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BABY BOOKS



THE WAIT

STÉPHANIE DEMASSE-
POTTIER, EUNJIN OH

**2020 • 2 years and up •
20 x 22 cm • 48 p. •
hardcover • 14 €**



The Wait is a story about birth. It is about a couple of bears, Lea and Karl, who are expecting their first child.

Just like every winter, before the cold weather sets in, they have to stock up on supplies. But this year, Karl goes alone since Lea is nearing the end of her pregnancy. The story centers around Lea and everything that comes before a birth – preparing the “nest” and clothes, the future mother daydreaming about her baby... So many precious and gentle moments proceed the baby’s arrival.

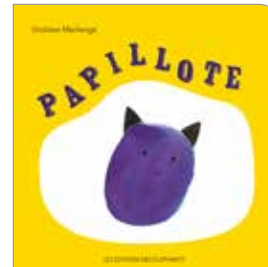
CHILD OF THE EARTH

FRANCE QUATROMME, SANDRINE BONINI

2017 • 2 years and up • 20 x 22 cm • 32 p • hardcover • 14 €

Poetic and universal.

Africa, Greenland, West Indies, China, Brazil or Australia, France Quatromme draws inspiration for her beautiful lullaby rhymes from bedtime around the world. She creates the familiar surroundings of the baby she is talking to using the pitch of the melody, the bark of a dog, a star shining bright. Indeed, for babies everywhere she has created a charming and universal picture book beyond compare.



PAPILLOTE

VIOLAÏNE MARLANGE

2016 •
2 years and up •
18 x 18 cm • 34 p. •
boardbook • 12 €

Follow Papillote as he takes his baby steps.

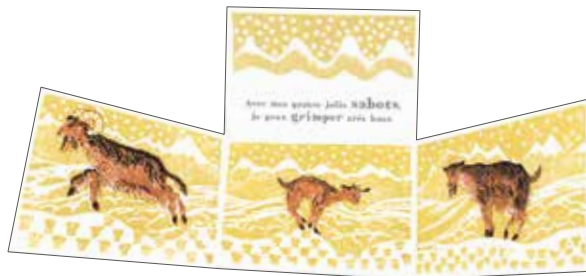
One day Papillote's parents loved each other so much that he came to be. Papillote goes through all children's first steps, gains independence and then goes on to explore the world!



ANIMAL RIDDLE

MAY ANGELI

- 2017 • novelty book •
- 2 years and up •
- 14 x 20 x 2,5 cm •
- 24 pages with flaps •
- hardcover • 16€



A cross between an art book and an animated book.

Inside this picture book children will discover May Angeli's stunning woodcuts featuring 12 different families of farm animals. The book opens on a riddle paired with a woodcut. The riddles aim to have the child and reader guess which animal will be revealed before lifting the flaps. The first of two flaps is lifted to reveal the illustrated answer to the riddle, the second to show images of animals from the same family composing a triptych as shown above.





THE PUDDLE

MAY ANGELI

2015 •

3 years and up •

21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €

A picturebook for toddlers with gorgeous woodcuts.

The rain has stopped. In the puddle left on the path, a bee, a swallow, some sparrows, a turtle, and a few ducks cool down in turn. When a little girl arrives and says: « I too want to play with you! », the ducks waddle away. But playing alone is no fun! Luckily, a small pig arrives. The strength of this picture book resides in its simplicity: the artist turns a prosaic puddle into a real piece of art.

RITA WANTS A BABY

MAY ANGELI

2016 • 3 years and up •

21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €



A witty picturebook on a theme close to children's hearts: the arrival of a new baby.

Rita wants a baby. The idea fills her with joy so as soon as she lays an egg she sings! Alerting Irma, the farmer, who then comes and collects her egg... Finally she decides to lay her egg quietly and out of Irma's way, not far from the cats playground. She warns the cats to beware, both her beak and her claws are sharp. During the day Rita keeps an eye on her egg but at night she must return to the hen house...



THE TWINS

MAY ANGELI

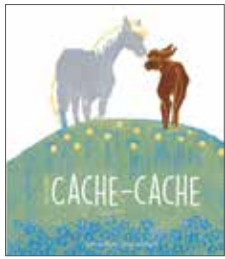
2021 • 4 years and up •

21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €

A realistic and endearing family portrait in which the lambs experience love and rivalry, united by a special bond.

In the meadow at the foot of the mountain, Wooly and Curly, two twin lambs, play and squabble all day long. But today their mother has had enough so she punishes them. Curly sulks and Wooly is bored so she decides to go and explore the mountains by herself. But, all the paths up there look the same and she soon gets lost... and Curly becomes more and more worried about her sister. May Angeli plunges the reader into the heart of family life and more particularly the complex relationship between two twins.



HIDE AND SEEK

MAY ANGELI

2017 •

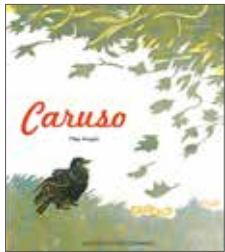
3 years and up •

21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €

When Grey suggests a game of hide and seek, all the animals come to play.

Brown is afraid of everything and never wants to set foot anywhere. At the slightest breath of wind, the small brown donkey jumps and hides behind her friend, Grey. Today Grey is in a mood. But, after nibbling plenty of fresh grass, watching the train go by and saying hello to Blanchette in the field next door, boredom starts to set in... So Grey suggests a game of hide and seek...



CARUSO

MAY ANGELI

2018 •

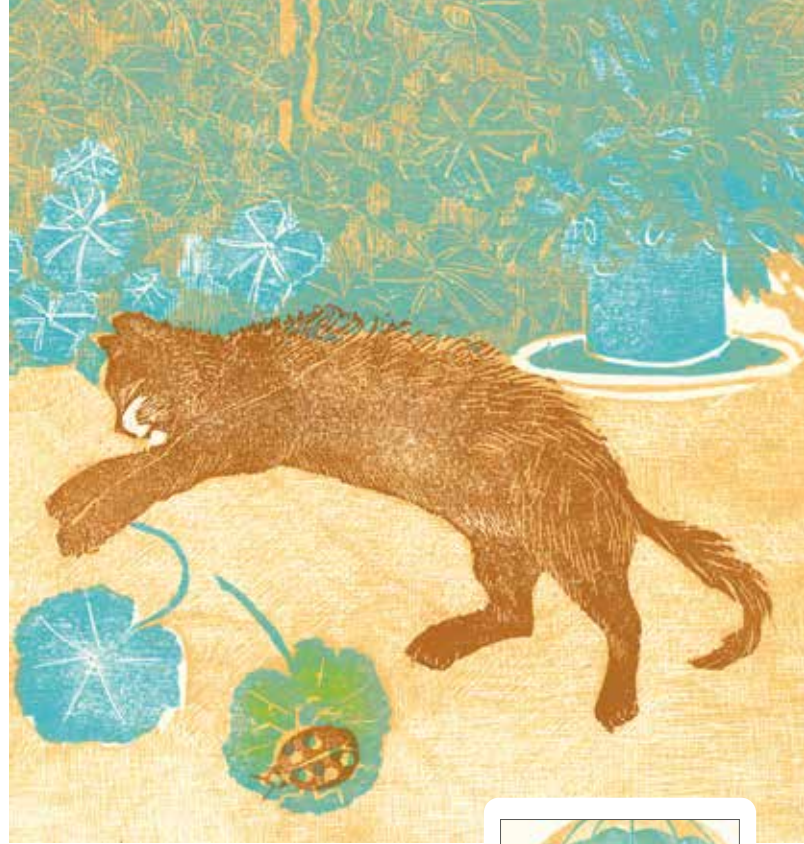
4 years and up •

21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €

When the outcast becomes a hero.

One morning, the wind blows so hard that a raven falls from its nest. John the postman passes by and collects it which does not please Jeanne, his wife. The crow, now named Caruso, has gained strength, learned to fly and to talk... But, he uses this new talent to make fun of Jeanne and the people of the village, and therefore is hated by everyone! Soon, he has to leave the village. He becomes the towns outcast until one night, a barn catches fire and it is Caruso who warns the firemen...



THE MAN WHO DISLIKED CATS

MAY ANGELI

2022 • 5 years and up •

21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €



Friendship is a remedy for loneliness.

One night, a terrible racket awakens the Man from sleep. The next morning he emerges from his house to find a cat. The Cat tries to come in, the Man does not allow him to. From there, their relationship evolves till it is hard to tell whom has domesticated whom.

May Angeli's woodcuts were exhibited at the French National Library this year in a full retrospective of her 60 years of work.



BEAR AND DUCK

MAY ANGELI

**2019 • 4 years and up •
21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €**

An ode to friendship.

One morning, a terrible racket awakens the Bear from his winter sleep. He emerges from his den to find the Duck, injured after a nasty fall. The Bear gently moves him and decides to nurse him back to health. Little by little, a friendship forms between the vain Duck and the grumpy Bear. When the first signs of winter appear, the Duck is all better and ready to migrate... The Bear feels abandoned, but when the new season comes around, his friend the Duck has not forgotten him! A story about loyalty, wonderfully portrayed by May Angeli, through these two endearing characters' search for friendship. Her breathtaking woodcuts vividly depict nature and the animals living within.



