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# De Fontein

## Children's and Young Adult Books

We are very pleased to present our Foreign Rights Catalogue 2019.

At present De Fontein is the **number one children's book publisher** 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 **from newborn to young adult**: picture books, novelty books, gift books, graphic novels, adventurous titles and humorous titles, both fiction and non-fiction and **popular as well as literary works**. In short, the entire gamut of books for children and young adults.

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 authors**: Eva Burgers, Jozua Douglas, Marcel van Driel, Peter van Gestel, Cis Meijer, Koos Meinderts, Marieke Nelissen, Loes Riphagen, Niki Smit, Wouter Tulp, Tjibbe Veldkamp, Mel Wallis de Vries, Bette Westera and Margje Woodrow.

The Dutch Foundation for Literature exists to promote interest in Dutch books abroad. Foreign publishers wishing to publish translations of Dutch children's and young adult literature are therefore encouraged to apply for a grant towards translation costs ([www.letterenfonds.nl](http://www.letterenfonds.nl)). Please note the glossary at the back of our catalogue.

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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# LOES RIPHAGEN

## A TRUNK FOR A NOSE

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



Age: 4+ • 44 pages

Sold to: Germany (Bohem Verlag), France (Didier Jeunesse), China (simplified Chinese character translation by 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 may not be 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 with the support of the Dutch Foundation for Literature (Nederlands 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.' *NRC Handelsblad* (Dutch newspaper)
- 'A picture book of magnificent design, climaxing in a spectacular gatefold.' *Trouw* (Dutch newspaper)
- 'With *A Trunk for a Nose*, popular illustrator Loes Riphagen created something utterly unique.' *Margriet* (Dutch weekly)

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Honorary Mention winner of the Global Illustration Award 2018
- Winner of the Silver European Design Award 2016
- First place at the Hong Kong Print Awards
- Winner of the 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 for a 3D feel

Funding is available for some of the production costs.

For information, please contact: Dutch Foundation for Literature ([www.letterenfonds.nl](http://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 reaches 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, Wouter has worked on several international feature film projects. He currently works for Sony Pictures Animation.

**TJIBBE VELDKAMP** is a renowned writer and writing coach. Among other awards, he has won four Silver Slate 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.' *de Volkskrant* (Dutch newspaper)
- 'Phenomenal read aloud book' *Dagblad van het Noorden* (Dutch newspaper)
- 'A hilarious adventure, filled with colour and striking illustrations' *Trouw* (Dutch newspaper)
- 'The drawings really pop, ready to step off the page.' *Livre* (Dutch magazine on literature)

## UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Winner of the prestigious Silver Slate Pencil 2018
- Author Tjibbe Veldkamp is a four-time Silver Slate Pencil winner
- Wouter Tulp has over 28,000 Instagram followers from all around the world
- Books by Tjibbe Veldkamp are already available in ten languages
- A subtle reference to many adults' smartphone and tablet addiction

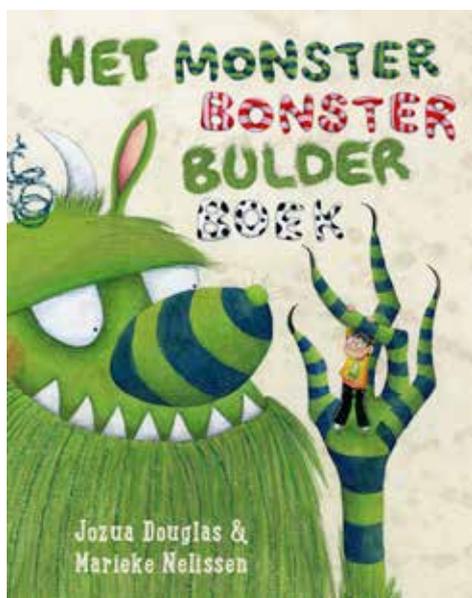
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# JOZUA DOUGLAS & MARIEKE NELISSEN

## 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. Piggig 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 his monster parents back to normal?



#### REVIEWS:

- 'Wonderful picture book, in which the detailed drawings stand out well' Libris.nl
- 'A gripping and colourful story, richly filled with expressive monster drawings. Very suitable for little monsters.' Pluizuit.be (children's book reviews)
- 'A beautiful story to read to toddlers and preschoolers.' Leespluim, jury report

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

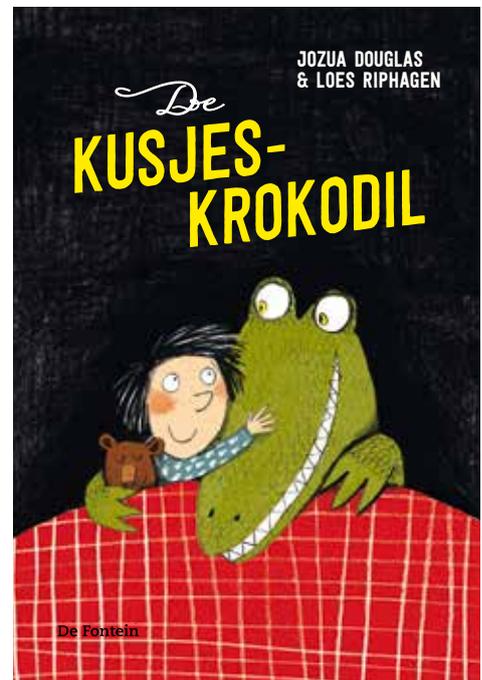
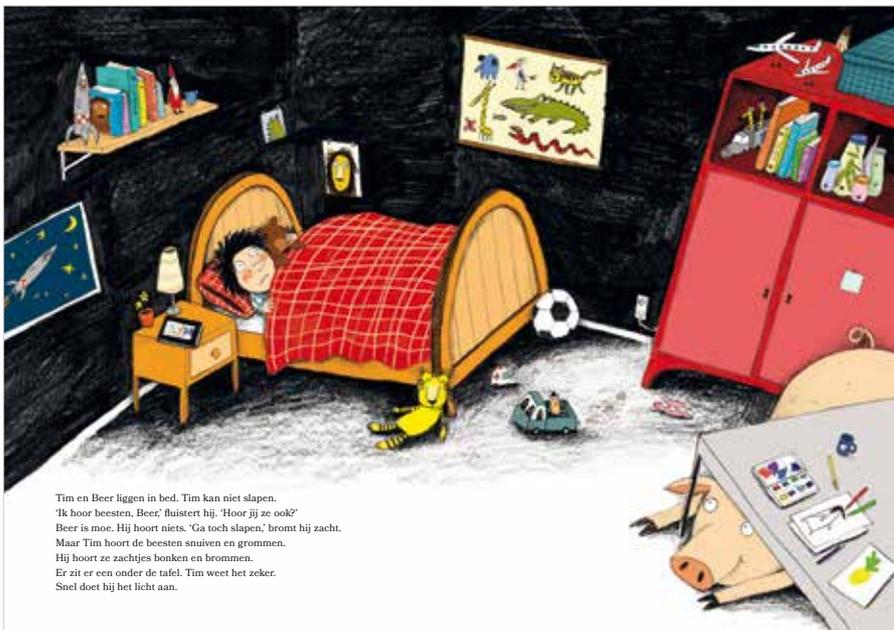
- Jozua Douglas' latest hit picture book to read aloud
- Jozua Douglas was awarded two Feather in the Cap awards by the Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury
- Beautiful illustrations by Marieke Nelissen, whose previous work has won the Worldwide Picture Book Competition and was nominated for the World Illustrations Awards of 2015
- Visit [www.jozuadouglas.com](http://www.jozuadouglas.com) and [www.lepetitstudio.nl](http://www.lepetitstudio.nl) to learn more about Jozua Douglas and Marieke Nelissen

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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 Tim feel sleepy. Still, it takes a goodnight kiss from the Kiss-Kiss Crocodile for him to sleep soundly.



