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De Fontein

Children's and Young Adult Books

We are very pleased to present our Foreign Rights Catalogue 2018.

At present De Fontein is the **number one publishing house** in children's publishing in the Netherlands. Moreover, it is one of the most prestigious publishing houses with a reputation for high quality. A deep-rooted commitment to the best of publishing is reflected in the quality of our releases. With an affinity for innovation and a touch of the **rebellious**, we publish books for young people ranging in age **from newborn to young adult**: picture books, novelty and gift books, fiction and non-fiction, graphic novels, adventurous and humorous titles – **both popular and literary** works. In short, the entire gamut of children's and young adult books.

Scott Bergstrom, Roald Dahl, Jonny Duddle, Oliver Jeffers, Jeff Kinney, E. Lockhart, Philip Pullman, Rachel Renée Russell and Scott Westerfeld are just some of the noteworthy authors we publish in translation.

In this catalogue you will find outstanding new titles by **leading Dutch writers**. Our most acclaimed authors are Eva Burgers, Jozua Douglas, Marcel van Driel, Peter van Gestel, Cis Meijer, Koos Meinderts, Marieke Nelissen, Loes Riphagen, Liza Sips, Niki Smit, Wouter Tulp, Tjibbe Veldkamp, Mel Wallis de Vries, Bette Westera and Margje Woodrow.

As you may already know, the Dutch Foundation for Literature exists to promote interest in Dutch-language books abroad. Foreign publishers wishing to publish translations of Dutch children's and young adult literature are encouraged to apply for a grant towards the translation costs (www.letterenfonds.nl).

We hope that you will be as enthusiastic about our titles as we are and that you will discover interesting new titles for your list.

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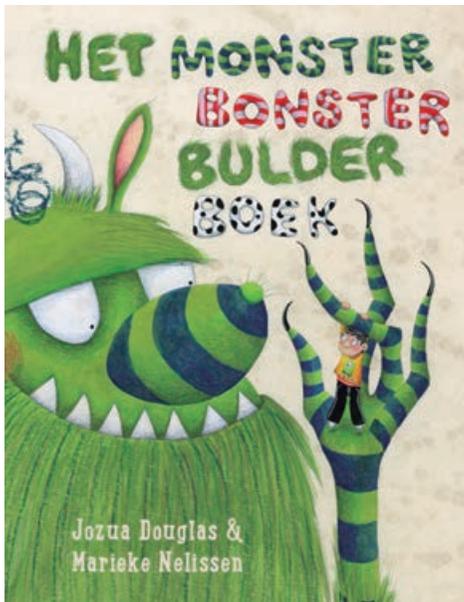
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JOZUA DOUGLAS & MARIEKE NELISSEN

MONSTER BOUNCING BOOMING BOOK

Monstrously beautiful



Age: 3+ • 36 pages

Rights available: worldwide

English translation available

Bruno loves pounding and punching. Jumping and thumping. Raging and roaring. Wallowing and wailing. Smacking and slurping. Piggling out and mucking about.

'Don't make such a racket!' his dad cries.

'Don't be so disgusting!' his mom cries.

'Don't make a mess!'

'You're a monster!'

'I wish you were monsters too,' Bruno says. 'Then we could have fun together.'

Bruno magically turns his parents into monsters. But living with crazy monster parents isn't nearly as nice as he thought it would be. They are too noisy and too messy. Will Bruno be able to change the monsters back into his parents?



REVIEWS:

- 'Nice picture book, in which the drawings with sufficient details stand out well' Libris.nl
- 'A gripping and colourful story, richly filled with expressive monster drawings. Very suitable for little monsters.' Pluizuit.be, reviews of children's books
- 'A beautiful story to read to toddlers and preschoolers.' Leespluim.nl

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

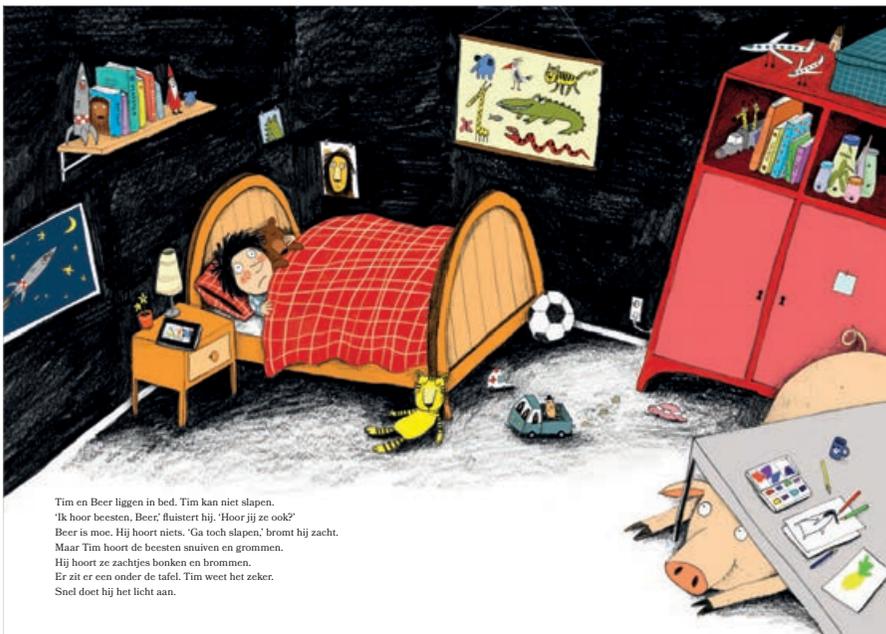
- Jozua Douglas' latest hit picture book to read aloud
- Jozua Douglas has been commissioned to write the Children's Book Week gift book for 2018, which has a minimum print run of 300,000 copies.
- Jozua Douglas, winner of the Feather in the Cap of the Dutch Children's Jury
- Beautiful illustrations by Marieke Nelissen, winner of the Illustration contest 2015
- Visit www.jozuadouglas.com and www.lepetitstudio.nl

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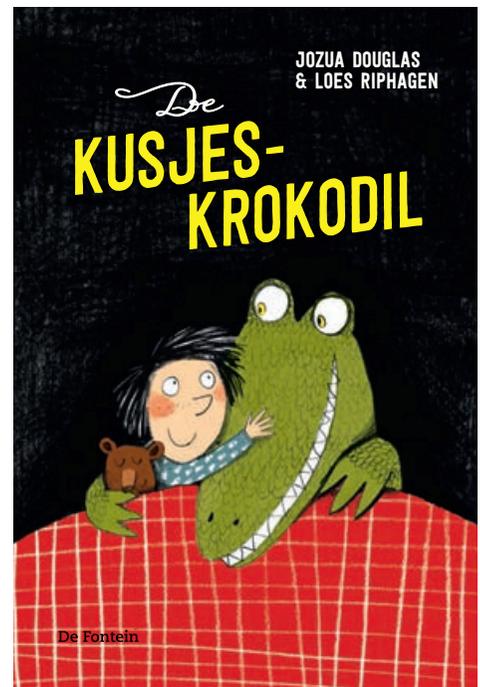
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JOZUA DOUGLAS & LOES RIPHAGEN KISS-KISS CROCODILE

Tim can't sleep. Strange noises are keeping him awake. There are animals hiding in his bedroom: Pig-O-Tales, Tuck-Me-In Tiger and Cuddalo-Buffalo. These special animals help to make Tim feel sleepy. Still, it takes a goodnight kiss from the Kiss-Kiss Crocodile for him to fall soundly asleep.



Tim en Beer liggen in bed. Tim kan niet slapen.
'Ik hoor beesten, Beer,' fluistert hij. 'Hoor jij ze ook?'
Beer is moe. Hij hoort niets. 'Ga toch slapen,' bromt hij zacht.
Maar Tim hoort de beesten snuiven en grommen.
Hij hoort ze zachtjes bonken en brommen.
Er zit er een onder de tafel. Tim weet het zeker.
Snel doet hij het licht aan.



Age: 3+ • 32 pages

Sold to: Germany (Thienemann-Esslinger Verlag)

German translation available

REVIEWS:

- 'Plot, illustrations and words make a sophisticated and balanced whole' Flemish book magazine *De Leeswep*
- 'A wonderful book that you close with a smile' Leestafel.info, 'reading table' about books, writers, language

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Picture book by two award-winning authors
- Jozua Douglas has been commissioned to write the Children's Book Week gift book for 2018, which has a minimum print run of 300,000 copies.
- Great bedtime book to read to your child who refuses to sleep
- Nominated for Picture Book of the Year
- For more illustrations, see www.loesriphagen.nl

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LOES RIPHAGEN

A TRUNK FOR A NOSE

The book you'd rather hang on the wall than keep in a bookcase!



Age: 4+ • 44 pages

Sold to: Germany (Bohem Verlag), France (Didier Jeunesse), China (Ginkgo Beijing Book Co.), Spain (Castilian and Catalan translation by Ediciones Takatuka)

English, German, French and Spanish translation available

Curious Little Elephant asks the forest animals many questions. When he asks Crocodile a question, he gets bitten in the nose. All the forest animals gather to pull him free, but as a result Little Elephant's nose stretches out into a long trunk. He is very sad until he discovers that having such a long trunk for a nose is not so bad after all.

LOES RIPHAGEN captures Rudyard Kipling's *The Elephant's Child* in a very original way in her picture book. This project was completed thanks to the Dutch Foundation for Literature (Letterenfonds).



See how Loes Riphagen created *A Trunk for a Nose*

With double gatefold



REVIEWS:

- 'This is art. The coulisse effect is magnificent [...]. No trouble or expense was spared and the result is impressive: this is a picturebook to marvel at. *A Trunk for a Nose* is an innovative and joyous picture book.' Dutch newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*
- 'A picture book of magnificent design, climaxing in a spectacular gate-fold.' Dutch newspaper *Trouw*
- 'With *A Trunk for a Nose* the popular illustrator Loes Riphagen created something deeply unique.' Dutch weekly *Margriet*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Winner of the Silver European Design Award 2016 and 1st place at the Hong Kong Print Awards in the children's books category
- Award of Excellence at the Golden Pinwheel Young Illustrators Competition
- Front cover looks like a painting with its die-cut window and gold frame
- Printed in PMS colours and has a double gatefold
- Collage techniques and die-cut pages give the book a 3D feel

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LOES RIPHAGEN CRAFT YOUR OWN ANIMAL CHARACTERS

How to create your own Riphagian jungle

Loes Riphagen has caught the eye of a wide audience with her beautiful picture book *A Trunk for a Nose*. The reviews were enthusiastic and praised her extraordinary collage technique. In this instruction book, Loes takes the reader through her method step by step. Do your own cutting and pasting like a proper artist and then act out *A Trunk for a Nose* with the animals that you've created!