WINTER GARDEN

MARIE LETELLIER,
ANJA KLAUSS

**2023 • 3 years and up •
20 x 20 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €**



At a time when infertility affects 1 in 7 couples and children are conceived by assisted Reproductive Technology, books on the subject are almost non-existent. In children's literature This unique book will allow parents to tackle this subject with their child in a very and down to earth manner revealing there is not just one way to come into the world.

A woman and a man water a small seed and wait for the flower to grow... but the flower never does. They water a new seed... then another one... without any success. They decide to go to a gardener to try and understand what is not working and find solutions: when a seed does not grow in a garden, it might be better to plant it elsewhere... and then collect it, when a flower appears!

THE SPLASH

GUILLAUME OLIVE,
HE ZHIHONG

2015 • 3 years and up •
16,5 x 28 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €



A traditional tale that brings to light the dangers of spreading rumours and of the importance of questioning the information one receives.

Playing on the riverbank, rabbit hears a terrific «SPLASH». Terrified, he flees through the forest spreading the news. “Beware the SPLASH is coming after us”. Soon all the animals are running in panic. That is until they meet a wise tiger who is the first to inquire as to what exactly is this SPLASH they are all running from? This tale exists in various cultures; here it is accompanied by paintings on rice paper.

THE TAIL OF THE RABBIT

GUILLAUME OLIVE, HE ZHIHONG

2016 • 3 years and up • 16,5 x 28 cm •
32 p. • hardcover • 14 €

Find out how the rabbit got his little round tail.

Back in the day, when rabbits had beautiful bushy tails, a rabbit and his mate were on the riverbank and wished to cross to the other side of the river where the grass seemed greener. While they were trying to find a way across, mama turtle came swimming down the river.

Spotting her, the rabbits think they can trick her into helping them cross the river. Their ruse will not go unpunished...



THE FOX AND THE TIGER

GUILLAUME OLIVE, HE ZHIHONG

2017 • 4 years and up • 16,5 x 28 cm •
32 p. • hardcover • 14 €

The triumph of intelligence over force!

On a beautiful sunny morning, Fox decides to go for a walk. But suddenly, here is the tiger! Happy to have found his future breakfast, Tiger licks his lips. But, the cunning Fox asks for freedom; he claims that he has been appointed master of the wood by the Emperor himself. As proof, he asks Tiger to accompany him through the forest, so that he can see with his own eyes how respected he is. Indeed, as they drew near, all animals scamper away...



THE ANIMALS OF THE ZODIAC

GUILLAUME OLIVE, HE ZHIHONG

2019 • 4 years and up • 28 x 16,5 cm •
32 p. • hardcover • 14 €

A traditional tale explaining the origins of the Chinese zodiac signs and of the feud between the mouse and the cat.

Back when people didn't know how to count the years, the Emperor of the Sky organised a big race. The twelve winners would each represent a year. The cat and the mouse were good friends and helped each other, until the mouse betrayed his friend... The tale of the mouse's cunning and malice will shock the youngest readers and make the older ones smile!



THE MONKEYS AND THE MOON

GUILLAUME OLIVE,
HE ZHIHONG

2018 • 4 years and up • 16,5 x 28 cm •
32 p. • hardcover • 14 €

*When the finger points at the moon,
the fool looks at the finger...*

In the far away mountains of China, there once lived monkeys. The tribe lived peacefully until one day a young monkey noticed that the moon had fallen into the lake. Surprised and worried, he seeks out the elders' wisdom. Hoping to retrieve the moon from the bottom of the water, they form a chain of monkeys, hanging from the tree branches to the water below. But everytime the moon seems within reach, it disappears just as they reach for it.



THE PASSING OF TIME

GUILLAUME OLIVE,
HE ZHIHONG

2021 • 3 years and up •
21 x 26 cm • 32 p •
hardcover • 14 €

A simple and gentle picture book to explore the concept of time with little ones.

"It's time to get up," the mummy says to her little girl. But what does time mean? The little girl takes a poetic stroll and asks the lark, the lily, the tree, the mountain and the river but they all see time differently. Time is a moment, a day, a season, but time is also eternity, like this mother's love for her daughter. The philosophical notion of time is difficult for little ones to understand, but it is portrayed here simply, delicately and poetically through He Zhihong's Chinese-style paintings. The picture book begins with the little girl waking up and ends with her going to bed, as the mother tells her daughter that she loves her and always will.



National
School
Reading List,
cycle 1



WITH GIANT STRIDES

ANAÏS LAMBERT

2018 • 3 years and up •
21 x 30 cm • 48 p. •
hardcover • 15 €

*A hymn to nature and to a child's imagination;
an invitation to live by leaps and bounds!*

A child puts on his boots and goes out into the world. He witnesses a fierce battle, then a crazy race. He catches biting monsters, crosses rivers; flies over forests... These «giant steps» make us rediscover nature through the eyes of childhood. Every element of the garden is disproportioned by childish imagination. Bugs of chestnuts become biting monsters, the pond a river, the clouds, a bunch of wild animals... up until the moment a giant, even bigger, arrives...

THE GIFT

ALAIN SERGE DZOTAP,
DELPHINE RENON

2020 • 4 years and up •
25 x 19 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €



The discovery of writing is a magical moment: a gift!

For his birthday, Léo receives a pen. « Inside are many beautiful things » says his father. Léo is impatient to discover just what is inside the pen. So he goes out and asks around. But his sister only manages to extract three drops of ink, the hen thinks it can't contain much, and the girafe tries playing it like a flute! Back home, Léo asks his mother, and taking his paws in hers, she shows him how to write wonderous words. Awestruck Léo discovers his pen contains all the existing words and all the beauties of the world.



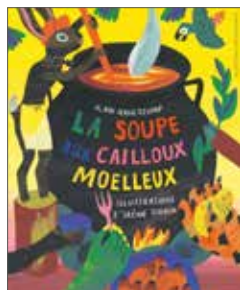


National
School
Reading List,
cycle 2

THE CHEWY STONE SOUP

ALAIN SERGE DZOTAP,
IRÈNE SCHOCH

2019 • 4 years and up • 23 x 30 cm •
32 p. • hardcover • 15 €



A tale to reflect on prejudice, sharing, and solidarity.

Famine has hit and Leuk, the hare, is famished. He knocks on Bouki the hyena's door but she has nothing for him. But when he manages to convince her to lend him a pot for so that he can make a mysterious stone soup, she and all the savannah animals will end up donating the ingredients they believe are missing from the soup. All emerge from this African soup feeling full and wiser. Alain Serge Dzotap transposes this well-known story to the savannah with the bestiaries of African folktales along side Irène Schoch's vibrant and joyful pictures.



WINTER BEAR

IRÈNE SCHOCH

2023 • 4 years and up •
20 x 24 cm • 40 p. •
hardcover • 14,50 €

A sensitive, colourful, subtle, and comforting winter album to address a huge current issue and discover winter from the point of view of the homeless.

Like every year, at the end of autumn, Aldo the bear returns to his den, to hibernate all winter. But this time, when the first frosts arrive, he is chased from his house: someone has taken his lair! Forced to face winter for the first time ever with no other equipment than a coat and a scarf, Aldo will discover that sometimes, during a cold winter, the smile of a friend may be more comforting than a warm chimney fire.





NIGHT EXPLORERS

ANNE BROUILLARD

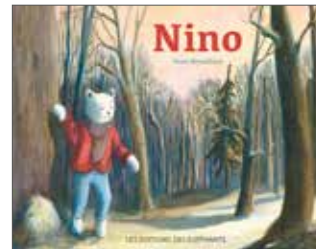
2015 • 4 years and up •

23 x 30 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 15 €

*An ode to imagination, nature,
and the passing of time...*

In the deep dark forest Gaspar, his rabbit, and Mimi the cat have built a tree house before setting out to explore the world... The world, we soon discover stops at the edge of the garden. Indeed, just beyond their deep dark jungle, is the House and as night falls, its glows reassuringly.



NINO

ANNE BROUILLARD

2021 • 3 years and up •

22 x 17 cm • 36 p. •

hardcover • 14 €

A sweet story to read while cuddling your favourite soft toy!

Nobody has seen Nino, Simon's teddy bear. It fell out of the buggy during a walk in the forest. Nobody except Rabbit, that is. So, along with his friends Squirrel and the chickadees, Rabbit helps Nino explore their beautiful and wild forest. Then at night, Nino has an unforgettable encounter with Fox and discovers nocturnal life... The next day, Simon is overjoyed to find his teddy bear lying on the ground. "How strange," his mummy says, "it's not even wet...". A picture book full of the charm that makes up Anne Brouillard's stories about the importance of nature, the fear of night which turns out to be just as precious as day, and the interplay of the imagination and reality.



IT'S ALRIGHT, DEAR TOAD

SOYUNG LEE

2021 • 4 years and up •
22 x 30 cm • 48 p. •
hardcover • 15 €

A sensitive and powerful picture book that explores the feeling of possessiveness with tact, and looks at what happens when it goes too far.

Once upon a time, there were two toads who were very good friends despite being very different. White Toad was outgoing and cheerful, Red Toad was a loner and a homebody. Red Toad is growing tired of sharing his friend with all of White Toad's other pals until one day, things get out of hand and Red Toad throws a rock at White Toad, shouting "Go away!". As White Toad is injured and rushed to the hospital, Red Toad is consumed by guilt... But when the kind and understanding White Rabbit comes along, Red Toad manages to let go of his sadness and forgive himself.

