A Selection of French Titles

CHILDREN’S BOOKS

2023
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For nearly 150 years, the BIEF has been promoting the works of French publishers on an international stage. Its mission: to foster and develop exchange between French and foreign publishing industry professionals.

This catalogue presents more than 40 publishing houses, each through a selection of 5 works affording an overview of their recent releases and editorial line. It is intended for foreign publishers interested in reaching out to their French counterparts, for booksellers and librarians, and for lovers of children’s books.

A digital version is available on our website: www.bief.org

These titles, and so much more, may be found at www.booksfromfrance.fr

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3œil is a French publishing house founded in 2016 by three friends who met in a shared studio space and wanted to pool their collective expertise in illustration, graphic design, and the making of books. For them, a book is a holistic object and a site of experimentation. Through adaptations of well-known animal fables, the Philonimo collection seeks to put philosophy’s biggest names into the hands of younger readers, because we’re never too young to start thinking! And never too old either — so grown-up readers are also welcome!

Founded: 2016 | Titles in catalogue: 13 | Titles published annually: 2

Philonimo #5: Diogenes’ Dog
Philonimo #5 : Le Chien de Diogène
Alice Brière-Haquet, Kazuko Matt

If I were a dog, I think I’d be happy
It’s a dog’s life! Rolling around in the freshly cut grass and roaming where you will, ignoring humans and their orders, their rules, their limits...
A life where, on a fundamental level, the whole world becomes our home.
Sounds like a life fit for a king, right?

#PHILOSOPHY   #ANIMALS   #FREEDOM

Rights sold: Arabic, Chinese, English (World), Greek, Italian, Korean, Spanish (Latin America)
Philonimo #6: Wittgenstein’s Duck

Philonimo #6: Le Canard de Wittgenstein
Alice Brière-Haquet, Loïc Gaume

Whoever said it could be only one animal at a time?

Once upon a time there was a duck… or was it a rabbit? Depending on which perspective you choose, the image changes and so does the story. After all, a rabbit can’t fly, while a duck would find it hard to hide underground. It’s up to the hunter to adapt to this uncertainty—and with him, the reader as well!

#PHILOSOPHY  #ANIMALS  #SHAPES

Rights sold: Arabic, Chinese, English (World), Greek, Italian, Korean, Spanish (Latin America)

Philonimo #7: Popper’s Swan

Philonimo #7: Le Cygne de Popper
Alice Brière-Haquet, Janik Coat

All swans are white. Is this a true statement?

How can we be sure?

If a man of science states that all swans are white, how many swans would it take to confirm his theory? 10? 100? 1000? None, really: the true scientific method seeks to be proven wrong… What should concern him is a black swan. A story about questioning theories and probing their limits.

#PHILOSOPHY  #ANIMALS  #SCIENCE

Rights sold: Arabic, English (World), Greek, Korean
Would a dove really be freer without the wind and the limits it imposes?

A dove, proud of its wings, thinks it would be far freer were it not for the wind and its whims. The dove doesn’t understand that the wind is what lifts it, and that flight, like thoughts, must be grounded in reality in order to be able to fully take off.

Who are the wolves that society protects us from?

When we say “man is a wolf to man,” who are the wolves we mean? Could they be other humans? But we have a weapon that wolves don’t have: words, which help establish laws and nations. A story that urges us to question the principles of life in society.
An irresistible cat, a bunch of mesmerized mice, a universal theme: the power of reading

Maurice the cat has found a way to attract mice: READ THEM GOOD STORIES. The mice slowly get closer and together we laugh, we cry, we are amazed, we are afraid. But when it’s time to eat them, Maurice’s plan doesn’t go according to plan…

The Superpower of Stories
Le Super Pouvoir des Histoires / Ongoing Series, 4 titles published
Didier Lévy, Lorenzo Sangiò

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Nico and Ouistiti
Explore the Jungle
Nico et Ouistiti explorent la jungle / Ongoing Series, 4 titles published
Nadine Brun-Cosme, Anna Aparicio Català

A fun journey through the jungle in the Land of the Masks, with illustrations full of detail and panoramic fold-out pages
Nico and Ouistiti are headed for the jungle! Aboard their magnificent lion-headed boat, our two intrepid explorers hope to take part in the great Carnival in the Land of the Masks! But as soon as they reach the jungle, they are taken away by a group of masked men and presented to the Great Wizard who entrusts them with a mission: Find the Mask that brings the Rain, stolen by a terrible witch. Nico and Ouistiti accept the challenge, even though they are a little bit scared...

#EXPLORATION  #JUNGLE  #CARNAVAL

ABC Melody • 9782368362549 • 2023
48 p. • 24x31 cm • 17,50 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6 / 6-9

Rights sold: Chinese (simplified), Italian, Polish, Vietnamese

Orazio’s Library on Wheels
La biblio d’Orazio
Davide Cali, Sébastien Pelon

Hop into Orazio’s three-wheeled library for a joyful through the villages of Sicily!
In the hills of Sicily, it’s siesta time. If you listen carefully, you can hear a buzzing sound approaching. Bzzz... A bee? Not at all, it’s Orazio’s three-wheeled library! This former teacher with a great passion for books travels through villages in the hills on a mission to provide reading to isolated populations. There is the florist who reads stories to her sick mother, the schoolchildren who love adventures of Cyclopes and sea monsters of all kinds...

#BOOKS  #LITERACY  #ITALY

ABC Melody • 9782368362174 • 2022
40 p. • 23x29 cm • 15,50 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6 / 6-9

Rights sold: Catalan, Greek, Spanish
Satoshi’s Little Treasures
Les petits trésors de Satochi
Didier Lévy, Lorenzo Sangiò

Let Satoshi’s minibus take you on a ride full of surprises in the land of manga and pokemons!

Satoshi is a minibus driver in Tokyo. To spice up his journeys, he leaves the official route and wanders into back alleys to show his delighted passengers wonderful little treasures, just a few minutes away from the hustle and bustle of the city: Here, a mysterious old temple, there, a street covered with rare and colourful plants and flowers, a surprising alignment of decorated statuettes... With Satoshi, the city becomes a magical place!

LOOK & FIND: 40+ Manga and Pokemon characters!

#JAPAN #TOKYO #HACHIKO
ABC Melody • 9782368362556 • 2022
40 p. • 23x29 cm • 15,50 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6 / 6-9

Rights sold: Chinese (simplified)

GROWL!
I’m the Big Bad Wolf!
Graou, c’est moi le loup
Virginie Costa

When you want to scare people, you’d better be well-equipped!
Dressed up as a big bad wolf, little Timmy has more surprises in store for him...

Everyone is afraid of the wolf, and this fascinates Timmy. That’s it: today, he will be a wolf for real! He puts on his costume and sets off to frighten chickens, pigs, and kids... But there is no room for TWO big bad wolves!

A hilarious picture book that hijacks the theme of fear and folktales by giving children’s favorite characters unexpected roles!

#WOLF #FEAR #FRIENDSHIP
ABC Melody • 9782368362587 • 2023
40 p. • 17x24 cm • 13,50 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6
"Tous ces gens qui s'affairent devant ce bateau… Tu crois qu’il transporte un trésor ?" "Si on se laissait porter par la mer avec eux, jusqu’où les vagues nous emmèneraient ?"

Two different realities joined in one common fate by the sea. This fun, poetic picture book raises awareness about marine pollution from a young age.

On one side of the sea lives Leo, in a town near a port where boats come and go. On the other side is Phara. She lives on an island where colorful fish swim. The sea separates and unites them at the same time. Two separate realities joined in a single common fate, the fate of the ocean. Because our every decision impacts us all.

On the Other Side of the Sea
De l’autre côté de la mer
Yukiko Noritake

#ENVIRONMENT #OCEANS #POLLUTION
Actes Sud jeunesse • 9782330167790 • 2022
32 p. • 28.5x36 cm • 18,00 €

PICTURE BOOK
3–6 / 6–9

Rights sold: Catalan, Italian, Korean and Spanish
Looking for Happiness
Chercher le bonheur
Peggy Nille

An adventure full of philosophy and poetry about a little penguin’s search for happiness

One day, a little penguin decides to leave his colony and set off on an adventure in search of happiness. But what is happiness? How and where can you find it? Through a series of questions about the little things in life, the penguin embarks on a quest to better understand this emotion. Peggy Nille encourages readers to reflect, without lecturing them, in this fun and poetic introduction to philosophy.

#HAPPINESS #PHILOSOPHY #ANIMALS
Actes Sud jeunesse • 9782330167783 • 2022
32 p. • 30x23 cm • 16,50 €

PICTURE BOOK

Rights sold: Danish, Russian

Are You Asleep?
Dis, tu dors ?
Sophie Blitman, Ella Coutance

Nonfiction on an original topic rarely explored in children’s books: sleep. Discover how sleep works and why it is so important

This book explains why sleep is essential for our brains to function properly, the different phases of sleep, as well as snoring, teeth-grinding, and sleepwalking, before going on to explore the mysterious and symbolic world of dreams and nightmares. Discover what’s really happening in your body and brain while you rest and dream.

#SLEEP #BRAIN #DREAMS
Actes Sud jeunesse • 9782330167516 • 2022
56 p. • 19.5x28 cm • 17,50 €

PICTURE BOOK
NON-FICTION

6-9
La langue immense des girafes peut s’enrouler dans tous les sens, se creuser pour faire un petit bol et se faufiler entre les épines des acacias.

Ce serait une drôle de rigolade si les girafes se rassemblaient les nuits de pleine lune dans la savane pour faire des concours de grimaces : langue tordue, langue pendue, langue hélicoptère, langue derrière l’oreille, langue dans les trous du nez, langue après, langue sous le menton, langue en tire-bouchon…

A funny nonfiction book about a funny animal!
Find out everything about giraffes!

Giraffes are fascinating, with their long legs and long necks. But do we really know all there is to know about them? In this animal book for young readers, Cécile Benoist reveals these mammals’ most surprising secrets: their friendship with oxpeckers, who remove their parasites; their mono diet (acacia); their life in groups, how they sleep; as well as scientific discoveries and the origins of idiomatic expressions involving giraffes. Beautifully illustrated by Loïc Froissart!

Giraffe Secrets
Secrets de girafe
Cécile Benoist, Loïc Froissart

Emergence 7
Vincent Mondiot, Enora Saby

An immersive, manga-inspired graphic novel with two hundred fully illustrated pages, part tale of survival, part teen drama!

Moving means saying goodbye to part of your past, as Leon knows all too well. He’s waiting for the ferry to take him to school on the mainland, but soon he’ll have to leave behind the little island where he grew up. Suddenly, a giant, mysterious creature emerges from the ocean, killing and destroying everything in its path. This story is constructed like a long flash-back, as told by Leon returning to his childhood home, “the island of Emergence point 7,” for the first time.

Emergence 7
Vincent Mondiot, Enora Saby

#SURVIVAL #FANTASY #FRIENDSHIP
Actes Sud jeunesse • 9782330165833 • 2022
208 p. • 17x23 cm • 17,80 €
ILLUSTRATED NOVEL
9-12 / 12-15
Encyclopedia
of Fantasy – Witches
L’Encyclopédie du merveilleux – Les Sorcières
Benjamin Lacombe, Cécile Roumiguère

A spectacular illustrated encyclopedia series
for (re)discovering fantastical creatures: fairies, witches,
dragons, monsters, goblins, and more!
Meet amazing magicians, diviners, healers, enchanters – all powerful
creatures, be they evil or benevolent. This book contains eight portraits
of witches, sisters in revolt or magic, along with their enchanted items,
their favorite haunts, their attire, their powers, their familiars: everything
that defines them and makes them so extraordinary and iconic.
Jérémie Moreau reimagines the story of Noah’s Ark with this spectacular philosophical tale in the style of the great classics.

Pan, the god of nature, is enraged: no one listens to his melodies anymore! So in anger, he swallows his flute! But without his music, there will be no more seasons. Nature will be unleashed! The Ant Queen warns young Warren of the coming disaster. Without hesitation, he decides to take in all the animals and creates a pocket of resistance to try and appease Pan. The boy’s room then gradually becomes a new Noah’s Ark.

#NATURE #ENVIRONMENT #SOLIDARITY
Albin Michel Jeunesse • 9782226481375 • 2023
56 p. • 21x28.5 cm • 18,00 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6

Rights sold: Korean

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A powerful tale of love by up-and-coming illustrator

Marie Schneider

One day, without warning, Hekla lands in Laki’s crater, invites himself into his house, and proceeds to merrily mess up his life. Laki learns to make room for him and looks after him. He even ends up forgetting what his life was like before Hekla! In this sublime illustrated book where beauty and strangeness mingle, Marine Schneider leads us to the distant volcanic lands of Iceland to tell the universal story of the love between parent and child.

#FRIENDSHIP #VOLCANOS #COMING-OF-AGE
Albin Michel Jeunesse • 9782226475220 • 2022
64 p. • 26.3x32.7 cm • 19,90 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6

Rights sold: English
Edmund the Dachshund
Nickel le teckel
Juliette Lagrange

Life’s not easy for a shy dachshund in a family of rowdy athletes!

Edmund is a true artist. He sees beauty and art in everything that surrounds him. Unfortunately, all his masters and dog siblings care about are trophies and sports performances. They just don’t understand him. One day at the park, he notices a group of people with artistic flair, and follows their scent all the way to an art studio. From then on, Edmund starts to live a double life: perfect little obedient dog by day and passionate, prolific artist by night! Will he be able to keep his secret?