Age: 3+ • 32 pages

Sold to: Germany (Thienemann-Esslinger Verlag)

**German translation & English sample translation available**

## REVIEWS:

- 'The plot, illustrations and words form a sophisticated and balanced whole' *De Leeswelp* (Flemish book magazine)
- 'A wonderful book that you close with a smile' Leestafel.info (community centered around books, authors, and language)

## UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Picture book by two award-winning authors
- Jozua Douglas is the author of the 2018 Children's Book Week gift book, with a print run of 355,000 copies
- Great bedtime story for children who refuse to go to sleep
- Nominated for Picture Book of the Year 2018
- For more illustrations, see [www.loesriphagen.nl](http://www.loesriphagen.nl)

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# BETTE WESTERA & HARMEN VAN STRAATEN

## AN UNFORGETTABLE GRANDDAD

Internationally awarded picture book



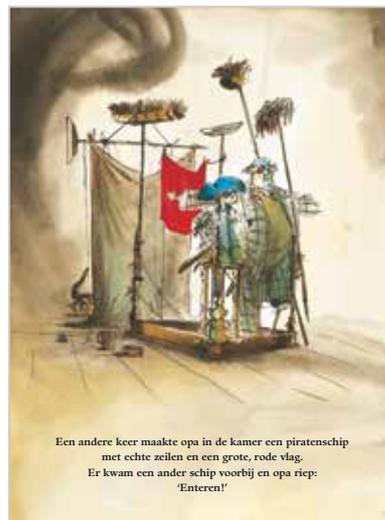
Age: 4+ • 32 pages

Sold to: Denmark (Turbine), Taiwan (complex Chinese character translation by TMac), Portugal (Livros Horizonte), France (Éditions Milan), Korea (Yeo Myung Media), Japan (Kinnohoshi-Sha), Germany (Lappan), China (simplified Chinese character translation by 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 together they 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.



Een andere keer maakte opa in de kamer een piratenschip met echte zeilen en een grote, rode vlag. Er kwam een ander schip voorbij en opa riep: 'Enteren!'



En toen namen ze papa gevangen en roofden vijf euro uit zijn broekzak om friet van te kopen...

### REVIEWS:

- 'The illustrations express what words could never say.' *de Volkskrant* (Dutch newspaper)
- 'As strange as it may sound in relation to the subject matter: this book makes you happy.' Leespluim, jury report
- 'Sad, but hopeful and cheerful at the same time... It helps.' *De vrijzinnige lezer* (Flemish humanist quarterly)
- 'Westera and Van Straaten are perfect interpreters of both story and illustrations.' *Leesgoed* (Dutch and Flemish magazine on 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 2010
- Beautiful picture book by two award-winning talents

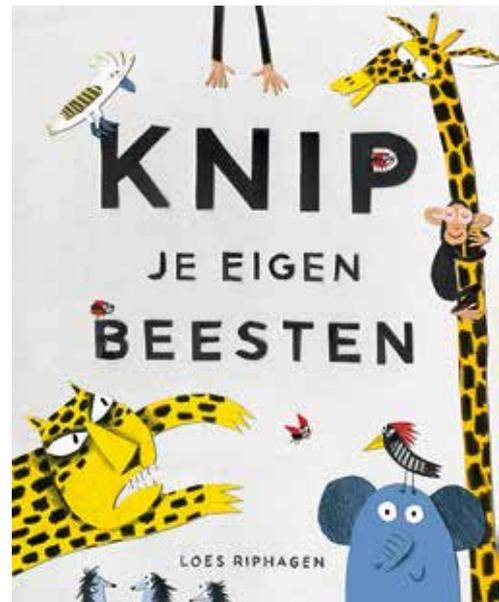
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# LOES RIPHAGEN CRAFT YOUR OWN ANIMAL CHARACTERS

## 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 readers 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 you've created!



Age: 7+ • 40 pages

Rights available: worldwide

### REVIEWS OF *A TRUNK FOR A NOSE*:

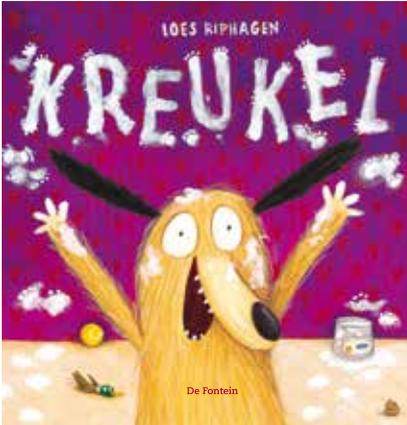
- 'Not just a book, but a work of art. The unique design and clever illustrations make this book a must-have.' Kinderboekenpraatjes.nl (children's book reviews)
- 'A story full of humour and with an abundance of visual stimuli in a luxurious edition that children will reach for over and over again.' Pluizuit.be (children's book reviews)
- '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:

- Honorary Mention winner of the Global Illustration Award 2018
- Clear instructions for crafting the animal characters from *A Trunk for a Nose*
- *A Trunk for a Nose*: winner of the Silver European Design Award 2016, first 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

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# LOES RIPHAGEN | WRINKLE ZZZ

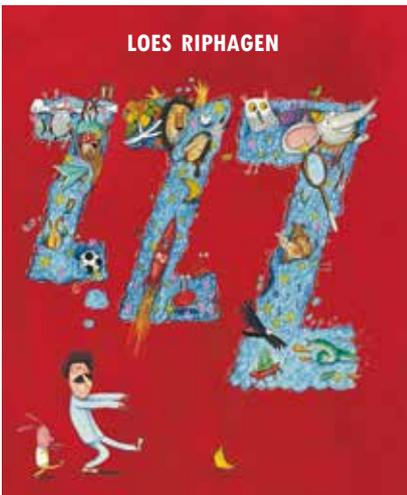


Age: 4+ • 40 pages

Sold to: China (simplified Chinese character translation by Petrel Publishing House), Taiwan (complex Chinese character translation by Here and Now Books)

English translation available

**Skyrocketed to #1 on the Dutch bestseller list upon publication**



Age: 4+ • 32 pages

Sold to: China (simplified Chinese character translation by Beijing Mengxi Jindian Culture Communication)

**ZZZ** is about Little Mister's unlucky day. His bike gets 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 OF LOES RIPHAGEN'S WORK:

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

## UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- ZZZ was the 2013 Children's Book Week picture book, with a print run of 50,000 copies
- 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.