LIVE A LITTLE, MOLE

SOYUNG LEE

2023 • 5 years and up •
22 x 30 cm • 48 p. •
hardcover • 15 €



Adventure, chance, risk-taking, bravery, and friendship.

Mole is a busy, fearful carrot farmer and Stag Beetle is a lonely psychiatrist. Over the course of the story, the two go from an unlikely meeting to forming a beautiful friendship. Their nighttime strolls provide an outlet for adventure as they explore both nature and themselves. In their time together, Mole learns to trust himself and take risks through the support of his new friend and Stag Beetle opens up about the personal struggles he previously felt he couldn't open up about. Explore the journey of an unlikely friendship and an adventure through the forest through Soyung Lee's prose and stunning illustrations.





UNDER THE ICE

MICHAËL ESCOFFIER, ELLA CHARBON

2023 • 4 years and up • 23 x 11,5 cm • 32 p. • boardbook • 13 €

A clever book which will make you gasp and laugh, whilst emphasising the themes of mutual aid and friendship!

On the ice: a little fisherman. Under the ice: a tiny fish! Both are eager, greedy, determined and above all, well surrounded! When the fish takes the bait, all his friends join around him to help. The young fisher boy and his friends pull, pull, pull the line. The fish and his friends shoot, shoot, shoot underwater. Ho-hoist... Phew, that was close!



CHICK, CHICKEN, CHASER

MICHAËL ESCOFFIER, ELLA CHARBON

2024 • 4 years and up • 16 x 18 cm • 32 p. • boardbook • 13 €

A clever book which will make all its readers reflect on what it means for a child to spread ones wings!

Chick would love nothing better than to go out and play with Chaser the pony, but Chicken keeps Chick close by in the hut, where he is sure to be safe. Outside, the sun is shining, the grass is green, and rainbows are in the sky. Naturally Chick yearns to go out and have fun. So when his dad falls asleep, he escapes to go play with his friend...



NIGHT & DAY

CÉCILE CHICAULT,
LINE PAUVERT

**2022 • 5 years and up •
19,5 x 26,5 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14,50 €**

Night and Day could not be more different, but can they be friends?

A picture book about the power of friendship and the importance of facing your fears, showing how much you can learn from others and your differences. Day is happy, loud and never still. He likes the warm summer sun, singing at the top of his lungs and going to school to see his friends. He doesn't like it when night falls and all the shadows come out. Night is calm, shy and a loner. He likes stroking his cat, playing hide and seek and watching others play. He doesn't like public speaking. Night and Day's friendship will give them confidence and make them stronger.



THE DOVE'S HOUSE

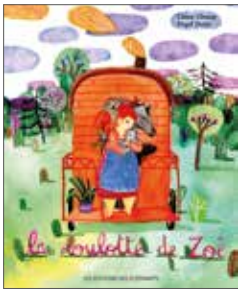
CLAUDE CLÉMENT,
VIRGINIE BERGERET

**2018 • 5 years and up •
22 x 28,5 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €**

A legend from the middle ages were love saves the day.

Gaël, a young sculptor, is working on the construction sight of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame. Alone in Paris, her two pet doves are her only companions. That autumn, the rain is falling endlessly and the river Seine is rising so much so that Gaël's shelter is destroyed and the doves are trapped in the ruins. But, the birds' love for each other will save them from certain death.





ZOE'S CARAVAN

CLAUDE CLÉMENT,
MAGALI DULAIN

2015 • 4 years and up •
22 x 28,5 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €

Home is where the heart is...

Once upon a time, there was a little farmer named Zoe. Having been evicted from her house, she creates a new cosy home in a wooden caravan. She lives there with only her young goat and her cat, until... a squirrel, a little hen, an owl, and an old horse... knock on her door. Each time, Zoe opens her heart and her home. With each new housmate, things get more snug and happier!... A beautiful fable on the meaning of solidarity and the value of a community.



KRAKONOCHÉ

CLAUDE CLÉMENT, MAGALI DULAIN

2023 • 5 years and up • 22 x 28,5 cm •
32 p. • hardcover • 14 €

Magic, Mythes, and Christmas.

This is a holiday story like no other. Krakonoche is a magician who is very old and powerful. He has never before been seen until one Christmas. Milena and her grandmother, Babitchka, are very poor and make their little money by selling wool fabric squares they make. After an unsuccessful, snowy market trip, Milena returns home to her grandmother's tiny mountain chalet. On her journey, she sees an old man in the storm whom she invites back home to celebrate the holiday with her and Babitchka. Little does she realize she has invited the one and only Krakonoche to her home. Will Milena and her grandmother recognize the powerful magician before them? What magic will Krakonoche bring to their lives this holiday?



THE CHAMELEON WHO THOUGHT HE WAS UGLY

SOULEYMANE MBODJ,
MAGALI ATTIOGBÉ

**2019 • 5 years and up •
22 x 28,5 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €**

A tale about discovering one's inner beauty.

A long, long time ago, lived a chameleon, who believed he was ugly. He could not bear his big eyes, short legs or little horns. When he hears of Sadio, the magician, he decides to seek her out. He reaches her after undertaking a long journey under the savannah's burning sun and barely escaping a poisonous snake. He will leave her his appearance unchanged but having learned to love and accept himself as he is.

THE MAGICAL NECKLACE

SOULEYMANE MBODJ,
MAGALI ATTIOGBÉ

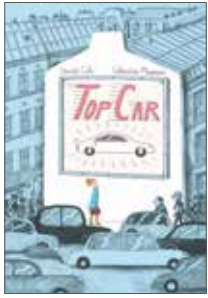
**2020 • 5 years and up •
22 x 28,5 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €**



All the animals want the necklace that will render them indistructable. But who will be the lucky owner?

A long, long time ago, in the savannah, a rumor spread that Karamoko the sorcerer was capable of making a magical necklace that made you invincible. When the animals hear this, they seek out the magician, so that he may make them a magical necklace. But there is only one necklace and there are many animals...





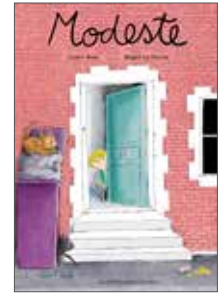
TOP CAR

DAVIDE CALI,
SÉBASTIEN MOURRAIN

2018 • 6 years and up •
18 x 26 cm • 40 p. •
hardcover • 14 €

This book is for all those who can't get any satisfaction!

Jacques has a little car. It's not particularly pretty or fast but it does the job. Every day on his way to work, Jacques drives past a billboard advertising the Venus, the most beautiful and fastest car around. The kind of car that all the pretty girls like. Jacques starts dreaming about it at night. He can't afford it but he is determined to find a way to buy it. Through the story of banal Mr Jacques, this book condemns the flaws in our consumer society that constantly creates new needs and desires to the point of absurdity in a funny and particularly effective manner...



MODEST

JULIEN BAER, MAGALI LE HUCHE

2023 • 5 years and up • 18 x 26 cm •
36 p. • hardcover • 14 €

Funny and touching, unexpected and stunning (and a little scary), this story quiets those who feel a bit superior.

At my school, there is this group of kids that are always, comparing themselves, their parents great jobs, their huge houses or even their holidays which are always amazing! What if I introduced them to my pet, George? Hiding under what looks like a light joke, two big names of children's literature, Julien Baer and Magali Le Huche, pinpoint the boastfulness that reigns around the playgrounds, tackling issues such as the lack of self-confidence, difficulties of integration, and social complexes. The duo reminds us that even when we think we are not worthy of interest, we have many unsuspected resources within ourselves.



THE LITTLE SECRET

SÉVERINE VIDAL,
CLÉMENCE MONNET

2020 • 6 years and up •
23 x 24 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €

The Little Secret is a bit of a strange and slightly bizarre story, both gentle and poetic.

Will discovers a big family picnic on the beach where he arrived. Everyone is laughing and speaking loudly. Suddenly Albertine whispers : « I know a secret! About somebody here. » Suddenly, everyone stops talking. They all think that their secret has been discovered. Someone coughs, another blushes, someone looks down at their feet, another says « Well, well »... When Albertine walks over to Will, he expects the worst. To be forced to run away again. But Albertine says : « I know your secret. Don't worry, it's safe with me. Sometimes I also feel like I'm not from here. »



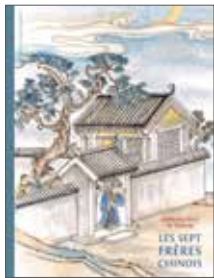
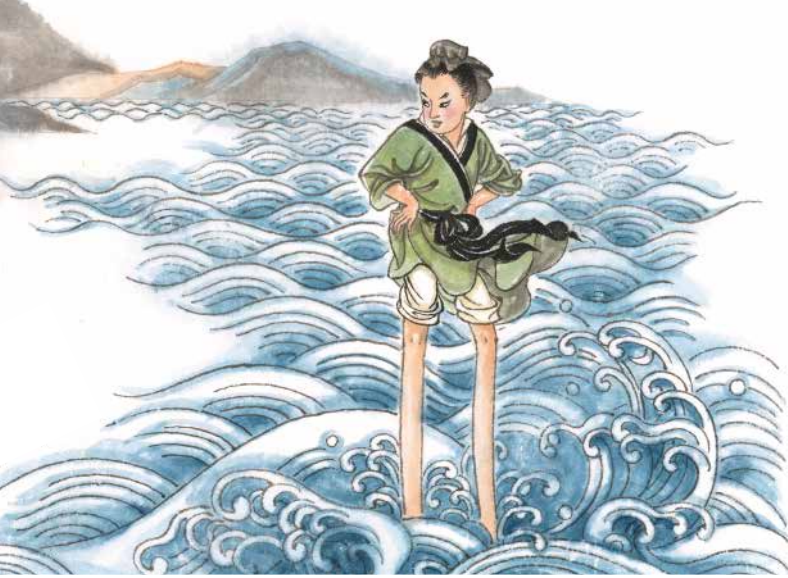
MY MOTHER OF SEA ICE

DIDIER LEVY, TIZIANA ROMANIN

2023 • 7 years and up • 20,5 x 28 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 15 €

A book tackling the emotions and struggles of separation.

