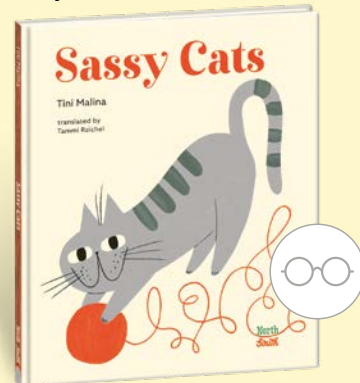


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Sassy Cats



“After the fanciest dogs come the sassy cats. They scratch, they provoke, and they break your dishes. But sassy cats shower you with lovely kisses.”

Lena Jung
Rights and Licensing Manager

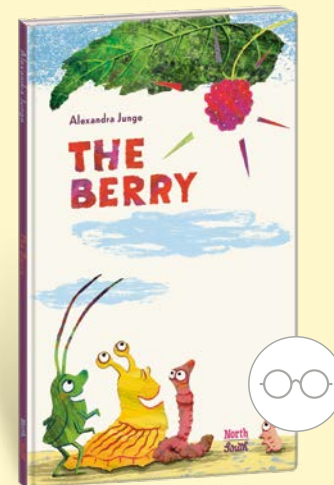
Thataway



“Surely Mole doesn’t want to go ‘thataway’? That’s where the danger is! Or is it...? A wonderful tale about dealing with prejudices and listening to your gut.”

Hanna Lang
Rights and Licensing Director

The Berry



“Sometimes a story doesn’t need many words. The detailed scenes and the fantastically illustrated facial expressions and gestures of the berry-hunting bugs speak for themselves.”

Laetitia Hasler
Rights and Licensing Manager

The Crowded Crib



“This funny and beautifully illustrated story has all the makings of a favorite book and is a must-have for any household with stuffed animals.”

Sindhya Bergamin
Rights and Licensing Manager

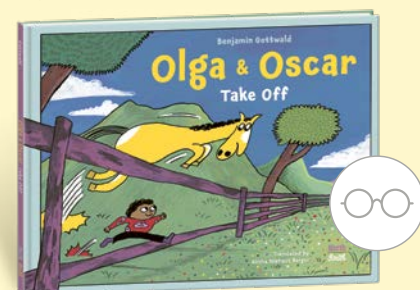
The Best Mommy of All



“It never ceases to amaze me how special the bond between mother and child is. Every animal mom in this heartwarming book is different, and each one knows exactly what her child needs.”

Andrea Naasan
Editorial Director NordSüd Verlag

Olga and Oscar Take Off



“Olga and Oscar are best friends for the ages, and their message is even more timeless: Bravery lies not only what you decide to do, but what you decide NOT to do.”

Alisha Berger
Editorial Director NorthSouth Books

Dear friends and partners,

We are excited to share with you our new Spring list for Spring 2027! As always, it’s a colorful mix of titles, themes, and illustration styles.

We start off with a new story by **Daniel Fehr**, illustrated by **Jule Wellerdiek**, which asks: How do you deal with scaremongers? We follow Mole, who sets off on a journey and is constantly told that his route will lead him into imminent danger. But we realize that sometimes listening to your gut is the best thing to do—and that things might not be as bad as everyone says.

Next, we join a little group of bug friends, desperately trying to get to a berry that’s just out of reach. **Alexandra Junge** tells this fast-paced story of big feelings and (smaller) consolation prizes.

We are also thrilled to welcome **Benjamin Gottwald** to our list. He tells a very different story about bravery, showing us that standing up for yourself can come in many different forms.

From **Peter Horn** and **Martina Liebig** comes the follow-up to *The Best Daddy of All*—now it’s Mommy’s turn! And **Tini Malina** offers a cheeky look at our feline friends in *Sassy Cats*, her sequel to *Fancy Dogs*.

In 2027, we are celebrating the 200-year-anniversary of **Johanna Spyri**, author of the world-famous *Heidi*. Check out our titles for this beloved character, from our picture book classic to the new illustrated biography as well as a completely new adventure, filled with the same kind-hearted and joyful spirit of the original.

We round off our list with a rediscovered story by **Bernadette**, which is now published in German for the first time.

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



Everyone warns Mole: *Thataway* is very dangerous!

Thataway is where the villains are up to no good! Despite all the warnings, Mole keeps going. And soon it turns out that *thataway* isn't nearly as bad as everyone says . . .

Through sharp dialogue, Daniel Fehr tells a story about stubborn scaremongers. Jule Wellerdiek illustrates the journey past these bogeymen so humorously that, by the end, you find yourself wondering what you were afraid of in the first place. Your gut feeling already tells you which way to go. And it's more dependable than any speculation.

It is important to go through life with curiosity

An enjoyable journey beyond preconceptions

The humorous “aha!” moment: always trust your gut!

Daniel Fehr

writes picture books for children and also creates board games for kids, families, and adults. Many of his books and games have received international awards. Daniel Fehr lives in Winterthur, Switzerland.

Jule Wellerdiek

studied design at the University of Applied Sciences in Münster, Germany, before becoming a freelance illustrator. Now she does what she loves best: thinking up stories and turning them into pictures, ideally featuring lots of wacky characters and details. Jule Wellerdiek is the creator of *A Trophy for the Jackal* and *Worm's Lost and Found*. She lives in Bochum, Germany.