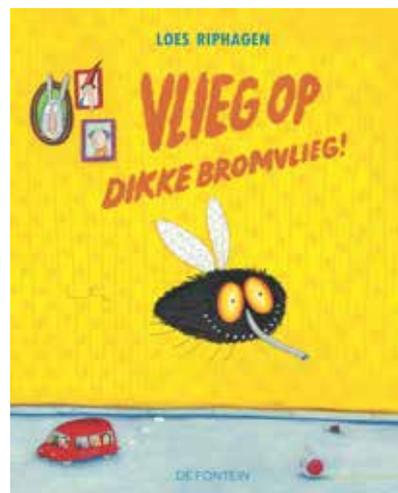
As usual with Loes Riphagen's books, there's plenty to see and laugh at. A five-part story that ends with a bang!

**'Loes Riphagen is one of the few truly notable Dutch illustrators of this moment' *de Volkskrant* (Dutch newspaper)**

**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 collecting obsession gets completely out of control and he tries to grab the sun, he finally realises how important Mouse is to him.

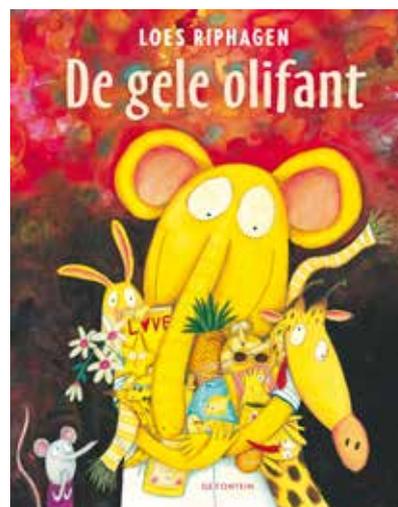
Age: 4+ • 40 pages

Sold to: China (simplified Chinese character translation by Beijing Mengxi Jindian Culture Communication)



Age: 4+ • 32 pages

Sold to: China (simplified Chinese character translation by Petrel Publishing House). Stage rights sold to: Theater Van Santen (NL)



#### 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.' *de Volkskrant* (Dutch newspaper)
- 'Once again one is struck by Riphagen's unique imagination.' JaapLeest.nl (children's book reviews)

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *Buzz Off, Bluebottle!* was nominated for the European Design Award 2014
- Imaginative books by an award-winning illustrator

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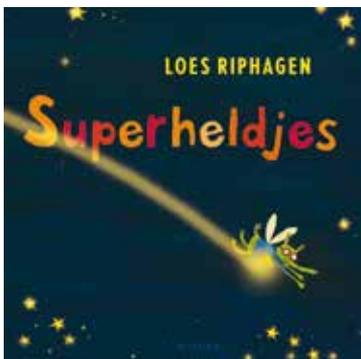
# LOES RIPHAGEN & BETTE WESTERA | MINI WITCHES



Age: 4+ • 40 pages

Sold to: Slovenia (KUD Sodobnost),  
China (simplified Chinese character  
translation by Petrel Publishing House)

English sample translation available



Age: 4+ • 40 pages

Sold to: Germany (Gerstenberg),

China (simplified Chinese character translation by Beijing Mengxi Jindian  
Culture Communication). English sample translation available

The mini-witches work their magical spells every day, yet nothing changes in the forest. Disillusioned and bored, they hang their brooms in the willow trees. But how is it possible that the thumb dwarves living nearby in the forest 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...'*

## 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. But if superheroes hadn't caused these small mishaps, something far worse might have happened.

### REVIEWS OF LOES RIPHAGEN'S WORK:

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

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *Mini Witches* is a unique collaboration between a Golden Slate Pencil-winning author and an award-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 the 2011 Children's Book Week

Funding is available for some of the production costs.

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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: the cat picks up the phone and for once, the fish would like to leave his bowl. The bear climbs out of his painting and falls fast asleep on the sofa. The dog tries on all the shoes he can find and the yellow elephant gathers – need you ask? – yellow things. And what are the pig and the bird up to? Where are the moths and the rabbit?

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

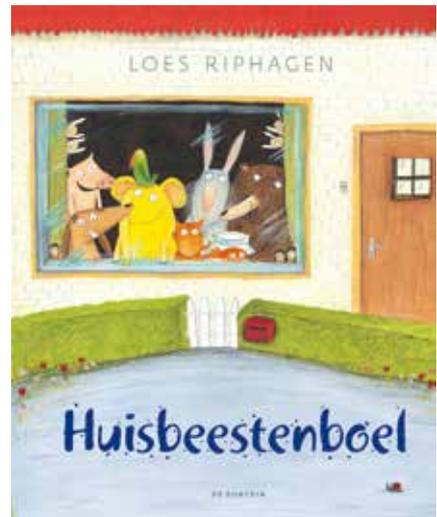
### An amusing and original 'look & find' book about pets

**BEDROOM BEASTIES** Do you sometimes wake up with knots in your hair? That means there's a Kissemmee hiding somewhere in your bedroom. You've never heard of this animal?! Then you'd better read this book to find out what other crazy critters may be calling your bedroom home.

Age: 5+ • 40 pages

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

**German translation and English sample translation available**



Age: 4+ • 32 pages

Sold to: United States (Seven Footer Press), Germany (Boje), Denmark (Turbine), Russia (Samokat), China (simplified character translation by Beijing Mengxi Jindian Culture Communication), Latvia (Jānis Roze)



#### REVIEWS OF LOES RIPHAGEN'S WORK:

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

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

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

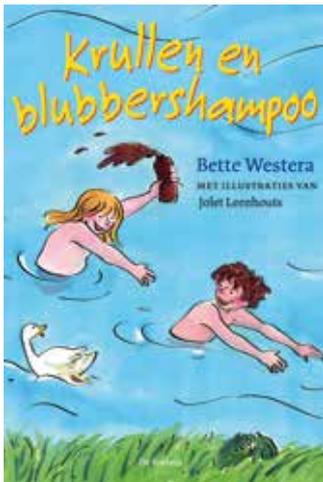
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# BETTE WESTERA

## CURLS AND SLUDGE SHAMPOO

## NO KISSING ON THE TRAMPOLINE

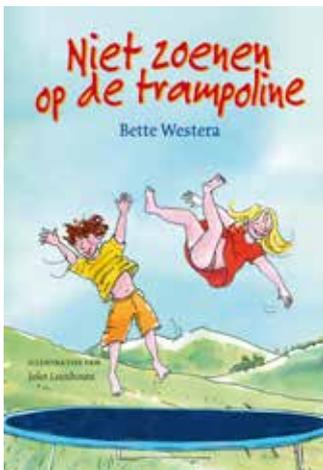
‘Bette Westera is such a good storyteller that before you know it you’ve polished off the whole book!’ Oudersonline.nl



**CURLS AND SLUDGE 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 swim and eat ice cream together. Kimberly asks Cal about his father and he tells her his father is 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 fun and exciting adventures with the other children.