#ARTIST #SHYNESS #FAMILY

My Little Pop-Up
Mon petit pop-up
Georgette

A series of fun, interactive pop-up books for creating an emotional bond with little ones

Toddlers will enjoy discovering animals and playing communication games while bonding with their parents and developing their confidence and language skills. Each book focuses on a toddler-friendly theme (cuddling, saying hello, eating, playing at being scared) and animals from a single ecosystem (the sea, the jungle, etc.). A toddler-friendly series with humorous pop-up animals, bright and cheerful colors, and a small format perfect for little hands!

#ANIMALS #SKILLS #ENVIRONMENT
What Is Happiness, Anyway?
Dis, c’est quoi le bonheur?
Emma Robert, Romain Lubière

What does happiness mean to you?
A little rabbit goes out to meet the creatures who live nearby and ask them, “What is happiness, anyway?” For the flower, it’s sunbeams gently warming its petals. For the great oak, it’s feeling beautiful and majestic. For the bird, it’s gliding freely along, while for the bear, it’s feasting on honey. After his discussions with other animals, the rabbit will learn that for a child, happiness can take on many forms.

#HAPPINESS #DIFFERENCE #EMOTIONS
Balivernes • 9782350671871 • 2020
32 p. • 24,5x28,4 cm • 14,00 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6 / 6-9

Rights sold: Chinese (Traditional), Danish
A gentle underwater voyage to meet fascinating creatures

Aby likes to discover new worlds and explore mysterious lands. She’s always excited to meet new creatures and decided to become an explorer at a very young age. Her favorite activity is scuba diving. Aboard her submarine, she discovers fantastical landscapes and when she finds an ideal spot, she puts on her diving suit and leaves her craft to immerse herself in a universe where everything seems to glide gently by.

Mrs. Wolf and Mr. Hare

Winter is here. Mr. Hare is out walking in the woods, his white coat blending in with the snow. But is he really invisible? Nope! Mrs. Wolf catches him! Mr. Hare tries everything he can to convince her not to eat him. He claims that since he’s white as snow, he wouldn’t be tasty enough for Mrs. Wolf’s tastebuds, or he threatens to turn into a huge monster (with horns!). But Mrs. Wolf is cunning... and really hungry.
Momo knows everything — even how to get out of this book!

Ever dreamed of owning a book that could answer every question you wonder about? Why is snow white, why can’t ostriches fly, do aliens really exist, what time is it in Tokyo? From now on, thanks to Momo, you can learn all the world’s secrets!

Mr. Know-It-All
Monsieur Je-Sais-Tout
Michaël Escoffier, Matthieu Maudet

In the Woods
Dans les bois
Simon Pietro Tartaglia

This fairy tale about fairy tales suggests that in the woods, we discover who we really are...

A child stands at the edge of a wood. In fairy tales, the woods are where heroes and heroines have extraordinary life-changing adventures, where Little Red Riding Hood met the wolf and where Gretel faced the witch. This child, too, longs for the important encounter that will make him grow up. But deep in the forest, he encounters a giant wolf who turns him into a fearful little rabbit. Faced with such a monster, what can he do?
Nino Dino
Ongoing Series, 13 Volumes
Thierry Bédouet, Camille Kohler (Mim)

In *Nino Dino*, children have a hero who mirrors their feelings. They can easily identify with the series’ situations from everyday life!

Nino Dino is no loser. It’s settled, then – he’s going to explore the forest of the mastodons. Max and Alfred can’t go with him. Who cares? He doesn’t need anyone. But what are those strange noises? Again, who cares? Nino Dino’s not afraid of anything! The first volume of this series is all about how to handle fear.

Rights sold: Chinese (simplified), German, Korean, Spanish, Turkish, Vietnamese
Dans le verger, la chaleur et la lumière du printemps ont réveillé les pommiers. Les arbres sont en pleine forme ! Après avoir dormi tout l’hiver, leurs bourgeons sont prêts à éclore. Bientôt, les feuilles et les fleurs qu’ils renferment se déplient… Quelques feuilles sont grignotées par des chenilles et autres larves d’insectes, que les mésanges picorent d’un coup de bec : elles doivent nourrir leurs petits qui les attendent au nid !

**What Goes On Inside Trees**

Au creux des arbres / Series: The Secret of... (Vol 3)

Emmanuelle Figueras, Sylvie Bessard

A fun guide to the life cycle of a tree and the four seasons and an original book about nature, featuring laser die-cuts

What happens underground, beneath the trees? How do trees sprout? Where do they get their nutrients from? What dangers threaten them? This book reveals the hidden world of trees, showing their transformation over the seasons and the animals for whom they provide food and shelter. A very complete book about trees over the course of the seasons, unique for its narration by an endearing dormouse.

**Catch Those Animals!**

Mes animaux à attraper

Marion Billet

A touch-and-feel book for tactile interaction, with pages full of plenty of different animal parts!

An original and attractive touch-and-feel book, with animal parts sticking out of each page (tails, ears) for grabbing, touching, chewing, crumpling, etc. The perfect book for little hands and curious minds!
My First Puzzles, from Floor to Floor:
Around the World

Mes premières énigmes à tous les étages :
Autour du monde / Ongoing Series, 4 volumes
Paul Martin, Camille Roy

In this volume of "My First Puzzles, from Floor to Floor," famous feline detective Agatha Crispy solves mysteries while traveling the five continents.

A world relatable to children and close to their everyday lives, featuring a recurring mascot, feline detective Agatha Crispy of Tomcat Town! All the things that make for a good mystery are here: richly detailed pictures, wordplay, humor. Observation is the key! Each of these 8 mysteries, set against a different backdrop, can be enjoyed independently, with a central theme throughout the series.

A unique puzzle-solving concept especially popular with ages 6-9.

#OBSERVATION #PUZZLES #MYSTERY

Bayard • 9791036312434 • 2020
48 p. • 17x24 cm • 12,50 €

ACTIVITY/GAME BOOKS
6-9

Rights sold: Chinese (traditional and simplified), Dutch, German, Greek, Norwegian, Russian, Spanish

Our Twisted Hearts
Nos cœurs tordus / Completed trilogy
Séverine Vidal, Manu Causse

Disabled from birth, Vlad and his new friends, all movie fans, decide to participate in a short film contest.

Friendship, a film competition, a trip to New-York, a seaside vacation...

Told from alternating points of view, this trilogy is full of poetry and humor, and addresses themes of difference and disability without making readers feel guilty. At heart, it remains above all a beautiful story of love, life, and adolescence.

#FRIENDSHIP #DISABILITY #ROMANCE

Bayard • 9782747068628 • 2021 (vol 3)
150 p. • 13x20 cm • 13,90 €

MIDDLE GRADE - YA FICTION
9-12 / 12-15

Rights sold: Hungarian, Korean, French language in Germany
Established in 1777, Casterman has adapted through the years to meet its market’s publishing needs. Casterman’s catalog features such beloved classics as Tintin and Martine, but also novelty books, middle grade, young adult, and nonfiction titles as well as a vast array of graphic novels. Casterman is now part of Madrigall, France’s third largest publishing group.
This big, brand-new magnet book lets children tell their own unique story! This series helps develop fine motor skills, imagination, and vocabulary

Unlike word books or books packed with facts, this series lets readers tell their own stories – a different one each time. The magnetic pages come with 12 magnets to be stuck on and moved around. Today, Pia has decided to sew toys for her friends. Which one will her neighbor Sacha like the most? What about her friend Suzie?

Finally, a comic book that offers kids real advice to help them do well at school and hone their talents!

School can be a source of great stress for children and parents alike. Juggling homework, classes, and tests isn’t easy. In this comic book, five engaging characters guide and encourage readers as they deal with their questions, difficulties, and needs. Over the course of several chapters and sections, readers will discover how to create good study habits, handle their emotions, and manage their screen time to become more efficient… but also how to overcome failures and value their talents.
Ten years after the first Ernest and Celestine film, our favorite characters are back on screen.

Celestine accidentally drops Ernest’s violin, a beautiful Stradivarius. The only bear able to repair it is Octavius, who lives in Gibberitia, the country Ernest came from, to which he refuses to return. Determined to get the violin fixed, Celestine embarks on a long and dangerous journey all by herself. When Ernest finds Celestine’s note explaining that she has gone to Gibberitia, he is terribly worried and decides to go after her. A tale of friendship, loss, and good versus evil.

Ernest & Celestine: Journey to Gibberitia
Ernest et Célestine : Voyage en Charabie
Gabrielle Vincent, Alexandra Garibal

#FRIENDSHIP  #FREEDOM  #MUSIC
Casterman • 9782203237100 • 2022
48 p. • 21.8x24.6 cm • 12,95 €

Rights sold: Italian

A beautiful book on the animal kingdom’s family diversity, different roles parents can play, and the variety of ways animals are conceived and raised.

In this eye-opening, fact-packed book, 26 real, amazing stories reveal the many different ways families can form in the animal world, just as with humans. The male clownfish can change gender if the dominant female in his group dies, and the male seahorses are famous for being the ones who get pregnant and give birth, while elephants live in matriarchal societies... The clear, well-paced text is accompanied by the talented Marie Caudry’s tender, expressive illustrations.

Born Animal: The Fascinating Secrets of Animal Families
Naître animal : Les fascinants secrets de familles des animaux
Karine Granier-Deferre, Marie Caudry

#ANIMALS  #FAMILY  #DIVERSITY
Casterman • 9782350672519 • 2023
48 p. • 23.5x31 cm • 14,95 €

#ANIMALS   #FAMILY   #DIVERSITY
NON-FICTION CHILDREN’S BOOK
6-9 / 9-12

Casterman • 9782203237100 • 2022
48 p. • 21.8x24.6 cm • 12,95 €
A book full of gentle poetry to help little ones find their place in the great big world

Why are you blue? Celeste asks the sky. And you, Sun – why do you shine? What are you made of, Wind? Night, I would like to know you. Timeless questions that one little girl addresses directly to the natural elements that surround her. They answer her with grace and poetry. And who am I? she finally asks. Because it is also her own place in the vast world that Céleste is trying to discover, with the help of her new friends.

The Blue of the Sky
Le bleu du ciel
Maylis Daufresne, Teresa Arroyo Corcobado

#IDENTITY  #NATURE  #SELFHOOD
Flutter High
Voltige
Maylis Daufresne, Clémence Monnet

A tale of avian migration for metaphorically tackling the issue of human migration

It’s fall, and Flutter’s family begins its seasonal migration to Africa. But the young bird is injured and cannot join them in flight. Driven only by his strong resolve, Flutter will set off on a long journey, marked by numerous surprising encounters. Will he succeed in rejoining his family?

#MIGRATION #BIRDS #INSTINCT
Cépages • 9791093266503 • 2022
32 p. • 20x28 cm • 14,00 €
PICTURE BOOK
3-6 / 6-9

Where Are You, Little Cat?
Chat perché
Arnaud Tiercelin, Bertrand Dubois

A story with a double meaning, about both our relationships with pets as well as a child’s need for attention

Mano lives alone with his mother in a strange house in the trees. He is constantly engaged in antics. One day he disguises himself as a magician, the next he purrs or claws at the carpet. But from whom is he so desperate for attention? A funny and ambiguous text full of a little boy’s admiration to his furry flat-mate.

#CATS #SINGLE PARENTS #NEED FOR ATTENTION
Cépages • 9791093266510 • 2022
40 p. • 22x28 cm • 15,50 €
PICTURE BOOK
3-6 / 6-9
A story for putting words to our deepest childhood fears
Lilou is a brave little girl who is not afraid of ANYTHING! She is not afraid of insects, nor the neighbour’s dog, nor the thunderstorms that rumble. However, hidden deep in her heart, there is one thing that Lilou fears more than anything else: that her parents will abandon her.

This tale, illustrated with colorful collages, will transport readers to a different world
Nouhoum has lost Kònoba, the beautiful kite he made himself. One after another, a series of animals in the jungle find it, and after that, a succession of villagers. They each do their best to redirect it to its owner. Strength in numbers! Little by little, Kònoba makes its way back to Nouhoum.
A Story
Une Histoire
Edouard Manceau

Focusing on how a story is made, this book leaves its ending open and provides useful elements for educators working on storytelling with children.

A story is brought to life before our eyes: growing and blossoming from a simple beginning. Characters appear and set the scene; soon, a big bad wolf comes along. But all the stories in this book can go any number of ways. Choose your own path and follow it!

With a few deft words and lines, Edouard Manceau demonstrates the process of how a story is made, while inviting the readers to seize power with their imagination.

#STORYTELLING  #EDUCATIONAL  #DISCOVERY

Delcourt • 9782385070045 • 2023
64 p. • 21x28 cm • 14,90 €

BABIES/TODDLERS/BOARD BOOK
PICTURE BOOK
0-3 / 3-6
My Tactile Atlas of the World
Atlas tactile du monde
Julie Mercier

This first tactile atlas to hit the French children’s book market! Helping children learn and discover in an innovative and interactive way

Readers can feel a continent’s textured borders or the Trans-Siberian railroad running through Asia, touch the raised relief of mountain ranges or the sandy surface of the Sahara, look for a funny statue of a peeing boy in Belgium or Father Christmas’s house in Finland – all with their fingers! 100 touchable elements and big colored maps provide a variety of touch-and-feel experiments, enabling children to engage with learning about the world in a new and different way!

The Precious Earth
Une terre précieuse / My First Documentary Series: The Environment, Vol. 1
Sandra Laboucarie, Sarah Loulendo

Immersive nonfiction providing a positive perspective that highlights our planet’s treasures instead of indulging eco-anxiety

Each volume brings the immersiveness of fiction to the precision of fact and the continuity of an ongoing series. The flagship theme of this volume, the Environment, will be developed in its own miniseries over the course of several titles, to try and field all the “Why?” questions kids love to come up with. Each book features a story that deploys tried-and-true conventions to surprise the reader on every page!
Ainsi, de nuit comme de jour, impossible pour elle de se recroqueviller dans son abri naturel. À l’intérieur, il fait tellement noir qu’elle défaille rien qu’en y pensant !