Daniel Fehr

Jule Wellerdiek

Thataway

32 pages / 24.6 × 24.4 cm

Age: 4+

Original Language: German

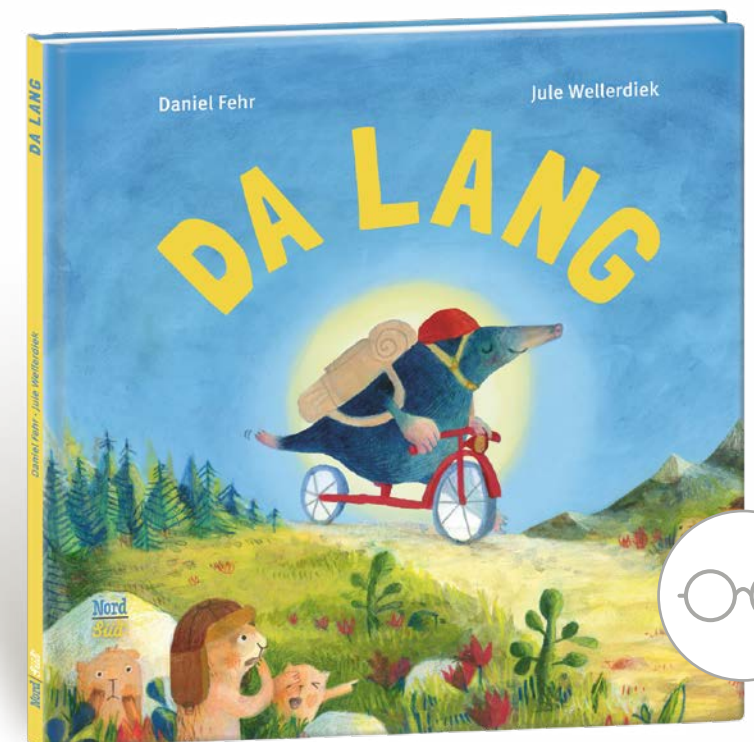
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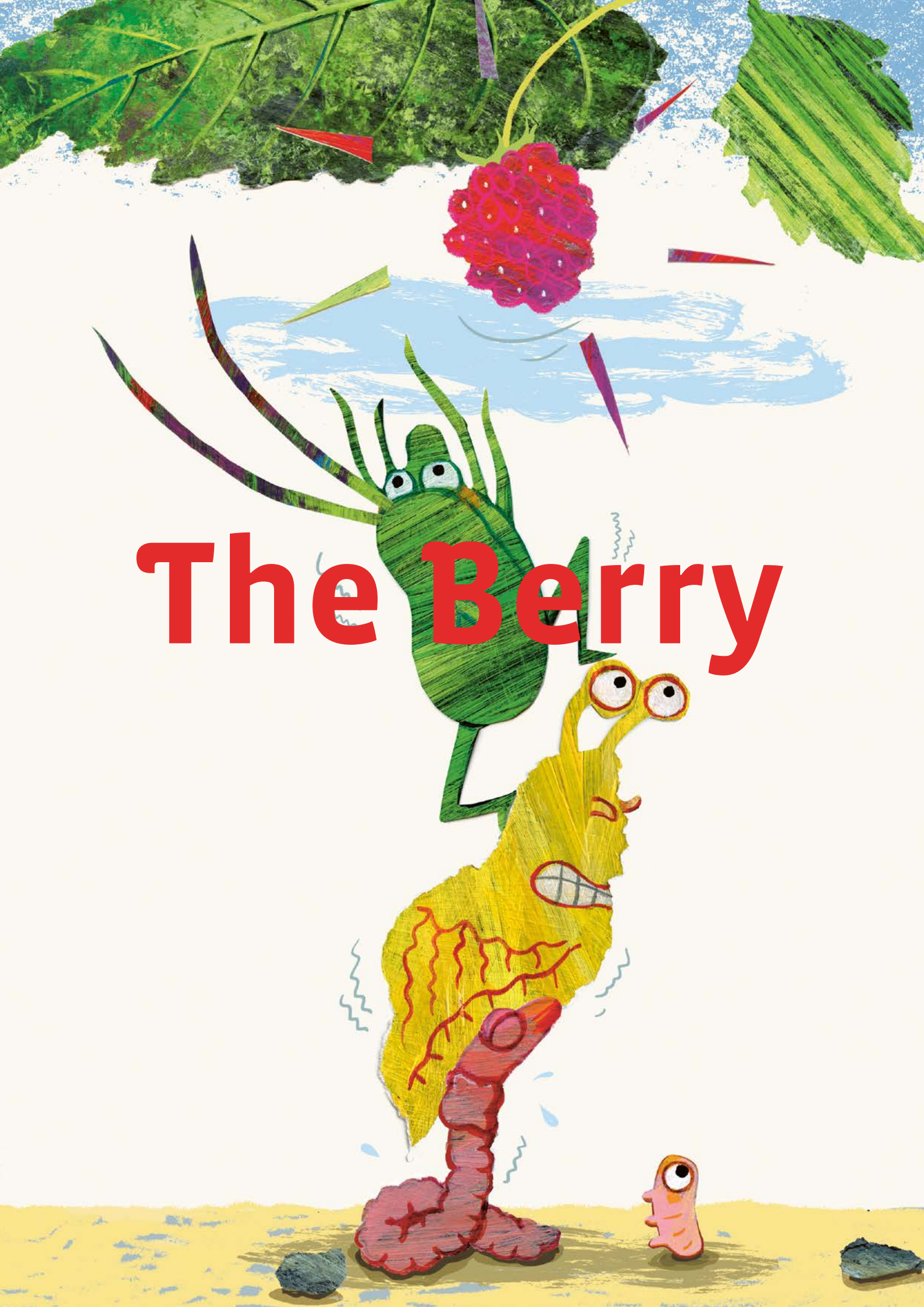
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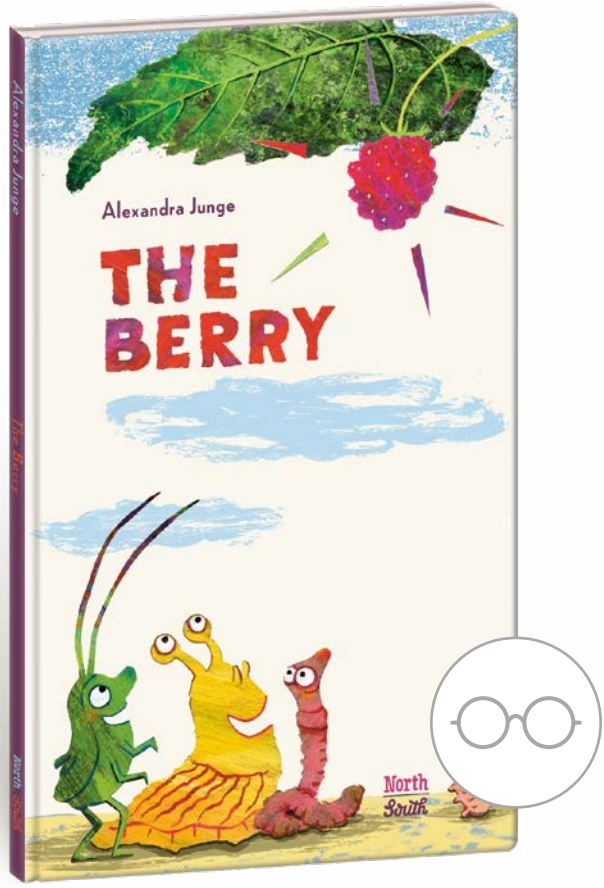
Thataway