Age: 7+ • 40 pages

Rights available: worldwide



REVIEWS OF *A TRUNK FOR A NOSE*:

- 'With *A Trunk for a Nose* the popular illustrator Loes Riphagen created something utterly unique.' Dutch weekly *Margriet*
- 'Not just a book, but rather a work of art. The unique design and clever illustrations make this book a must-have.' Kinderboekenpraatjes.nl, talking about kids' books
- 'A story full of humour and with an abundance of visual stimuli in a luxurious edition that children will reach for over and over again.' Pluizuit.be, reviews of children's books

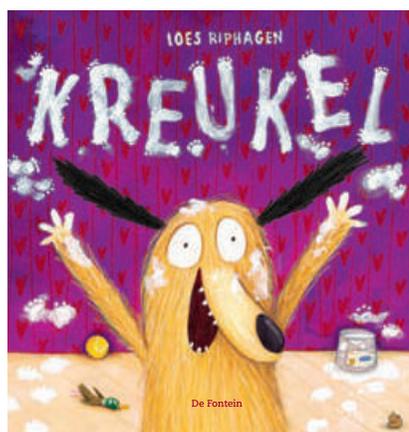
- 'Surprising, refreshing and beautiful; a book so exceptional you can't stop picking it up. A real gem.' Boekenbijlage.nl, book reviews

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *A Trunk for a Nose*: winner of the Silver European Design Award 2016, 1st place at the Hong Kong Print Awards in the children's books category and winner of the Award of Excellence at the Golden Pinwheel Young Illustrators Competition
- Clear instructions for crafting the animal characters in *A Trunk for a Nose* yourself

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LOES RIPHAGEN | WRINKLE ZZZ



Age: 4+ • 40 pages

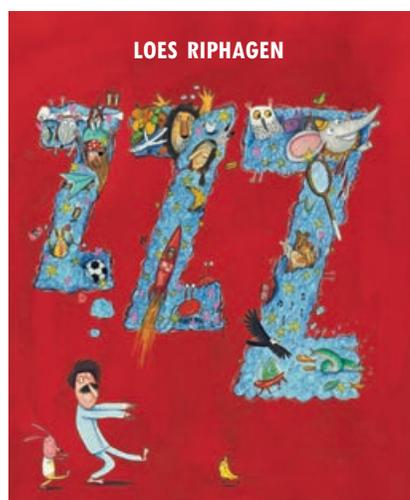
Sold to: China (Petrel Publishing House),

Taiwan (Here and Now Books)

English translation available

WRINKLE the dog is very happy with its owner. He is a lucky fellow to have Wrinkle by his side. But is he really? The owner is much too proper for Wrinkle and is annoyed by the dog's well-meant actions. One day, the owner decides he's had enough and he puts Wrinkle out with the rubbish. Wrinkle thinks he's going on a lovely holiday.

**Number 1 on the Dutch
bestseller list**



Age: 4+ • 32 pages

Sold to: China (Heilongjiang)

ZZZ is about Little Mister's unlucky day. His bike is stolen, his soup is burnt and his hamster dies. When he goes to sleep feeling bad, he dreams about being chased by creepy monsters. But as soon as he manages to tear himself out of this nightmare, one dream adventure follows another. Little Mister rescues a kidnapped princess, scores a goal in an important football match and is even able to fly. When he wakes up the next day he's ready to take on the world!

TAKE A LOOK AT THE APP-TRAILER



REVIEWS:

- 'A Dutch illustrator who goes her own way unperturbedly and has built up a unique oeuvre over the past few years.'
JaapLeest.nl, reviews of children's books
- 'ZZZ is a book that will keep you busy for a long time.'
Dutch newspaper *De Telegraaf*
- 'Each time there are new discoveries to be made.' Dutch newspaper *Reformatorisch Dagblad*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- ZZZ was *the* picture book of the 2013 Children's Book Week
- ZZZ comes with an iOS-app: Little Mister's bedroom is chock-a-block with gnomes, but they are well-hidden! Can you find all of them?



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LOES RIPHAGEN

BUZZ OFF, BLUEBOTTLE!

THE YELLOW ELEPHANT

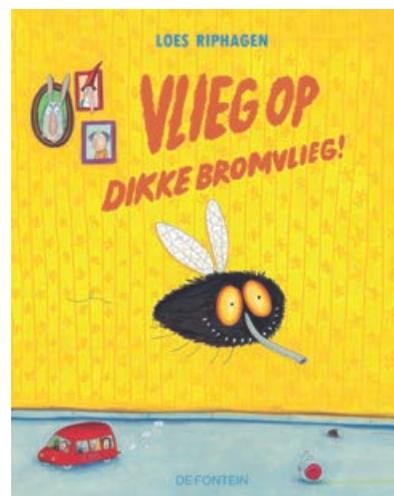
BUZZ OFF, BLUEBOTTLE! Don't you just hate bluebottles? If they haven't got their horrid legs in your food, they drive you crazy with their buzzing. And the one in *Buzz Off, Bluebottle!* really is a pest.

As usual with Loes Riphagen's books, there's plenty to see and laugh at. A five-part story that ends with a bang!

'One of the few truly notable Dutch illustrators at this moment'

Dutch newspaper *de Volkskrant* about Loes Riphagen

THE YELLOW ELEPHANT is busy travelling the world collecting yellow stuff. He's not even interested in his best friend mouse anymore, who desperately tries to get his attention. When elephant's obsession for collecting gets completely out of control and he tries to grab the sun, he finally realises how important mouse is to him.



Age: 4+ • 32 pages

Sold to: China (Petrel Publishing House)



Age: 4+ • 40 pages

Sold to: China (Heilongjiang)

REVIEWS OF LOES RIPHAGEN'S WORK:

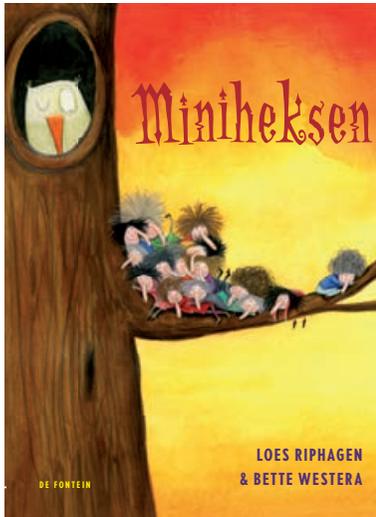
- 'The illustrations are very funny... Children will fall for the story and the comically depicted characters.' ****, Goodreads.com
- 'The colourful and cheerful illustrations are striking because of their liveliness and humour.' *De Recensent*, art and culture reviews
- 'It's hard not to like her infectious, slightly unruly sense of humour.' Dutch newspaper *de Volkskrant*
- 'Once again one is struck by Riphagen's unique imagination.' Jaappleest.nl, reviews of children's books

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *Buzz Off, Bluebottle!* was nominated for the European Design Award 2014
- Imaginative books by an award-winning illustrator
- *The Yellow Elephant* is a humorous story about friendship

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LOES RIPHAGEN & BETTE WESTERA | MINI WITCHES



The mini witches work their magical spells every day and yet nothing changes in the forest. Disillusioned and bored they hang their brooms in the willow trees. But how can there be thumb dwarfs living nearby in the forest who never seem to be bored? The mini witches decide to find out...

'We're collectors,' the thumb dwarfs tell them.

'And when you collect something, you never get bored.'

'Something? What sort of things then?'

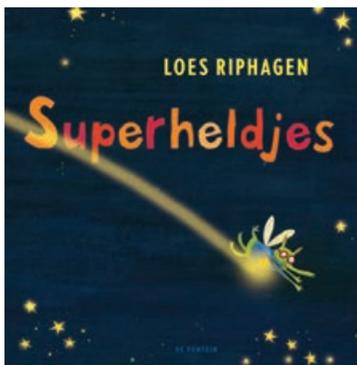
'Small things. Rare things. Things that are hard to catch...'

Age: 4+ • 40 pages

Sold to: Slovenia (KUD Sodobnost),

China (Petrel Publishing House)

English sample translation available



LOES RIPHAGEN SUPERHEROES

Superheroes are here and there and everywhere. And they're always trying to help people. To do this, superheroes make things go wrong... which can be very annoying: you step in dog-doo, get stung by a wasp, or you're late for school. Yet if superheroes hadn't caused these small mishaps, things might have gone totally wrong!

Age: 4+ • 40 pages

Sold to: Germany (Gerstenberg),

China (Heilongjiang)

English sample translation available

REVIEWS OF LOES RIPHAGEN'S WORK:

- 'Glorious picture book fun' *****, Dutch newspaper *de Volkskrant*
- 'One of the few truly notable Dutch illustrators at this moment. [...] Anyone who has laughed uncontrollably while reading *Superheroes* will not be disappointed by *Mini Witches*.' *****, Dutch newspaper *de Volkskrant*
- 'A joyful celebration to read and look at' Dutch newspaper *Trouw*
- 'Humorous and highly imaginative' NBD Biblion, services for libraries, schools, bookstores

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *Mini Witches* is a unique collaboration between an Golden Pennant-winning author and prize-winning illustrator
- Incredibly original text and images
- Funny and surprising for children and their parents
- Over 9,500 copies of *Superheroes* sold in the Netherlands within six months!
- *Superheroes* was a featured title of Children's Book Week 2011

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LOES RIPHAGEN

ANIMALS HOME ALONE

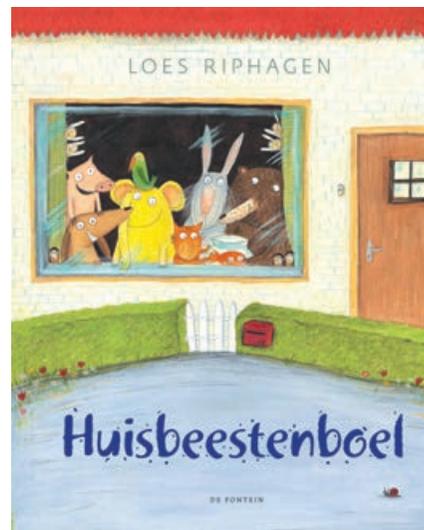
BEDROOM BEASTIES

ANIMALS HOME ALONE What do your pets do when you're away from home? In this house they grab their chance: right away the cat starts phoning and for once the fish wants to leave his bowl. The bear climbs out of his painting and falls deeply asleep on the sofa. The dog tries on all the shoes he can find and the yellow elephant gathers up – need you ask? – yellow things. And what are the pig and the bird up to? Where are the moths and the rabbit?