A young girl has an explorer for a mom and her mother takes a month-long trip to research and protect polar bears. My Mother of Sea Ice adventures into the emotions of a young girl as she misses, thinks fondly of, and worries for their mother alongside her father. Written in small, dated entries, this story places the reader into the shoes of a little girl filled with anticipation as she waits for the day of her mother's return. While on her far away trip, her mother hides envelopes around her home for her daughter to find in her absence. What will each of them hold?



THE SEVEN CHINESE BROTHERS

GUILLAUME OLIVE,
HE ZHIHONG

**2020 • 6 years and up •
23 x 30 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 15 €**

An exuberant tale, with one unsuccessful execution after the other, leading to the triumph of justice and brotherly love.

Once upon a time, there was an old woman in China with seven completely identical sons except each of them had a different strange power. One could make his arms grow as long as he wanted, the other had a neck of steel, and the third could not be burnt... When their mother fell ill, the one who could lengthen his arms stole the phoenix egg in the Prince's garden to make her better. Furious, the Prince vowed to kill the person responsible. The brother with a neck of steel stepped forward, but the executioner could not chop his head off. With each new punishment, the accused never died. The Prince was baffled...



THE GREAT FIRE

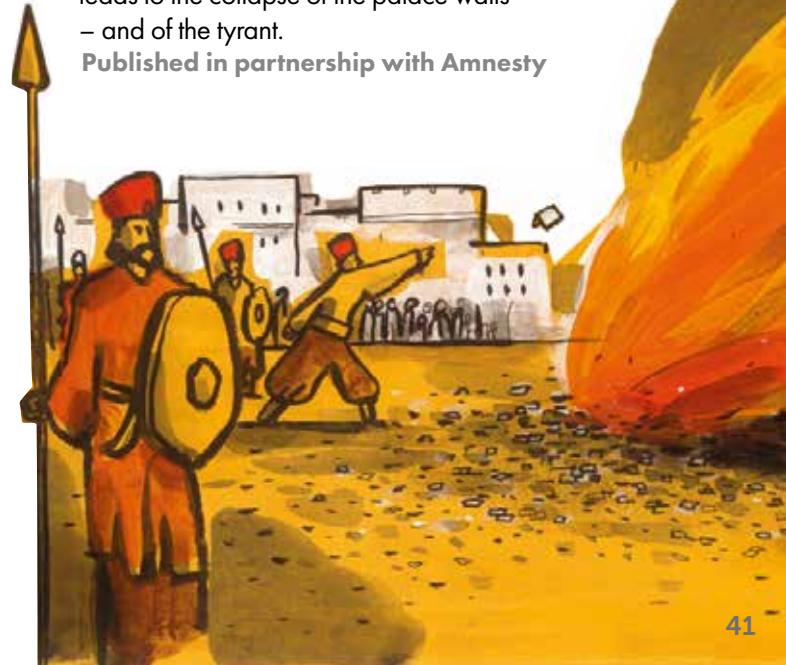
GILLES BAUM, BARROUX

**2016 • 7 years and up •
24 x 29 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover • 14 €**

An ode to books, to freedom, and to the power of words.

Black smoke is rising from the city's center. A fire has been raging for days, perhaps months. In his palace, the Sultan rejoices. One by one, his kingdom's books are being thrown into the flames and soon, all traces of the past will have disappeared. Only his own history will remain. When the fire finally goes out, a child sifts through the ashes and finds a scrap of paper that has resisted the flames. On it is a line of poetry that reads: "O wonder, a garden in the flames." Overcoming his fear, he copies it onto the palace walls. The crowd starts to imitate him, writing down all the words they can think of before they disappear from memory. The weight of these words leads to the collapse of the palace walls – and of the tyrant.

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FURIO

GILLES BAUM,
CHIARA ARMELLINI

2019 • 7 years and up •
28 x 20 cm • 40 p. •
hardcover • 14 €

This picture book explores power, rivalry, and the escalation of violence with a great deal of humour...

From the top of a tower, a king pulls a silly face at his sworn enemy. Offended, the latter responds by pulling down his royal pants. How rude! This time, it's war! But when one drop of blood is shed, both kings are shocked - they have gone too far! They will never fight again... until the next time someone pulls a silly face!

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A TINY LITTLE TOY

IRÈNE COHEN-JANCA,
BRICE POSTMA UZEL

2022 • 6 years and up • 21 x 21 cm •
32 p. • hardcover • 14,50 €



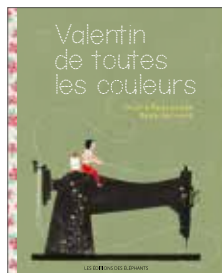
Tiny toys are great. They can fit into your hand, in your pocket.

In this sensitive first-person narrative, a little girl tells us about her doll called Leo. If the war were to start again, she could take Leo with her... Not like Noki, the stuffed bear who didn't fit in her suitcase and who she had to leave behind when the war planes invaded her country's skies. She makes a friend in her new school, Flora, who has a doll like little as Leo in her hand. "Did you have to leave your home behind, too?" she asks. "No," Flora replies. "My parents are separated and now I have two houses. So it's easier to go from one to the other with my little Pipa." Friendship, games, toys... This timeless picture book subtly brings to life the things that are important to children and resonates all the more in these times of war...

MULTI-COLOURED VALENTIN

CHIARA MEZZALAMA,
REZA DALVAND

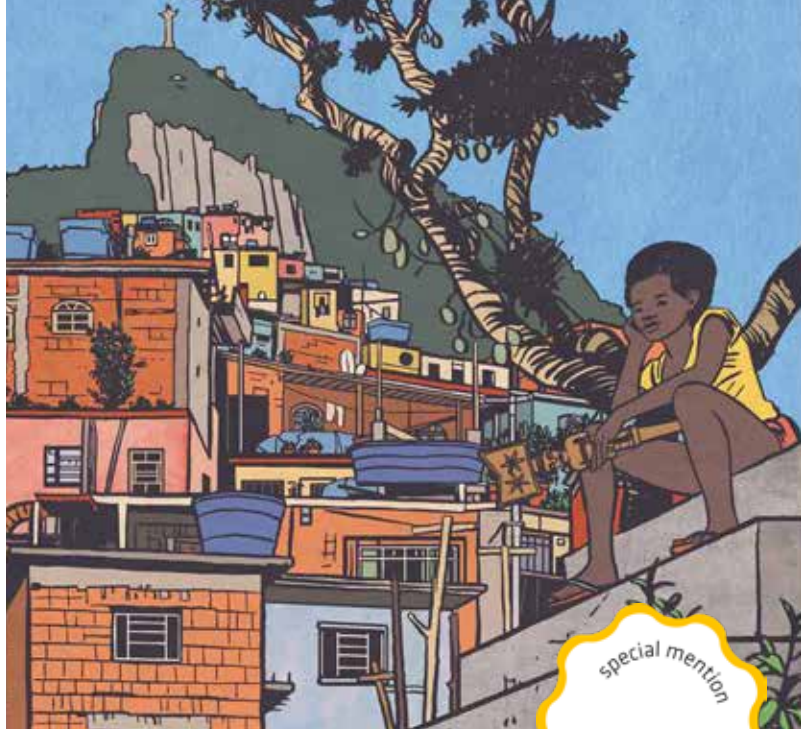
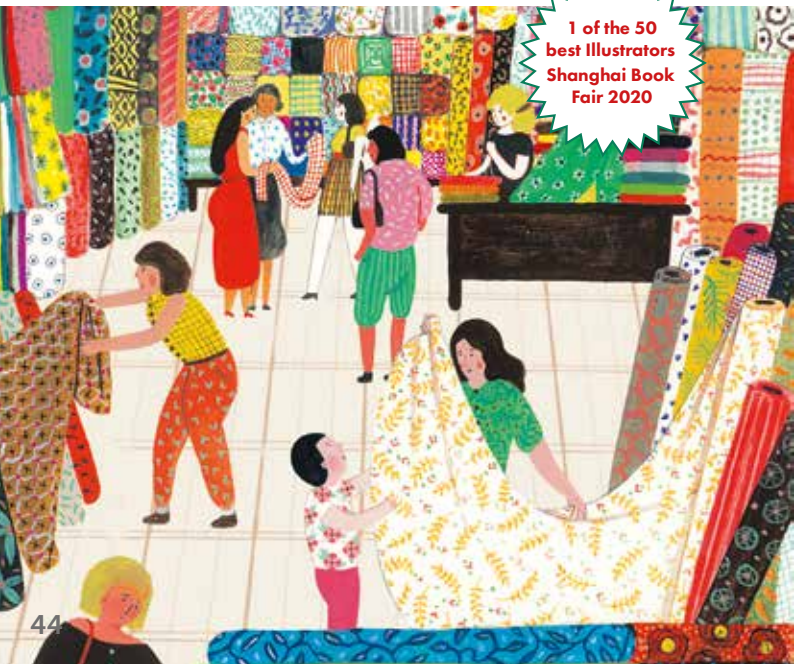
2021 • 8 years and up •
20,5 x 25,5 cm •
32 p. • hardcover • 14 €



A delicate text that subtly explores conflict in the playground and boys, without falling into gender stereotypes.