Alexandra Junge
The Berry
48 pages / 16 × 27 cm
Age: 3+
Original Language: German
Publication: April 2027
Sales price: € 16
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Spanish [US/Canada])

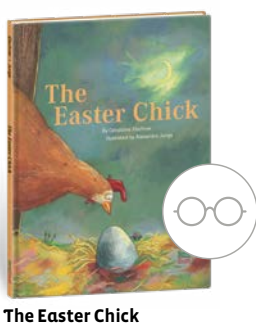
Alexandra Junge
was born in Lüdingshausen,
Germany. She studied illustration,
specializing in children's book
illustration, at the HAW in Hamburg
and at the École supérieure des
arts décoratifs in Strasbourg. Her
debut book with NordSüd, *The
Easter Chick*, is one of the most
popular Easter books. Alexandra
Junge lives with her family in
Freiburg.



Oh, oho, oooh, there's a berry hanging there!
But it's hanging really high. No problem! Stretch up, jump, or form a
ladder? Drat, nothing works. And while the earthworm, snail, and
grasshopper are still arguing, the berry is suddenly within reach.
But as life would have it, poof—gone. No big deal, because look over
there! Oh, oho, oooh, there's a berry hanging there!

Alexandra Junge tells the story of a highly nerve-racking berry hunt
in fast-paced scenes.

**The Bestseller from
Alexandra Junge**



The Easter Chick

**To have the berry or not to have the berry—
that is the question**

Big emotions for little kids

**The new book by *The Easter Chick*
illustrator Alexandra Junge**

Olga and Oscar Take Off

Olga and Oskar are friends, and their favorite thing to do is: JUMP!

Off tree trunks, into puddles, or over obstacles. Nothing can stop them. Until—yes, until they suddenly find themselves standing on a wall. Olga takes a running start and jumps. But Oskar suddenly feels a big lump in his chest. So, he summons all his courage and ... turns back.

Benjamin Gottwald's illustrations are bright, colorful, and packed with offbeat humor. In this story, he uses fast-paced scenes to show that courage also means listening to your gut and saying no.

German Youth Literature Prize winner Benjamin Gottwald makes his debut at NordSüd

Sometimes saying “no” takes courage

Wildly colorful and quirky

Benjamin Gottwald

lives in Hamburg, where he works as an illustrator and animator, draws for a magazine, and carves wooden figures. His first book, *Spinne spielt Klavier*, originated from his thesis at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences and was awarded the Hamburg Picture Book Prize and the German Youth Literature Prize.

Benjamin Gottwald

Olga and Oscar Take Off

40 pages / 28 × 21.5 cm

Age: 4+

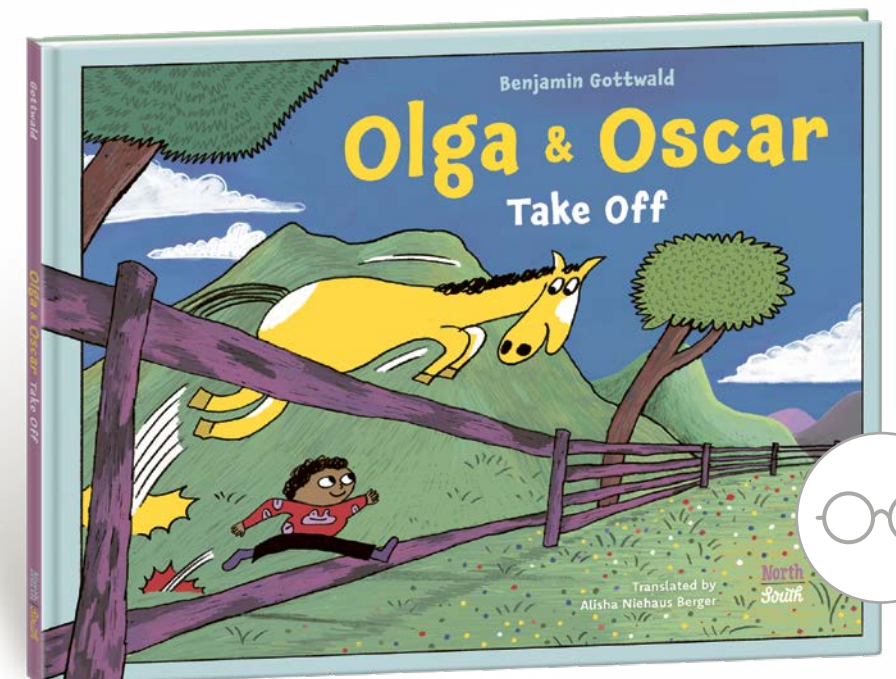
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Publication: March 2027

Sales price: € 18

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The Best Mommy of All

Peter Horn
Martina Liebig
The Best Mommy of All
40 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm
Age: 4+
Original Language: German
Publication: April 2027
Sales price: € 18
World Rights available
(excl. English [World])

Peter Horn

whose real name is Peter Schnaubelt, was born in Krems an der Donau in Lower Austria. He studied English and history at the University of Vienna and since 1987 has worked as a teacher in the small town of Horn, which gave him his pseudonym. He has published over thirty books for children and young people.