The family situation of the other children they meet gives Cal and Kimberly an idea: to hook up their parents. Then they’d be stepbrother and stepsister. When it looks like it might actually happen, though, they wonder if it wouldn’t be better to remain holiday friends. But can they stop what they’ve 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.’ *Leeuwarder Courant* (Dutch newspaper)
- ‘Westera writes sincerely and offers highly original observations and humour.’ *Leesgoed* (Dutch and Flemish magazine on youth literature)
- ‘Beautifully written, often funny, at times touching’ *Leestafel.info* (online community centered around books, authors, and language)

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Humorous and touching (read-aloud) book by an award-winning 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.  
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# JOZUA DOUGLAS

## CHARLIE CHICKENHEAD 1: KNIGHT OF THE SEWERS

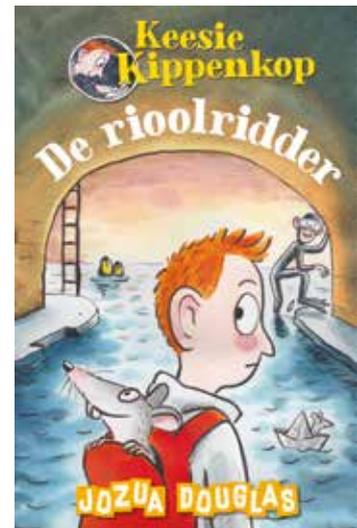
A hilarious adventure story for beginning readers,  
full of wacky lists

Life isn't easy for Charlie Chickenhead. He is shy, he has jug ears and a weird last name. One day, to escape the school bullies, he hides in the sewer. There, he meets a timid man in a wetsuit. His encounter with this strange person who lives in hiding is the beginning of an exciting and hilarious adventure.

**JOZUA DOUGLAS** is scared of rats. He's scared they'll crawl up through the pipes. Before he goes to the toilet, he always checks the bowl first, to make sure there's no rat in it. He always comforted himself by thinking that it's unlikely something like that would actually happen... Until he saw a YouTube video of a rat scrambling up a drainpipe. It really was possible! Jozua panicked, but it also gave him a good idea for a new book.



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Age: 7+ • 160 pages

Rights available: worldwide

### 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* (reviews and recommendations for children)

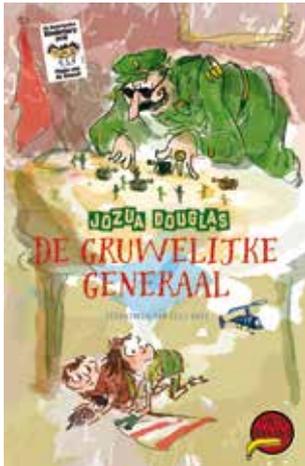
### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- New adventure series by one of the most popular Dutch children's authors
- Jozua Douglas was awarded a Feather in the Cap twice by the Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury
- Attractive design with copious amount illustrations
- Illustrated by Hugo van Look, from the Dolfje Weerwolfje (Alfie the Werewolf) series
- Jozua Douglas is the author of the 2018 Children's Book Week gift book, with a print run of 355,000 copies.

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

# JOZUA DOUGLAS

## COSTA BANANA SERIES 1 & 2: THE GRUESOME GENERAL THE INCREDIBLE RAVI RAVIOLI



Age: 9+ • 256 pages  
 Sold to: Australia/World English (Affirm Press), Germany (Fischer Verlag), Italy (Il Castoro), Turkey (Can Yayinlari)  
 Film rights sold to: Phanta Basta

English sample translation available

Rosa and Fico are no ordinary children. Their father is President Fernando. The president is very fond of his son Fico. Eventually, Fico will be his successor. That's why he already allows Fico to come up with laws. 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 learn 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*, but it can be read as a stand-alone.



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

### REVIEWS OF THE COSTA BANANA SERIES:

- 'I struggle a bit with reading, but my friend lent me this book and said that I would like it. She was right, I enjoyed this book and it made reading a lot easier.' Mila (9) about *The Gruesome General*
- 'Tomorrow night I'm gonna read another chapter. It's almost fun to go to bed now.' Charlie (9) about *The Incredible Ravi Ravioli*
- 'I don't really like reading – except for Donald Duck – but your books are super funny!' Siemen (12) about The Costa Banana Series

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Almost 60,000 copies sold of the books in the Costa Banana series
- Costa Banana will be adapted into a TV 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 *De Wereld Draait Door*, the highest-rated television programme in the Netherlands
- Elly Hees' illustrations are reminiscent of Quentin Blake
- A map of Costa Banana is included

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

## COSTA BANANA SERIES 3: OPERATION PISANG

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

Rosa and her little brother Fico are homeschooled by Mr. Gabriel. Rosa in particular adores him. When the teacher suddenly disappears without a word, Rosa, Fico, and Rosa's 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 Incredible Ravi Ravioli*, but can be read as a stand-alone.



**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.



Age: 9+ • 264 pages  
Rights available: worldwide



What happened to part 4 remains a mystery to this date.

### REVIEWS OF THE COSTA BANANA SERIES:

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

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Jozua Douglas is the author of the 2018 Children's Book Week gift book, with a print run of 355,000 copies.
- Books 1 & 2 of the Costa Banana series were nominated as best children's books of the year by prime-time TV show *De Wereld Draait Door* and were both awarded the Feather in the Cap by the Dutch Children's Jury.
- *Operation Pisang* hit the bestseller list almost immediately after publication.
- Over 100,000 copies of Jozua Douglas' books sold

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

# JOZUA DOUGLAS

## THE NASTY SWIM COACH

‘Jozua Douglas is the Dutch Roald Dahl!’

Arno Koek, bookseller



Age: 9+ • 208 pages

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

English sample translation available

Lev's father makes him go to swim training with coach Boris Brisk, the famous swimming champion. Everyone thinks Brisk is fantastic: 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 Lita, a girl who lives near him, take action. Will they be able to unmask the nasty swim coach?



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



### REVIEWS:

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

- ‘It's great – they should make it into a film!’ A 10-year-old girl
- ‘A hilarious, exciting book for children who love a fair dose of comedy in their stories’ *Algemeen Dagblad* (Dutch newspaper)

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Packed with humour and excitement
- Over 27,000 copies sold
- Hilarious, with shades of Roald Dahl
- Winner of the 2013 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](http://www.letterenfonds.nl)).

# JOZUA DOUGLAS

## THE TERRIBLE TWINS

Super thrilling and full of fun lists

Master storyteller Jozua Douglas strikes again! Hold on tight because you might burst out laughing when you read 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 pair of 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 off her children on eBay. According to Max and Lottie, things aren't as bad as they seem. Their jokes are ingenious but harmless. Until one day, something goes horribly wrong.



Age: 9+ • 192 pages

Sold to: France (Albin Michel), 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 (reviews and recommendations for children)
- 'A hilarious, exciting book for children who love a fair dose of comedy in their stories' *Algemeen Dagblad* (Dutch newspaper)
- 'Jozua Douglas is a master storyteller.'  
*Overblijfmagazine* (magazine for education professionals)

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Hilarious, super suspenseful and full of humoristic lists
- Over 14,000 copies sold
- Elly Hees' illustrations are reminiscent of Quentin Blake

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

NEW

# NIKI SMIT 100% COCO BERLIN

Extremely popular girls' series



Age: 10+ • 288 pages  
Rights available: worldwide

The Style Tiger is starting a vlog! But Coco's first vlog gets totally panned by her fans. How can she be an on fleek fashion vlogger when nothing interesting happens in her life? In the meantime, Coco wonders which of two boys is 'the one': Bruno or Rocco? Arghh!