With her fear of the dark, Armelle is confronted with another problem. Face to danger…

She is unable to hide in her shell…

The authors pool their talents and sensibilities to create a new series for early readers: Armelle and Mirko!

Armelle is a turtle with an irrational, overwhelming, paralyzing fear of the dark. It’s a problem since, at the slightest danger, she has to retreat into her shell… where it’s dark! But what to do? Turtles aren’t built for running around, and the forest is rife with dangers. However, light and kindness can be found in a friend – especially if that friend is a firefly!

This trilogy combines adventure, moral conviction, and strong emotions with educational information.

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Didier Jeunesse’s love of music shows in every word, every picture of our books. Our goal is to introduce children to the pleasures of sharing books, whether by reading them aloud, laughing at wacky rhymes, singing famous jazz songs, or simply listening to a captivating story. Our books have inspired the imaginations of entire generations since 1988. Our catalogue now features 700 titles, including board books, picture books, interactive sound books, musical books, and young adult fiction. Our talented authors and illustrators have a broad fan base, from children to early childhood professionals.

Founded: 1988 | Titles in catalogue: 700 | Titles published annually: 88

Lullabies from Around the World
Je découvre les berceuses du monde
Magali Attiogbé

A selection of the world’s most beautiful lullabies from West Africa, South America, Poland, Turkey, and Japan

Five lullabies from our great musical Picture Book: “Był sobie król” (Poland), “Ida Je” (Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Guinea), “Duerme negrito” (Colombia, Venezuela), “Ninni” (Turkey), and “Edo Komoriuta” (Japan). A beautiful musical journey, with 5 stops highlighting languages and instruments from all over the world, but also a graphic journey as well, thanks to Magali Attiogbé’s illustrations, which pay tribute to the colors and patterns of each country or region.
A fun and punchy origin story for stuffed animals from the author of the bestseller *The Mitten*

Little Girl arrives at her Grandma’s house for the holidays. Grandma has readied her room with a nice cozy bed. But during the night, Little Girl cries out: she’s scared! To comfort her, Grandma first gets the cat to sleep with her, then the dog, then the goat, then the pony… until the bed collapses from all the animals on it! A sweet, funny tale with colorful illustrations for tackling common children’s fears at bedtime.

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**Flora and the Gulpasaurus**

A little girl discovers a huge egg, brings it home, and soon finds herself the mommy of a dinosaur… who devours everything in his path!

Flora loves dinosaurs. Her room is filled with toy dinosaurs and drawings of dinosaurs. She always keeps her stuffed dinosaur close at hand. On a walk in the woods, Flora finds an egg. She brings it home and… surprise! A dinosaur emerges! Flora tries her best to train her Gulpasaurus, but he won’t listen to a word she says, successively devouring a cat, two grannies, and all the guests at a wedding! A warm, funny story about young children’s impulses and the necessity of setting boundaries.
Sleeping Beauty
La Belle au bois dormant
Pierre Coran, Clémence Pollet, Natalie Dessay

A magical, musical book all about Tchaikovsky’s ballet.
Enjoy the wonderful story of Sleeping Beauty all over again!
In a version faithful to Perrault’s fairytale, Pierre Coran poetically recounts the great classical ballet of Sleeping Beauty, while Clémence Pollet modernizes this well-known fairytale with breathtaking illustrations and all kinds of eccentric characters who make up the court at the sleeping palace. A true gem for discovering or rediscovering the ballet by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, one of the greatest composers of Russian romanticism.

The Boy Who Drank the Twilight Milk
Le buveur de lait du crépuscule
Pascal Ruter, François Ravard

A hilarious novel that has earned comparisons to Roald Dahl and Lewis Carroll
Ten-year-old Ernest is a compulsive reader. One night, he falls asleep while reading and finds himself locked inside the public library. There, he comes face to face with hideous witches who are licking the great classics to poison them! The minute a young reader opens one of these cursed books, they will be turned into the animal they hate the most! With his best friends transformed into a rat and a cat, Ernest must act – and fast! Luckily, he can count on his grandfather!
The Path

Le chemin

Claude Ponti

Paths for everyone!

The path in this book is a magic one, for there are an infinite number of possible ways it can take you. It’s up to you to choose your own path, with printed maps that can be assembled any number of ways. An example path is included, but readers are free to follow it... or not, as they choose. You can alter the order of the maps as often as you want, creating new stories that are utterly unique in all the world – just like you!
It’s all your fault! Nuh-uh, it’s yours!

Mim and her brother Crocus want to read the same book. Dad suggests they share it, with one reading and the other turning the pages. The problem is, they both want to be the one who gets to turn the pages! To avoid an argument, Daddy agrees to be the page-turner. But while he’s at it, can’t he just read it, too, ask Mim and Crocus? Is Daddy ever going to get his nap?

**A Book for Two**
*Un livre pour deux*
Ella Charbon, Jean Leroy

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#FAMILY #COMPROMISE #SIBLINGS

L’école des loisirs • 9782211324984 • 2022
28 p. • 17x20 cm • 11,00 €

**BABIES/TODDLERS/BOARD BOOK**

0-3

Rights sold: Dutch

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**Forest Memoirs #2**
*Mémoires de la forêt #2 / 4 Volumes expected*
Mickaël Brun-Arnaud, Sanoe

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#ADVENTURE #MYSTERY #FRIENDSHIP

l’école des loisirs • 9782211321174 • 2022
320 p. • 13.5x20.5 cm • 14,50 €

**MIDDLE GRADE NOVEL**

9-12

Rights sold: Chinese (simplified), German, Korean, Russian, Turkish, Ukrainian

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A quest, a journey, a mystery, plot twists, unexpected revelations, endearing characters — all the makings of a fine adventure novel!

Archibald Fox runs a bookstore in the hollow of a tree. Animals can leave books they’ve written there, in hopes others will buy them. With his memory failing him, Ferdinand Mole desperately seeks the book he left at the bookstore long ago. But a mystery customer has walked off with it. With help from old photos, Archibald and Ferdinand set out to recover it, in a journey that takes them to the borders of dreams, memories, and reality.
A little healing for a broken heart
Muck the weasel is unhappy: the love of his life has left him. So when he meets Jeannot the duck, he unburdens his heart to her. What if all he needed was a little comforting from a good friend? A conversation by turns funny and tender, about love, jealousy, and fresh new starts.

Killiok
Summer's almost here. Killiok is getting up and thinking of the day that lies ahead. The weather's nice. He has his coffee outside. It would be terrific to have a porch out in front of the house. For hours and hours, Killiok drafts plans. He then discusses his project with Mystery Cat. When it's time for bed, Killiok dives back under his comforter, happy and content.

Killiok pense à la journée qui s'étend devant lui. Il réfléchit à tout ce qu'il pourra faire. C'est bientôt l'été. Un petit vent fait danser la lumière du soleil dans les arbres.
- Vari Tchésou arrive dans quelques jours, dit Killiok. Je vais aérer sa chambre.

#SUMMER   #FRIENDSHIP   #NATURE
Pastel - L’école des loisirs • 9782211322041 • 2023
36 p. • 20x26 cm • 13,50 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6

Rights sold: Italian
A unique concept for toddlers, to bring everywhere!

Each little library offers 6 stories for toddlers to become familiar with books and to learn about emotions, daily rituals (mealtime, bath time, games, walks...), or colors through the seasons.

#LIBRARIES #TO-GO
Gründ Jeunesse • 9782278121625 • 2019/2022
84 p. • 14x11 cm • 16,95 €

BABIES/TODDLERS/BOARD BOOKS
PICTURE BOOK
0-3

Rights sold: Chinese (simplified), Norwegian, Romanian
A Whole World of Animals
A Deyrolle Activity Book
Tout un monde d’animaux
Un livre-jeu Deyrolle

Grund Jeunesse • 9782324031724 • 2022
40 p. • 23x30 cm • 14,95 €

Dive deep into the fascinating drawings in this picture book!
Look at all these incredible butterflies! Can you the one without a twin?
Check out these surprising insects! Can you find the eight-legged intruder?
Discover the beauty and power of elephants from Africa and Asia, the colorful feathers of parrots...
This finely illustrated seek-and-find book features twelve lavish spreads that children will enjoy poring over endlessly. The amazement never ends!

Hello, My Little Astrologer
Bonjour mon bébé astro / Ongoing Series: 8 titles published, 4 more to come
Lyès Shana, Pauline Marlet

Whether astrology fans or absolute beginners, readers can satisfy their curiosity with this series, just as fun for young parents and grandparents as it is for kids!
Through illustrations and rhythmic, poetic writing, readers will discover what makes each baby “special” thanks to their astrological sign: their personality, positive traits, and character flaws. At the end of this picture book, astrology coach and influencer Shana Lyès (alias Astrolya) gives fun, detailed tips about babies according to their sign. A perfect gift for a baby shower, a birth, a first birthday, and every other occasion when babies are celebrated!

#ANIMALS #SEEK-AND-FIND

#ASTROLOGY

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ACTIVITY/GAME BOOK
NON-FICTION
6-9

Babies/Toddlers/Board Book
Picture Book
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True biographies: a series that introduces captivating lives to teens

Mila’s friends make fun of her explorer’s costume because exploring is for boys! Girls don’t set out on adventures! Luckily, Mila’s big brother will prove to her and the whole world that women have always been hard-core adventurers. He launches into a series of videos in order to restore these 25 heroines to the place in history they deserve: Nellie Bly, Shaaw Tláa, Alexandra David-Néel, and all the other women we haven’t yet heard the last of!

"100% True"!
Great Female Adventurers, as Seen by a Teen

"100% Bio"! Les grandes aventurières vues par un ado / Ongoing Series: 12 titles, 2 forthcoming in 2023

Marine Orenga, Sylvie Eder

#CHARACTERS #WOMEN #ADVENTURES

The Unmoving Realms #1: The Princess Without a Face

Les Royaumes Immobiles #1 : La princesse sans visage / Ongoing Series: 2nd volume published in Jan. 2023

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A deep dive into eldritch faery realms

In the Unmoving Realms, all existence is ruled over by four monarchs. But the Autumn Throne has stood vacant for too long, threatening the delicate balance. A new coronation must be held. The competition for the throne will be merciless. Ivy is in the running despite herself. She is a “To-Die-For”: whosoever beholds her face is overcome with murderous or suicidal fury. Thrust into Machiavellian machinations deep in the world of the Sidhe—faery nobility—Ivy will have to dig deep to find the resources to survive.

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Under the Ice
Sous la glace
Michaël Escoffier, Ella Charbon

A pretty board book that pulls in readers hook, line, and sinker!

On the ice: a little fisherman. Beneath it: a little fish. Both are hungry, determined, and have good friends to help them! When the fish takes the fisherman’s bait, all his friends come to help him. The little fisherman and his friends pull, pull, pull on the line. The fish and its friends pull, pull, pull underwater... Phew! They win! But just whom were we cheering for, by the end? This clever tale encourages readers to look beyond appearances.
In this heartwarming tale, friendship and community come to the aid of a homeless bear during his first winter.

In late fall, Aldo goes back to his lair to hibernate all winter, like he does every year. But this year, when the cold comes, he is forced out of his home: his lair has disappeared! Now he must face winter for the first time, with nothing more than a coat and a scarf to protect him from the cold. Aldo will encounter many hardships but also solidarity from friends and a community.

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Winter’s Bear
Ours d’hiver
Irène Schoch

#COMMUNITY #WINTER #BEARS
Éditions des Éléphants • 9782372731362 • 2023
40 p. • 20x24 cm • 14,50 €

A gentle, sensitive picture book about the power of friendship in helping to overcome fears.

Little Day is merry and sociable, but Little Night is shy and withdrawn. But when Little Day must spend the night at Little Night’s, he feels fear. Still when Little Night shows him the city all lit up, builds him a really cool blanket fort, and teaches Little Day about the beauty of the night, Little Day begins to conquer his fears. Meanwhile, finding out his new friend has fears helps Little Night come to terms with his own.

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Little Day and Little Night
Petit Jour et Petit Nuit
Cécile Chicault, Line Pauvert

#FEAR #DIFFERENCE #FRIENDSHIP
Éditions des Éléphants • 9782372731300 • 2022
32 p. • 19,5x26,5 cm • 14,50 €

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The Man Who Didn’t Like Cats
L’homme qui n’aimait pas les chats
May Angeli

When two wild creatures tame each other, a friendship is born, and loneliness fades away
One night, a terrible racket rouses a man from his slumber. On his doorstep he finds a cat. There’s nothing the man wants less than a pet, but the cat keeps coming back day after day, and the man starts getting used to him, amused by the playful kitten. So when the cat disappears, the Man becomes really worried. In the end, just who has domesticated whom? May Angeli’s woodcuts were exhibited at the French National Library in 2022 in a full retrospective of her sixty-year career.

#LONELINESS #FRIENDSHIP #PETS
Editions des Éléphants • 9782372731294 • 2023
32 p. • 21x24 cm • 14,00 €
PICTURE BOOK
3-6

The Silk Dress
La Robe de soie
Chiara Mezzalama, Régis Lejonc

The discovery of a beautiful Chinese silk dress awakens a family’s ghosts...
In the big red house stands a wardrobe at the end of the dark hallway. Hidden at the back of the wardrobe is a cardboard box. And in that box? A bright red Chinese silk dress, carefully folded away. It’s so beautiful that any little girl would want to try it on. “Nai Nai, look what I found!” “How dare you touch that dress? Take it off right now!” her grandmother shouts. The little girl starts to cry… What ghosts of the past has she awoken by trying this dress on?