Martina Liebig

is a freelance illustrator who lives and works in Hamburg. She successfully completed her master's degree at the University of Applied Sciences in 2017. Over the years, her work has traveled far and wide and has most recently been featured in exhibitions in New York at the Society of Illustrators, in Bologna, and in Japan. *The Best Mommy of All* is the second title Martina has published with NordSüd.



Jacob's mom is strong, but she's also great at cuddling.

"What are other moms good at?" wonders the little jaguar. The hummingbird mom shows her children the sweetest nectar, the gecko mom teaches them amazing climbing skills, and the crocodile mom shows them the most beautiful spots along the river. Moms can be so different—but each one is the best for her child!

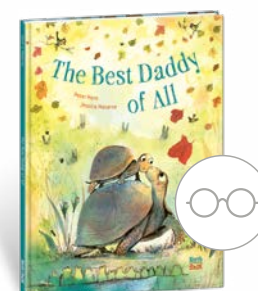
Peter Horn tells an uplifting story about the mother-child bond. Martina Liebig's lush and warm illustrations show how moms and their children belong together.

Every mom is different, but they're all amazing!

The perfect Mother's Day gift

The sequel to *The Best Daddy of All*

For all the dads!



The Best Daddy of All

Sassy Cats



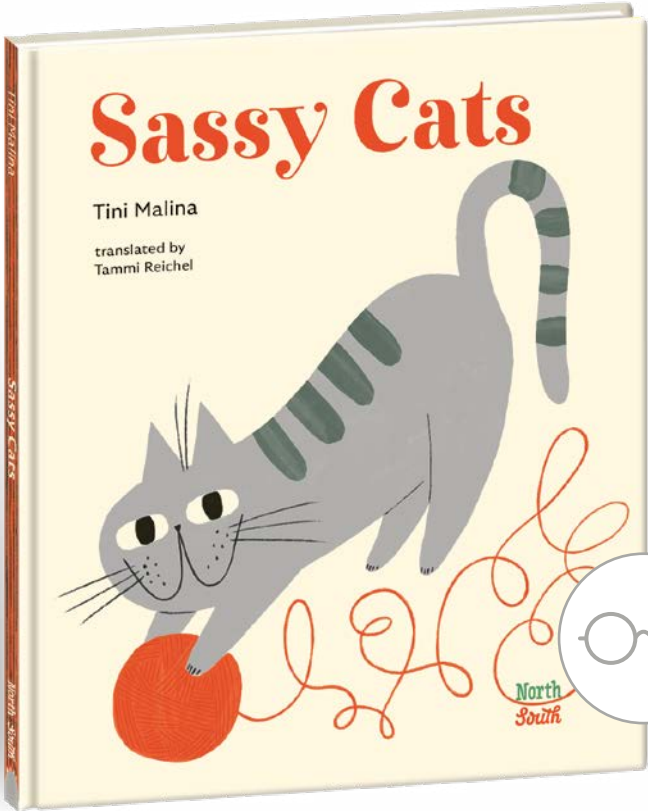
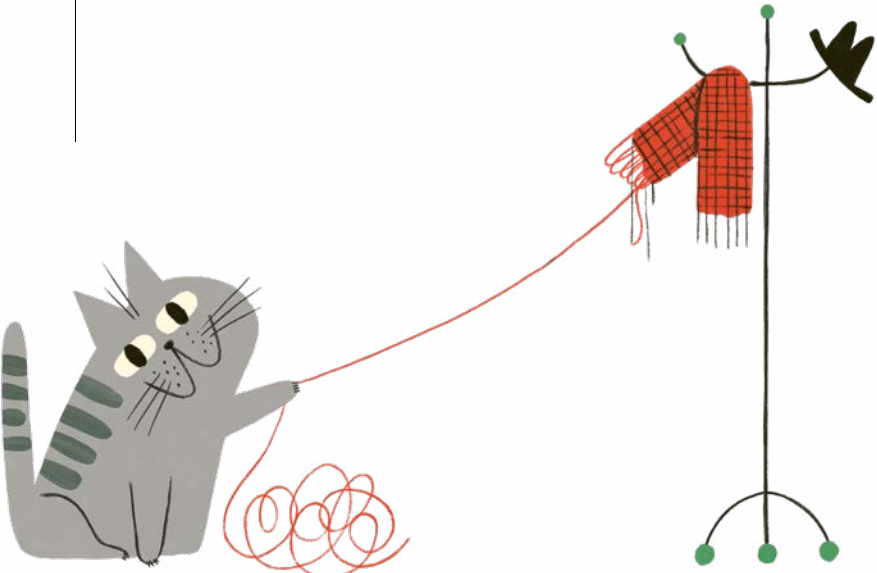
Only a cat can be this cheeky! They bite your toes, knock things off the table, and are constantly up to no good. A cat is a headstrong housemate. But no one else can wrap themselves around your legs so beautifully, lounge relaxed in the sun, or cuddle with you. Every cat turns a house into a home.

Tini Malina, a proven cat connoisseur, creates surprising and humorous scenes with her minimalist style. Her observations are endearing, refreshing, and celebrate the unique character of cats.

- The whole truth about cats
- A gift for everyone who loves cats
- Subtle and humorous observations 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
Sassy Cats
 48 pages / 19 x 22.8 cm
 Age: 4+
 Original Language: German
 Publication: March 2027
 Sales price: € 17
 World Rights available
 (excl. English [World], Spanish [US/Canada])





The Crowded Crib

Nyxie and her favorite bear, Theodore, sleep in the same bed every night. This upsets the other stuffed animals, who also want to sleep in the bed. So, every evening, someone new joins them: Stinky, the Ornerly Owl, or the Dreadful Dragon. “It’s starting to get pretty crowded,” says Mom. “We’ll make room!” says Nyxie. Until—yes, until—there’s suddenly no longer room for Nyxie. A practical solution is needed.

With charm and a twinkle in his eye, Bruce Coville tackles the big topic of bedtime and the difficult choice of which stuffed animals to pick. Miriam Zedelius illustrates this lively story with warmth and great attention to detail, right up until everyone happily falls asleep.