When Coco gets to do a short internship for school, she decides to liven up her life by applying for jobs in the fashion industry in Berlin. Coco sends off vlogs to Chanel and Viktor&Rolf. Will those blue thumbs finally point up?

**NIKI SMIT** is a highly acclaimed writer and illustrator. Six books from the 100% series have been nominated for the Dutch Children's Jury Award. *100% Coco* was awarded the Dutch Children's Jury Award and Niki received the Feather in the Cap for *100% Coco Paris*. The film *100% Coco* hit cinemas in 2017 and was met with great success. A film adaptation is in the making for *100% Coco New York*.



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## REVIEWS OF NIKI SMIT'S BOOKS:

- 'Jury members thought this book was the best written of all nominated books. It is plausible, it matches with their own experiences, and it has even taught the jury members a thing or two.' Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury, jury's report.
- 'Are you crazy about fashion? Then this book is for you!' *MEIDEN* magazine (glossy for girls 10 to 15)

## UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 350,000 copies of the series sold
- *100% Coco* was awarded the Dutch Children's Jury Award
- *100% Coco Paris* has been successfully adapted for film
- *100% Coco New York* is being adapted for film to appear in 2019!
- *100% Coco* the movie will be broadcast in Germany, Poland, Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium and France

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

## 100% COCO SERIES

### Bestselling and award-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 the famous Style Tiger is 13-year-old Coco. During Fashion Week Coco enters her blog in a big competition. The grand finale is held in Paris. Game on!

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

The Style Tiger becomes more and more popular, 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)  
Broadcasting rights sold to: Germany (KiKa), Poland (Nickelodeon), Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium and France. **German translation & 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.' *Algemeen Dagblad* (Dutch newspaper)
- 'Really *the* most fun book I have EVER read!' Fashion blogger Su'aad on [su-lovely.blogspot.nl](http://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* (reviews and recommendations for children)

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

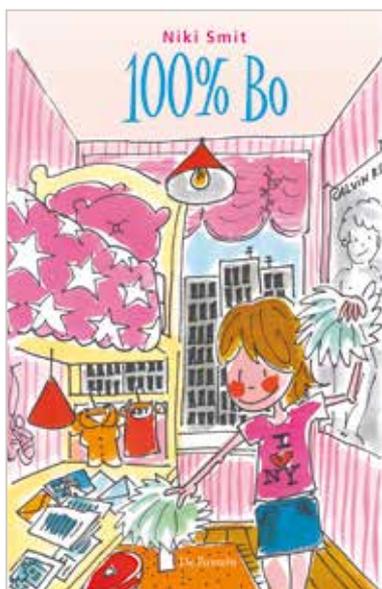
- Wildly popular: over 350,000 copies sold in the Netherlands
- Winner of the Dutch Children's Jury Award
- With fluo pink interior
- Over 170,000 visitors went to see the film
- **The film received the Golden Film status when** the amount of visitors surpassed the 100,000 mark
- The film *100% Coco* won the Cinekid Leeuw Public Award for best Dutch family film and the Kinderfilmfest Audience Award 2018 at Filmfest München will also be broadcast in Germany, Poland, Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium and France.

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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 gets 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 home?



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**NIKI SMIT** is the author of the incredibly popular 100% series. Niki previously worked as the editor of a website for teenagers 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 Award. Niki lives in Amsterdam and loves drawing, fashion and Paris.

### REVIEWS OF THE 100% SERIES:

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

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 350,000 copies of Niki Smit's books have been sold in the Netherlands
- *100% Nina* was awarded the 2006 Hotze de Roos Prize for best debut
- *100% Coco* is the winner of the 2014 Dutch Children's Jury Award
- Also see [nikismit.blogspot.nl](http://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 on her mind: to become one of those girls! But that proves to be a lot harder than she thought...

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

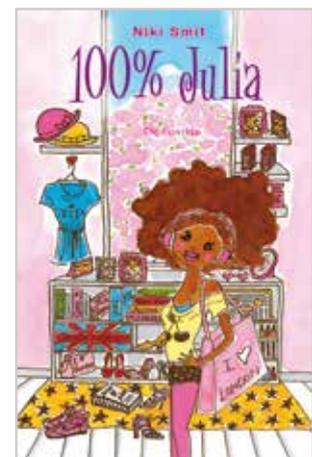
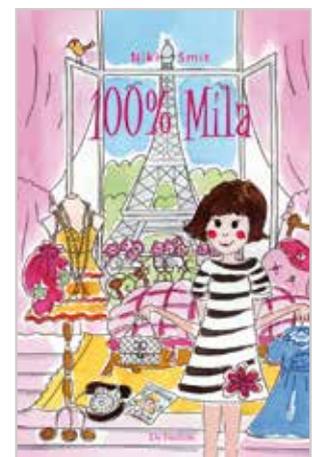
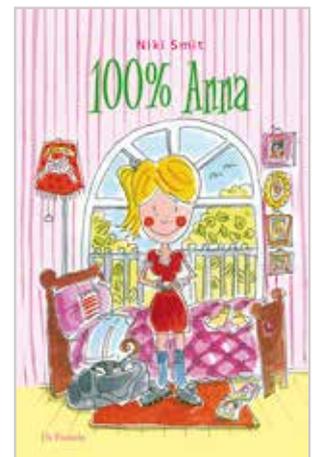
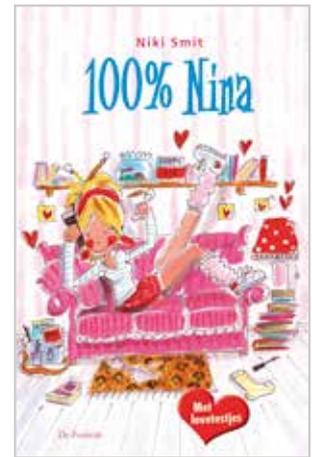
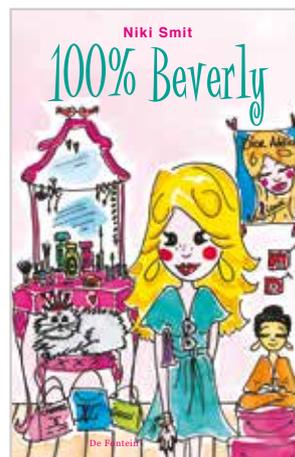
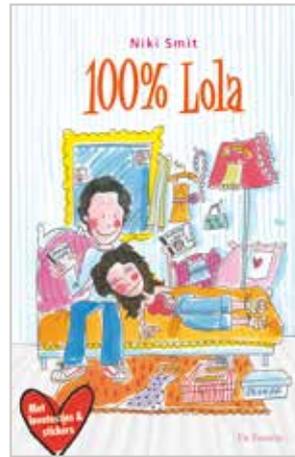
**100% ANNA** Anna doesn't want to have anything to do with the glamorous life her family leads. She secretly plays soccer, but her crush Jamie and her soccer friends don't know that Anna is super wealthy until they see her on the cover of *Rich Girl* magazine.