The room is turned upside down. Can you find all the differences? A book to look at again and again: you'll discover something new each time!

An amusing and original 'look & find' book about pets

BEDROOM BEASTIES Do you sometimes wake up with knots in your hair? Then there's a Kissemmee hiding somewhere in your bedroom. Oh, you've never heard of this animal?! Then you'd better read this book to find out what other crazy critters might call your house home.



Age: 4+ • 32 pages

Sold to: United States (Seven Footer Press), Germany (Boje), Denmark (Turbine), Russia (Samokat), China (Heilongjiang), Latvia (Jānis Roze)



Age: 5+ • 40 pages

Sold to: Germany (Gerstenberg), France (Clochette), Denmark (Turbine), Slovenia (KUD Sodobnost)

German translation and English sample translation available

REVIEWS OF LOES RIPHAGEN'S WORK:

- 'Fresh and unique' NBD Biblion, services for libraries, schools, bookstores
- 'A wordless romp offering many laughs for observant eyes on repeated readings' *Kirkus Reviews*
- 'Really awesome. I love this book. It's just so funny.' *Bookie Woogie* cultural education centre
- 'Gorgeous' Dutch newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*
- 'Deserves a broad public' *Lezen*, magazine for literature education

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *Animals Home Alone* won the Flag & Pennant 2010
- *Animals Home Alone* was selected for the White Ravens 2010
- *Animals Home Alone* was a featured title of Children's Book Week 2010
- Lively and catchy illustrations
- *Bedroom Beasties* was nominated for the Children's Bookstore Prize
- *Bedroom Beasties* contains 26 new animal species: one for each letter of the alphabet

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BETTE WESTERA & HARMEN VAN STRAATEN AN UNFORGETTABLE GRANDDAD

Internationally awarded picture book



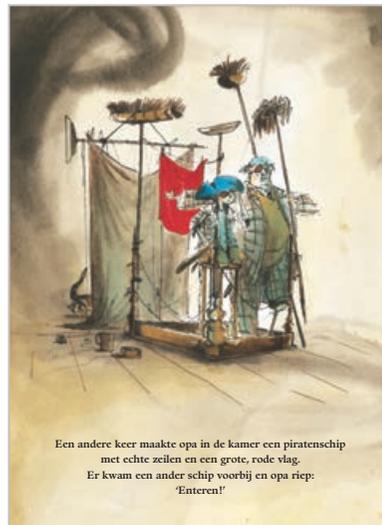
Age: 4+ • 32 pages

Sold to: Denmark (Turbine), Taiwan (TMac), Portugal (Livros Horizonte), France (Éditions Milan), Korea (Yeo Myung Media), Japan (Kinnohoshi-Sha), Germany (Lappan), China (Petrel Publishing House)

English translation available

Joe's granddad has died and Joe is very sad. His mum gives him granddad's red handkerchief and the two of them recall the special and fun times Joe always had with his beloved grandfather.

An Unforgettable Granddad helps young children cope with the loss of a loved one. The wonderful illustrations help in dealing with the taboo surrounding death.



REVIEWS:

- 'The illustrations express what words could never tell.' Dutch newspaper *de Volkskrant*
- 'As strange as it may sound in relation to the subject matter: this book makes you happy.' Pluim van de Maand, monthly Dutch book prize
- 'Sad, but hopeful and cheerful at the same time ... It helps.' *De vrijzinnige lezer*, Belgian humanist magazine
- 'Westera and Van Straaten are perfect interpreters of both story and illustrations.' *Leesgoed*, news about youth literature

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Winner of the Sankei Children's Book Award Grand Prix in Japan
- Winner of the Golden Apple in Bratislava, Slovakia
- Winner of a Flag & Pennant in the Netherlands
- Beautiful picture book by two award-winning talents!

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For information, please contact: Dutch Foundation for Literature (www.letterenfonds.nl).

TJIBBE VELDKAMP & WOUTER TULP | TAKE MY HAND?

Very funny book about a girl who knows how to get her own way

Anne wants to visit the apes but her father wants to go home. Then she meets a boy whose father is going to the zoo. They swap fathers. Anne keeps swapping fathers... until she's with the apes.

WOUTER TULP is a freelance illustrator and character developer. He is known for his versatility and has illustrated many children's books. His caricatures and editorial illustrations have been published in national newspapers and magazines.

As a character developer he has worked on several international feature film projects. Currently he is working for Sony Pictures Animation.

TJIBBE VELDKAMP is a renowned writer and writing coach. He has won, among other awards, three Silver Pencils and the Children's Bookstore Award.



Age: 3+ • 32 pages

Sold to: Korea (Kookminbooks)

English translation available



REVIEWS OF VELDKAMP'S AND TULP'S WORK:

- 'Veldkamp's name on the cover of a picture book makes it a guaranteed success.' Dutch newspaper *de Volkskrant*
- 'Phenomenal read aloud book' Dutch newspaper *Dagblad van het Noorden*
- 'A hilarious adventure, filled with colour and striking illustrations' Dutch newspaper *Trouw*
- 'The drawings really pop, ready to step off the page.' *Livre*, Dutch magazine about literature

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Wouter Tulp has 11,300 followers on Instagram throughout the world
- Books by Tjibbe Veldkamp are already available in ten languages
- Humorous, original story
- Subtle reference to many adults' addiction to smartphones and tablets

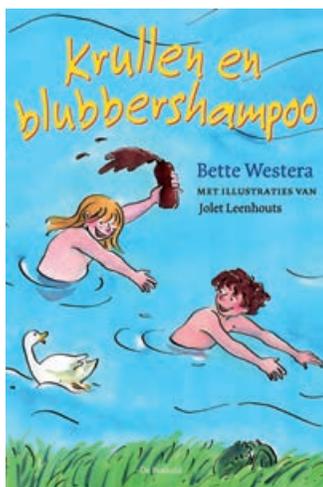
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BETTE WESTERA

CURLS AND BLUBBER SHAMPOO

NO KISSING ON THE TRAMPOLINE

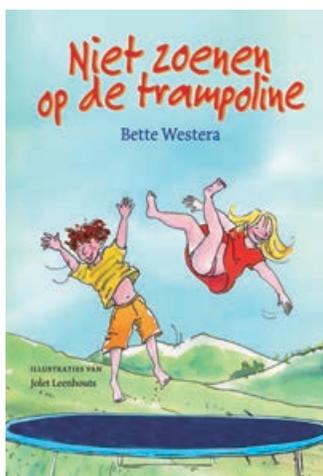
‘Bette Westera is such a good storyteller that before you know it you’ve polished off the whole book!’ Oudersonline.nl



CURLS AND BLUBBER SHAMPOO Cal doesn’t have a father, which is actually impossible. ‘How come I don’t have a dad?’ Cal asks his mother. ‘Everyone has a dad, except for me.’ ‘You’ve got me,’ his mother replies. ‘Some children only have a mom.’

During a camping holiday, Cal meets Kimberly. They spend time together swimming and eating ice cream. Kimberly asks Cal about his father and he tells her his father’s a famous football player. At first she doesn’t believe him, but then something happens that completely convinces her.

Age: 6+ • 112 pages
Rights available: worldwide



NO KISSING ON THE TRAMPOLINE Cal and Kimberly get to spend another summer holiday together. This time they’re in Switzerland, where Kimberly’s dad has a temporary job as a hotel cook. Their days are filled with exciting and fun adventures with the other kids.

The family situation of the other kids they meet gives Cal and Kimberly the idea to hook up their parents. Then they’d be step-brother and -sister. Though when it looks like it might actually happen, they wonder if it wouldn’t be better to remain holiday friends. But can they stop what they’ve already put in motion?

Age: 6+ • 112 pages
Sold to: Germany (Franckh-Kosmos)

German translation and English sample translation available

REVIEWS OF BETTE WESTERA’S BOOKS:

- ‘Extremely suitable for reading aloud. That is, if you can refrain from laughing loudly yourself. Once again Westera has succeeded in writing a splendid novel for young and old alike.’ Dutch newspaper *Leeuwarder Courant*
- ‘Westera writes sincerely and with highly original observations and humour.’ *Leesgoed*, news about youth literature
- ‘Beautifully written, often funny, at times touching’ Leestafel.info, ‘reading table’ about books and writers

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Humorous and touching (read-aloud) book by a prizewinning author
- *No Kissing on the Trampoline* was listed by the Dutch Children’s Jury
- Recognizable for everyone aged six and older
- Realistic series about different types of families
- Perfect for reading aloud: funny and adventurous

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
For information, please contact: Dutch Foundation for Literature (www.letterenfonds.nl).

MARION VAN DE COOLWIJK

THE CUPCAKE CLUB SERIES

Delicious adventures for young readers!

It's Silver's birthday and she's having a cupcake party at her father's bakery. It's completely chaotic but the cupcakes are delicious! Silver's father sells the cupcakes in his shop. They are such a success that he asks Silver and her friends for the recipe. But... no one remembers exactly.

Silver decides to start up The Cupcake Club with her friends. They come up with and bake the most gorgeous cupcakes that are displayed in the bakery shop. They keep their recipes secret, but for how long?

MARION VAN DE COOLWIJK loves cupcakes. She is the author of the wildly successful series GLMR Girls. The Cupcake Club is her new series for young readers.