A cheerful bedtime story with looooooads of characters

The challenge of choosing stuffed animals

A humorous glimpse into a child’s bedroom at night

Bruce Coville

lives in Syracuse, New York, with his wife, illustrator and author Katherine Coville. He has published over 100 books for children and young adults, including international bestsellers. He is best known for his middle-grade science fiction series.

Miriam Zedelius

studied illustration in Granada, Spain, and in Halle and Leipzig Academy of Visual Arts in Germany. Since 2006, she has been working as a freelance illustrator and designer for publishers, theaters, and museums. She often writes the texts for her picture books herself. Miriam Zedelius has three children and lives in Germany.

Bruce Coville

Miriam Zedelius

The Crowded Crib

32 pages / 21.5 × 25.8 cm

Age: 4+

Original Language: English

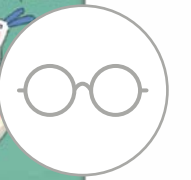
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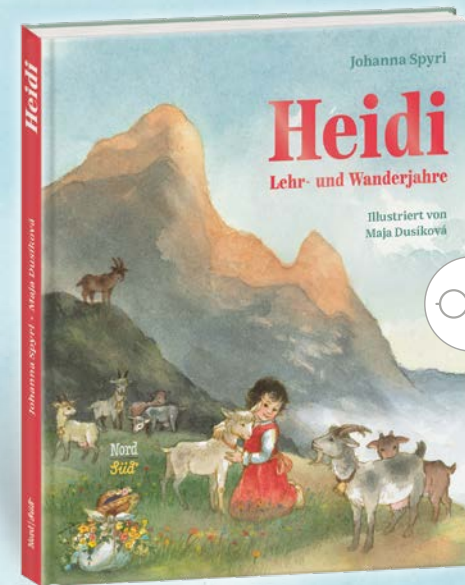
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Katja Alves
Lotte Bräuning
**Johanna Spyri, Creator
of Heidi of the Alps**
40 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm
Age: 4+
Original Language: German
Publication: May 2027

The whole world knows Heidi. But who knows Johanna Spyri?
The Swiss author led a life away from the spotlight. Yet the creator of Heidi was considered one of the most important female writers of her time—and remains so to this day. In 2023, the Johanna Spyri and Heidi archives were added to UNESCO's "Memory of the World" Register. In this picture book biography, Swiss author Katja Alves draws on a wealth of background knowledge to tell the remarkable story of Johanna Spyri while Lotte Bräuning beautifully brings the 19th century to life on the page.



Johanna Spyri
Maja Dusíková
Heidi
176 pages / 19 × 22.8 cm
Age: 8+
Publication: May 2027

Heidi is one of the world's best-selling children's books. In 2027, we mark 200 years since the birth of its author, Johanna Spyri. To celebrate this occasion, we are reissuing the original story for today's readers in an unabridged edition, richly illustrated by Maja Dusíková with around 40 illustrations.

The story of Heidi, which unfolds between the alpine pastures and the big city, tells of a love of nature and a friendship strong enough to overcome even the highest mountains.

Hello, Heidi



Katja Alves
Taltal Levi
Heidi and the Missing Goats
32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm
Age: 4+
Publication: March 2026

The most famous Swiss children's book character
A new adventure with Heidi, as told by Katja Alves
Timelessly modern illustrations by Taltal Levi

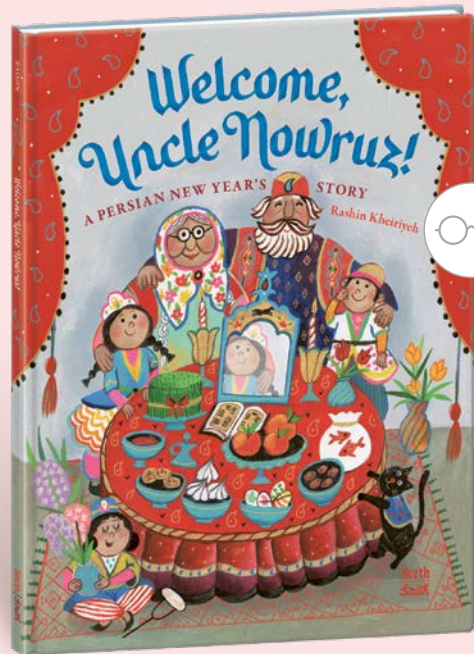


Johanna Spyri
Maja Dusíková
Heidi
32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm
Age: 4+
Publication: July 2015

The classic story, retold as a picture book

"The text in this picture book version of the story flows smoothly while incorporating many incidents from the original. Dusíková's water-color illustrations feature rosy-cheeked children, cuddly goats, and flowering hillside pastures."

School Library Journal



★ “Saturated illustrations rendered with crispness and care employ Persian iconography and motifs throughout a rollicking introduction to a favorite holiday that also serves as an ode to the changing of the seasons and the passing of time.”

Publishers Weekly, starred review

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
Sales price: € 18
World Rights available
(excl. English [World],
Spanish [US/Canada])



Let's

Every year, Nane Sarma waits for her old friend Uncle Nowruz.

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



Why do Jews celebrate Passover?