**100% FAY** Fay is a 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 to London with her family. 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...



# MARCEL VAN DRIEL SUPERHEROES.NL SERIES

A gripping series *and* online game

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 the island is real. Nobody knows that the best players are abducted 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. Only the mysterious leader Mr Oz knows what the final goal is.

Since her father's suicide, 13-year-old Iris Goldhorn has spent 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 reminds of The Hunger Games.' *J/M* (parenting magazine)
- 'Want to bet you won't be able to put down this spy thriller?' GaafvoorKinderen.nl (recommendations for children's activities)
- '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](http://www.superhelden.nl): readers can play the story's game in 3D
- Trailer available on [www.superhelden.nl](http://www.superhelden.nl)

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

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# EVA BURGERS CONSPIRACY | FATAL

For fans of *Pretty Little Liars*

Abby is thrilled with her internship at a criminal investigation department. She is less thrilled with her home situation: her parents are divorced, her mother has a new boyfriend, and her father keeps getting Tinder messages on his phone. Abby wants to get away. She and her friend Jane head to London for a few days.

During her internship, Abby has learned about a criminal organization called Red Snake. When in London, she can't control her curiosity and starts to investigate – but it doesn't take long for the criminals to catch on and come after both Abby and Jane. Will they ever get back home safely?

Age: 13+ • 256 pages

Rights available: worldwide

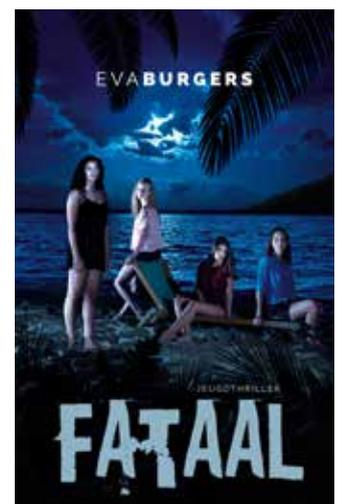
Best friends Emily, Fay, Lauren and Naomi go on holiday together to Crete. Nothing seems to stand in the way of them having a fantastic time, especially when they meet three nice guys. When Lauren falls in love, not everyone is happy. But when the girls catch an intruder in the villa, the holiday is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

Terrifying occurrences begin piling up, but it's Lauren's disappearance that sets off every alarm...

Age: 13+ • 224 pages

Rights available: worldwide

[English sample translation available](#)



## REVIEWS OF EVA BURGERS'S WORK:

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

## UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Almost 20,000 copies sold
- Suspense and snippiness in a compelling, realistic thriller
- Book trailer available

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**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.

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

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

# MARGJE WOODROW

## SNITCH | RUINED

Sinister young adult thrillers by a top-class talent



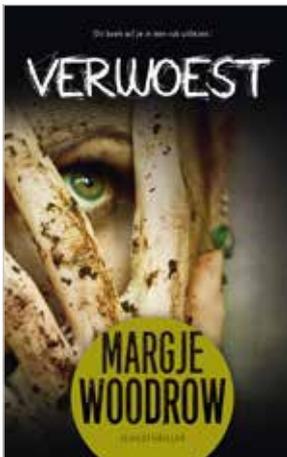
Rose and Quinty's long-standing friendship is seriously put to the test when Quinty starts hanging out with Fenna and her friends. Rose feels rejected, and her fierce response doesn't go down well. Her family doctor prescribes Ritalin, but Rose refuses to take it.

More and more often, she appears to be involved in shady situations. When a classmate has an accident, everyone suspects Rose 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: the words DO + DARE = TRUTH are scratched into the soil. Soon after this happens, 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. A staggering rush of dares follows and Jules is completely trapped. Who is daring Jules in so relentlessly? And will she be able to uncover the truth?

Age: 12+ • 270 pages

Rights available: worldwide

[English sample translation available](#)

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

### REVIEWS OF MARGJE WOODROW'S WORK:

- 'You'll want to read this book in one go' *Girlz* (Dutch teen magazine)
- 'From the first sentence, you're carried away on high waves of suspense.' Hebban.nl (online community for Dutch readers)
- '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](http://www.letterenfonds.nl)).

# MEL WALLIS DE VRIES

## WILD

### Number 1 YA thriller author

A trip to Spain after high school graduation. It seems like a dream come true for a group of four girls and two boys. They decide to spend the night in an inhospitable national park. But then they get lost and have to depend on each other for their survival. As the days pass, frustration and fear take over. How do you survive when no one can be trusted?

*'His leg... What's that...?' Eva stammers.*

*'I think it's broken,' I gasp.*

*Britt sits down next to Fabian and takes his hand. 'It'll be fine,' she whispers. 'Hang on.'*

*'I... I...'* Fabian groans as though talking requires superhuman effort.

*'I... can't walk. It hurts so much.'*

*'If you stay here, we'll stay too,' Britt says. 'We won't leave you.'*

Rosalie is crying now, long, hysterical sobs. *'OMG, we're all going to die.'*

*'Shut up,' I hiss. Then I take a deep breath and say the only thing I can say under these circumstances: 'We'll make Fabian a splint, and then he can lean on Britt and me. Eva, find a straight branch. Britt, tear a T-shirt into strips. And Rosalie, stop crying. Right now!' Thank God everyone does as I say. I lean over to Fabian. 'It'll be okay,' I whisper. 'I swear, Fab.' It sounds more like a lie than a reassurance, and Fabian's eyes tell me he knows it. 'Do you mind if we leave Liv's backpack behind?' I ask quietly.*



Age: 12+ • 240 pages

Rights available: worldwide

[English sample translation available](#)

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Great storyline and topical subject: how far would you go to become a succesful vlogger?
- With fluo green interior
- The functional graphic design makes the story even more disquieting
- Includes ten tips for anyone wanting to get into the vlogging world
- Multiple award-winning YA thriller author
- Book trailer available



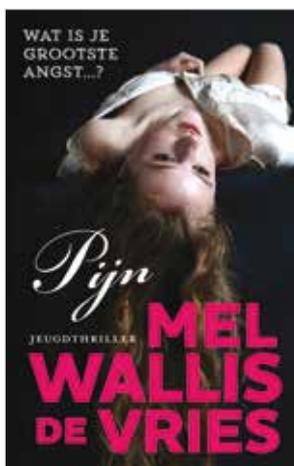
**MEL WALLIS DE VRIES** is today's most successful Dutch writer of young adult thrillers. She has won multiple awards, and her books always rank high on bestseller lists. Several books have been adapted for the stage and a film adaptation is in the making for *Fake*.