Age: 8+ • 144 pages (each)

Rights available:
worldwide

English sample
translation available



REVIEWS OF *THE SECRET RECIPE – THE CUPCAKE CLUB 1*:

- 'A cupcake feast' NBD Biblion, services for libraries, schools, bookstores
- 'A book that makes a good read due to Marion van Coolwijk's ready pen.' Chicklit.nl
- 'In my book lecture I talked about *The Cupcake Club* and I got an A. The story is funny and the recipes are real. Our teacher wants to read it out loud in class now.' Jicinta
- 'It's a really nice book, especially because there's a boy in it who likes to make cupcakes. John-Paul is quite cool.' Anna

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Cheerful and recognizable adventures for readers aged eight and older
- With funny cupcake ideas and delicious recipes
- *The Secret Recipe* was listed for Dutch Children's Jury Prize
- See www.decupcakeclub.nl

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NEW

JOZUA DOUGLAS

COSTA BANANA SERIES 3: OPERATION PISANG

Page-turning adventure-spy story by the Dutch Roald Dahl



Age: 9+ • 264 pages

Rights available: worldwide

Rosa and her little brother Fico are home-schooled by Mr. Gabriel. Rosa, in particular, adores him. When the teacher suddenly disappears without a word, Rosa, Fico, and her friend Julia decide to investigate. They soon discover that strange things are happening in and around the palace. Who, for instance, is the unbelievably beautiful Coco whom Mr Gabriel was dating? And who is the secretive man with the moustache?

Operation Pisang is the sequel to *The Unbelievable Ravi Ravioli*, but can be read separately as well.

JOZUA DOUGLAS was born in a shabby little cottage down by the dyke – which is sad when you know that he descends from a famous knight who had a large castle in Scotland.



REVIEWS OF JOZUA DOUGLAS'S WORK:

- 'Gripping book full of great drawings and hilarious lists' *Tina* magazine
- 'The humor in this book is spot on' Boekenbijlage.nl, book reviews

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Jozua Douglas has been commissioned to write the Children's Book Week gift book for 2018, which has a minimum print run of 300,000 copies.
- Costa Banana parts 1 & 2 were plugged on the prime-time TV show *De Wereld Draait Door* and won the Children's Jury Prize.
- *Operation Pisang* went into the bestseller list almost immediately after publication.

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
For information, please contact: Dutch Foundation for Literature (www.letterenfonds.nl).

JOZUA DOUGLAS

COSTA BANANA SERIES 1 & 2:

THE GRUESOME GENERAL

THE INCREDIBLE RAVI RAVIOLI



Age: 9+ • 256 pages
 Sold to: Germany (Fischer Verlag), Italy (Il Castoro), Turkey (Can Yayinlari)

English sample translation available

Rosa and Fico are no ordinary children. They are President Fernando's children. The president is very fond of his son Fico. Eventually Fico will be his successor and that is why he allows Fico to come up with laws even now. The president pays little attention to his daughter Rosa.

When she discovers that General Shashlik is devising a gruesome plan, no one believes her. Fortunately, she eventually manages to convince her little brother Fico and the two of them spring into action. But can they stop the General?

After watching hypnotist Ravi Ravioli's spectacular show on television, President Fernando immediately invites him to the palace. The President is eager to know more about the incredible achievements of this phenomenal artist. He quickly falls under Ravi Ravioli's spell and does everything he's told to do. But can Ravi Ravioli be trusted?

The Incredible Ravi Ravioli is the sequel to *The Gruesome General*, although it can be read on its own.



Age: 9+ • 240 pages
 Sold to: Germany (Fischer Verlag)

REVIEWS OF JOZUA DOUGLAS'S WORK:

- 'Jozua Douglas is a master storyteller.' *Overblijfmagazine*, magazine for professionals in education
- 'Closely resembles books by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake in writing style and illustrations' CooleSuggesties.nl, cool suggestions for kids
- 'A hilarious, exciting book for children who love a fair dose of humour in their stories.' Dutch newspaper *Algemeen Dagblad*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Almost 50,000 copies sold of the books in the Costa Banana series
- Awarded a Feather in the Cap by the Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury
- One of the best children's books according to DWDD, the highest-rated television program in the Netherlands
- Elly Hees illustrations are reminiscent of Quentin Blake
- Book trailer available
- Map of Costa Banana
- www.costabanana.com

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
 For information, please contact: Dutch Foundation for Literature (www.letterenfonds.nl).

JOZUA DOUGLAS

THE TERRIBLE TWINS

Super thrilling and filled with fun lists



Master storyteller Jozua Douglas is back! Hold on tight because you might double up laughing about:

1. a pair of twins who love practical jokes
2. a mother with bacillophobia
3. a very hairy father
4. a tiny sorcerer with a huge doctor's bag

Max and Lottie Lion aren't just any twins. Lottie is a wonderful actress and Max's April Fool's jokes are unsurpassed. Unfortunately their mother is less than thrilled with their skills. She is phobic about grubbiness and scary diseases, and despises, loathes and abhors their jokes. She would prefer to auction her children off on e-Bay. According to Max and Lottie things aren't as bad as they seem. Their jokes are ingenious but harmless. Until, one day, something does go horribly wrong.

Age: 9+ • 192 pages

Sold to: Italy (Il Castoro), Norway (Cappelen Damm), Turkey (Can Yayinlari)

English sample translation available



REVIEWS OF JOZUA DOUGLAS'S WORK:

- 'Closely resembles books by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake in writing style and illustrations.'
CooleSuggesties.nl, cool suggestions for kids
- 'A hilarious, exciting book for kids who love a fair dose of comedy in their stories' Dutch newspaper *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'Jozua Douglas is a master storyteller.'
Overblijfmagazine, magazine for professionals in education

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Hilarious, super suspenseful and full of humorous lists
- Over 12,000 copies sold
- Best debut of 2013: Hotze de Roos Prize for *The Nasty Swim Coach*

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JOZUA DOUGLAS

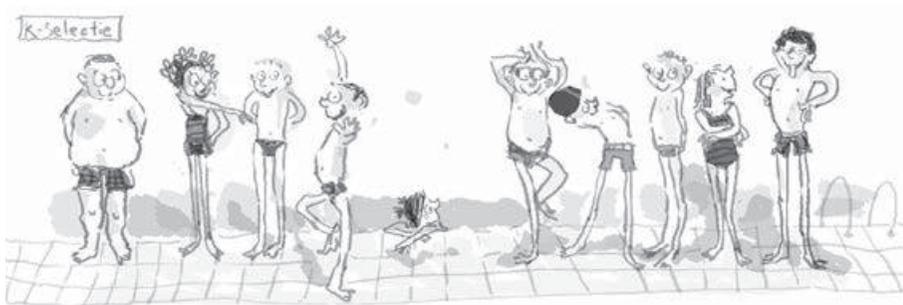
THE NASTY SWIM COACH

‘Jozua Douglas is the Roald Dahl of the Netherlands!’

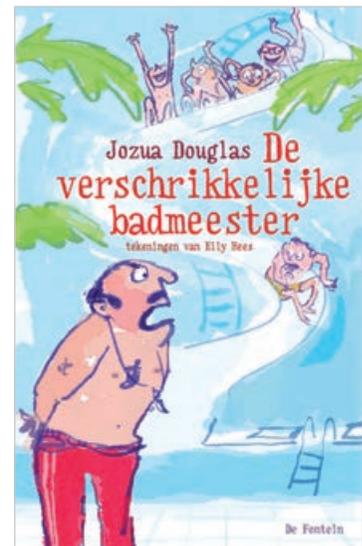
Arno Koek, bookseller

Lev’s father makes him train for swimming with Boris Brisk, the famous champion swimmer. Everyone thinks Brisk’s just great, as he’s good-looking and takes care of baby seals. But Lev thinks he’s the nastiest swim coach ever – rude, mean and cruel.

Then Lev discovers that Brisk has kidnapped a child. Lev and a girl called Lita, who lives near him, go into action. Can they unmask the nasty swim coach?



JOZUA DOUGLAS has written poetry and won numerous prizes. Now he writes for children. His books have been translated into seven languages.



Age: 9+ • 208 pages

Sold to: Slovenia (Mladinska Knjiga Založba), Norway (Cappelen Damm), Turkey (Can Yayinlari)

[English sample translation available](#)

REVIEWS:

- ‘The smooth style and amusing illustrations keep this story moving fast. A book you’ll enjoy reading again and again.’ Pluizuit.be, reviews of children’s books
- ‘The style of the illustrations sometimes makes you think Quentin Blake had a hand in them... This hilarious story is just the thing for qualified swimmers aged 9 and older with dreams of glory and detective instincts.’ NBD Biblion, services for libraries, schools, bookstores
- ‘A refreshing, humorous read – you just can’t put it down.’ Kinderboeken.blog, blog on children’s books

- ‘It’s great – they should make it into a film!’ a girl aged 10
- ‘An hilarious, exciting book for kids who love a fair dose of comedy in their stories.’ Dutch newspaper *Algemeen Dagblad*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Packed with humour and excitement
- Over 24,000 copies sold
- Hilarious, with shades of Roald Dahl
- Winner Hotze de Roos Prize for best debut

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.

For information, please contact: Dutch Foundation for Literature (www.letterenfonds.nl).

NIKI SMIT 100% FASHION SKETCHBOOK

Design your own fashion pieces and learn about leading designers and trends



Age: 9+ • 128 pages

Rights available: worldwide

With the 100% Fashion Sketchbook, you can – just like Coco from the 100% series – design clothing yourself. Get to work with the templates and cute prints from this book, and go wild with tape, aluminium foil and ribbon (and don't forget your markers and pencils either).

You'll also learn about important fashion trends and designers. You'll soon know all about hippies, overalls and coveralls, Parisian chic, punk, London Street Style and the jungle look.

Be inspired by Niki and discover your own style!