#SECRETS #FAMILY #WAR
Editions des Éléphants • 9782372731065 • 2022
40 p. • 21x33 cm • 16,00 €
CHILDREN’S COMIC BOOK
6-9
There’s a whole world in your backyard, if you just open your eyes and take a close look!

A magnificent book that introduces children to twelve common backyard animals, each featured on a beautifully illustrated two-page spread with a short story and factual information, inspired by Deyrolle’s vintage educational charts.

#ANIMALS  #NATURE  #INSECTS

Nature Study: Your Backyard
Petites leçons de choses de mon jardin
Adeline Ruel
L’autre fois, alors que Papy mettait son maillot de bain sur la plage (ah oui, il fait toujours ça Papy, ne me demandez pas pourquoi), il y a eu un gros coup de vent et son slip s’est envolé.

Alors Papy, il a couru TOUT nu sur TOUTE la plage. J’ai eu drôlement peur que la police l’arrête, parce que ce n’était même pas une plage qui autorisait les tout-nus.

The hilarious adventures of a little boy and a dog on vacation at his grandparents’ house!

My name is Clovis. I’m seven years old, and my absolute favorite thing in the whole world is going to see my Grandma and Grandpa. They have a little house by the shore, and it’s great! They let me do all the stuff I’m not allowed to at home – which is A LOT of stuff. But the best thing about them is their dog. I just love him! He’s always causing small disasters. His name is Oops! You can guess why…

Grimelda Hauchecorne is a very special witch.

Unlike the other mice in Salem, she has a heart!

Everyone knows a heart keeps you from doing harm! Which means Grimelda can’t play evil tricks on people like the other witches. So one night, she decides to leave Salem and slip out into the forest in search of someone who can help her get rid of her heart. Along the way, she will meet the King of Nightmares, the Ghost from the River, and the Tree Man, but none of them can help her… until a friendly encounter will change Grimelda’s fate.

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Little Stories for Little Philosophers
Drôles d’histoires pour apprentis philosophes
Nathalie Kuperman, Mazarine Pingeot, Claire Morel Fatio

You might think philosophers and children don’t speak the same language, but in fact, they often wonder about the very same things.

In these ten fictional tales from everyday life, Mazarine Pingeot and Nathalie Kuperman provide young readers food for thought on a variety of subjects: difference, death, the power of invisibility, the need for a leader, truth, life in a digital age, loving without smothering, the notion of time, dreams and reality, and empathy. After each story, an insert provides keys for further exploration and discussion between children and adults.

Maldoror #1: The Children of the Legend
Maldoror #1 : Les enfants de la légende
Trilogy : last volume in Autumn 2023
Philippe Lechermeier

From Vienna to Odessa, Kiev to Siberia, the early 20th-century odyssey of five young people brought together by a mysterious legend...

While revolution is afoot all over Eastern Europe, our heroes must escape many enemies: Ukrainian criminals, secret police, and a tyrannical Cossack ataman who dreams of restoring a lost kingdom... Maldoror. Maldoror is the story of a forgotten legend, of territories yet to be conquered and of upheavals yet to come. It is also a tale of friendship among five children and their mysterious link to a wonderful lost world.
Qu'elle est jolie !

Realistic sounds and beautiful textures that awaken children's senses!

Sound and touch books to help children learn about animals, the environment, and a wide range of topics such as Christmas, the garden or the world of unicorns! Each double-page spread offers an array of materials to touch, flaps to lift, and sounds to listen to.

Touch & Feel
Touche & Écoute / Ongoing series, 17 titles
Marion Billet

Ma licorne enchantée

#MUSIC  #SOUND BOOK  #ACTIVITIES

Gallimard Jeunesse • 9782075184824 • 2014-2023
14 p. • 16.5x16.5 cm • 13,50 €

CD BOOKS/SOUND BOOK
BABIES/TODDLERS/BOARD BOOK
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Rights sold: Catalan, Chinese (Traditional), Czech, Dutch, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Norwegian, Spanish, Swedish
My First Animated Picture Books
Mon imagier animé / Ongoing series, 29 titles
Various illustrators depending on the title

This one-of-a-kind series offers a fun new twist on learning, encouraging language skills and enriching children’s vocabulary.

Double-page spreads with flaps, wheels, glossy or embossed shapes, bright colors and rounded corners, to answer questions that speak directly to young readers, encouraging a journey of discovery that will have them recognize and name familiar objects. And a seek-and-find game on the last page keeps the fun and the learning going!

#VOCABULARY  #ACTIVITIES BOOK  #GAMES
Gallimard Jeunesse • 9782075161832 • 2017-2023
10 p. • 17.5x17.5 cm • 8,90 €

BABIES/TODDLERS/BOARD BOOK
POP-UP/ANIMATED BOOK
NON-FICTION

Rights sold: Catalan, Chinese (simplified), Czech, Japanese, Romanian, Serbian, Slovak, Spanish

Jefferson #2:
Jefferson Does His Best
Jefferson #2 : Jefferson fait de son mieux
Jean-Claude Mourlevat, ill. by Antoine Ronzon

A new mystery for Jefferson, a hedgehog just like you and me!
Four years after the memorable Ballardeau expedition, life has quietly returned to normal for Jefferson and his pig friend Gilbert. But when Simone, their former travelling companion, mysteriously disappears, a worried Gilbert and Jefferson set out to find the depressed rabbit.

#MYSTERY  #HUMOR  #SUSPENSE
Gallimard Jeunesse • 9782075169776 • 2022
304 p. • 14x20.5 cm • 14,00 €

MIDDLE GRADE NOVEL
9-12 / ALL AGES

Rights sold: Catalan, German, Spanish, Swedish
Magda is a mole and a painter. But life underground offers little opportunities to travel, so Magda ventures out into the world above, making new friends and recording her experiences in a beautiful painting revealed at the end of each book under a giant liftable flap. The exquisitely detailed and highly realistic illustrations are educational in their own way.

Readers will grow fond of this endearing heroine as they explore together, learning about new and different environments.

Explore, Spot and Name #2: Myths

From Norse ice gods to intriguing Aboriginals totems, mighty Japanese spirits to dreamlike Amazonian protectors, sixteen cultural landscapes unfold in splendid colors and designs, accompanied by encyclopedic knowledge playfully organized, as well as riddles and clues to make learning fun. Memorize the names of all the beings that inhabit the spiritual realms of our world.
A little gem with a retro atmosphere reminiscent of the worlds of Roald Dahl and Wes Anderson

Our story begins the day Armand and his mother enter a boutique with a faded pink shopfront: “Cotton Tales: Gently Used Clothes.” Inside sits a saleslady, busy embroidering, her striped cat beside her. Steamer trunks, overflowing wardrobes, and piles of unmatched socks... Armand has discovered a place full of surprises, where each item of clothing has its own story to tell – just like each and every one of us.

Every Dress or Jacket Has Its Own Tale to Tell

Armand et les histoires de vêtements

Esmé Planchon, Héloïse Solt

#CLOTHES #FASHION #CONSUMPTION

Glénat • 9782344050712 • 2022
40 p. • 27.5x23.8 cm • 13,50 €

PICTURE BOOK

6-9
When your mom gets mad and yells at you, isn’t it scary?

Don’t panic! We’ll de-angrify her step by step!

How do you de-angrify an angry mom who’s spitting lightning and brandishing her fearsome claws? No need to panic! In this explosive little guide, children will find essential, carefully chosen tips for cajoling moms and pacifying their rage. In ten miraculous lessons delivered tongue-in-cheek, the finest advice gets experimentally tested before the reader’s very eyes, sure to patch things up (or not).

De-Angrify Your Angry Mom

Comment défacher une maman fâchée
Pauline Duhamel, Marine Paris

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Sacha dreams of becoming a dancer, but traditionally, tigers have never been anything but water polo players

Sacha is an adorable little tiger who lives with his parents in the big teepee in a village deep in the jungle. What he loves more than anything, what makes his heart pound and his eyes light up, is dancing. He dreams of studying it at the musical academy. But his father cares for only one thing, water polo. He’s the junior league’s coach. Tensions mount between father and son, until one day Sacha decides to run away...
Animals willing to do anything to flee the Great Global Warming: no mere journey, this is a real stampede!

Gaius, a selfish lazy lion, wakes up from a long nap to find the lionesses have up and left. Dying of hunger and thirst, he crosses what he thinks is Africa and realizes he’s in... France! The Great Global Warming has sent all the animals fleeing northward. Anxious about where tomorrow’s dinner is coming from, Gaius launches into a monologue about the importance of saving all animal species. Easier said than done, for the hyenas are bent on revenge against the lions’ longtime reign!
The Age of Shadows approaches

A strange curse has fallen upon the villagers of Upper Heights, now but shadows of their former selves. Mycena, a young herbalist, tries all the recipes she knows to cure them... in vain! There is one final remedy that might work, but to make it, she must go to the village of Lower Deep, home to her archenemy, Roch the Alchemist. Despite their differences, the two heroes now have a shared mission, and it’s a matter of life and death for their fellow villagers.

Age of Shadows #1
Le Temps des Ombres #1 / Ongoing Series
David Furtaen, Pauline Pernette

#ALCHEMY  #FANTASY  #ADVENTURE
Éditions de la Gouttière • 9782357960497 • 2022
88 p. • 19x26.5 cm • 15,70 €

CHILDREN’S COMIC BOOK
9-12
The name’s Lomar. Philippina Lomar

Just a few days after high school starts back up, Philippina’s detective talents are already being called on: Capucine, a young disabled girl, asks her to locate a stolen ring. While Philippina’s nosing around, investigating, the name Fakir keeps coming up. Fakir, a mysterious thief who never resorts to weapons or violence for his robberies.

The Philippina Lomar Case Files, #6: The Crazy Case of the Missing Sapphire

Les Enquêtes de Philippine Lomar #6 : La Folle affaire du saphir
Dominique Zay, Grégory Audegond-Blondin

La Folle affaire du saphir

Dancing Lives

Les vies dansent
Dominique Zay, Damien Cuvillier

Les vies dansent

The first comic in the Do Re Mi Chat collection, produced in partnership with the Orchestra of Picardy!

Louna likes to play music. She plays with the wind, with notes, on her flute. Many miles away, Fatou likes to dance. She dances with colors, with her dreams, with joy. The two girls are about to meet, and once they do, they will be joined forevermore.

Dancing Lives

Les vies dansent
Dominique Zay, Damien Cuvillier

Les vies dansent

J’ai bien senti que quelque chose clochait.
Et c’est là que j’ai regardé ma main droite :
la bague avait disparu !

Et t’es sûre que ce sont les frangines ?
Quelqu’un d’autre aurait pu entrer pendant ton ellipse ?

Non, elles savaient que la bague valait pépette et je les ai vues baver.

Je croyais que vous étiez amies.

Et les deux sœurs, là, elles ont toujours été limites… elles viennent d’une famille galère, m’empruntent toujours des habits, des colliers…

Je me suis forcée à le croire moi aussi, dans mon état, on peut pas dire que j’aie un fan-club, les gens se pointent à mes fêtes parce qu’ils savent que c’est open bar, je suis pas dupe…

Elles sont jalouses en toutes sortes.

Capucine m’avait donné l’adresse des deux sœurs… Je devais trouver un moyen de les approcher sans éveiller les soupçons…

Elles seraient jalouses en quelque sorte ?

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Linette #5: Cloud Chaser

Linette #5 : Cumulus Minus
Catherine Romat, Jean-Philippe Peyraud

A fresh, modern series that transforms daily life into magic!
Linette is a somewhat clumsy little girl, but she’s never short on ideas! Romat and Peyraud play with what lies at the heart of children’s imaginations: the extraordinary power to turn everyday places and activities into magical worlds to explore.

Beneath the Trees #4:
First Spring

Sous les arbres #4 : Le Premier printemps
DAV

Papa Boar is eager to introduce his young son to nature and springtime
Papa Boar can’t wait to introduce his young son to nature and springtime! Unfortunately, the smallest flower, the slightest bit of pollen, and the baby starts sneezing! His first steps in the grass end in tears. But what if all it took to pick a bouquet for Mama together was time and patience?
Les Grandes Personnes is a small children’s books publishing company based in Paris. We publish about twenty-five titles a year, from pop-up books to novelty books, and many other kinds of books. A common thread runs through our offerings: innovation, inventiveness, and creativity coming together to use paper in amazing ways, resulting in books appealing in both form and content. We seek out the most talented artists whose pictorial worlds are original and creative, whether conceptual artists, authors, illustrators, photographers. We take great care to ensure that these books are enticing and enchanting so that young readers develop an appetite for books and fine taste in art and color.

Fanny Pageaud is an incredibly talented illustrator who works with colored pencils, drawing inspiration from the real and living world around her. Her illustrations are very precise, yet somehow reveal the wonder inherent in everyday life. Her every drawing is a work of art unto itself.

Over Under
Dessus Dessous
Fanny Pageaud

Under, over, in front, behind: so many ways of seeing the world around us! This book looks at toys from every perspective!

Fanny Pageaud’s sweet and subtle illustrations turn ordinary things extraordinary! One thing’s for sure: after reading this book, you’ll never look at toys the same way again.

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Things Like This, Things Like That
Des trucs comme ci, des trucs comme ça
Bernadette Gervais

A picture book like no other, for learning about the world in a poetic, humorous way!
What do a shoe, a watering can, and a salt shaker have in common? How about a durian, a thumbtack, and a ferret? In this picture book, Bernadette Gervais presents objects and animals grouped in idiosyncratic, highly personal ways, a poetic and humorous way of seeing the world. Includes over two hundred superb images done with brush and stencil that will fill readers young and old alike with wonder and inspire them to keep making lists, finding playful ways to (re)categorize the world.