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

## PAIN | HATRED

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

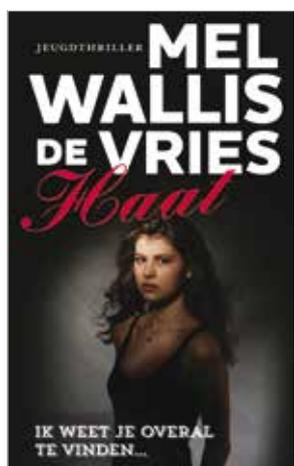


One beautiful, warm summer evening, the lifeless body of a girl is found. Her murderer has shared the girl's final minutes on Snapchat. It's the talk of the town. Especially when it turns out she's not the only one...

Five girls who don't know each other. A killer who outsmarts the police. All available for public viewing. Nobody's perfect, but what if the whole world suddenly gets to watch?

Age: 12+ • 222 pages

Rights available: worldwide



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

This happens to 16-year-old Nikki. Her search for the disturbing truth will change her life forever. What really happened in that park?

Age: 12+ • 208 pages

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### 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 (service provider for libraries, schools, and bookstores)
- 'Another top-class thriller to devour' 7Days (Dutch weekly for young adults)



### MEL WALLIS DE VRIES is

today's most successful Dutch writer of young adult thrillers. She has won multiple awards, and her books always rank high on bestseller lists. Several of her books have been adapted for the stage and a film adaptation is in the making for *Fake*.

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

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# MEL WALLIS DE VRIES

## BLAME | SHOCK

Six time Young Jury Award-winner Mel Wallis de Vries is unparalleled

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

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

Age: 13+ • 240 pages

Sold to: Germany (Bastei Lübbe), Hungary (Scolar)



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

It takes months before you are able to pick up your life 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 (children's book reviews)
- '*Shock* has an original plot twist and is a super thrilling read.' Boektips.nl (children's book reviews)

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

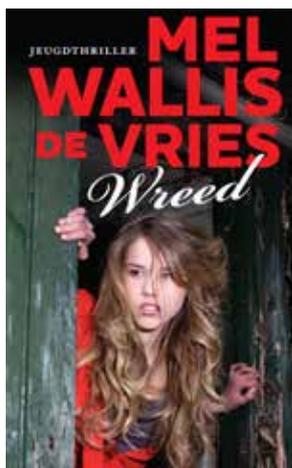
- Multiple award-winning YA thriller writer
- *Shock* and *Blame*: winners of the Hebban Crimezone YA Thriller Award
- *Shock* and *Blame* have been adapted into thriller musicals

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

## CRUEL | STUCK

Mel Wallis de Vries surpasses herself with  
each new book

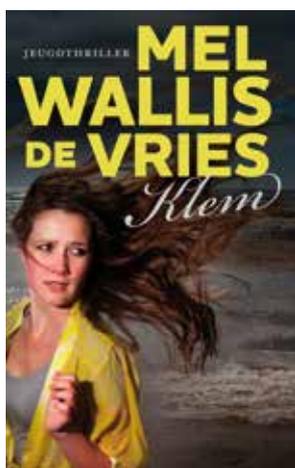


*What if your worst nightmare becomes a reality and there is no one left to help you?*

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 has only just begun. 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 – everyone's looking forward to having 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? And who is responsible?

Bad weather prevents everyone from leaving 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 find themselves under pressure, and the trip slowly 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 this is even one of her best!' *7Days* (Dutch weekly for young adults)

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *Cruel*: winner of the 2014 Hebban Crimezone YA Thriller Award and the 2015 Young Jury Award
- The functional graphic design makes the books even more alarming
- *Stuck*: winner of the 2014 Young Jury Award

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

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# MEL WALLIS DE VRIES TRAPPED | FALSE

## The Nicci French of Dutch YA-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 in danger. But how can she reach Maud from the darkness to warn her? Lara does everything in her power, but time is running out...

Age: 12+ • 272 pages

Sold to: Germany (Bastei Lübbe)

[English sample translation available](#)



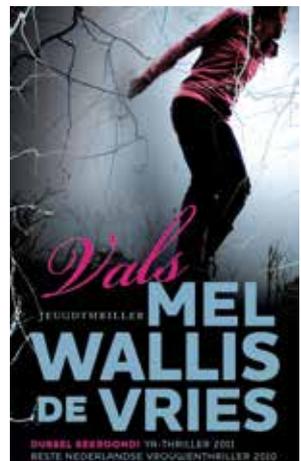
*Four friends are staying in a secluded cottage; one by one, they disappear...*

During the Christmas holidays, Abby, Kim, Pippa and Fay go to a cottage in the Belgian Ardennes, 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. Until Kim disappears. When Fay disappears too and they find a trail of blood in the snow, concern turns into fear. Pippa and Abby can't 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

Sold to: Germany (Bastei Lübbe), Hungary (Scolar)

[English sample translation available](#)



### REVIEWS:

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

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- *Trapped*: nominated for the Young Jury Prize 2013
- *False* won the 2010 Best Dutch Women's Thriller Award, 2011 Best Dutch YA Thriller Award and the 2012 Young Jury Award
- Most successful Dutch writer of YA thrillers
- *False* has been adapted into a thriller musical and made into a Dutch feature film, which was released early 2019

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

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# CIS MEIJER KNOCK OUT | 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 she's threatened: 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

[English sample translation available](#)



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 also disappears, 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 (book blog)
- 'A truly surprising plot twist.' Boekenbijlage.nl (book reviews)
- 'As far as I'm concerned, Cis Meijer can just keep doing what she does.' Eenboekjeopen.nl (book reviews)
- 'Beautifully designed; that just enhances the pleasure of reading.' MoreDelight.com (book blog)

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**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 shortlisted for the best (Dutch) YA thriller.

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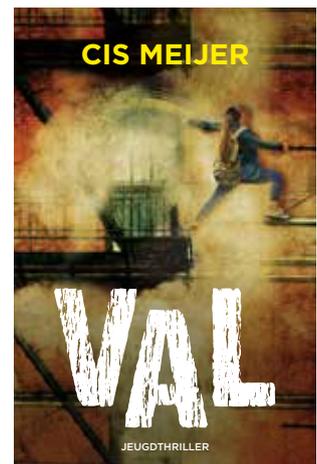
## THE FALL | NUMB

### 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 horrible news: Sofia has died in a tragic accident.

Liv has suspicions 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 searches for the truth behind Sofia's disappearance.