REVIEWS:

- 'Girls are massively crazy about the creator of the 100% series.' Dutch newspaper *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'I love Nikki's illustrations. I tried to draw them too. So much fun!' Pernille, 11-years-old
- 'Lovely for teenage girls who want to develop their own style. We're fans of Niki!' Kidslog.nl

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Chock-a-block with designs, fashion and inspiration
- Design your own clothing with the awesome prints in this book
- Lots of interesting fun facts about the leading fashion designers and trends
- With fluo pink interior
- The 100% series is wildly popular: over 310,000 copies sold in the Netherlands

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
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NIKI SMIT

100% COCO SERIES

Bestselling and prize-winning series about a young fashion blogger

Coco dreams of becoming a famous fashion icon and starts an anonymous fashion blog. Her blog *The Style Tiger* is ultra-popular, but no one knows that the famous style tiger is 13-year-old Coco. During Fashion Week Coco enters her blog in a grand competition. The finale is held in Paris. Game on!

Coco works her magic with little black dresses and Chanel jackets. Zip, zap! In the meantime she is floating on a large pink cloud with her boyfriend Bruno. But aaargh, she is keeping a huge secret from him too.

The Style Tiger gets a growing number of likes, but is Coco really happy?



Age: 10+ • 192 pages • 264 pages • 304 pages

Sold to: Germany (Ravensburger)

Film rights sold to: the Netherlands (Dutch Filmworks)

English sample translation available for **100% Coco** and **100% Coco Paris**

REVIEWS OF NIKI SMIT'S BOOKS:

- 'Girls are massively crazy about the creator of the 100% series.' Dutch newspaper *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'Really *the* most fun book I have EVER read!' fashion blogger Su'aad on su-lovely.blogspot.nl
- '100% Coco Paris reads like a proper blog. Fast-paced, true to life and written from the heart. You're into the story immediately.' CooleSuggesties.nl, book reviews

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- The 100% series is wildly popular: over 310,000 copies sold in the Netherlands
- Winner of the Dutch Children's Jury Prize winner
- With fluo pink interior
- **Over 170,000 visitors went to see the film**
- The film received the Golden Film status when the amount of visitors surpassed the 100,000 mark
- The film *100% Coco* won the Cinekid Leeuw Public Award
- Also see nikismit.blogspot.nl, and follow Niki on  [bynikismit](https://www.instagram.com/bynikismit)

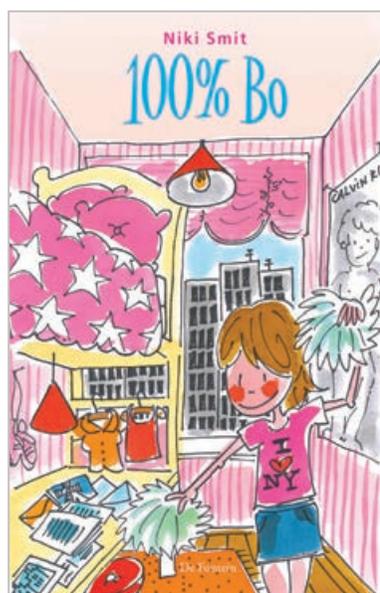
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NIKI SMIT

100% SERIES

Lively, hip girls' series to spark the imagination!



Age: 10+ • 128 pages (each)

Rights available: worldwide

English sample translation
available

100% BO

Bo is going to live in New York City with her mother for a year. Her mother works as a photographer for various American fashion magazines. Bo is extremely nervous about her first day of middle school. But thanks to reading a book called *How To Be Popular*, Bo quickly befriends the head cheerleaders, Abby and Chloe. Then, before she knows it, she has kissed Justin, the most popular boy in school. Bo is impressed by all the attention she is receiving because of her new boyfriend, but why does she always get such a tingly feeling when she sees Luca, the baker's son? And what is that famous Calvin Klein model doing in the shower at her house?



NIKI SMIT is the author of the terribly popular 100% series. Niki previously worked as the editor of a website for young people and a fashion blog. She won the Hotze de Roos Prize for her debut book *100% Nina* and *100% Coco* was awarded the Dutch Children's Jury Prize. Niki lives in Amsterdam and loves drawing, fashion and Paris.

REVIEWS OF THE 100% SERIES:

- 'The popular 100% series is eaten-up by girls eleven and older' NBD Biblion, services for libraries, schools, bookstores
- 'Highly-recommended!' *MEIDEN* magazine, glossy for girls 10 to 15
- '100% Bo is first-rate chick lit!' *Dutch Kidsweek Junior*
- 'Don't miss it! Plenty of humour, "over-the-top" moments and great drawings by Miranda Klaver.' Chicklit.nl on *100% Julia*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- More than 310,000 copies of Niki Smit's books have been sold in the Netherlands
- *100% Nina* was awarded the Hotze de Roos Prize for best debut
- *100% Coco* is the winner of the Dutch Children's Jury Prize
- Also see nikismit.blogspot.nl, and follow Niki on  [bynikismit](https://www.instagram.com/bynikismit)

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100% NINA Nina is 100% in love with Tim. When she discovers he's into glamorous girls, Nina has only one thing in mind: to be one of those girls! But this is a lot harder than she thinks...

100% LOLA Lola is 100% in love with Job. But Job is a vegetarian who wears Greenpeace T-shirts, while Lola loves hamburgers and wearing trendy designer clothes. When her plan to win him over is threatened with disaster, Lola doesn't know what to do next...

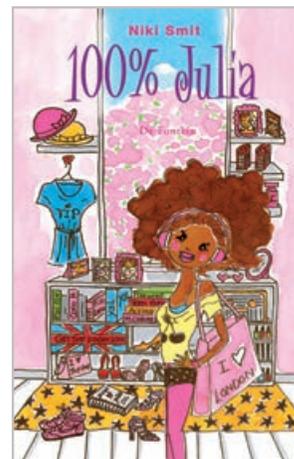
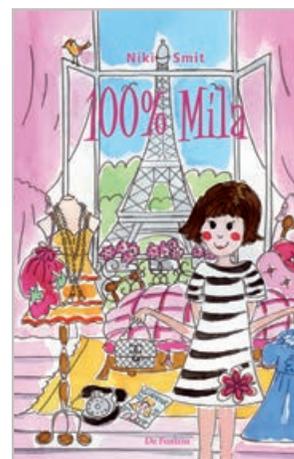
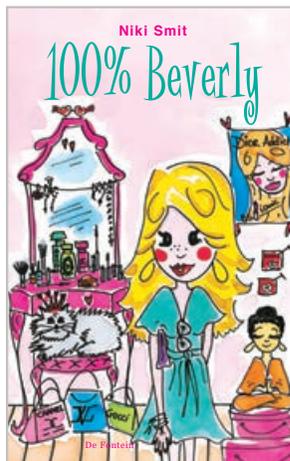
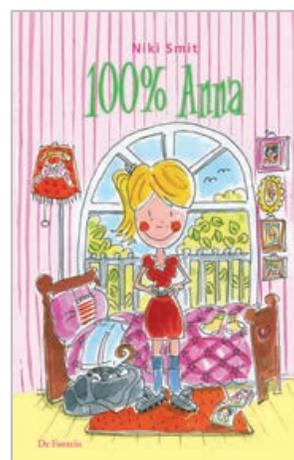
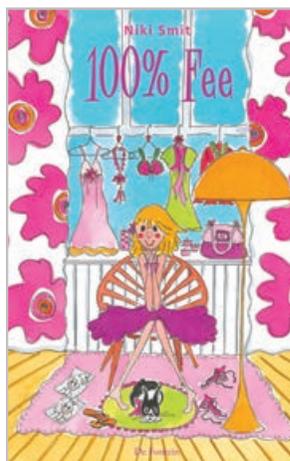
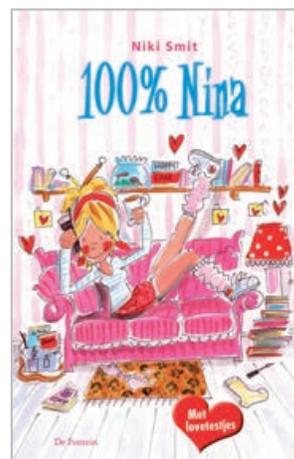
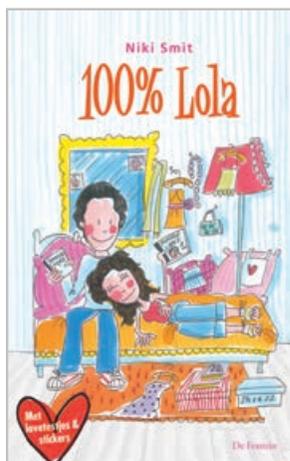
100% ANNA Anna doesn't want to have anything to do with the glamorous life her family leads. She's secretly playing soccer, but her heartthrob Jamie and her soccer friends don't know that Anna is super wealthy... until they see her on the cover of *Rich Girl* magazine.

100% FAY Fay is a photo model and 100% in love with Tom, except she's afraid to tell him. When she gets an assignment and has to wear a fur coat during her first fashion show, she doesn't know what to do: she's totally anti-fur!

100% MILA Mila decides to live with her father in Paris for a year so she can fulfil her dream: becoming a fashion designer! But life in Paris isn't so easy. Then she meets Nino: he wants to become a famous musician. They make a pact to pursue their ambitions. But then they lose each other in the process...

100% BEVERLY Beverly-Anne is 100% in love. Not with one boy, but with every boy she meets. When someone accuses her of never having been in love for real, Beverly is very upset. Love is a *must* in her life. But it's hard to choose from so many gorgeous guys!

100% JULIA Julia moves with her family to London. During a casting session, Julia is selected from thousands of girls for a lead part in the BBC series 'The Hills'. She becomes immensely popular, more so than she ever wanted...



TREACHERY ISLAND | SOAP SUDS

LIZA SIPS

Bubbly YA stories about the glamorous world of TV

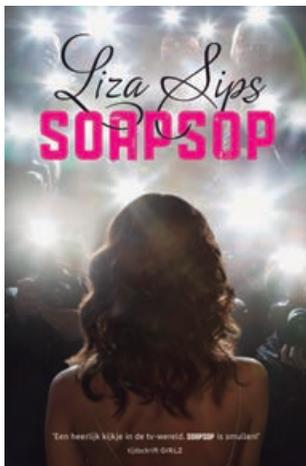


Pippa is on top of the world. First she got a part in a soap series, now she's a presenter on the top teenage TV channel. What's more, she's dating a popular singer. Her good fortune doesn't last very long, however. Pippa loses her job and her boyfriend is ignoring her.