In the Beginning
Au début
Ramona Bădescu, Julia Spiers

How about going back in time together?
In the Beginning takes place over a sixty-eight-year period, from 1952 to 2020. Its clever structure allows it to be read in either direction. It explores themes of family, nature, time, and passing generations. This book takes readers through the life of a family over three generations. A medlar tree with roots in the family’s garden echoes the stories of its members. The book comes with two covers, encouraging readers to read it either way.
The latest hybrid picture book from Lucie Félix, part game, part book, recalls her 2014 work Taking and Giving

A yellow circle of thick cardboard: a token for traveling from page to page. Over the course of this book-length poem, a game of transformations emerges. The yellow will become the rising sun, the heart of a flower, an egg yolk…
A poetic journey in the palm of the reader’s hand!

This book calls upon our inborn capacity, predating the verbal, to lend things a metaphorical dimension.

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A wordless picture book that recounts the constant migrations of a prehistoric family

Follow a family that lives according to the rhythm of seasons and chance encounters. You’ll meet woolly mammoths, saber-toothed tigers, and caves with painted walls. There are no words on these two-page spreads, but a preface will prepare readers for this long journey. This book toys with the inversion of our contemporary moment, depicting an untamed world where humans and animals lived together as equals, and migrations contributed to the evolution of humanity, enriching their lives.

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An enchanting Nordic tale with a colorful dreamlike atmosphere that triumphantly recasts the origins of Christmas

“Let me tell you the tale of how I, Loki, wizard god and wielder of a forgotten magic, created the spark that gave rise to Christmas! In those ancient times, King Rotinnmið, trolls – those mischievous little creatures – would sneak into houses come dusk. Every bit of mischief they made proved a source of great satisfaction to them. But one night, one troll forever changed the history of his clan: instead of breaking a toy, he fixed it!”

Trolls
Trölls
Ellie S. Green, Lisa Guisquier

#CHRISTMAS  #TROLLS  #FAIRY TALES
Gulf stream éditeur • 978-2383490234 • 2022
48 p. • 33x24 cm • 16,00 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6
The madcap mysteries of four elementary school kids!

An old handkerchief, a blue pen, underwear... Wait, what? Underwear, on the floor? In the middle of class? But Mrs. Lafrape is usually so well-organized! Lucas and his friends don't know it yet, but those panties are just the first of many more to come! As discreetly as they can, the four pals launch an investigation to solve the "underwear" mystery.

Lucas’ Gang: The Panties

La bonde à Lucas : Les slips / Completed Series
(7 volumes, one-shot)

Julien Artigue, Loïc Méhée

The Casefiles of Jacinthe Matagot-Pantoute:
The City of Skeletons

Les enquêtes de Jacinthe Matagot-Pantoute :
La Cité des squelettes / Completed Series
(3 volumes, one-shot)

Richard Petitsigne, Romane Poch

An off-the-wall mystery, illustrated in black and white

Hi! My name's Jacinthe. My parents and I just moved to the City of Skeletons. It's just like the name says: my neighbors are actual skeletons: alive, well, and all bones, no flesh! I know, you'll say skeletons are Halloween decorations, or buried underground. But here, they live lives just like ours. Some are even victims... of theft! When my dog gets accused of theft, I lose my cool: I'll find whoever's framing him, and expose them!
This French steampunk trilogy has won 7 prizes and sold over 26,000 copies!

Centuries after the Great Fracture, the Lower World is stuck in the dark ages and the Upper World, once home to the now-extinct genius Alchemists, is inaccessible. A Lower World outcast named Prudence, who sees the future in dreams, is kidnapped. Aboard the Heliotrope, a flying pirate ship with a sinister reputation, the orphan discovers the whole new world of the skies and the pirate captain’s big secret: they are looking for “keys” that will enable them to locate the city of the Alchemists and the extraordinary power to turn everyday places and activities into magical worlds to explore.

#STEAMPUNK  #PIRATES  #ALCHEMY

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384 p. • 14x22 cm • 17,00 €

MIDDLE GRADE NOVEL
9-12 / 12-15

A collection of short novels giving great operas a YA makeover, to help teens (re)discover the classics

Your name was Waila, but people called you Violetta, in memory of the violets from your native Algeria. Now you live in Paris. And I, Alfredo, have loved you since we met, with a noble love that no one else could give you, especially not that Baron taking advantage of you. But love moves in mysterious ways: one day you say being with me is delightful, and the next you run from me, torment me. What are you hiding, Violetta? A contemporary free-verse version of Verdi’s famous opera.

#OPERAP  #LOVE  #TRAGEDY

Gulf stream éditeur • 9782354889814 • 2022
160 p. • 14x22 cm • 13,00 €

MIDDLE GRADE NOVEL
12-15
After the success of *In the Forest*, Philippe Jalbert now takes us underwater to look for 100 hidden marine animals!

In this highly original seek-and-find, two seahorses try to find their baby among cleverly hidden marine animals. Follow them through seaweed and coral reefs! Try to spot hidden animals and objects that don’t belong, like a plastic bag or a battery. This sumptuous large-format book, with its lavishly detailed, blue-Pantone enhanced illustrations, is the perfect way to introduce children to the wonders of the ocean and the reality of marine pollution. An educational, poetic, and playful delight!

#SEEK-AND-FIND  #OCEANS  #POLLUTION

Gautier-Languereau • 9782017181224 • 2022
32 p. • 27x36 cm • 16,90 €

**ACTIVITY/GAME BOOK**

**PICTURE BOOK**

**3-6 / 6-9**
An imaginative picture book reminding us that stories are also doors to the beauty of the world!

Everything around Little Peter is gray, and his mother doesn’t smile much. The little boy goes out to explore the city in search of colors to add to their daily life. There he meets a person who will change everything! A wacky old man reveals his precious secret: if you know how to open your eyes, you’ll see all the world’s beauty and be able to share it with those you love. Life can become magical – all it takes is a little imagination!

There Is Magic in the Air
Un peu de magie dans l’air
Fabrice Colin, Adrien Mangournet

#IMAGINATION #POETRY #COLORS
Gautier-Languereau • 9782017181132 • 2022
40 p. • 24.5x30 cm • 15,95 €

"Tell Me Why" Pop-Up: Dinosaurs!
« Mes dis pourquoi » animés : Les dinosaures
Ongoing Series, 6 volumes published
Philippe Jalbert

#FLAPS #DISCOVERY #POP-UP
Deux Coqs d’Or • 9782017193425 • 2022
12 p. • 16.5x16.5 cm • 9,95 €

A series of nonfiction books that answer, in fun, simple ways, a child’s favorite question: "Why?"

This series combines short text segments adapted to a toddler’s reading level with many moving parts: flaps, pull-outs, wheels, and even pop-up images! These fun, brightly illustrated books will be a hit with both children and adults! Titles in the series focus on a variety of topics, including anger, firemen, wolves, dinosaurs, and castles.
The Stolen Statuette of the Katapecs
L’or des Katapecs
Raphaël Baud

Set off on a quest through 17 large and lavishly detailed labyrinths! Will you bring the statuette back to the temple in time?

The sacred golden statuette of the Katapec people has been stolen by the vile Doctor Jacobus! As a friend of the Katapecs, you are asked to find the object and put it back where it belongs. In each maze, collect information and objects, avoid dangers and traps, and rescue your dog Jap in order to move forward in your quest and successfully help your friends! Hours of fun and observation await!

King Honesty
Le Roi Honnête
Kim Froissant, Théophile Sutter

Written as a fable, this disruptive and powerful picture book warns against the dangers of seeking transparency at any cost

King Honesty is a fierce advocate of transparency and truth, to the point of obsessiveness. He wants to be informed of everyone’s comings and goings at all times. When he needs a new adviser, Malice and Reason apply. Malice gets the job with a very tempting proposal: no more secrets in the kingdom! But does the quest for truth justify monitoring everyone day and night, encouraging tattling on and terrifying your subjects? The winds of revolt begin to stir in Honesty’s kingdom...
A loving picture book with plenty of activities to promote learning everyday words!

Hello, baby! Here is a book to play with! Open it up and discover: words to look for, find, and read; lots of paths to follow with your hands; and pretty rhymes, from start to finish! This will help babies discover more than 100 words from everyday life. Surprises aplenty await in these pages. Splish splash: here are flowers to water! Knock, knock: there’s a door to knock on! Oh, look, a cat to pet! Full of sweet, funny, extraordinary shareable moments.
Learn all about biodiversity while developing your creativity. Lavish illustrations, informative facts, and fun activities

Whether you’re a merry groundhog or a sloppy bear, take a moment and hike the mountain. This book celebrates the vital role of sheepdogs, the beauty of flowers, and the parade of birds of prey. Winter, spring, summer, and fall, there’s always an activity to do! Make a leaf lantern, build a hedgehog cabin... Thanks to stunningly illustrated information and DIY activities, readers can learn about biodiversity while expressing their creativity.

A sweet, moving tale about the special bond between children and their stuffies

Poor Polo! After years of good and loyal service, another cuddly toy is about to take his place. Who will be the lucky one? Yogi the alien, Marcel the giant, or Paquito the mini-cat? Choosing a new companion for times of joy and sorrow is a decision that takes a lot of careful thought!

Also a funny and simple introduction to elections, debates and interviews!

English text available

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Mysteries and Spells #5: Jump in the Water!
Mystères et sortilèges #5 : Tous à l’eau
Ongoing Series: 3 titles in 2022, 2 in May 2023
Natacha Godeau, Zoé Plane

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EARLY CHAPTER BOOK
6-9

Children will love this comic, with its fantastical world and gallery of wacky characters

Today is pool day! The students can’t wait to put on their swimsuits. Only Nala and Octave are afraid to jump into the water. Luckily, sticking together will help them get over their fears... that is, at least until Abi gets involved!

This comic recounts the adventures of Abi, a little witch who’s full of imagination but also very clumsy. Each tale plunges readers into an incredible world where humans and magical creatures coexist!

You’re the Hero of Your Class #3: Mission to Outerspace!
La classe dont tu es le héros #3 : Mission espace ! / Ongoing Series: 2 titles in 2022, 2 in May 2023
Lilas Nord, Mehdi Doigts

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6-9

A series of hair-raising choose-your-own-adventure books!
The visit to the planetarium with your class has gone wrong: your teacher stumbled into a black hole! Who’s going to save him? Why, you, of course!

In your special spacesuit, you are sent into outerspace. Careful! Don’t get lost or run into a violent alien. Everyone’s counting on you!

In this series, you are the hero or heroine of the story: you must make the right choices in a journey full of surprises in order to save your first-grade teacher.

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Emotional insights await when we look at the world from a child’s perspective. An enchanted, childlike journey through a single day

Do you remember what the world looked like when you were a child? The high kitchen table with an apple on it, Daddy’s big boots that you wanted to try on, Mommy’s face high above... So many things look huge when you’re small! A new, enchanting way of looking at everyday life from morning till night. Thanks to the charm and softness of Sophie Vissière’s stencil illustrations, readers from all ages will delight in this exploration of a day in the life of a child.

The Little Book of Big Things

Le petit livre des grandes choses

Sophie Vissière

#GROWING  #PERSPECTIVE  #EXPERIENCE

hélium • 9782330170257 • 2022
76 p. • 13x17.5 cm • 14,90 €

BABIES/TODDLERS
PICTURE BOOK
0-3
Critters! #1
Bestioles! #1 / Ongoing Series
Isabelle Collombat, Julie Colombet

A softcover picture book for learning about animals in fun, scientific ways. Features big flaps and comic strips!

Who has never dreamed about talking to animals? With Critters, you can! This is a comic book about a nit who is determined not to leave the head of hair it has settled in. The human narrator and the nit have a conversation in which we learn, among other things, that this parasitical insect needs warmth to survive, has a siphon it uses to drink blood, and produces a thick substance that it uses to make a kind of bracelet to hang onto hairs... I think I'll be wearing a hat from now on! How about you?

Pothakudi’s Electric Birds
Les Oiseaux électriques de Pothakudi
Karthika Nair, Joëlle Jolivet

Based on a true Tamil story from the Indian village of Pothakudi, this hopeful tale is a vibrant tribute to nature and youth’s cooperative spirit

Every evening, it’s Karuppu Raja’s job to light the streetlamps – the only source of light for most villagers – to keep thieves and wild animals away from the houses. But one day, Raja finds a vannattikuruvi nesting in the switchboard! The female, her belly round as the moon, seems ready to lay her eggs, and he can’t bring himself to destroy the nest. With some help from his friends, he manages to convince the villagers to leave the flycatcher bird alone and go without light for... 35 days!
Two inseparable friends who can turn every passing moment into a source of joy: that’s the magic of Mole and Fieldmouse

After a nice meal at Fieldmouse’s, Mole finds a little maggot fallen from its nest! He makes a bold if surprising decision: he will adopt it and raise it as his own! His friend Fieldmouse goes along with this family adventure, which comes to an end when Bridinette flies away. These two close friends who complement each other wondrously illustrate a theme (raising a child) that will amuse young readers at the expense of (over) protective parents.

What do you do when you’re a bird and you’ve missed the Big Migration? When you’re all alone in the drizzle, dreaming of sunny beaches?

Alone and distraught, Otto wanders the town. He runs into Basil the Cat, who promises to take him to sunnier southern climes in exchange for a huge sum of money. Otto falls for the con man’s promises and gives him his most prized possession in all the world: his clarinet. All is lost! Unless... a guide left for him by a passerby in a yellow raincoat can change his mind? After anonymous invitations and delightful strokes of luck, Otto decides to set out in search of the guide’s mysterious owner.
The history of one of the most fascinating human achievements

Drawing a mammoth on a rock wall, keeping accounts on papyrus, engraving magic signs on a turtle shell—writing is how we keep track of our activities, rules, and ideas. It can be a vector of knowledge, a tool for domination, or a symbol of resistance. Indeed, writing makes it possible to make laws and exchange messages of love. It can express an entire culture. Nor does this beautiful invention stay still: writing travels through time and across continents, and continues to reinvent itself in the 21st century.