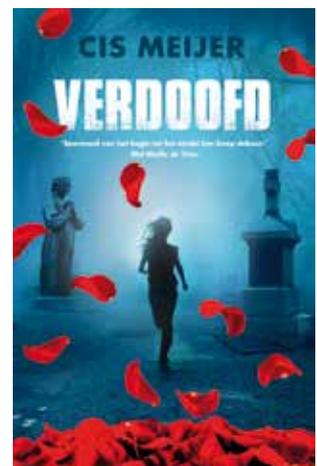
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When Lottie unexpectedly receives a postcard from her sister Nina, who has gone to Paris to work as a fashion model, she becomes suspicious. On the card, she discovers a secret cry for help: *HLP*. Lottie realizes that Nina is in danger and she heads 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](#) (women's thriller reviews)
- 'An ultimately convincing YA thriller. Insanely suspenseful until the final page.' [Pluizer.be](#) (reviews and recommendations for young, avid readers)
- 'The unravelling of the plot is literally horribly exciting.' [NBD Biblion](#) (service provider for libraries, schools, and bookstores)

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

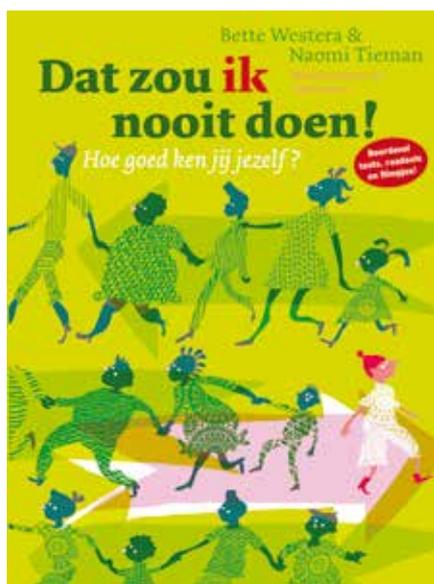
- Cunning and bloodcurdling thrillers
- *Numb*: listed for the Hebban YA Thriller Award

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.  
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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 may think, 'I'd never do that,' but when the time comes...

This book shows how you may not always behave the way you expected you would. 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 young readers can find out for themselves 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 (children's book reviews)
- 'Highly recommended' Pluizuit.be (children's book reviews)
- 'An original, fresh read for inquisitive children' *Groter Groeien* (Dutch magazine for parents)
- 'This pleasant zap book invites children to leaf through it, to take part in the experiments and to consider the information in a playful way.' Flag & Pennant, jury report

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Winner of a 2013 Flag & Pennant
- 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](http://www.datzouiknooitdoen.nl))
- Makes children aware of themselves and makes them think about the world around them

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

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# PETER VAN GESTEL

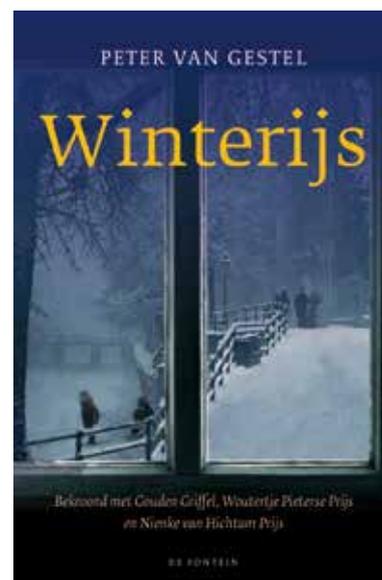
## WINTER ICE

### Multiple award-winning literary young adult novel

1947: Post-war Amsterdam. During a long, hot summer, 10-year-old Thomas wanders through the city all by himself. He looks back on 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 Zwaan's cousin. Thomas gradually discovers the scars the war has left on their lives, which 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, including 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 like 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 classics.

**PETER VAN GESTEL** (Amsterdam, 1937) is one of the Netherlands' most award-winning children's authors. After graduating drama school, he worked as an actor and playwright for Dutch radio and television. He made his debut in 1961 with a short story and went on to write 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 & Ukraine (Samokat), China (Zhejiang), Korea (Momo Agency), Spanish-speaking South America (Panamericana Editorial)

**English sample and full German translation translation available**

#### REVIEWS:

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

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

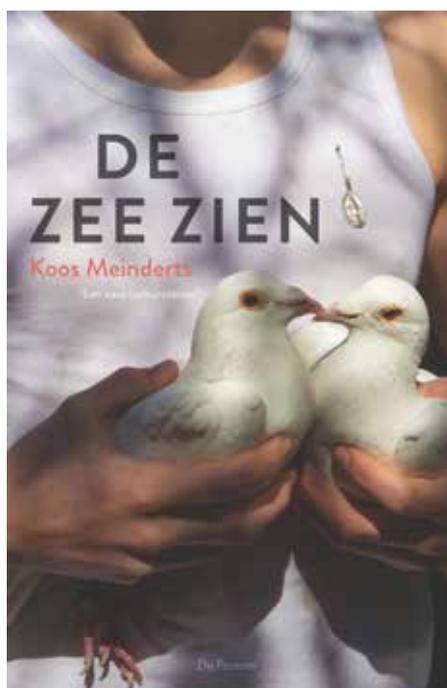
- Over 50,000 copies of *Winter Ice* sold
- *Winter Ice* is a three-time award winner:
  - 2002 Golden Slate Pencil: most prestigious children's book prize in the Netherlands
  - Winner of the 2002 Woutertje Pieterse Award: Dutch literary critics award
  - Winner of the 2003 Nienke van Hichtum Award: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

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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.'*



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 traumatic 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.*

Age: 14+ • 160 pages

Sold to: Austria (Verlag Jungbrunnen)

German translation and English sample translation available

### REVIEWS:

- 'It's incredibly beautiful the way the writer takes a brief moment from the past and expands it into something so large.' *Het Parool* (Dutch newspaper)
- '(...) exciting from the very beginning to the very end. *Seeing the Sea* is a book to cherish. Brilliantly done.' JaapLeest.nl (children's book reviews)
- '*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 (Dutch author)

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Winner of the 2016 Book Lion
- Nominated for the Dioraphte Literatour Prize and the Flemish Children's Jury Award
- 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 bells are 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) made his debut as a writer in 1983 with *Mooi meegenomen*. He writes stories, poems and song lyrics for children and adults. *May She Live Happily Ever After* is his first book for young adult readers.



© MATHIJS MEINDERTS



Age: 12+ • 144 pages

Sold to: Austria (Jungbrunnen)

**German translation and English sample translation available**

### REVIEWS OF KOOS MEINDERTS' 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.' Children's Bookstore Award, jury report 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 topical social and political theme in The Netherlands
- An impressive book for young readers that deals with a huge ethical dilemma

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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 for the Collective Promotion of the Dutch Book (CPNB). A reading list with featured titles is compiled based on a theme that changes yearly.

**CHILDREN'S BOOKSTORE AWARD** (Kinderboekwinkelprijs) is awarded annually by children's bookstores in the Netherlands to the best children's book that has not already received other awards.

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

**DUTCH CHILDREN'S JURY AWARD** (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 from the shortlist for the Dutch Children's Jury Award.

**FLAG & PENNANT** (Vlag & Wimpel) is an honourable mention for children's and juvenile literature given by the Golden Paintbrush jury for illustrations and the Golden Slate Pencil jury for writing. Books translated into Dutch and foreign illustrators are eligible.

**FLEMISH CHILDREN'S JURY AWARD** (Kinderen Jeugdjury Vlaanderen) is awarded annually. Flemish children between the ages of four and sixteen may vote for their favourite book of the year.

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

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

**GOLDEN SLATE 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 a **SILVER SLATE PENCIL** (Zilveren Griffel) which is awarded annually.

**HEBBAN CRIMEZONE YA THRILLER AWARD** is awarded annually, to the best YA thriller. Readers can 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.

**NIENKE VAN HICHTUM AWARD** is a bi-annual literary prize for books written for children age thirteen and over.

**WOUTERTJE PIETERSE AWARD** 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 AWARD** (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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