Valentin loves colours. Yellow for rainy days, pink for friendship... Most of his friends are girls, because he doesn't really get on with boys. He doesn't like playfighting, or football, and they often make fun of his colourful clothes or gentle manners. One day, he explodes. His world shatters. To cheer himself up, Valentin gets out his sewing machine, adds the thread, presses on the pedal, and listens to the machine go tac tac tac. Time stops while he's sewing. But can you sew friendship back together?

1 of the 50
best Illustrators
Shanghai Book
Fair 2020



special mention

FICTION

BOLIGNA
RACALAZZI
AWARD
2022



FECHAMOS

GILLES BAUM,
RÉGIS LEJONC

2020 • 7 years and up •
21 x 33 cm • 36 p. •
hardcover • 15 €

When the museum is shutting down, a few patrons join forces to save its treasures...

Tonight the museum is closing, «Fechamos». There is no more budget, no more crowds. Heavy hearted, Edson Arantes, the museum keeper, closes the heavy wooden doors one last time. But tonight, a few long-standing patrons have answered his call and follow Edson throughout the museum for a night-time visit, each picking a piece to save...



THE INSIDE OUTSIDE GARDEN

CHIARA MEZZALAMA,
RÉGIS LEJONC

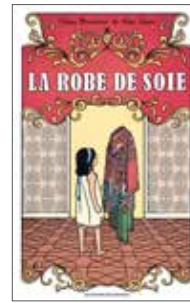
2017 • 7 years and up •
21 x 33 cm • 40 p. •
hardcover • 15 €



National
School
Reading List,
cycle 3

A wartime friendship between two children living on different sides of a wall.

When Chiara's father is sent to a faraway country for work, the whole family has to follow. One summer evening, Chiara packs her suitcase. Over there, she is not sure to find toys. Over there, there is an inside and an outside. Inside: the wild garden where princes and princesses used to walk. Outside: the black city, the monster city, soldiers with big boots and big beards, bombs. War. One day, a boy from outside climbs the wall of the garden. If he appears first as a threat, he soon becomes a friend for Chiara, the Persian prince with whom she escapes from her gilded prison... Inspired by the childhood of the author whose father was appointed Italian ambassador to Tehran in 1980, this text is a beautiful evocation of a country struck by war where friendship arises despite the rising walls.



THE SILK DRESS

CHIARA MEZZALAMA,
RÉGIS LEJONC

2022 • 8 years and up • 21 x 33 cm •
40 p. • hardcover • 15 €

The story of the moving relationship between a little girl and her grandmother, in a poignant text about family secrets and the upheavals brought about by the war.

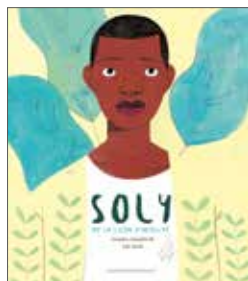
In the big red house, at the end of the black corridor, was a wardrobe. Hidden at the back of the wardrobe was a cardboard box. And in this box, was a bright red Chinese silk dress, carefully folded away. It was so beautiful that the little girl wanted to try it on. "Nonna, look what I found!" "How dare you touch that dress? Take it off now!" her grandmother shouted. The little girl started to cry... What ghosts of the past had she awoken by trying on this dress? The talented multi-award winning duo of *The Inside Outside Garden*.



SOLY, OR A LESSON IN HUMILITY

AMADOU HAMPATÉ BÂ,
SARA QUOD

2019 • 10 ans years and up •
26,5 x 30 cm • 40 p. •
hardcover • 14 €

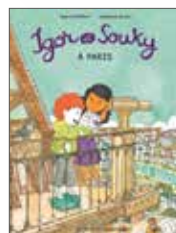


When the rulers of this world get a taste of wisdom and humility... An African initiatory tale.

In the Kingdom of Soulé, far away from everyone else, lives a hermit named Soly. When the King Seydou hears about him, he asks for him to be brought to the palace. The sovereign is overcome with respect for this humble man and decides to follow Soly's teachings. But after learning alongside the hermit, the King must face one final lesson in humility... A majestic initiatory tale by Malian author and ethnologist Amadou Hampaté Bâ and exceptionally illustrated by Sara Quod using gouache paints in an urban and contemporary Africa.



Igor & Souky



IGOR & SOUKY IN PARIS

SIGRID BAFFERT,
SANDRINE BONINI

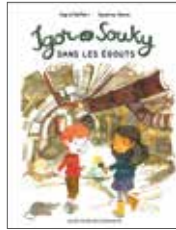
2021 • 6 ans years and up •
17 x 22 cm • 208 p. •
soft cover • 16,90 €

A great book for little visitors discovering Paris!

Every Wednesday, Igor and Souky, a 6 and a 7 year old living in Paris with their blended family, set off to discover one of the city's monuments, museums or tourist attractions. The perfect opportunity to go on an adventure in a unique setting and learn lots of new things! This book groups together 6 titles from the Igor and Souky series and is the perfect guide for a first trip to the Eiffel Tower, Vincennes Zoo, Opera Garnier, the sewers, Pompidou Centre or Château de Versailles! Each chapter includes an Igor and Souky story, a place along with details about its history, and lots of fun and exciting information, to learn.

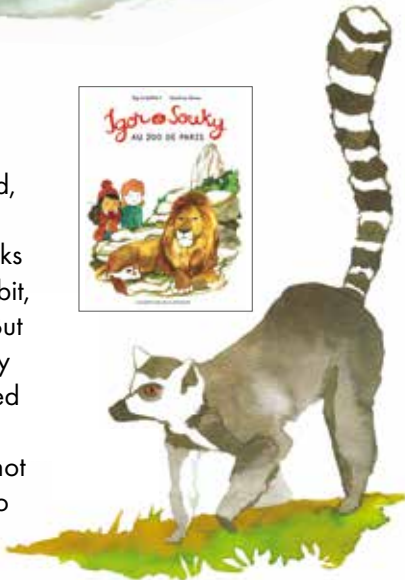
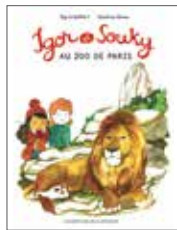
IGOR & SOUKY VISIT THE PARIS SEWERS

Igor has sent a message in a bottle in the sewers. Now he desperately wants to get his bottle back so Souky and he go down into the sewer to hunt for it. In the process they are taught a thing or two about the way they work...

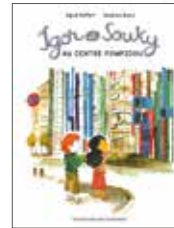


IGOR & SOUKY AT THE ZOO

The zoo has reopened, and Igor and Souky are going! Souky thinks that Olaf, her pet rabbit, should come along. But things get a little crazy when having smuggled Olaf into the zoo. He breaks free and can not be found. Visit the zoo with Igor and Souky.



17 x 22 cm • 40 p. • hardcover • 11€ • 6 ans years and up



IGOR & SOUKY VISIT THE CENTRE POMPIDOU

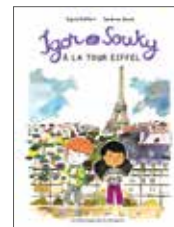
Souky's dad, Paavan, is coming to Paris for the afternoon to see her. Vincent and Igor go drop Souky off, but when they learn that Paavan's train is running two hours late they all head off to visit the Centre Pompidou while they wait. Follow them around this modern art museum.

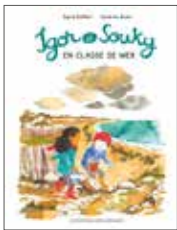
17 x 22 cm • 40 p. • hardcover • 11€ • 6 ans years and up

IGOR & SOUKY AT THE EIFFEL TOWER

Today, Igor and his dad are going up the Eiffel tower to meet his dad's girlfriend and her daughter Souky. This is a thorough and captivating guide to the beloved monument.

17 x 22 cm • 40 p. • hardcover • 11€ • 6 ans years and up



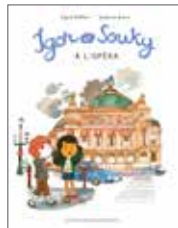


IGOR & SOUKY AT SEA CAMP

Igor and Souky are off with their class to see the sea. What can they do to help keep the ocean clean and make a positive impact?