Kilowatt • 9782917045916 • 2021
64 p. • 24 x 32 cm • 23,00 €

NON-FICTION CHILDREN’S BOOK

9-12

Rights sold: China, Korea
Bathing or showering, grooming or washing: cleanliness is a shared concern all over the world, but we don’t all share the same definition of it!

What does it mean to be “dirty” or “clean”? Do these words have the same meaning for everyone, across different cultures and eras? Where and when do we wash ourselves? How, and with what products? With whom, and why?

All About... #5:
All About Washing !
Histoire de... #5 : Se laver / Ongoing Series
All About..., 5 titles
Ingrid Thobois, Pascale Breysse

Object Stories #9: Robots
Ongoing Series Object Stories, 9 titles
Suzanne Bogeat, Floriane Ricard

From medieval automata to 19th- and 21st-century programmed machine tools, people have always invented ways to simplify their lives

Robots gradually replaced humans in factories. Now capable of reacting to unexpected events, they are present in hospitals and schools, thus changing our lives. They impress, fascinate, and above all, raise questions about the way we live.
A series of graphic novels following budding detectives and raising readers’ awareness of environmental issues

Jonas, Merlin, and Elaïa, on vacation at a seaside campsite, find lifeless migratory birds in the dunes. With the help of an ornithology student, they investigate how these creatures came to be here. Together, they discover that intense laser light displays from the nearby nightclub disorient the birds in the middle of the night, causing them to crash into buildings.

Ospreys in the Spotlight
Plein phare sur les balbuzards / Ongoing
Series Graphic Novel, 4th title
Nancy Guilbert, Noella Diaz

#ENVIRONMENT #POLLUTION #MYSTERY
Kilowatt • 9782382800027 • 2022
64 p. • 17x24 cm • 16,50 €

NON-FICTION CHILDREN’S BOOK
6-9

A Tiny Little Drop of Rain
Une toute petite goutte de pluie
Galía Tapiero, Marion Brand

#NATURE #WATER CYCLE #MINDFULNESS
Kilowatt • 9782917045992 • 2022
48 p. • 14x18 cm • 11,00 €

PICTURE BOOK
3-6

The unsuspected odyssey of each and every raindrop
From pack ice to clouds, by way of lakes and rapids, until it falls on our umbrellas (when we remember them!), here is the unsuspected odyssey of each and every tiny raindrop. An invitation for young readers to roam, to discover, and to reflect. Nature, closely observed in its cycles and interdependencies: trees, lakes, oceans, plants, living creatures, and the sky all need those little drops of rain and it needs all of them, too.
A pop-up picture book series for introducing colors to little ones!

On animals, on objects, as a basic concept, the full spectrum of colors in all its glory is unfurled here – and for the first time, in relief, for an age group always in search of tactile sensations! Board-book construction is wedded with playful, eye-catching pop-up elements sturdy enough for little hands (Green Pop/Yellow Pop/Red Pop/Pink Pop/Orange Pop/Black Pop/White Pop/Blue Pop)

Little Pops
Petits Pops / Ongoing Series: 4 forthcoming titles in Jan. 2023
Aurore Petit

#POP-UPS #COLORS #TACTILE

La Martinière Jeunesse • ... • ...
12 p. • 10x10 cm • 6,90 €

BABIES/TODDLERS/BOARD BOOK
0-3

Rights sold: Italian, Spanish
An original and humanist fairy tale of incredible delicacy, wondrously illustrated by Seng Soun Ratanavanh

Once upon a time, there was a little village of paper atop a mountain. The villagers, thin and light, led a pleasant life but for their great fear of the wind. But one day, an unexpected squall blows in, then a steady wind from the village on the mountain just across from them. Frail, quiet Hana has an idea: make a big paper ribbon to scale the neighboring mountain and ask the people there, in their village of wood, to put an end to this great threat.

Hana and the Wind
Hana et le vent
Seng Soun Ratanavanh, Joëlle Veyrenc

That Day
Ce jour-là
Pierre-Emmanuel Lyet

Sadly, Grandma has passed away. But for her grandson, who loved her so, she’s not really gone...

One afternoon, Grandma just isn’t there anymore. Upon realizing this is permanent, her little grandson slips away into the countryside and into a reverie in which breathtaking scenes of snowy nature commingle with memories of his dearly beloved grandmother... This book could be sad, and yet it’s the exact opposite: the beauty of the illustrations transcends the young child’s grief, transforming it into a joyous, universally relatable paean to the memory of our loved ones. A real gem!
Who hasn’t dreamed, on the first day back at school, of heading out on vacation again, straight for the beach?

A pleasant whiff of summer break wafts from these pages. Thanks to one little girl’s fanciful and restless imagination, readers are swept off on a joyous journey. In the course of this story, the pages of the book shrink when she and her family come back from vacation, then grow again once they’re headed back to the sea, until they become as big as the horizon.

Life’s Little Problems

Adaptation explained for kiddos, or how animals deal with climate, danger, and hunger in a nifty picture book

When you’re cold, you wear a coat.
When you’re hot, you wear a t-shirt.
Things aren’t that easy for animals.
But they seem to get along just fine...
How do giraffes, bears, marmots, penguins, camels, and more deal with cold, heat, danger, hunger – in short, all of life’s problems?
In the late 1930s, in a small Provencal village, Yael and her little sister Emilie are living life to the fullest, surrounded by their loving family. Unfortunately, their lives are turned upside down when their mother dies, and their father remarries a woman named Ophelie just a few months later. For the two children, this silly woman could never replace their beloved mother.
Jan, Urtsi, and Zone, our Dynamic Trio, continue their quest to find the rocket a will help them escape this crazy post-apocalyptic world!

After defeating the legendary Tamaro, fighting the madmen of the Brotherhood of Millers, braving the cursed tomb of King Lichette, and thwarting the Machiavellian schemes of the Jacques Center, Jan, Urtsi, and Zone, our Dynamic Trio, continue their quest to find a rocket that will help them escape this crazy post-apocalyptic world! But their troubles are far from over: an underground maze, weird meetings, monsters of all kinds, betrayal, and reunion await them.
The Treehouse Contest
Le Concours de cabanes
Camille Garoche

Discover the most impressive treehouses the world has to offer!
After the success of Whose Poop Is That?, Camille Garoche is back with a new picture book that will take you on a tour of the world to discover the most impressive treehouses it has to offer! Honorable jury, the time has come: the grand finale of the international treehouse contest is fast approaching. Featuring seven exceptional trees with great potential for amazing treehouses: camphor, oak, baobab, stone pine, cedar, and more. Cast your vote at the end of the book!

What’s Inside?
À l’intérieur
Jean-Baptiste Drouot

What would you find inside a pig? How about inside a clothes iron?
What would you find inside a pig? A family of wolves, of course! And inside a clothes iron? A fitness gym, obviously! And inside a glob of snot? A sock? A volcano? The answers are all inside this book, which contains everything you’ve always wanted to know about what’s inside things.
The Club for Misfit Girls #3: Sierra
Filles uniques #3 : Sierra / Completed Series
(5 volumes)
BeKa, Camille Méhu

Five high school girls with problems fitting in decide to join forces and form their own club.
The Club for Misfit Girls will empower them to better face the world and their own individual problems. This five-volume series, well-served by subtle art with sensitive colors, deftly addresses the themes of teenage difficulties and family dysfunction.

Pickhead #1
Tête de Pioche #1 / Ongoing Series
Frédéric Brrémaud, Giovanni Rigano

In a high mountain chalet, Pickhead lives with her beloved grandmother... and gives her a hard time.
This is the story of a little girl so stubborn that everybody calls her Pickhead. Headstrong as she is, one day she decides to go against her Granny’s wishes by packing her bags and running away from home. Her destination? New Orleans, where her beloved big sister is performing in a tap-dancing musical revue.
Elle is just another teenage girl . . . most of the time!

Elle is a girl kind of like everyone else... but not quite. When she has pink hair, she’s funny and sensitive. When her hair’s blonde, she’s serious and even a bit pretentious. When she has green hair, she’s sporty. When her hair’s brown, she is shy, retiring, and insecure. Elle has a personality disorder. When you’re the new girl, it’s already tough to making friends at school, but when you’re Elle... just imagine!

In the heart of a deep forest, hidden from view, lies a medieval village protected from the passage of time by a strange crystal: the Stone of Time

In the heart of a deep forest lies a medieval village protected from the passage of time by a strange crystal: the Stone of Time. Its inhabitants, frozen in eternal youth, are led by an old man: the Venerable Nicolas. One day, a thief finds her way into the village and tries to steal the Stone. Caught in the act by a child, she smashes the stone to pieces and runs away with a shard. To protect the village, four children go after her into a world where time has never stood still.
Only someone who possesses a mask can remove someone else’s

Hector, Siera, Al, and Gun are four teens from different parts of the world with nothing in common except two things: they all have big secrets and possess ancient masks. When they finally put them on, they discover the masks have powers. While Siera, Al, and Gun accept this on faith and use their powers for good, Hector has different plans. Evil ones. Now it’s up to the other three to stop him, for only someone who possesses a mask can remove someone else’s.

#TEENAGERS #MAGIC #ADVENTURE

A school that encourages students to sleep in, misbehave, solve problems by erasing them from the board, and wreak havoc wherever they go

A school that encourages students to sleep in, misbehave, solve problems by erasing them from the board, and wreak havoc wherever they go – sounds perfect, right? For most people in Monster Land, it sure is! But all Flop wants to do is learn, much to his parents’ dismay. As these short stories show, it’s tough being a smart nerd in a school full of dummies who love destroying stuff just for the fun of it!

Rights sold: Belgium, Holland
Starting middle school with an imaginary friend

Slightly stressed out, young Elliot has recently finished elementary school and is now about to enter middle school. What starts out as minor apprehension eventually turns into full-blown anxiety that stays with him through the twists and turns of his school life. But his new imaginary friend is much more anxious than he is. While trying to warn Elliot of all the dangers that lie ahead, his friend is about to turn his life into a living nightmare!

A powerful adaptation of the YA phenomenon

Who will survive the U4 pandemic? Jules, Koridwen, Stéphanie, and Yannis are between 15 and 18 years old. They have proven mysteriously immune thus far to the U4 virus, which has killed 90% of the world’s population. They don’t know each other, but they’re all headed for the same meeting: a meeting arranged by Khronos, Grandmaster of the online video game *Warriors of Time.*
Mélie has a superpower: bringing her drawings of imaginary creatures to life!

She can even summon them afterwards. She uses this incredible power to save worlds in trouble. To make sure she always has plenty of drawings, she and her little brother create the Monster Maker Club: a group of children who draw imaginary creatures to help her in her adventures! Readers can also be part of this club, if they wish! They can send their creature drawings to Mélie and help her in her adventures!

Zombillenium, a theme park, only hires people for unspecified lengths of time

The selection criteria aren’t that discerning, either. Just one thing: mere mortals need not apply. Francis von Bloodt, vampire by trade, heads the business like a good family man, and business has never been slow. An impeccably black comedy from Arthur de Pins.
With tenderness and poetry, Claire Lebourg describes the birth and daily life of a child, and its impact on her parents’ feelings.

The day you were born, it was nice out... just like this. I held you in my arms, and our life together began... just like that.

With tenderness and poetry, Claire Lebourg describes the birth and daily life of a child, and its impact on her parents’ feelings. Wee joys, moments of worry or sorrow, ritual acts and repeated gestures: the daily life of a family, whether they’re together or apart... the better to be reunited! A treasure to be read time and again.

#FAMILY  #BIRTH  #EVERYDAY LIFE

MeMo • 9782352895213 • 2022
32 p. • 16x20 cm • 16,00 €

Babies/Toddlers/Board Book
Picture Book
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In this book for tiny tots, Émilie Vast juggles the personalities of two dogs who seem to have nothing in common.
But they share a bond...

First, there was Me. Then one day, there was You.
Have you ever had a corgi before? How about a dalmatian? No two dogs could be less like each other! One is a solid color, and the other spotted. One has short legs, the other long. One likes blue, the other red. They never agree on anything! In this book for tiny tots, Émilie Vast juggles the personalities of two dogs who seem to have nothing in common. But a bond far stronger than their differences unites them.

An resounding exploration of the woods that proves to be a chance for our heroes to discover their inner voices!

Dads are making crepes, moms are out for stroll. Coyote and Bear are playing outside when they hear a noise: PUPOHWEE! Coyote wants to know where it’s coming from and drags Bear, despite his fright, into the undergrowth. There they will discover the Outside, coming across a mushroom that grows, a slug, a magpie, a leaf, a rock, and also a silent seed... Then a loud, joyous storm breaks out. Might this be a chance for Bear and Coyote to discover their voices?
Backyard by Night
Une nuit au jardin
Anne Crausaz

Dive into a summer garden full of surprises!
Tonight, a light glimmers in the tall grass. Suddenly, there it is, running off – quick, follow! A chase begins, after the lively light. Fauna and flora reveal themselves by flashlight. Odd-looking characters glimpsed only by moonlight, fireflies and glowworms. Will day ever break over this strange spot for a stroll?

My Best Shadow of All
Ma plus belle ombre
Carl Norac, Gaya Wisniewski

Sometimes, when I’m drawing, a giant rabbit shows up and sits down next to me. Who knows why he does, or where he’s from?
In this picture book all in blue, Carl Norac and Gaya Wisniewski tell of the relationship between a little girl and her most loyal shadow, a giant rabbit, a “poem” by trade, who drags her along on astonishing adventures. The minute he appears, the world takes a new turn. Snacktime, bike rides, errands, or just a stroll, simple everyday moments become magical. But this shadow is free and can’t be pinned down. A meeting of two creators whose worlds are obviously well-matched.
Back at her grandfather’s house for vacation, Lily is thrilled to take walks with him in the forest!