A child-friendly look at a biblical tradition

A multicultural festival of colors



Ana María Shua
Ángeles Ruiz
The Passover Pet Surprise
48 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm
Age: 4+
Original Language: English
Publication: February 2027
Sales price: € 18
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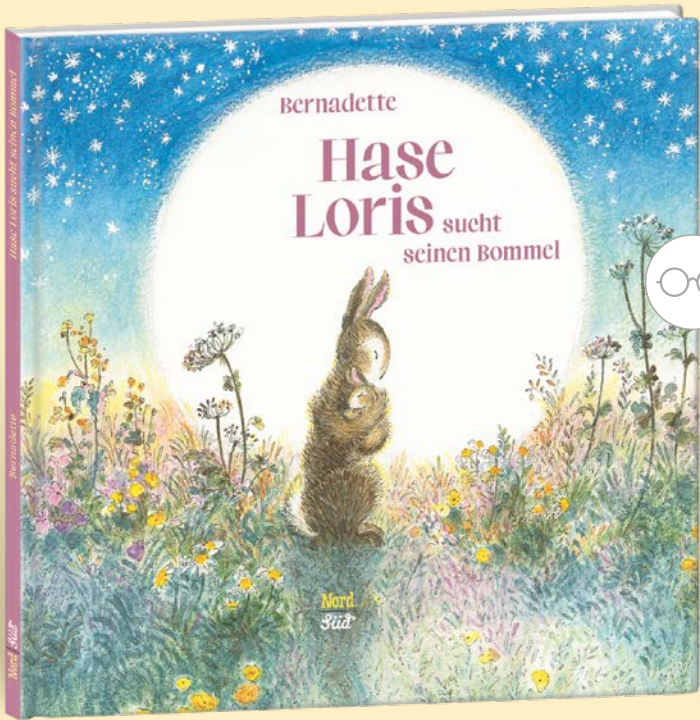
Celebrate!

Jordanita and Benja are spending Passover with their parents at a relative's house in Argentina.

The relatives have a huge garden and two dogs, a cat, turtles, and two parrots. During dinner, the children learn that Jews celebrate the liberation of the Jewish people from Egypt during Passover. But why, they wonder, do Tic and Toc, the two parrots, live in a cage? Shouldn't freedom apply to all creatures?

With this story, the Argentine–Jewish author Ana María Shua brings a biblical custom to life. The Spanish illustrator Ángeles Ruiz transforms the multicultural setting into a festival of colors.





“Bernadette Watts’ illustrations are a gateway to magical worlds.”

Martina Läubli, NZZ am Sonntag

“All of Bernadette’s books are considered classics, for one simple reason: they are full of soul and poetry.”

Pascale Blatter, Schweizer Buchhandel

Bernadette Watts
Little Jack Rabbit
32 pages / 24.6 × 24.4 cm
Age: 4+
Original Language: English
Publication: February 2027
Sales price: € 18
World Rights available
(excl. English [World],
Spanish [US/Canada])

Little Jack Rabbit looks enviously at the fluffy, white tail on his friend Berti. He wants one just like it. He sets out on a search, but instead of finding a tail, he gets lost. Luckily, his worried dad finds him just in time. And Dad shows him that he has a beautiful white tail too—he just has to look over his shoulder.

This picture book by Bernadette was first published in Japan in 2004. NordSüd now holds world rights to *Little Jack Rabbit*, and we’re delighted to be publishing it in German for the first time. An enchanting story about self-acceptance.

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.

You have everything you need,
you just have to realize it

A rediscovered rabbit story by Bernadette

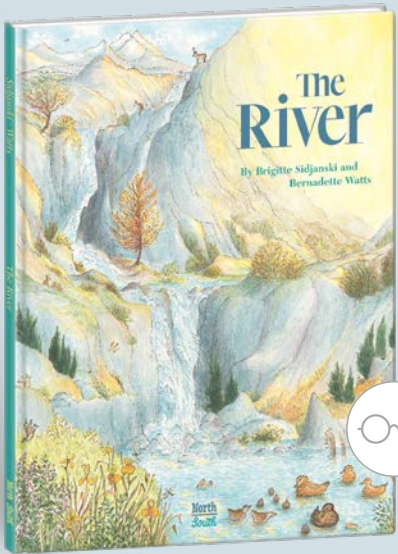
Heartfelt and humorous



“The story is simply told and beautifully illustrated in sunlit and moonlit scenes that contrast the regimented, formal garden with its wild, though lovingly tended, counterpart ... Taken literally or as a fable, this picture book will appeal to children through its sense of empathy and its love of nature.”

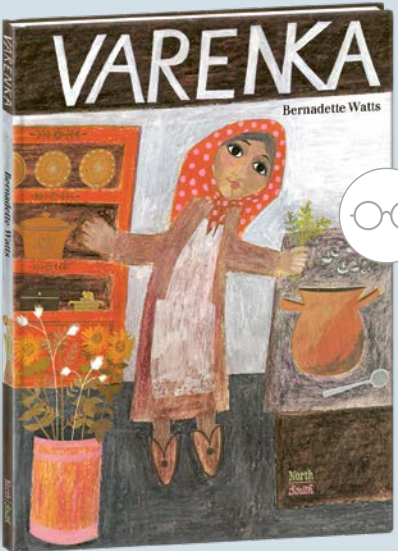
Booklist

Bernadette Watts
Brigitte Sidjanski
The River
32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm
Age: 4+
Original Language: English
Publication: April 2026
Sales price: € 18
Rights sold: Romanian,
English (World)



Through the Years

A story of friendship and faith



★ “The resemblance to current-day displacement due to war is hauntingly similar ... the Byzantine-like faces are beautifully crafted in soft pastel colors, while Watts’s writing follows traditional folktale cadence.”

School Library Journal, starred review

Bernadette Watts
Varenka
32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm
Age: 4+
Original Language: English
Publication: 1971
Sales price: € 17
Rights sold: English (World)

Bernadette Watts
The Little Gardener
32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm
Age: 4+
Original Language: English
Publication: 1985
Sales price: € 17
Rights sold: Italian, Romanian,
English (World)



NordSüd is happy to offer the rights for characters such as The Rainbow Fish and Torben Kuhlmann’s Mouse Adventures as well as selected stand-alone titles on a co-edition basis.