IGOR & SOUKY AT OPERA

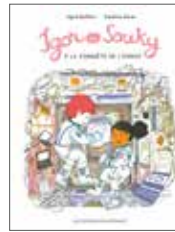
Souky knows the Opera house inside out, her mother works there! So when Igor comes to visit she gives him a private tour, but running away from a witch was never part of her plan...



IGOR & SOUKY AT THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

It's Souky's birthday and her mother, Jaya, has gone all out and planed a treasure hunt within the palace of Versailles.

17 x 22 cm • 40 p. • hardcover • 11€ • 6 ans years and up



IGOR & SOUKY EXPLORE SPACE

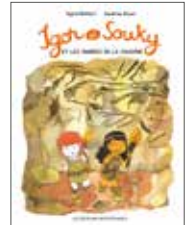


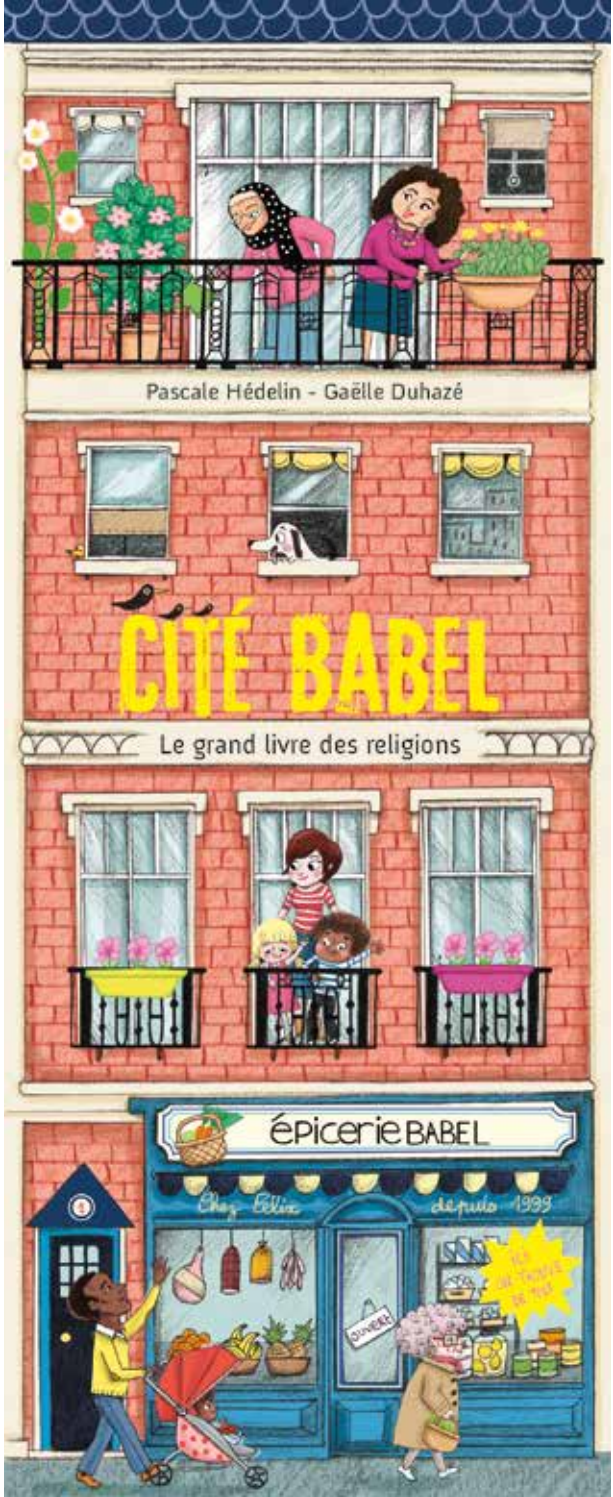
Mémé Victoire, Igor's great-grandmother, is turning a hundred and two and the whole family is going down to Toulouse to celebrate. It's an opportunity to visit the space museum and to find out thrilling facts on outerspace.

IGOR & SOUKY AND THE SHADOWS OF THE CAVE

Igor and Souky are off for a weekend. Yann, Igor's uncle, takes them to explore the replica of a prehistoric cave, and soon it is as if they are traveling back in time.

17 x 22 cm • 56 p. • hardcover • 13€ • 6 ans years and up





Pascale Hédelin - Gaëlle Duhazé

Le grand livre des religions

BABEL – The Big Book of Religions

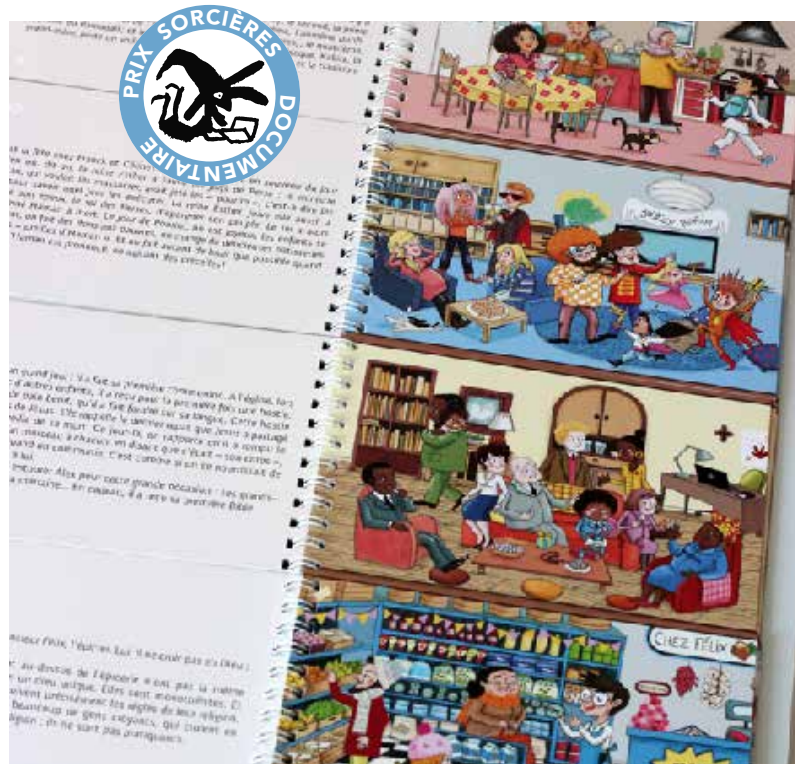
PASCALE HÉDELIN, GAËLLE DUHAZÉ

2015 • 7 years and up • 16 x 40 cm • 32 p. •

4 independently cut floors • spiral bound • 18 €

Using simple words to describe each religion, this book attempts to bring to light their common features instead of their differences and emphasizes the importance of living together.

In the Babel building reside 3 families of different faiths: 1 Muslim, 1 Jewish and 1 Christian. Below is Mister Felix's grocery store, he is atheist. 4 floors (like 4 mini books) and 4 seasons in which we follow each family in their customs, celebrations, traditions, and diets. This book also briefly introduces religions such as Buddhism or Hinduism.





RUE DES QUATRE-VENTS *A history of migrations*

JESSIE MAGANA,
MAGALI ATTIOGBÉ

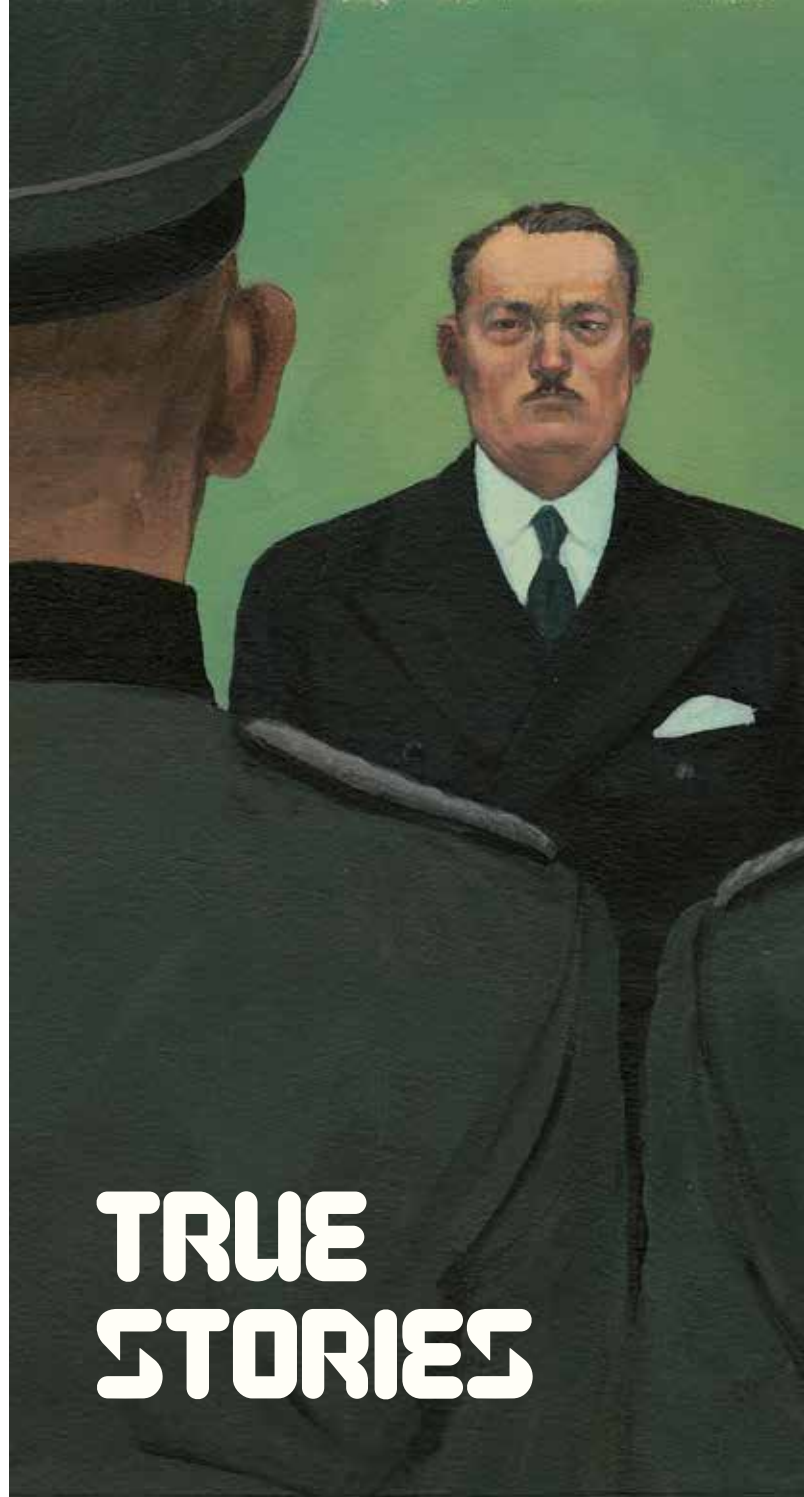
2018 • 9 years and up •
31 x 24 cm • 32 p. •
hardcover with flaps • 16,50 €

