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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Pelckmans aims to inspire, inform and relax today's readers through books that stay with you, books that form an experience. This publishing house offers children's literature, narrative non-fiction that expands readers' horizons, memoirs, lifestyle, essays, novels, topical themes and recent history.

In our Fall 2022 catalog we showcase our newest and hottest titles in children's books, fiction, non-fiction and professional publications. Please note that our backlist is much more elaborate than this catalog is able to convey. Should you be looking for a specific topic, title or type of publication: please reach out to us via e-mail or through

[www.pelckmansuitgevers.be/foreign-rights](http://www.pelckmansuitgevers.be/foreign-rights). PDFs of our previous catalogs are also available with more translated information on our titles.

## RECENT TRANSLATION SALES

- *Viktor* by Jacques & Lise to Japan, Italy, Poland, the United Kingdom, Korea and France
- *100% Lena* by Stefan Boonen to Croatia
- *De Psychologie van Totalitarisme* by Mattias Desmet to Hungary, Russia, The United States, The United Kingdom, Italy and Germany

## RECENT TRANSLATION ACQUISITIONS

- *BOOM, La Guerra de Los Colores* by Ximo Abadía
- *L'ultimo cacciatore* by Davide Morosinotto
- *Arc of a Scythe* by Neal Shusterman
- *The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont
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## OUR INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLERS



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**THE MARKET PLACE**



**DRAGON QUEST**

a **leporello** series by Jacques & Lise

**world rights available**

It was high time we got a chance to bring Jacques & Lises world into the baby room. Very easy denominated objects for vocabulary training on the one side, and a glorious illustration on the other.

BE: €9,00  
 JUNE 2021  
 SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE  
 HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR  
 116 X 164 MM  
 PAGE EXTENT: 10  
 LEPORELLO  
 AGE 2 AND UP



# PIA

a **picture book** by Jacques & Lise

grants available

rights sold to France  
and Korea

A highly surprising and original picture book that sheds a new light on reality – to make you stop and really listen. A novel creation by the awarded duo.



BE: €18,50

SEPTEMBER 2021

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

214.5 X 304 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 40

PICTURE BOOK

AGE 6 AND UP

# HENRY

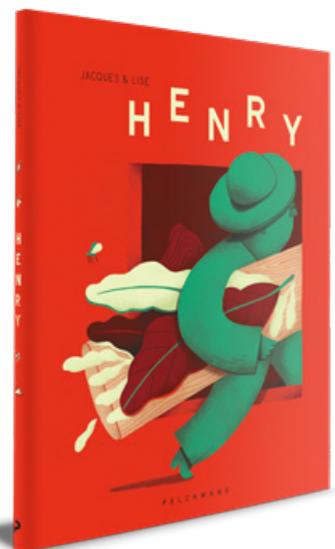
a **picture book** by Jacques & Lise

*nominated Flemish Children's  
and Youth's Jury 2022*

grants available

rights sold to Korea

A playful story on a collector of nature, brimmed with imagination and luxurious images. A story that, much like Henry doesn't know how to stop collecting, isn't finished after the final page.



BE: €18,50

AUGUST 2020

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

225 X 325 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 44

PICTURE BOOK

AGE 6 AND UP



BE: €17,99  
OCTOBER 2017  
SAMPLE TRANSLATION AVAILABLE  
HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR  
300 X 230 MM  
PAGE EXTENT: 32  
PICTURE BOOK  
AGE 6 AND UP

## PIGEON

a **picture book** by Jacques & Lise

*shortlisted and selected for*

*the illustrators exhibition at Bologna Children's Book Fair 2018*

*the biennial and exhibition of ILLUSTRARTE 2018*

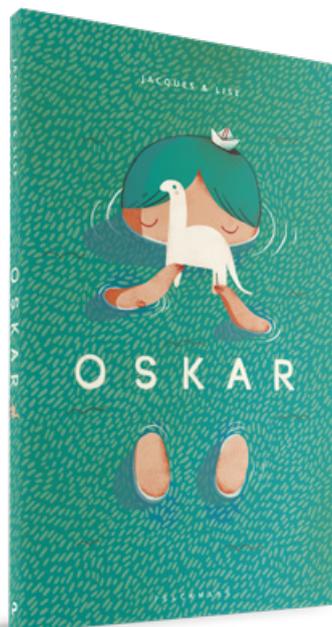
*the Golden Pinwheel Young Illustrators Competition exhibition of China Shanghai International Children's Book Fair 2018*

*the Nami Concours 2019 International Picture Book Illustration Contest*

**grants available**

**rights sold to Korea and Argentina**

The story of an avid pigeon fancier that is full of amazement, emotion, humor, and a whiff of surrealism. A must-have for old and young alike.