Mushrooms, earthworms, roots – Grandpa knows a thing or two about nature, and he loves to share his knowledge with Lily. He would especially like his granddaughter to meet his favorite tree, Great Oak, who has numerous secrets to pass on to Lily as well.

In this sweet and enjoyable story, words and pictures seek to raise the reader’s awareness of forest life and nature, offering an approach to this ecosystem that is at once scientific, contemplative, and environmentally friendly.
The adventures of Little Red Riding Hood... in space!

Cerise lives on a tiny planet with her parents. When her mother asks her to take some pancakes made with grube butter to her ailing grandmother, the little girl accepts gladly and hops into her super space vessel, headed for Planet Granny. On her way, she runs into another vessel and naively reveals her destination to its pilot. Without a moment’s hesitation, he also heads for Planet Granny. There’s a grandmother to capture and a little girl to devour! Watch out for the Molf, Cerise!

A poetic, tender evocation of death and mourning

Little Mouse and Old Elephant live under the same tree, each other’s best friends in the whole entire world. But Old Elephant is getting on in years. Soon, he will have to set out for the Country of Elephants, just like his family before him. Alas, the bridge that leads there is broken. Little Mouse is reassured, for she is not ready to see her friend leave yet. As time goes by, Old Elephant grows weaker and weaker. Little Mouse comes to realize she no longer has a choice.
What’s that spider doing here? It plays no part in this story!

Once upon a time there lived a gallant knight, brave and true, who would always return to his princess to give her his heart and a pretty bouquet of flowers. Or at least, that’s the tale this picture book might have told if a little spider hadn’t come and found its way between the pages. Will you be able to make the spider go away so we can get on with the story?

#HUMOR  #SPIDERS  #PARODY

Mijade • 9782807701236 • 2023
32 p. • 22.5x27.5cm • 13,00 €

PICTURE BOOK

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Rights sold: Dutch, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil)

The Game

Le match

Marie-Aline Bawin, Véronique Barrau

A picture book that teaches children neither to judge at first glance nor to believe everything people say

Wolfie and Wolfston’s family have just settled into their new den in the woods. To make new friends, the two brothers decide to organize a soccer match. While looking for players, Wolfie meets a number of animals whom he is thrilled to introduce to his brother. But Wolfston is full of prejudice. A fox, a magpie, a dormouse? All of them have shortcomings. No one’s good enough for him! If he keeps this up, the two brothers might just wind up all alone…

#PREJUDICE  #FRIENDSHIP  #INCLUSIVITY

Mijade • 9782807701816 • 2023
32 p. • 22.5x27.5cm • 13,00 €

PICTURE BOOK

0-3

Rights sold: Chinese (traditional), Dutch
As a publisher, Nathan is deeply invested in education. Our company is renowned for the quality and the reliability of our expertise in the field of education. Nathan is one of France’s best-known names thanks to one of its core strengths: we create the desire to learn. Our goal is to encourage intellectual development and provide intelligent entertainment. Nathan’s multi-faceted offerings include games, textbooks and teaching resources, children’s books, and family guides. Our editors are constantly combining different kinds of know-how to ensure that learning, culture, and enjoyment go hand-in-hand. That’s why Nathan is the leading publisher in numerous markets.

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**Li’l Peanuts:**
**Are You Sleepy, Baby?**

Les Bébés Choux : Tu as sommeil, bébé ?
Ongoing Series, 2 titles published
Cha Sang Mi

**Pop-up books for babies, to help them through milestones of daily life**

Baby’s very first pop-up, as baby tries for the very first time to eat by themself, plus a pop-up tale for the bedtime ritual: grab your lovey and your binky, get into your pajamas, read a book, kiss Mommy and Daddy... and then it’s good night, li’l peanut!

**#FIRSTS  #EVERYDAY LIFE  #TASKS**
Nathan • 9782095003296 • 2023
12 p. • 17x17 cm • 8,95 €

BABIES/TODDLERS/BOARD BOOK
POP-UP/ANIMATED BOOK
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**Baby T’choupi’s Pop-Up Tales: Animals**

Bébé T’choupi - Histoires animées : Les animaux  
Ongoing Series, 6 titles published  
Thierry Courtin

Sturdy pop-ups suitable for babies’ little hands, set in a pleasing graphic universe of smooth, rounded shapes

Baby T’choupi has daily tasks to do. Come and help him! With their finger, babies can take the dog out of their crib, get Baby T’choupi dressed, wash him up, play hide-and-seek, and so much more!

**Blue, Like a... Banana?!**

Bleu comme une banane  
Delphine Chedru

Blue like a... banana? No way! On every page, find the odd one out that isn’t the right color

Find the odd one out: the colors version!

Among our objects, animals, and vegetables, a purple ladybug, a yellow pig, and a blue cherry have sneaked in... Let’s keep our eyes open!

A beautiful, fun game of observation for learning to recognize colors and patterns, but also for putting names to everyday items around us. Brimming with the imaginativeness that has made Delphine Chedru a success.
**Hotel Josephine: Lulu**

Hôtel Joséphine : Loulou
Ongoing 4-book Series, 1 book published
Nathalie Dargent

A sparklingly funny comedy: the life of a hotel and 5 teenagers in the magical City of Lights

The events in this series take place over the course of one year, starting with autumn. Each volume is devoted to one of the girls in the family, as the seasons change.

#HOTEL #HUMOR #FAMILY

Nathan • 9782092596371 / 9782095003036 / 9782095021818 • 2022 • 386 p. • 14x21 cm • 14,95 €

MIDDLE GRADE / YA NOVEL

9-12 / 12-15

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**Grand Passage**

Stéphanie Leclerc

A novel with a bewitching atmosphere, part detective story and part fantasy. A fascinating exploration of life, death, and their mysteries

Lauris lives happily in Grand Passage, on the edge of the highway where his mother works. However, since childhood, he has noticed strange phenomena: dead animals come to life around him. One day, the ghost of his grandfather comes to talk to him. Soon after, his friend Lali suddenly disappears. The valley is plunged into terror when her body is found near the highway. As the community of Grand Passage locks itself in, Lauris’ disturbing dreams multiply...

#DEATH #GHOSTS #MYSTERY

Syros • 9782748530858 • 2022
336 p. • 15.2x22.2 cm • 16,95 €

MIDDLE GRADE / YA NOVEL

12-15 / YA
Blexbolex delivers a new masterpiece with this meaningful adventure story about magic, transformation, and the power of creation

Three magicians wake up one day after years spent in hiding. But they were right to hide, for upon waking, they are pursued by the dreadful Huntress and her companion the Clinker, mercenaries here on a mission to capture them. To escape, these magicians will have to put aside their very different aspirations and personalities and pool their gifts to create a parallel, wonderful world. Will their powers and imagination enable them to defeat their relentless enemies?
A freewheeling, inventive picture book about living beings living together

Cold has emptied the park of walkers. Soon, wild animals will flood the space: ducklings swimming in the pond, boars washing in the footbath... Fall and Winter go by peacefully but when Spring comes, everything changes: with loud sounds of lawnmowers and vacuums, people are here, readying their comeback. Scared, the animals scuttle off. All except the sleeping bear, who winds up sowing panic and dividing the humans: should they cage him or help him?

At 3, I take a few steps in the sea. The image of my two feet in the water is my first memory.

Built around 31 moments, this book is narrated in the first person by a man looking back on his life at the moments of his existence that mattered the most. Love, friendship, strong sensations or disruptions: his first taste of wild strawberry, his first true friend, the first time he went on a trip alone... Through cleverly arranged die-cuts, moments from the first few pages become memories that remain with the man as he ages, making new experiences and building new memories.
A Day Out of School
Le Détour
Rozenn Brécard

Two siblings miss the bus to school and play hooky. In praise of freedom and the pleasure of rediscovering the world around us

At dawn, a sister and a brother dash out from their house. Too late: they missed the bus! To heck with school! They decide to reclaim this day from routine. During the day, they laugh a lot, steal a boat, climb a cliff, and even take a dip in the cold sea. But mostly, they walk: on paths, through fields, paying attention to the beauty surrounding them. Punctuated with arguments and reconciliations, this daylong expedition will test their bond and bring them back home, as if nothing had happened.

#FREEDOM #ADVENTURE #ENVIRONMENT
La Partie • 9782492768330 • 2022
72 p. • 20x29 cm • 20,00 €
PICTURE BOOK
3-6 / 6-9
Rights sold: Korean

A Moment on Earth
Un instant sur la Terre
Seoha Lim

A clever picture book for learning concepts of space, time, and gravity

Depending where you are on Earth, opposite phenomena are happening at the same time. Day here, night there, rain here, sun there...

Using gravity as a graphic system over 15 two-page spreads, Seoha Lim juxtaposes two sides of a same moment. She starts out with big concepts such as day and night and the seasons, moving progressively closer to recognizable moments from children's daily lives, hinting with great simplicity at the diversity and commonalities of lives around the planet.

#SPACE #TIME #GRAVITY
La Partie • 9782492768514 • 2023
40 p. • 19x20 cm • 15,00 €
PICTURE BOOK
3-6
This sublime prequel to *The White Maze* explores the birth of the unique bond between Aleqa’s daughter Saski and the bear who will save her.

Aleqa is riding her snowmobile when she comes across an injured bear cub. She takes her home and builds her a shelter while her own belly grows bigger and bigger. As days go by, the little bear builds up her strength. But the predator stalking her is still around...
Chip is a sheep. Lucky for him, because Chip loves wool. In fact, he’s made a decision: no way is he getting sheared this year!

Chip is a sheep. Lucky for him, because chip loves wool. In fact, he’s made a decision: no way is he getting sheared this year! He wants to see the mountains, discover the world, and hang on to his fluffy fleece. Nothing can stop him: not the jeers of other sheep, not even the thought of wolves prowling the woods. So off he goes!

What does freedom taste like?
What does freedom taste like? It can be...
Sweet as blueberries when we’re enjoying it.
Bitter as coffee when it’s forced on us.
Fresh as watermelon when it is scary.
But also... Umami, when shared!
Hens are arguing over the oldest question in the world: who came first — them, or the egg? A hilarious, inspiring story about beliefs.

Nothing is wasted at the henhouse: every eggshell is collected and recycled. But one question is on everyone’s mind: who came first — the hen or the egg? Or the rooster? The dinosaur egg? While this question is important to philosophers, it’s positively explosive for hens!

Discover a bright and colorful story of friendship between a pencil and its drawing!

Little Pencil is bored. Lucky for him, Little Man dreams of being seen. Little Pencil gets to work and draws Little Man to life. A bright and colorful friendship is born, with its ups, downs... and surprises!
A wild fantasy thriller!

Imagine waking up in an unfamiliar room next to a bloody corpse with a murder weapon in your hand... What happened? Your memory is blank. All you remember is your first name: Al. You run. The security guards are chasing you. Just as they’re about to catch you, an athletic boy, so good-looking it’s almost unreal, comes to your rescue. His younger sister teleports you both to another dimension where superhumans are real. Sent on one quest after another, will Al discover who she truly is?
Lina hopes to shine in the speech contest at her new school, which brings together young people from the projects and the upper classes.

Life isn’t easy for Lina in the Maurice Ravel projects. Her mother has left without a trace, her father has succumbed to alcohol, and her eggheaded twin brother is always hogging the limelight. Not to mention the boys who make fun of her in the street. But Lina attends the socially mixed Du-Bellay middle school and would like to befriend girls from upper class backgrounds. To get herself noticed, she enters the school’s speech contest. It’s one way to make sure her voice gets heard!

A Garrulous Heart
Le cœur bavard
Véronique Petit

An explosive mix of fantasy and humor deftly penned by Maëlle Desard, author of The Trials and Tribulations of Esther Parmentier

Fifteen-year-old Simeon, half-human and half-vampire, is looking forward to his first year at Midnight School. There he makes friends with two students in his class: Joel, an undead, and Colin, a mermaid boy. But soon Colin disappears. Simeon tries to get answers. When his older sister also disappears, he and his allies embark on an investigation that will take him further than he ever imagined. Perfect for fans of the TV show "Wednesday".

The Midnight School
L’école de Minuit
Maëlle Desard

Rights sold: German, Italian, Russian
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The fourth and final book in a series where every protagonist has a special and unusual power!

Manel can alter reality with her violin, Liam with his drawings, and Anouk with her emotional bonds. Now it’s time for Victor to shine. His special gift: dreams! His dreams come true, but so do his nightmares, regularly causing disasters. He dreams of a flood, and soon his whole school is underwater. His friends have mastered their powers, so why can’t he? Does it have something to do with his brother Jules, who died in accident, but whom he keeps running into every time he dreams?

The Dream Weavers #4: Victor and the Untamed Nightmares
Les Tisseurs de rêves #4 : Victor et les cauchemars sauvages / Complete Series
Manon Fargetton, Antonin Faure

#FRIENDSHIP  #FANTASY  #MYSTERY
Rageot • 9782700279672 • 2023
160 p. • 14.6x21 cm • 12.70 €
CHAPTER BOOK / MIDDLE GRADE NOVEL
6-9 / 9-12

A speculative thriller condemning colonialism past, present, and future

2175. Climate change has taken its toll on the planet. Inequality everywhere is causing social unrest. The European Consortium picks twelve teens with high potential to go back in time and find a promised land to colonize, which turns out to be... the Marquesas Islands! One of them, Rim, meets the warrior Moana, in 1592. Will their love ever flourish when Moana’s people are about to be enslaved and annihilated?
When the Consortium calls back its envoys, Rim has gone missing...