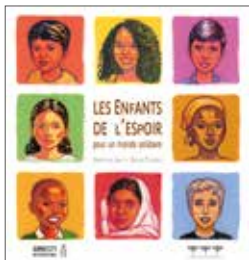


Comments of the Jury:

« This book follows the history of just one side of the street over more than a century, from 1890 to 2018. The book's subtitle, a history of migrations, is a clue to the book's main idea: how migrants enrich communities. Each spread introduces new characters from many countries who contribute to the life of the street in different ways. The horizontal layout is functional to the streetscape subject [...] The clever, clearly defined scenarios use a variation-on-theme technique to show the passing of time, inviting the reader to linger over changing details like clothing, car design, advertisements and shop signs. »

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THE CHILDREN OF HOPE

ANNICK DE GIRY,
BRUNO PILORGET

2016 • 9 years and up •
22 x 24 cm • 64 p. •
hardcover • 15 €

The journey of 8 of today's children to change their world.
They live in the Philippines, Pakistan, Colombia, India and Brazil. Despite experiencing the worst, they never once thought they were too weak, too young or too alone to fight injustice. Their strength of character helped them change things for themselves and other children. The text and images in this book tell the story of these battles, creating hope and setting examples for other young people..

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DO YOU REMEMBER MARIANNE ?

PHILIPPE NESSMANN,
CHRISTEL ESPIÉ

2022 • 10 years and up •
23 x 33 cm • 32 p. • hardcover • 16 €

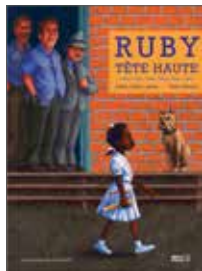
Philippe Nessmann brings the brave Resistance fighter Marianne Cohn back to life.

Through a moving letter written to Marianne, the author recounts her childhood in Berlin with a German Jewish family, her adolescence overshadowed by the rise of Nazism, her exodus to Spain and then France, and her entry into the Resistance at the age of eighteen. Until her arrest in May 1944, she hid Jewish children and provided them with false documents. She saved more than 200 children from the Nazis. She was assassinated two months after she was arrested by the Germans with 30 Jewish children she was trying to get to safety. The children were spared. Christel Espié's masterful illustrations make this book a classic..



Sélection
Prix des
Incorruptibles
2018-2019

National
School
Reading List,
cycle 3



RUBY - HEAD HELD HIGH

IRÈNE COHEN-JANCA,
MARC DANIAU

2017 • 9 years and up • 24 x 33 cm •
40 p. • hardcover • 16 €

*In 1960s Louisiana, Whites and Blacks do not mix.
But times are changing...*

Ruby cannot study at school close to home, it's reserved for Whites, so she has to go to another school far away. But segregation is living its last few hours. When she is 6 years old, Ruby enters the school William Frantz, which was reserved for the Whites until then. The population is highly hostile. Upon arriving in the classroom, Ruby is the only Black student... This is the beginning of a terrible year that will mark her life. Ruby Bridges has become a symbol, notably by becoming the subject of Norman Rockwell's famous painting, *The Problem We All Live With*, where she is seen on the way to school escorted by 4 federal agents.

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TALES AND FICTION



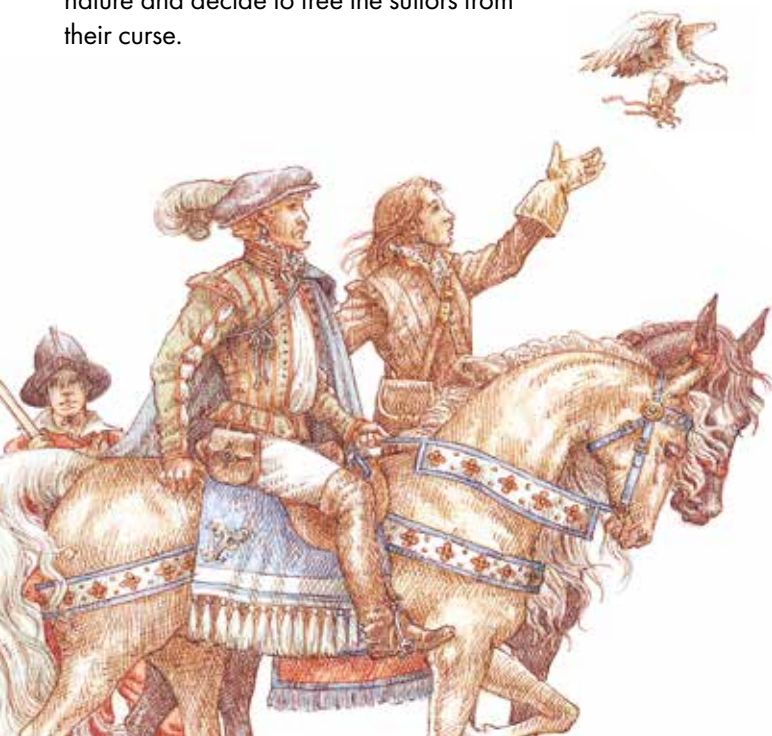
THE NECKLACE OF PRINCESS FLORIMONDE

MARY DE MORGAN,
YVONNE GILBERT

2015 • 8 years up •
17 x 24,5 cm • 64 p. •
clothbound • 18 €

A traditional fairy tale in which women take their destiny into their own hands, are strong, and independent.

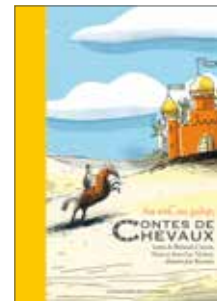
Once upon a time, there was a wicked princess named Fiorimonde. With the help of a witch, she uses black magic to maintain her beauty. When her father demands she marry, Fiorimonde, not wishing her suitors to discover her secret, transforms them into beautiful beads strung upon an enchanted necklace. Her maid, Yolande, and a friend of one of the suitors learn of the Princess's true nature and decide to free the suitors from their curse.



TROT, GALLOP, TALES OF HORSES

ROLANDE CAUSSE,
NANE ET JEAN-LUC VÉZINET,
BARROUX

2019 • 8 years and up •
17 x 24,5 cm • 80 p. •
cloth bound • 16 €



A powerful collection of stories with Barroux's illustrations.

The horse, man's loyal companion since the dawn of time, gallops everywhere: from Tibet to North Africa, passing by Italy and Turkey. Nine traditional tales from around the world in one book, all paying tribute to this revered animal. From one tale to the next, the horse is depicted as a loyal companion, coveted treasure, brave warhorse, mischievous mare, and the object of stories that will enchant little and big ones alike. Originating from various oral traditions, these epic tales are filled with humour, magic, drama, and cunning.



TALES OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE

GUILLAUME OLIVE, HE ZHIHONG

2016 • 8 years and up • 17 x 24,5 cm • 96 p. • clothbound • 16,90 €

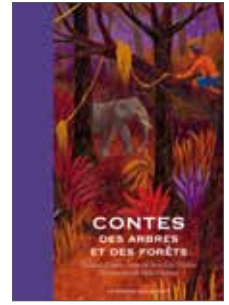
Seven wonderful traditional chinese tales.

The characters in this book are as varied and as interesting as the people who invented them: an old man with a green beard, a dog that was born in an ear, a flea-infested ogress, and a child who walked all his life to find the sun. Each of these stories reflects a different tradition. The authors, who love popular myths and customs, collected these tales from minorities living in China's distant south-west mountains. Each ethnic group is portrayed in a painting on silk. The stories themselves are illustrated with paintings on rice paper.