When Pippa is invited to take part in the new reality TV series *Treachery Island*, she grasps the opportunity with both hands. While they're filming, Pippa comes face to face with a boy she hasn't been able to forget...

Age: 12+ • 208 pages

Rights available: worldwide



16-year-old Pippa can hardly believe her luck when she gets to audition for the popular soap series *Love & Betrayal*. Even before the casting is finalised, the sparks are flying between Pippa and Robin Black, the hunk of the series. But Blaire, the network owner's nasty daughter, wants him for herself.

When Pippa gets the part, Blaire does her best to thwart her every step of the way. Pippa's star is rising quickly and she has little time to spare for her friends. Will Pippa win the battle for Robin, or will the soap bubble burst?

Age: 12+ • 240 pages

Rights available: worldwide

REVIEWS:

- 'Treachery Island is to die for!' MyPerfectBookLife.blogspot.nl
- 'The sequel we've all been waiting for.' *Fashionista*
- 'Delightfully thrilling and exciting chic lit. Girls will love this.' InfiniteStories.nl
- 'A wonderful look inside the world of TV. *Soap Suds* is to die for!' Dutch teen magazine *Girlz*
- 'A must read for all girls who enjoy soap opera's and glamour.' Chicklit.nl

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Liza Sips is a famous Dutch actress who plays the lead in the box office hit *Fashion Chicks*
- This book allows the reader an intriguing peek behind the scenes of reality TV
- *Treachery Island* is based on Liza's own experiences
- Follow Liza Sips on Instagram (80,000 followers), Twitter (23,000 followers) and Facebook

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
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EVA BURGERS FATAL

For fans of *Pretty Little Liars*

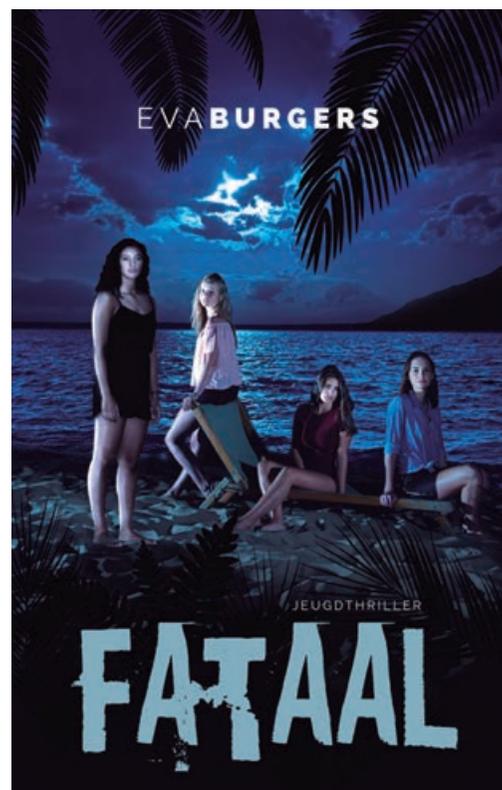
Best friends Emily, Fay, Lauren and Naomi go on holiday together to Crete. Nothing seems to stand in the way of them having a fantastic time, especially when they meet three nice guys. When Lauren falls in love, not everyone is happy. But the holiday is only really disrupted when the girls catch an intruder in the villa.

Terrifying occurrences begin piling up, and when Lauren suddenly disappears, alarm bells start ringing.



© JELL FOTOGRAFIE

EVA BURGERS worked as an investigator in a serious crime unit for many years. In her exciting thrillers, she combines this knowledge with her talent for writing. She also devised and wrote the popular Dutch television series *Kroongetuige*.



Age: 13+ • 224 pages

Rights available: worldwide

[English sample translation available](#)

REVIEWS OF EVA BURGERS'S WORK:

- 'Burgers knows how to intrigue you. You can tell that she really knows her stuff.' *Hebban.nl*
- 'Even a seasoned reader will get stuck on at least two suspects.' Dutch newspaper *De Telegraaf*
- 'Burgers has taken her place between the heroines of youth thrillers.' *Boekenkrant*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- 7,000 copies sold within 3 months
- Suspense and cattiness in a compelling, realistic thriller
- The author was an investigator in a serious crime unit and knows what she's writing about
- Book trailer available

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available. Funding is available for some of the production costs. For information, please contact: Dutch Foundation for Literature (www.letterenfonds.nl).

MARCEL VAN DRIEL SUPERHEROES.NL SERIES

A gripping series and game you can also play online

Children all over the world are playing the game *Superhelden.nl*. Only the best players are allowed to advance to the secret levels on the virtual island of Pala. But nobody knows that this island actually exists. Nobody knows that the best players are abducted against their will and trained on Pala to be master spies. Those who complete their training are given the official title of Superhero and are sent on international missions. And only the mysterious leader Mr Oz knows what the final goal is.

Since her father's suicide, thirteen-year-old Iris Goldhorn spends all her time gaming. Her favourite game is *Superhelden.nl* and she quickly advances from one level to the next. Superheroes Alex and Fiber are sent to the Netherlands to kidnap Iris. But even they don't know what Mr Oz has planned for her. Because Iris is exceptionally talented, even for a Superhero...



Age: 11+ • 256 pages • 224 pages • 328 pages

Sold to: Germany (Oetinger) • [German translation and English sample translation available](#)

REVIEWS:

- 'The story is written at breakneck speed and makes one think of The Hunger Games.' *J/M*, parenting magazine
- 'Want to bet you won't be able to put down this spy thriller?' GaafvoorKinderen.nl, activities site
- 'Reading Superheroes.nl is like watching a movie. These books are real pageturners.' Boekenbijlage.nl, book reviews
- Readers' review of *Superheroes2.nl*:
'Highly recommended, not just for children but also for adults!' *****

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- A very exciting spy series in the style of The Hunger Games and Alex Rider
- 35,000 copies sold of *Superhelden.nl*
- The online world in the book is actually accessible via www.superhelden.nl: readers can play the story's game in 3D
- Trailer available on www.superhelden.nl

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
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MARGJE WOODROW

SNITCH | RUINED

Sinister young adult thrillers by top-class talent

Rose and Quinty's long-standing friendship is seriously put to the test when Quinty starts hanging out with Fenna and her friends. Rose feels rejected, and her fierce response doesn't go down well. Her family doctor prescribes Ritalin, but Rose refuses to take it.

More and more often, Rose appears involved in classmates' accidents. Everyone suspects her of foul play. But then Rose discovers what is really going on. Will her classmates believe her or betray her?

Age: 12+ • 248 pages
Rights available: worldwide
[English sample translation available](#)



When Jules visits the grave of her brother Milan, she makes a shocking discovery: DO + DARE = TRUTH is scratched into the soil. Soon after, she receives a message: in exchange for the truth about Milan's death, she'll be given a dare.

Jules decides to accept the challenge; she simply has to find out what happened to her brother. But then a staggering rush of dares follow and Jules is completely trapped. Who is daring Jules in this eerie way? And will she be able to get to the truth?

MARGJE WOODROW worked for years as a teacher. Now she devotes all of her time to writing and gives talks and workshops at secondary schools.

Age: 12+ • 270 pages
Rights available: worldwide
[English sample translation available](#)



REVIEWS OF MARGJE WOODROW'S WORK:

- 'You'll want to read this book in one go' Dutch teen magazine *Girlz*
- 'From the first sentence, you're carried away on high waves of suspense.' Hebban.nl, book reviews
- 'An author who cannot be ignored in the Young Adult genre' Passievoorboeken.com, book reviews

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 10,000 copies sold of Margje Woodrow's work
- For feisty girls and boys
- Book trailer available

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
For information, please contact: Dutch Foundation for Literature (www.letterenfonds.nl).

MEL WALLIS DE VRIES

PAIN | HATRED

More than 350,000 copies of Mel Wallis de Vries's book have been sold



One beautiful, warm summer evening, the lifeless body of a girl is found. Her murderer has shared her final minutes on Snapchat. It's the talk of the town. Especially when she turns out not to be the only one...

Five girls who don't know each other. One killer too clever for the police. All available for public viewing. Nobody's perfect, but what if the whole world suddenly gets to see it?

Age: 12+ • 222 pages

Rights available: worldwide



Imagine waking up in a park, injured and bleeding. You're holding a knife in your hand and, not far away, a badly wounded girl is lying on the ground. You have no idea who she is. Yet everything indicates that you've stabbed her. But you don't remember any of it...

This happens to sixteen-year-old Nikki. Her search for the disturbing truth will change her life forever. What actually happened in that park?

Age: 12+ • 208 pages

Rights available: worldwide

REVIEWS OF MEL WALLIS DE VRIES'S WORK:

- Mel is by far the best YA writer in the Netherlands.' Chicklit.nl
- 'A very addictive read' Young Adult Books Magazine
- 'The Nicci French of Dutch youth literature' NBD Biblion, services for libraries, schools, bookstores
- 'Another top-class thriller to devour' Dutch young people's newspaper *7Days*



MEL WALLIS DE VRIES is today's most successful Dutch writer of young adult thrillers. Her books won multiple awards, and rank high on bestseller lists.

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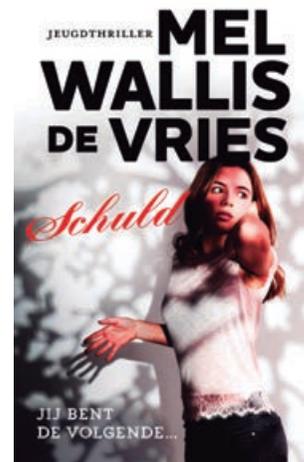
MEL WALLIS DE VRIES

BLAME | SHOCK

Unequaled! Mel Wallis de Vries five fold winner of Young Jury Prize

Three pupils from the same school commit suicide in rapid succession. They don't seem to be connected in any way: they aren't in class together and barely know each other. The police conclude that it's an unfortunate coincidence. However, then 16-year-old Tess receives a letter that changes everything: *You're next...*

When Tess tries to get to the bottom of it, she makes a shocking discovery. Suddenly she fears for her own life, but no one believes her.



Age: 13+ • 240 pages
Sold to: Germany (Bastei Lübbe)

Imagine: your best friend disappears after a school party. Only her bicycle and bloodied coat are found. You are overwhelmed with grief, but also with fear. What happened to her that night?

