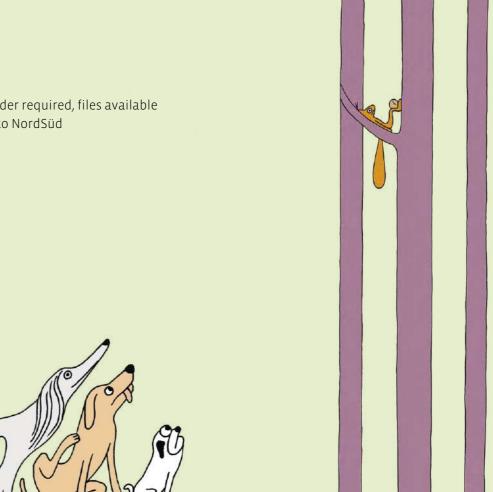
The Rainbow Fish: Counting

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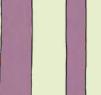
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Recent favorites

Rebecca Gugger and Simon Röthlisberger

A Chest Full of Words

48 pages / Age: 4+ Sales price: € 17 Publication: Spring 2024 Rights sold: Brazilian Portuguese, Catalan, Dutch, English (World), Estonian, Farsi, Frisian, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Korean, Luxembourgish, Serbian, Spanish (World), Turkish



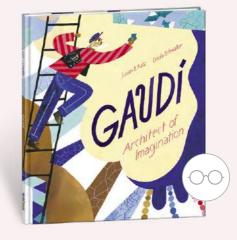
"... the attractive picture book... sweeps you along... Wow."

Lynne Truss, The New York Times

Rights sold to 14 languages!

"Beautifully colored pages are filled with curves and geometric shapes that guide readers through the decades of Gaudí's life. The pictures flow one to the other just like Gaudí's creations curve and sparkle. Close attention reveals charming details and additional information."

School Library Journal, starred review US edition on its third reprint!



Susan B. Katz/ Linda Schwalbe

Gaudí - Architect of **Imagination**

40 pages / Age: 5+ Sales price: € 16 Publication: Spring 2022 Rights sold: Armenian. Chinese Simplified, Korean, English (World), Spanish (US/Canada)

Nomination German Youth Literature Prize 2025

Most Beautiful Book 2025, Stiftung Buchkunst

"This narrative picture book gets the hang of it. It conveys the fascination and logic of the Magic Cube and opens up a variety of approaches."

Jury statement nomination German Youth Literature Prize



Daniel Fehr / **GOLDEN COSMOS**

Me & the Magic Cube

48 pages / Age: 6+ Sales price: € 20 Publication: Fall 2024 Rights sold: Brazilian Portuguese, English (World)

Cornelia Funke / Ruby Warnecke

Fabulous Creatures

48 pages / Age: 5+ Sales price: € 19 Publication: Fall 2025 Rights sold: French, English (World), Spanish (US/Canada)

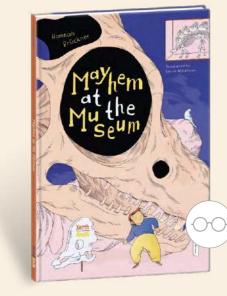


"What is it about mythical creatures that fascinates us so much? Surely, they embody our desire for creatures that are different and more powerful than us, that protect us, carry us on their backs, bring justice and rain, and simply make the world a little better."

Cornelia Funke

Hannah Brückner Mayhem at the Museum

40 pages / Age: 4+ Sales price: € 18 Publication: Spring 2025 Rights sold: Chinese Complex, English (World), Spanish (US/Canada)



Best 7, Deutschlandfunk, May 2025

Kinder- und Jugendbuchpreis LUCHS, November 2024

"Be sure to share this one before—or after—a museum visit. Warmly witty fare that will elicit smiles from anyone who's ever committed a public gaffe."

Kirkus Reviews

"An absolute favorite! For little dinosaur fans and for all those who (want to) believe that even the really big catastrophes don't necessarily have to mean the end."

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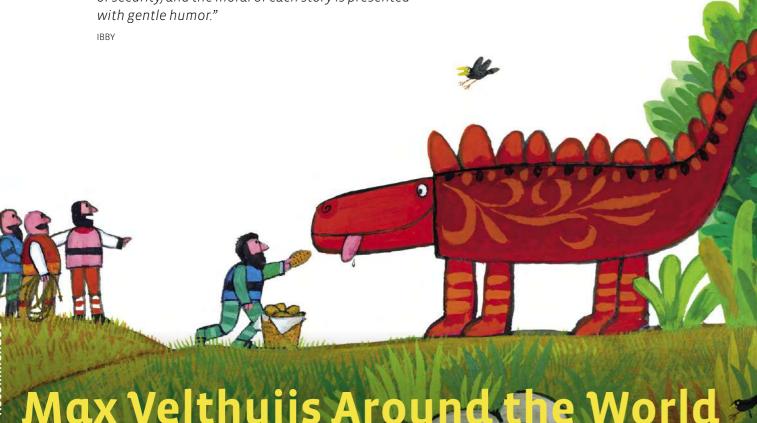
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"All Velthuijs' stories are suffused with a sense of security, and the moral of each story is presented





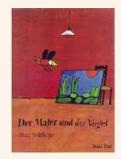
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