TALES OF TREES AND FORESTS

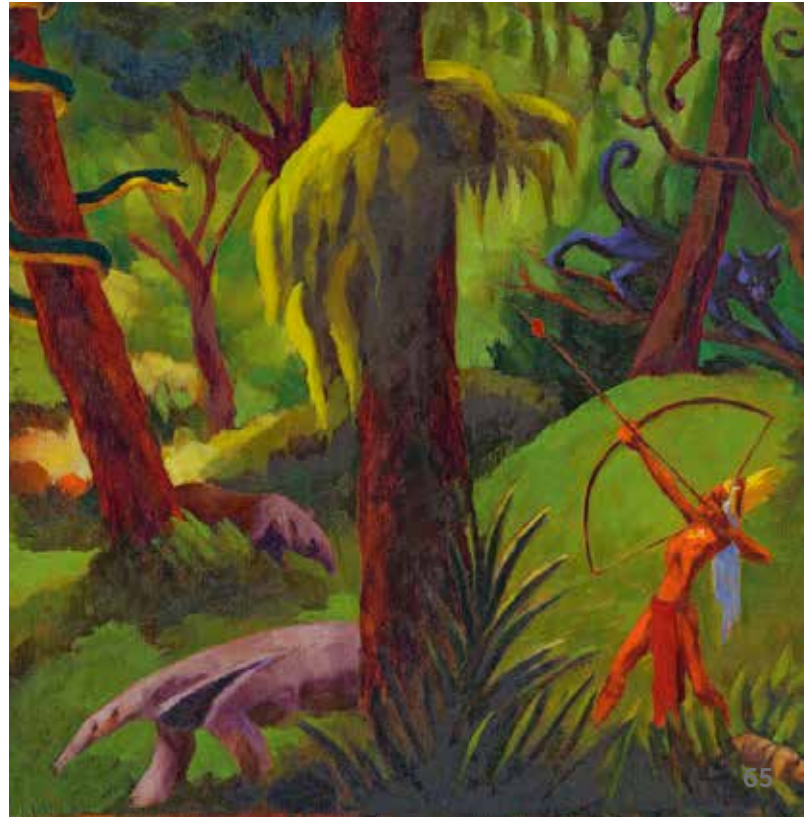
ROLANDE CAUSSE,
NANE ET JEAN-LUC VÉZINET,
MARC DANIAU

**2021 • 8 years and up •
17 x 24,5 cm • 76 p. •
cloth bound • 16 €**



A timely collection of stories, with Marc Daniau's illustrations.

Trees filled with treasures, transformed into women, trees that never die or that lend their protection to you from harm. From the Amazonian forest to West Africa, passing by Thailand and Albania, these eleven traditional tales from around the world feature trees that are at times bountiful and at other times cunning.





TALES OF BAÏKA From Brazil to Japan

COLLECTIF

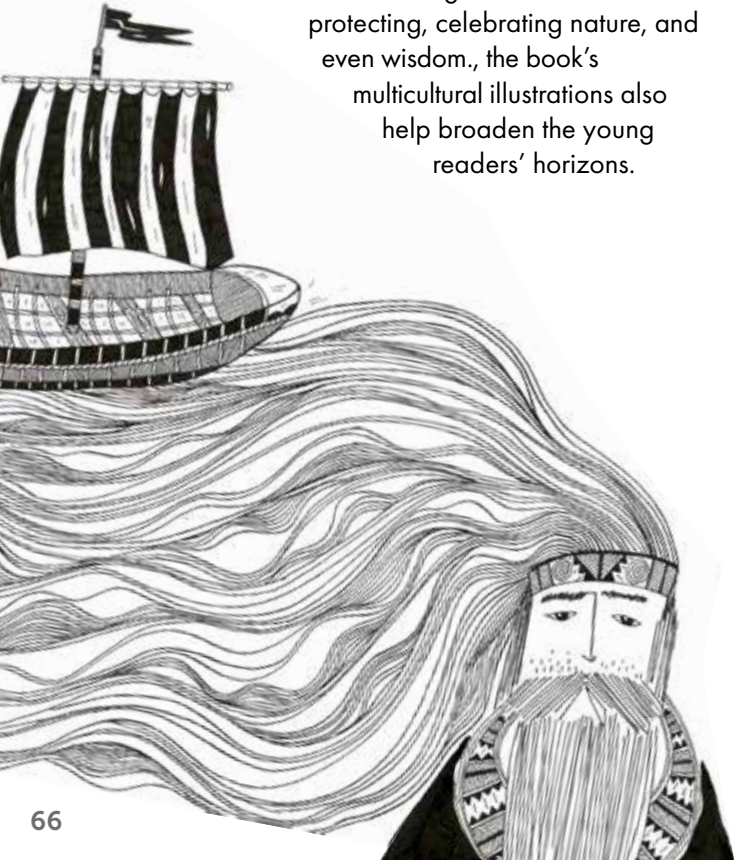
2018 • 8 years and up •

17 x 24,5 cm • 96 p. •

cloth bound • 18 €

Ten myths from countries around the world.

Discover the founding myths from other cultures and their legendary characters through this collection of tales from around the world such as Kintaro the little Japanese Hercules or the goddess who was transformed into a river... Entertaining stories touching on the values of love protecting, celebrating nature, and even wisdom., the book's multicultural illustrations also help broaden the young readers' horizons.



CONTES DE BAÏKA From Korea to Sénégal

COLLECTIF

ISBN 9782372730976 •

2022 • dès 9 ans •

17 x 24,5 cm • 112 p. • relié • 18 €



Nine myths from countries around the world.

Discover the founding myths from other cultures and their legendary characters through this collection of tales from around the world such as Adamastor transformed into a rock by the goddess Thetis and a town swallowed by a triton as revenge on a mermaid. These entertaining stories touch on the values of courage but also speak of love and treason and look at emotions in their multiple forms.



THE PROBLEM

MARCEL AYMÉ, MAY ANGELI

2020 • 7 years up • 20 x 29 cm •
48 p. • clothbound • 16,50 €

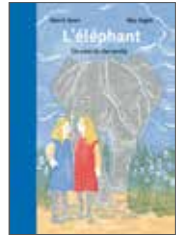


Delphine and Marinette are given a tricky math problem in class. They have to find out how many trees, of three different species, can be found in the local forest. They work hard and try their best, but the math seems beyond them. Luckily the farm animals offer to help them. Just when they are ready to declare the task impossible, the chicken suggests that they could simply go to the woods to count the different trees. The next day all the animals proudly follow the girls into class to find out how well they've done on the math problem...

THE TALE OF THE ELEPHANT

MARCEL AYMÉ, MAY ANGELI

2019 • 7 years up • 20 x 29 cm •
48 p. • clothbound • 16,50 €



One rainy day, Delphine and Marinette's parents leave them at home to go and see Uncle Alfred. There is one rule: they must not let anyone into the house. But as soon as their parents are gone, the little girls decide to play Noah's ark and invite all the farm animals into the kitchen, and escape the pouring rain outside. Delphine and Marinette soon realise that they are missing an elephant! They ask the white hen to play the part of the animal. But what a surprise it was when the hen was actually transformed into an elephant! Whatever will they tell their parents?



THE MAGIC PICTURES

MARCEL AYMÉ, MAY ANGELI

2018 • 7 years up • 20 x 29 cm •
48 p. • clothbound • 15 €



Uncle Alfred has given Delphine and Marinette paint boxes but the parents won't hear of letting the girls paint because there are beans to be picked... Things are looking up, when the farm animals decide to help with the chores, so that the girls can paint them. But when the donkey discovers his portrait, he gets upset: his ears are too big and he's missing two legs! Things get worse as the animals appearance becomes that of their portrait. The donkey can't stand up, the oxen have nearly disappeared... To top it all the parents will be back any moment...

MASKIME AND THE LITTLES THINGS

NICOLAS DELEAU, IRÈNE BONACINA

2019 • 8 years and up • 17 x 24,5 cm • 56 p. •
hardcover • 12,50 €

A precious little book of finely crafted words. Bonacina's illustrations are reminiscent of Sempé or Quentin Blake...

Maskime likes little things. Unfortunately, everything around him is too big. His town, his school, even his bedroom... So, he spends his time observing all the little things. The spider sleeping on the ceiling in his building's stairwell, the little green shoot sprouting out of the concrete pavement... Then one day, while he is concentrating on the infinitely small, the infinitely big erupts in the form of a sneeze. It belongs to Barouf, the elephant. He's kind and funny, but also very big... This leads Maskime to wonder how on earth he will fit his new friend into his world of little things!



LOVE(S)

TESSA ALEXANDRE,
CAMILLE DESCHIENS

2022 • 15 years and up • 16 x 22 cm •
92 p. • softcover • 13,50 €

There is more than one way to love...

A collection of stories exploring love, desire and self-acceptance... These love stories, are free of labels in order to showcase the powerful and unique feeling that is love. This book for teenagers is a plea for love and acceptance of oneself and others in a society where it is still difficult to be yourself. These gentle and tender texts are perfectly illustrated by Camille Deschiens' coloured pencil drawings.



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