It's months before you are able to pick your life up where you left off, but then the murderer returns, and this time he's coming for you. Can you escape? Or is it too late? The truth is more gruesome than your worst fears.



Age: 12+ • 246 pages
Rights available: worldwide

REVIEWS:

- 'Mel Wallis de Vries has a genuine talent for describing how young adults think and act!' Boekrecensies.nl, reviews of children's books
- 'Shock has an original plot twist and is a super thrilling read.' Boektips.nl, reviews of children's books

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

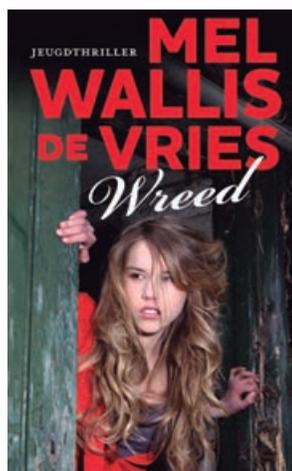
- Multiple prize-winning YA thriller writer
- *Shock* and *Blame*: winners of the Hebban Crimezone YA Thriller Award

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MEL WALLIS DE VRIES

CRUEL | STUCK

Mel Wallis de Vries surpasses herself with
each new book

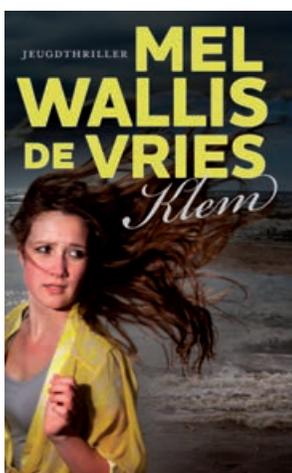


What if your worst nightmare becomes a reality and there is no one left to help you?

Slowly and in a daze Danielle regains consciousness. She is blindfolded and has been tied to a bed. She senses the presence of another person in the room. She begs her kidnapper to let her go but no matter what she says the kidnapper remains silent. Suddenly she feels something cold and sharp. Danielle realizes that her nightmare is only beginning. Will she be able to escape? Will she be able to get out alive?

Age: 12+ • 240 pages

Rights available: worldwide



A dead body, and a class full of suspects. Who did it?

A school trip to the island of Vlieland, and everyone's looking forward to a great time – but then things go terribly wrong. One of the pupils is found strangled in the sand dunes. Everyone is horrified. What happened that night? Who did it?

Because of bad weather no-one can get off the island. More and more facts come to light. Almost everyone seems to have a motive, and hardly anyone seems to be telling the truth. Friendships come under pressure, and slowly but surely the trip turns into a nightmare.

Age: 12+ • 272 pages

Sold to: Germany (Bastei Lübbe)

REVIEW OF *STUCK*:

- 'In this tale full of lies and suspicion, Wallis de Vries expertly builds up the tension and leaves you guessing who the culprit is until the very last moment. The ever-changing perspective in this fast-paced story makes *Stuck* much less of a 'girls' book' than Wallis de Vries previous thrillers. Perhaps even one of her best!' Dutch young people's newspaper *7Days*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *Cruel*: winner Hebban Crimezone YA Thriller Award and Young Jury Prize
- The functional graphic design makes the books even more alarming
- *Stuck*: winner Young Jury Prize 2014

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
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MEL WALLIS DE VRIES

TRAPPED | FALSE

The Nicci French of Dutch youth literature

Two friends, a tragic accident... Who can you still trust?

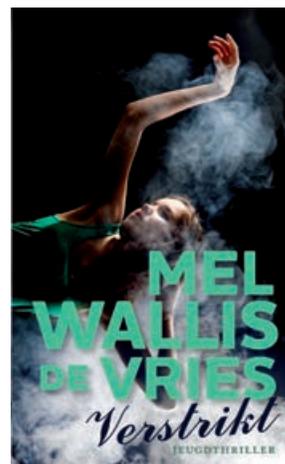
When Lara opens her eyes she can't see anything. She can't move. First Lara thinks she is dreaming. But then she starts hearing voices in the darkness: angry voices, sad voices. What do they want from her?

Lara's memory slowly returns and she realises she's been in a terrible accident. Is she dead? Will she be trapped in the dark forever? In her despair, she knows one thing for sure: her best friend Maud's life is also in danger. But how can she reach Maud from the darkness to warn her? Lara does everything she possibly can, but time is running out...

Age: 12+ • 272 pages

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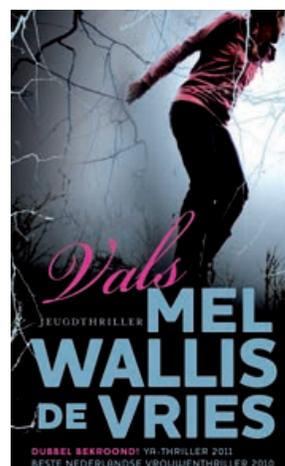
Four friends are staying in a secluded cottage; one by one they disappear...

During the Christmas holidays Abby, Kim, Pippa and Fay go to a cottage in the Ardennes in Belgium, where they get snowed in. There is no electricity, the mobile network is down and the nearest house is a few kilometres away. The girls have a good laugh about their situation. That is until Kim unexpectedly disappears. When Fay disappears too and they find a trail of blood in the snow, concern turns to fear. Pippa and Abby can't really go anywhere because of the bad weather. Who has it in for them? And does this group of friends really know each other as well as they think?!

Age: 12+ • 224 pages

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REVIEWS:

- 'Frighteningly exciting until the very last page' Dutch teen magazine *Fancy*
- 'The Nicci French of Dutch youth literature' NBD Biblion, services for libraries, schools, bookstores
- 'Gruesome' CJP.nl, Cultural Youth Pass & activities
- 'Wallis de Vries sends shivers up your spine!' Dutch teen magazine *Hitkrant*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *Trapped*: nominated for the Young Jury Prize 2013
- *False*: Best Dutch Women's Thriller 2010, Best Dutch YA thriller 2011, winner Young Jury Prize 2012
- Most successful Dutch writer of thrillers for young adults
- *False* is being made into a Dutch feature film

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KNOCK OUT | CIS MEIJER ENDGAME

Spine-tingling YA thrillers



Shortly after the disappearance of her sister, Fay witnesses a horrible beating on her way home from kickboxing class. She intends to contact the police, but then she receives a threat: if she doesn't keep quiet, she'll be next. During a Halloween party, another battered girl is found. Fay suspects there's a connection between her sister's disappearance and the beatings. Her search for the truth puts her and others in mortal danger.

Age: 12+ • 240 pages

Rights available: worldwide

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Robin and her twin brother Kai are going on a school trip to the Ardennes. Just before they leave, however, Kai is expelled from school for aggressive behaviour. Robin is furious.

In the Ardennes, she convinces her friends to teach the teacher who expelled Kai a lesson. But then he suddenly disappears. Is the teacher playing a trick on them? Robin is afraid that he is in real trouble and goes looking for him. When her best friend disappears next, the search becomes a true nightmare.

Age: 12+ • 304 pages

Rights available: worldwide

[English sample translation available](#)

REVIEWS OF CIS MEIJER'S WORK:

- 'Hats off to Cis! ****' [Bibliofem.nl](#)
- 'A truly surprising plot twist' [Boekenbijlage.nl](#), book reviews
- 'As far as I'm concerned, Cis Meijer can just keep this going.' [Eenboekjeopen.nl](#)
- 'Beautifully designed and that just enhances the pleasure of reading.' [MoreDelight.com](#)



CIS MEIJER (1970) studied film and television at the University of Amsterdam and works as a film editor. Her debut thriller *Numb* was published in 2014 and was shortlisted for the best (Dutch) YA thriller.

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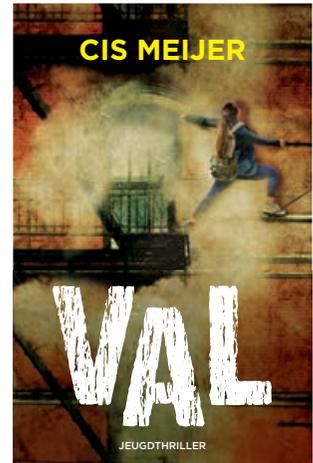
THE FALL | NUMB

Bloodcurdling and chilling YA thrillers

Liv is an urban climber. She wants to visit New York, the ultimate urban climbing city. Her best friend Sofia attends high school there. But while Liv is counting down the weeks, Sofia's behaviour becomes increasingly weird. Then Liv receives the horrible news that Sofia has died in a tragic accident.

Liv is suspicious about Sofia's cause of death and starts having ominous nightmares. Was it really an accident? Liv leaves for New York. Putting her own life on the line, she goes in search of the truth behind Sofia's disappearance.

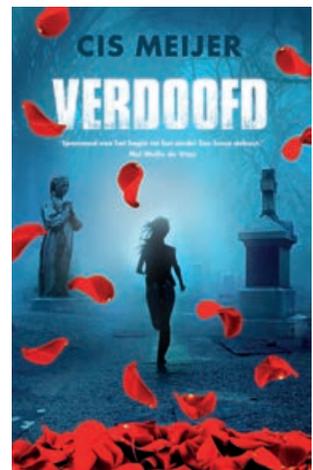
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When Lottie unexpectedly receives a postcard from her sister Nina, who has gone to Paris to work as a fashion model, she becomes suspicious. On the card she discovers a secret cry for help: *HLP*. Lottie realizes that Nina is in danger and she heads for Paris. That's the beginning of a desperate search.

Lottie discovers the dark side of the Parisian art world. Time is running out. Will she find Nina?

Age: 12+ • 224 pages
Rights available: worldwide
[English sample translation available](#)



REVIEWS OF CIS MEIJER'S WORK:

- 'An incredibly exciting story with a completely unexpected plot' Libris.nl
- 'An overwhelming debut with an ultimate level of suspense!' VrouwenThrillers.nl
- 'An ultimately convincing YA thriller. Insanely suspensefull till the final page.' Pluizer.be, tips for avid readers
- 'The unravelling of the plot is literally horribly exciting.' NBD Biblion, services for libraries, schools, bookstores

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Cunning and bloodcurdling thrillers
- *Numb*: listed for the Hebban YA Thriller Award

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BETTE WESTERA & NAOMI TIEMAN I'D NEVER DO THAT!