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

Co-edition, delivery August 2027

The Rainbow Fish (across all titles and formats)

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| 05. 02. 2027 | Confirmation of order required, files available |
| 12. 03. 2027 | Finished files due to NordSüd |
| 09. 04. 2027 | Softproofs |
| 28. 05. 2027 | Ex-Works (China) |
| 02. 08. 2027 | EST delivery date |



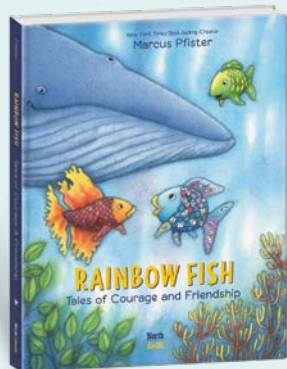
Co-editions

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Rainbow Fish bindup of five titles

Tales of Courage and Friendship

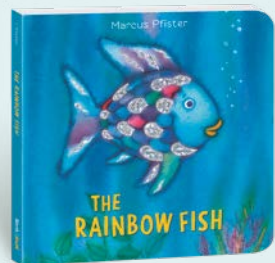
- #1 The Rainbow Fish
- #2 Rainbow Fish to the Rescue!
- #3 Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale
- #4 Rainbow Fish and the Sea Monster’s Cave
- #9 Rainbow Fish and the Storyteller



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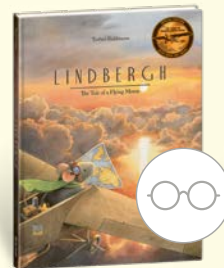
Co-edition, delivery September 2027

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

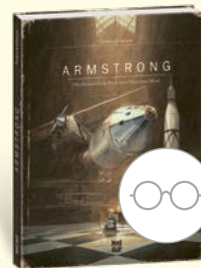
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| 02. 06. 2027 | Softproofs |
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| 15. 09. 2027 | EST delivery date |



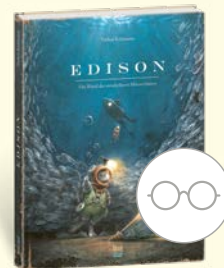
Lindbergh



Lindbergh
special edition



Armstrong



Edison



Einstein



Earhart

Co-edition, delivery July 2027

Toby and His Robot

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| 19. 03. 2027 | Confirmation of order required, files available |
| 03. 05. 2027 | Finished files due to NordSüd |
| 18. 05. 2027 | Softproofs |
| 09. 07. 2027 | Ex-Works (Latvia) |
| 16. 07. 2027 | EST delivery date |

Torben Kuhlmann
New
stand-alone



40 years of Little Polar Bear in 2027!

Schedule new board books:

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| November 2026 | Order confirmation |
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| April 2027 | Ex-works China |

New story
to follow!



Where Are You Going?



And the Husky Pup



Ahoy There!



And the Big Balloon



Best 7, Deutschlandfunk, August 2026

Most Beautiful German Book 2026,
Stiftung Buchkunst

*“A wonderfully quirky story
in an unusual format:
With her distinctive style
and vibrant colors,
Nina Wehrle enchants
readers of all ages.”*

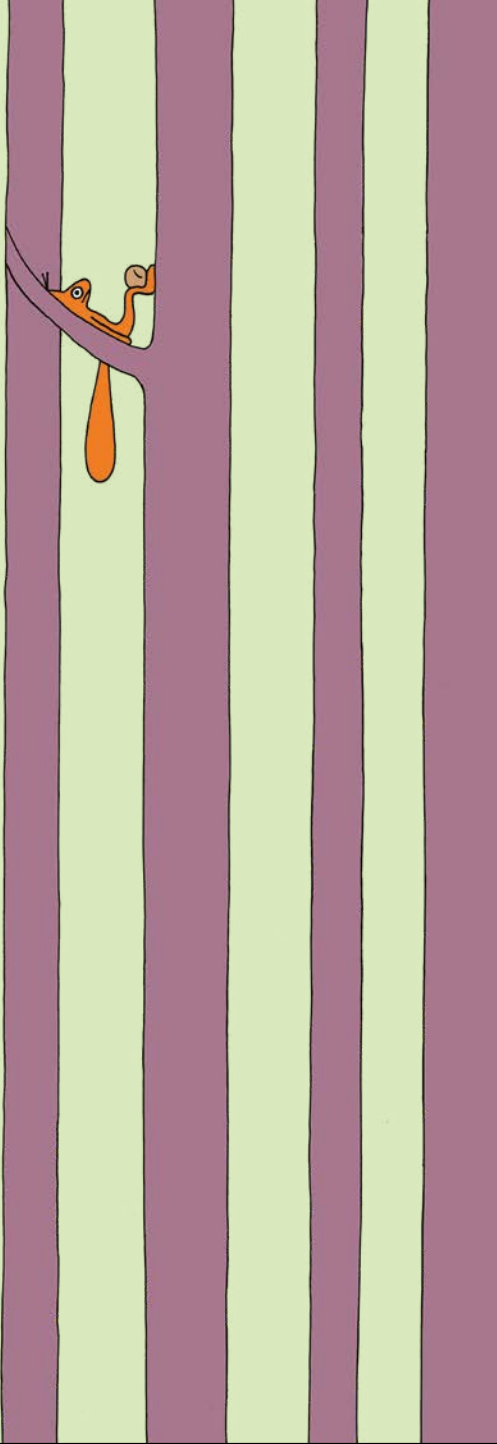
Jury Statement, The Most Beautiful German Books

*“A funny book for little ones that
makes for an excellent read-aloud.”*

School Library Journal

Nina Wehrle
Come Out and Play

64 pages / Age: 4+
Sales price: € 20
Publication: Spring 2026
Rights sold: Chinese Simplified,
French, Portugese (Brazil),
English (World)



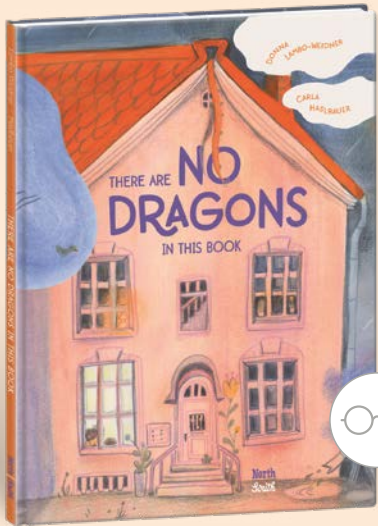
Society of Illustrators Original Art, 2025

*“Children will love the contradictions
throughout, as well as the comparisons
that give life to the narrator’s case.
A combination of story and mystery,
this book is a grand addition to any
children’s collection.”*

School Library Journal

*“A sweetly offbeat adventure that will
have readers peering into their toilets
for a dragon of their own.”*

Kirkus Reviews



Donna Lambo-Weidner
Carla Haslbauer

**There are No Dragons
in This Book**

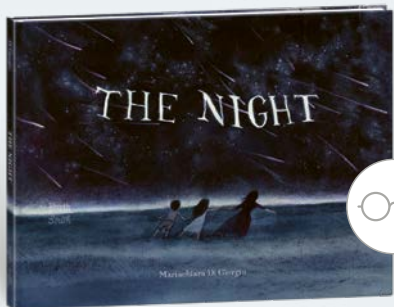
32 pages / Age: 4+
Sales price: € 17
Publication: Fall 2023
Rights sold: Japanese, English (World)



“Captivating.”