Project Hakana
Le projet Hakana
Marin Ledun

#THRILLER  #SCIENCE FICTION  #COLONIALISM
Rageot • 9782700279603 • 2023
224 p. • 14.5x21 cm • 16.90 €
YOUNG ADULT
12-15 / YA

La matinée s’éclipse lentement. Le maître commence par corriger des exercices de français, avant de passer à la géographie. Assise à côté de moi, Manel note la leçon avec application sur son cahier. Je me demande bien pourquoi, vu qu’il finira la journée noyé, l’encre tout étalée sur les pages détrempées...
Enfin, vers onze heures, un miroir attirer mon attention.

© Gallimard_Francesca Mantovani
This illustrated book critiques overfishing and invites children to reflect on how best to protect our environment.

Igor is a fisherman who never seems to catch a thing. Eugenie is a melancholy mermaid whose tears turn into diamonds. One night, while Igor is in his boat, he is caught in a storm and thrown into the icy water. But Eugenie saves him. From then on, Igor is obsessed with seeing her again. He catches hundreds of fish, but never his mermaid. Eunice sees all her friends dying, trapped in the nets, and weeps with grief. She must leave the water to stop the slaughter.

#MERMAIDS #ENVIRONMENT #OVERFISHING

Robert Laffont • 9782221252772 • 2021
32 p. • 20.5x25 cm • 14,90 €
O’Contraire is a colt who never does anything like the others. And that’s not necessarily a bad thing — quite the contrary!

At the O’Hara family’s stud farm, a foal is born. Sarah, the breeder’s daughter, is amazed by the arrival of the lovely little horse with a soft brown coat, so her father decides to give him to her as a gift. But on his first outing, the foal starts to gallop... backwards! One day, while the O’Hara parents are away, bandits come to steal all the horses. That’s when the one believed to be the weakest proves himself the strongest!

Ms. Papillon’s Dream

A story that connects us to our capacity to dream and how we turn our dreams into our reality

In war-torn 1920s France, Red Cross nurse Ms. Papillon is dispatched to a clinic in Vraignes-en-Vermandois. As she tries to accomplish her mission, the sight of children dying of tuberculosis in the street haunts her. She conceives an ambition that soon takes her over: she must build a house to protect them. Sometimes, the immensity of Ms. Papillon’s project makes her feel small, but she never gives up.
In the Court of Darkness, the slightest mistake is paid for in blood

The meeting of two worlds, the Vampyres and Versailles, is at the heart of this fantastic and frightening gothic novel. Strongly influenced by Alexandre Dumas, Anne Rice, and Bram Stoker, Victor Dixen reveals another, more mysterious and terrifying side of the Palace of Versailles through his protagonist, Jeanne.

#VAMPIRES  #VERSAILLES  #ROMANCE

Robert Laffont • 9782221216705 • 2020
496 p. • 13.5x21.5 cm • 16,00 €

YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

12-15 / YA

Rights sold: Czech, Dutch, English (USA), Finnish, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish

Romance

Ongoing Series, 3 titles published
Arnaud Cathrine

A novel about a gay teen’s first love

Vince is a pretty confident teenager, except when he’s insulted at school for being gay – then he gets into fistfights. And except when he’s looking for true love he just can’t find. For Vince is romantic: he’s looking forward to his magical “first time”. Vince wants to be IN LOVE. Meanwhile, he watches countless films, falling for actors. The day he finally finds love, there’s a catch. The name of the boy he loves is Octave – his lifelong friend.

#LGBTQ+  #ROMANCE  #SEXUALITY

Robert Laffont • 9782221216705 • 2020
304 p. • 13.5x21.5 cm • 16,50 €

YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

Rights sold: Dutch
Bonaventure and Friends
Bonaventure et compagnie
Alex Cousseau, Charles Dutertre

A novel illustrated in full, rich color for curious young readers who love hunting for secrets

Bonaventure and Susie Edredon, Salvador Tricotin, and Piotr Opalkovitch are neighbors. The first two are shrews, the third is a frog, and the last an earthworm. Like us, they have lots of questions... Stay in or go out? A quiet birthday or a party with friends? Like us, they are awed by the magic of nature and wonder what wish they should make to the moon.

Come join the funny, colorful world of Bonaventure and Friends in these four short stories by Alex Cousseau and Charles Dutertre.
Thanks for the Tenderness
Merci pour la tendresse
Myren Duval, Emma Constant

A social comedy for children and a watercolor graphic novel, by Myren Duval and Emma Constant

She calls her my shrimpling, Tiny, Baby, Kitten, Turtledove. "Auntie," the girl replies. Auntie cares of her niece like her own daughter. She tells Auntie everything as though Auntie were her mother, for she cannot depend on her real mother. The two are a fiery duo, a game of ping-pong with love as the ball. Fortunately, to escape the occasionally none-too-glamorous routines of everyday life, there are dreams, but above all there is tenderness.

The Lake’s Letter
La lettre du lac
Piret Raud

A poetic picture book about a lake’s longing for the sea

A sad lake misses the sea and desperately wants to let it know. One day, a bottle falls into its waters and offers to carry a message to the sea. It travels down a river, meeting a fish, a cow, and finally a rock, which smashes it to bits.

The words of the poem it was carrying scatter into the sea, and the waves are so beautiful that they polish the broken bits of glass and turn them into treasure. The poem is so moving that anyone who looks at the sea nows feel a mix of nostalgia and desire.

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What Do I Look Like to You?
Et toi, et toi?
Christian Voltz

A little girl crosses path with all sorts of creatures and asks them how they see her. And their answers fill her with self-doubt...

A little girl bumps into a mouse, a bear, and a baby, asking each of them: "What do I look like to you?" Their answers vary and can be interpreted in lots of different ways. They tell her that she is a "strange creature," a "disaster," a "cuddle machine," and even "a little, fragile, defenseless being"...

These answers aren’t all easy to take, and her journey comes to an end in her mommy’s arms, with a big existential question: "Who am I?".

Magma
Marine Rivoal

Magma is a playful, kind, yet menacing character, a force not to be trifled with, who questions the future of the world and humanity

Magma is a “sleepy” ball in the centre of the earth. She wakes up, gets out of bed, and observes the world above. One day something comes along to spoil her fun, and Magma shows the world what she’s made of!

As in her previous picture books, Marine Rivoal uses a mix of several printing and drawing techniques: carborundum printmaking for the ground and mineral textures, collagraphy for more decorative features, and water-based ink for Magma’s body, creating an explosion of color.
A magical dream that children young and old alike have been sharing since February 24, 2022

With a playful tone, this book thumbs its nose at war and silences cannons, all while encouraging kids to raise monuments to life in town squares and city plazas.

This book contains multiple versions of the same story in 24 languages from all over the world, including Esperanto. Across these pages, Bruno Heitz has little tin soldiers waltzing in and out of children’s hands until a final banner proclaims: General Disarmament of the Earth and All the Stars!
As a consumer, you’re connected to nature and thousands of other human beings!

With summer at its height, Margaux thinks she’s alone in her housing project, but through her snack of bread, butter, and chocolate, she realizes that several people are looking out for her. Margaux decides to thank them all by dividing her snack into a thousand tiny pieces of bread, butter, and chocolate to be shared. The next day, the pieces are all gone! Someone has come for every last one! Unless it was the birds…

Bread, Butter, and Chocolate
Pain, beurre et chocolat
Alain Serres, Suzy Vergez

#WORK #COMMUNITY #SHARING
Rue du monde • 97823565047084 • 2022
40 p. • 25.5x25.5 cm • 17,50 €

PICTURE BOOK
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Momoko: A Japanese Childhood #1
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Discover Japan through true, sensitive short stories about children living there

The author and illustrator of this book was raised in 1960s Tokyo. She gives us eight refreshing stories drawn from her life there in a modest Japanese family with a disabled little sister. With bountiful pictures, she tells us of games in the street, a workaholic father, her sister, a wild yet very endearing child, and the rituals of going to school for the first time and boring tea ceremonies at their grandmother’s. Young readers will delight in these tales of faraway places.

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#WORK #COMMUNITY #SHARING
Rue du monde • 97823565046988 • 2022
168 p. • 17.5x23 cm • 15,90 €

PICTURE BOOK
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This special edition of a wondrous tale introducing young readers to poetry is perfect for sharing!

The bestselling picture book returns in a special edition to celebrate the printing of 100,000 copies of which 25,000 in France. It comes with a letter to a young reader who wrote to author Jean-Pierre Siméon.

Arthur is worried: his fish Léon is wasting away from boredom. His mother has a solution: “Read him a poem!” But how does Arthur know what a poem is? He starts asking the people around him. Thanks to their words, Léon starts coming back to life. It’s the miracle of poetry!

This Is a Poem that Heals Fish

Ceci est un poème qui guérit les poissons

Jean-Pierre Siméon, Olivier Tallec

#POETRY #GOLDFISH #LITERATURE

Rue du monde • 9782355047190 • 2023
56 p. • 23x23 cm • 17,50 €

PICTURE BOOK

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My Very Own House

Ma maison à moi

Sarah Zambello, Chiara Raineri

Alone in my very own house, I don’t feel lonely at all!

At a gate in the middle of the woods, with no fence extending from it and no one to bother her, a girl converses with woodland creatures, sharing her snacks and reading them stories. It’s a magical place!

If anyone tries to scare her, a great big stag rushes to her rescue

The illustrations in this picture book are bursting with sweetness and freshness as they tell us how important it is to tend to our inner lives... in the great outdoors!

#NATURE #HAPPINESS #FREEDOM

Rue du monde • 9782355047022 • 2022
48 p. • 22x29 cm • 17,00 €

PICTURE BOOK

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A new series of board books with wheels on every page for children to learn new words while finding the right picture

With the same playful and innovative wheel concept that she designed for her series *Bien rangés*, Élo gives very young children an opportunity to play and explore the world in the most stimulating of ways. The wheel lets them choose words from four options, with the corresponding item or character shown in close-up. As always, Élo’s colors are bright and unusual, and her shapes simplified but easily recognizable. Babies will delight in the pleasure of matching names with items!
A poetic fable to remind us that even when darkness is all around, we must never lose hope

Beside a pond deep in a wooded clearing lived two rabbits who were painters. One drew the reflection of the sky on the water’s surface by day, and the other by night. One painted quickly, the other loved to take his time. At dawn and dusk, each would hand his brush to the other, thus bringing on day or night. And so the hours went by. But one day, a big black cloud came to rest over the pond. The rabbits painted its reflection, but to no avail: it wouldn’t budge! Time had stopped. Our two rabbit painters had to turn back the clock…

My Secret Passage

Which secret passage leads to a treasure even greater than rare paintings, precious stones, or the tomb of a medieval knight?

Liz and Louis are really bored. To keep them busy, their grandad mutters: “Go find my secret passage. It’s amazing – you’ll see!” That’s all it takes to send the siblings running off… From bedroom to bathroom, through kitchen and cellar, they find many secret passages leading to even more remarkable treasures! But after each one, the grandfather’s answer is always the same: “That’s very nice, but it’s still not my secret passage!”
Every day’s an adventure with Gurty! The diary of this little dog is packed with hilarious little sketches and gags! A wonderful mix of humor and irreverence

In this latest volume, Gaspard, our heroine’s human, is feeling pretty depressed: the state of the world makes him despair. Fortunately, even in times of crisis, global warming, and nuclear threats, Gurty will always be here to remind him of all the good reasons there are to love life.

As Gurty always says, “I love being happy!”
A beautiful tale of passing away and passing down, featuring a strong, fiercely independent heroine

A pirate who loves her freedom, a child she meets in a port, the bond they form: these are the ingredients of a very special picture book. A poetic and powerful story by Stéphane Servant about life and death, being a parent and being a child, leaving and coming back. A celebration of love in its strongest form, brought to life by Audrey Spiry’s magnetic and enchanting illustrations.
In the Jungle, the Mighty Jungle
Dans la jungle, terrible jungle
Arianna Tamburini

A group of animals, different in every way, discover the joys of friendship. A beautifully illustrated story about living together
In the jungle, the mighty jungle, live a lot of animals. But they always keep apart and never mix. Until, one day, there’s a huge (and metaphorical) rainstorm, and all the animals lose their defining features. All their colors and spots wind up at the bottom of the lake where they usually drink. The animals have no choice but to get into the water to find them, forcing them to come together. In the Jungle, the Mighty Jungle is about the way other people’s opinions can influence our actions.

The Big Book of My Little Planet
Le grand livre de ma petite planète
Raphaële Botte, Elisa Géhin

People protect what they love and love what they understand. A book to teach us about the living world and guide us through our complex environment
Another book about the environment? Not just any book! It explores the subject from a new angle, presenting the planet through its four elements: earth, water, fire, and air. Each section features two-page spreads entitled “Understanding,” for grasping current environmental mechanisms, “Doing,” with practical ideas to take action, and “Playing,” for experimenting and having fun. This must-have book presents environmentalism in a clear, cheerful way, without lecturing or oversimplifying issues.
An original book, like an old notebook you find in the attic, that celebrates the four seasons through words and images

Through four poems, each exploring a different season, readers embark on a journey with Pic, a little man who makes autumn his home. He says, “Today / the white fire at night / is winter.” He speaks of a truck bringing the joys of spring, and a shepherd welcoming summer, where “a flock / of dusty sheep / peacefully graze / the warm earth of siestas.” A unique, immersive celebration of nature. Contemporary poetry at a child’s level, beautifully illustrated by Anne Brouillard.

Four Seasons Pizza
Pizza quatre saisons
Thomas Vinau, Anne Brouillard

Spirit Animals #1:
Magots Galore
Totems #1 : Magot à gogo
Ongoing Series, 4 more titles to come
Florence Thinard, Aurélien d’Almeida, Pierre Thyss