How well do you know yourself? Social psychology for children



Age: 9+ • 144 pages

Sold to: Russia (Samokat)

English sample translation available



How well do you know yourself? You think, 'I'd never do that', but when the time comes...

This book shows how you may not always behave the way you expected to. It's about seeing and not seeing, remembering and forgetting, trying things out, doing what you're told, wanting to belong to a group and accepting each other. Each chapter starts with a do-it-yourself test, so the young reader can find out for him- or herself what the chapter's all about.

I'd never do that! provides surprising, humorous information about the subconscious and shows how much influence you have on the world around you.

A car crash.

A father and son were in the car. The father is killed instantly, and the son is rushed to hospital for an emergency operation. The surgeon comes into the operating room, looks at the patient in horror and cries out 'That's my son!' What's going on?

REVIEWS:

- 'A good read, especially if the topic is new to you.' JaapLeest.nl, reviews of children's books
- 'Highly recommended' Pluizuit.be, reviews of children's books
- 'An original, fresh read for inquisitive kids' Dutch magazine *Groter Groeien*
- 'This pleasant zap book invites children to leaf through it, to take part in the experiments and to weigh the information in a playful way.' Jury report, Flag & Pennant

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Prize winner: Flag & Pennant 2013
- Unexpected, humorous information about how the brain works
- Weird stories and strange facts
- Full of illustrations, riddles and tests
- Links to interesting short films (www.datzouiknooitdoen.nl)
- Makes children aware of themselves and makes them think about the world around them

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PETER VAN GESTEL

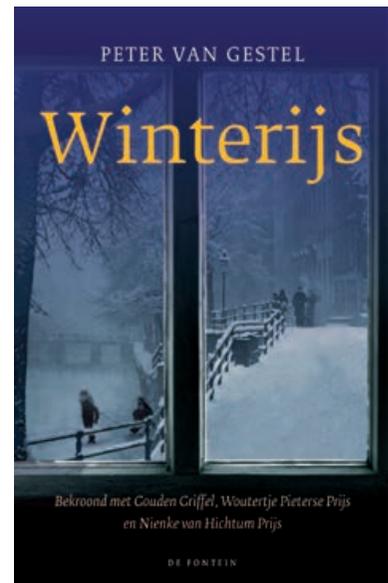
WINTER ICE

Multiple prize-winning literary young adult novel

1947: Post-war Amsterdam. During a long hot summer, ten-year-old Thomas wanders through the city all alone. He looks back at the coldest and longest winter ever. His mother has died; his father is an artist who can barely make a living. Then Thomas befriends a Jewish boy called Zwaan and his cousin. Thomas gradually discovers the scars the war has left on their lives and this considerably changes his own life.

The expressive detail and the constant changes in time and place create a three-dimensional map of post-war Amsterdam, which includes the smells and colours of a crowded classroom, the solid cold snow on the canals, the slippery ice of the River Amstel and the double bed in which Thomas and Zwaan sleep. The underlying emotions are timeless: children such as Thomas are still bullied because they are different. Children and adults alike still suffer in silence, unable to share their emotions. This tale of a child who is physically and emotionally neglected deserves a place amongst the great classic stories.

PETER VAN GESTEL (Amsterdam, 1937) is one of the Netherlands' most award-winning children's authors. After drama school he worked as an actor and playwright for Dutch radio and television. He debuted in 1961 with a short story and then wrote numerous children's books. *Winter Ice* is his most acclaimed book.



Age: 12+ • 256 pages

Sold to: Germany (Beltz & Gelberg), France (Gallimard), Italy (Feltrinelli), Russia (Samokat), China (Zhejiang), Korea (Momo Agency), Spanish-speaking South America (Panamericana Editorial)

English sample translation available

REVIEWS:

- 'A masterpiece' Dutch newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*
- 'A beautiful story about two friends growing up' Dutch newspaper *De Limburger*
- 'A beautiful story about friendship and love' Dutch newspaper *de Volkskrant*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 50,000 copies of *Winter Ice* sold
- *Winter Ice* is a three-time award winner:
 - Golden Pencil 2002: most prestigious children's book prize in the Netherlands
 - Woutertje Pieterse Prize 2002: Dutch literary critics award
 - Nienke van Hichtum Award 2003: for literature 13+

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
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KOOS MEINDERTS SEEING THE SEA

'Seeing the Sea is one of the best books Meinderts has written and deserves a large young adult readership.'



Age: 14+ • 160 pages

Sold to: Austria (Verlag Jungbrunnen)

German translation and English sample translation available

They were both going to climb the chimney. That was what they had agreed. They wanted to know if you could see the sea from up there, beyond the dunes.

In the end, only John climbs up. Con watches him fall to his death and runs off. Hours later, when he's told that his friend is dead, he pretends to be shocked, as if he knows nothing about it. Years later, looking back on that dramatic event from his youth, the time has come to tell the story.

I stood below and watched while John climbed the chimney, singing as he went. When he got to the top, he waved triumphantly. He shouted something that I couldn't quite understand – 'I saw the sea!', could that have been it? – and then he fell and I ran home: nothing happened, nothing happened.

REVIEWS:

- 'It's incredibly beautiful the way the writer takes a brief moment from the past and expands it into something so large.' Dutch newspaper *Het Parool*
- '(...) exciting from the very beginning to the very end. *Seeing the Sea* is a book to cherish. Brilliantly done.' Jaappleest.nl, reviewer of children's books
- '*Seeing the Sea* sparkles with humour, compassion and love and in the way it is staged, making it a young adult novel for all ages.' Edward van de Vendel

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Winner of the Book Lion 2016
- Nominated for the Dioraphte Literatour Prize and the Flemish Children's Jury Prize
- Theme: timeless and universal
- Meinderts books endure

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
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KOOS MEINDERTS

MAY SHE LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Gripping story about the search for a humane ending to a completed life

*'I just wanted to ask you something else,' I say. 'That time on the tracks, didn't you hear me calling?'
Mrs Earl looks shocked. 'Did you call?'
'I screamed. But you never looked back.'*

On her way to school, Eva sees an old woman standing on the railroad tracks, while the barrier is dropping down and the warning bell is ringing. Without hesitation she pulls the woman from the oncoming train just at the last second.

At school, she's a hero. She's in the newspaper and on TV. Curious about the person she's saved, she decides to visit the woman, at which point she is confronted with the shocking truth.

KOOS MEINDERTS (The Hague, 1953) had his debut as a writer in 1983 with *Mooi meegenomen*. He writes stories, poems and song texts for children and adults. *May She Live Happily Ever After* is his first book for young readers.



© MATHIJS MEINDERTS



Age: 12+ • 144 pages

Sold to: Austria (Jungbrunnen)

German translation and English sample translation available

REVIEWS OF KOOS MEINDERTS'S WORK:

- 'The words that Koos has chosen for his descriptions of all of these colourful characters have a pleasing cadence and good rhythm. They seem so natural, light and lively on the page; they hit home, one after another, the way only a true literary artist can do it. The book makes you hunger for more.' Jury report, Children's Bookstore Prize of *Bij ons in de straat (In Our Street)*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Nominated for the Austrian Children's and Youth Book Award
- Realistic and timeless subject
- A theme near the top of the political agenda in the Netherlands
- Finally an impressive book for young readers about a huge ethical dilemma

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
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GLOSSARY

BOOK LION (Boekenleeuw) is a major Belgian prize awarded annually for the best book of the year.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK (Kinderboekenweek) is an annual ten-day event held every October in the Netherlands to promote children's books. It is organized by the Foundation Collective Promotion of the Dutch Book (CPNB). A reading list with featured titles is compiled based on a changing yearly theme.

CHILDREN'S BOOKSTORE PRIZE (Kinderboekwinkelprijs) is awarded annually by children's bookshops in the Netherlands to the best children's book that has not already received other prizes.

DIORAPhte LITERATOUR PRIZE is awarded annually to the best literary young adult novel.

DUTCH CHILDREN'S JURY PRIZE (Prijs van de Nederlandse Kinderjury) is awarded annually. Dutch children between the ages of six and twelve may vote for their favourite book of the year.

FEATHER IN THE CAP (Pluim van de Senaat) is an honourable mention by the Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury. The Senate chooses their favourite book out of the shortlist for the Dutch Children's Jury Prize.

FLAG & PENNANT (Vlag & Wimpel) is an honourable mention for children's and juvenile literature given by the Golden Brush (Gouden Penseel) jury for illustrating and the Golden Pencil (Gouden Griffel) jury for writing. Books translated into Dutch and foreign illustrators are eligible.

FLEMISH CHILDREN'S JURY PRIZE (Kinderen Jeugdjury Vlaanderen) is...

GOLDEN BRUSH (Gouden Penseel) is awarded annually by the CPNB to the best illustrated Dutch children's book of the year.

Two **SILVER SLATE BRUSHES** (Zilveren Penselen) are also awarded to the best illustrated children's books published in the Netherlands.

GOLDEN PENCIL (Gouden Griffel) is a major prize awarded annually during Children's Book Week (Kinderboekenweek) by the CPNB for the best book of the year. Only books originally written in Dutch are eligible.

Translated works are eligible for the **SILVER PENCIL** (Zilveren Griffel) which is awarded annually.

HEBBAN CRIMEZONE YA THRILLER AWARD is awarded annually, to the best YA thriller. Readers may vote for their favourite book of the year.

HEBBAN YOUNG ADULT AWARD is awarded annually, to the best YA book. Readers may vote for their favourite book of the year.

HOTZE DE ROOS PRIZE is awarded annually to a first-time children's author for his or her debut work.

NIENKE VAN HICHTUM AWARD is a bi-annual literary prize for books written for young people aged thirteen and older.

WOUTERTJE PIETERSE PRIZE is awarded annually, by the Dutch Foundation of the same name, to the best Dutch children's book released in the previous year. The jury is comprised of literary critics.

YOUNG JURY PRIZE (Prijs van de Jonge Jury) is awarded annually. Dutch young people between the ages of twelve and sixteen may vote for their favourite book of the year.

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