Foreword Reviews, starred review

Mariachiara Di Giorgio’s lushly
illustrated, wordless tale is akin
to a modern-day fairy tale and
perfect for reading on the darkest
of nights. After all, there is so
much beauty to discover hidden
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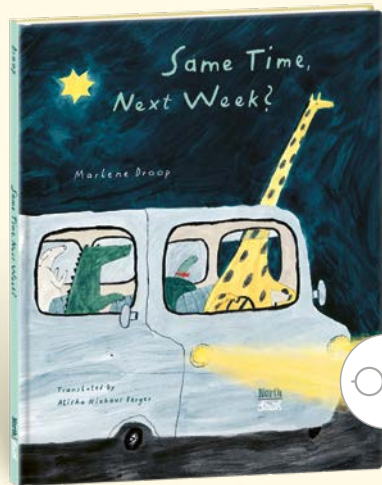
Mariachiara Di Giorgio
The Night

48 pages / Age: 7+
Sales price: € 20
Publication: Fall 2026
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Marlene Droop
Same Time, Next Week?

40 pages / Age: 4+
Sales price: € 18
Publication: Spring 2026
Rights sold: Thai, English (World)



A gently humorous tale about friendship,
expectations, and enjoying the journey

★ *“A group of animals’ road trip beyond
city limits in search of stars in this
carefree adventure from Droop ...
Though the trip doesn’t exactly go as
planned, quiet camaraderie makes
for a successful outing, and instills
yearning for the next one. Fellowship
propels this sportive expedition.”*

Publishers Weekly, starred review



Second book
coming in 2027

Cornelia Funke
Ruby Warnecke
Fabulous Creatures
Legendary Animals from
Around the World
48 pages / Age: 5+
Sales price: €19
Publication: Fall 2025
Rights sold: French, English
(World), Spanish (US/Canada)



From beloved, bestselling author Cornelia Funke
comes a bright and bold introduction to the
world’s extraordinary creatures—perfect for the
youngest readers.

*“Offers a welcome focus on monsters
more often misunderstood than malign.”*

Kirkus Reviews

*“A gorgeous guide to an impressive variety
of fantastical fauna.”*

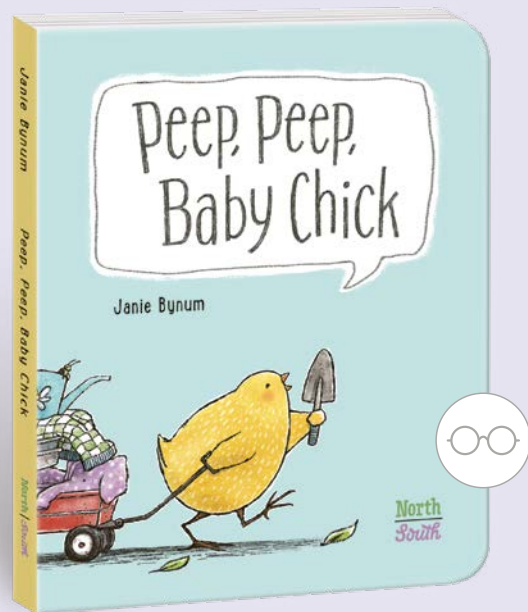
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*“Approachable and intriguing
for cryptozoologists of all ages.”*

Publishers Weekly



New Board Books



Chick has a million things to say and chatters nonstop. But no one is listening to him! Mom is busy in the garden, Dad is at work, and his big sister would rather bury her nose in a book. But then, while playing, Chick stumbles upon a huge egg and not only gets a big surprise but finally finds a playmate he gets along with really well.

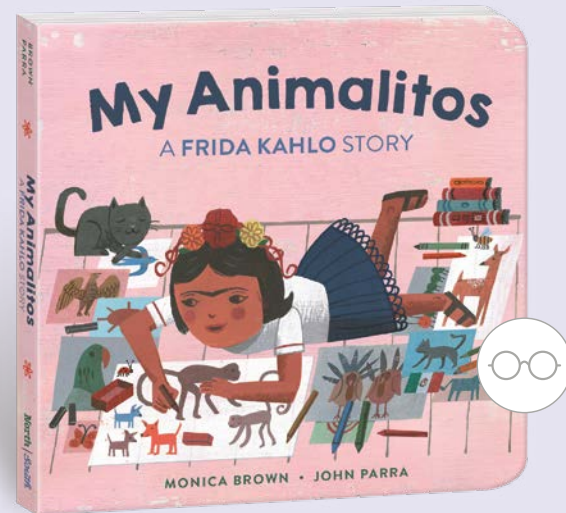
Janie Bynum tells and illustrates her story in an irresistibly funny way. *Chick Chat* is great fun to read aloud and mimic, and now it's available as a board book for little chatterboxes.

Janie Bynum
Peep, Peep, Baby Chick
 26 pages / 14 x 18 cm
 Age: 2+
 Sales price: € 12
 Publication: February 2027

Frida Kahlo was a versatile artist who loved her animals. She often painted herself and her animal friends: her loyal dogs, colorful parrots, and even her strong donkeys. They're all free, sensitive, and self-assured—and so are you!

A board book about artist Frida Kahlo's animal friends. Concise, simple messages help build children's self-confidence. Frida remains a role model to this day—even for the little artists among us.

Monica Brown
 John Parra
My Animalitos
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 18 pages / 15.8 x 15.8 cm
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