BE: €17,99  
OCTOBER 2016  
FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE  
HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR  
190 X 300 MM  
PAGE EXTENT: 32  
PICTURE BOOK  
AGE 4 AND UP

## OSKAR

a **wordless picture book**  
by Jacques & Lise

*global Illustration Award winner:  
- Gold Award for Oskar*

**grants available**

**rights sold to United Arab Emirates**

An endearing and original visual children's book on unconditional friendship and bravery.

# LIKE SNOW IN THE SUN

a **wordless picture book**

by Jacques & Lise

**world rights available**

A poetic, dreamy and multi-layered story about letting go and finding closure, in Jacques & Lise's gorgeous signature style.



BE: €18

OCTOBER 2019

FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

250 X 250 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 48

PICTURE BOOK

AGE 6 AND UP

# VIKTOR

a **picture book** by Jacques & Lise

*nominated Flemish Children's and Youth's Jury 2020*

*two times Global Illustration Award winner:*

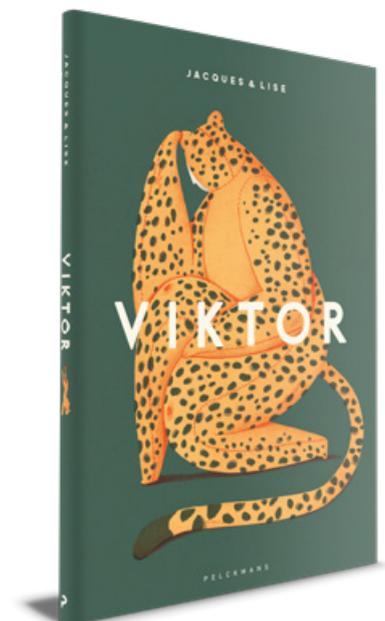
- *Excellence Award for Viktor*
- *Grand Award for best illustrators of 2018*

*honorable mention for Prix Libbylit 2020*

**grants available**

**rights sold to Japan, Italy, Poland, the United Kingdom, Korea and France**

The playful story of a hunter with regret, full of surprising pictures and compositions with an ending you won't forget.



BE: €17,99

OCTOBER 2018

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

225 X 330 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 48

PICTURE BOOK

AGE 6 AND UP

# THAT I CAN'T DO, THAT I CAN DO

a **non-fiction picture book to flip** by Inge Rylant

**world rights available**

*That I can't do, that I can do* is a book you can flip around on the special things animals can and cannot do. You'll read why a pig isn't able to look up and herrings can't swim backwards. The flipside of the book then tells you that a pig is able to dream the best dreams, and herrings communicate through their farts. The central mirroring spread invites readers to think about their own talents. Because, much like in the animal kingdom, there are also things they excel in and are less skilled at.



BE €18

JUNE 2022

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

225 X 280 MM

EXTENT: 32 PAGES

AGE 6 AND UP

**Also by Inge Rylant:** a playful wordless **board book with flaps** series



## picture book adaptation and new title in the making

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**IS IT OKAY TO PET  
SHARKS?**

**CAN MOUNTAINS  
SHRINK?**

**DOES OLD CHEESE  
STEM FROM OLD  
COWS?**

**CAN BIRDS  
SNEEZE?**

a **non-fiction book** series by Katrijn De Wit,  
illustrated by Inge Rylant and Laura Bergans

This appraised an highly imaginative series of non-fiction for toddlers answers their everyday questions. The editions tackle the themes of animals, earth, food and birds.

Every spread opens with a question, and when you flip open the page you get both a fantastical response as well as a scientific answer.

*winner of Henry van de Velde Graphic  
& Communication Award 2021*

*winner of the Belgian Youth Jury 2021*

BE: €15

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

BOARD BOOK, FULL COLOR, CARTON PAGES THAT FOLD OPEN – HARDCOVER

PICTURE BOOK ADAPTATION

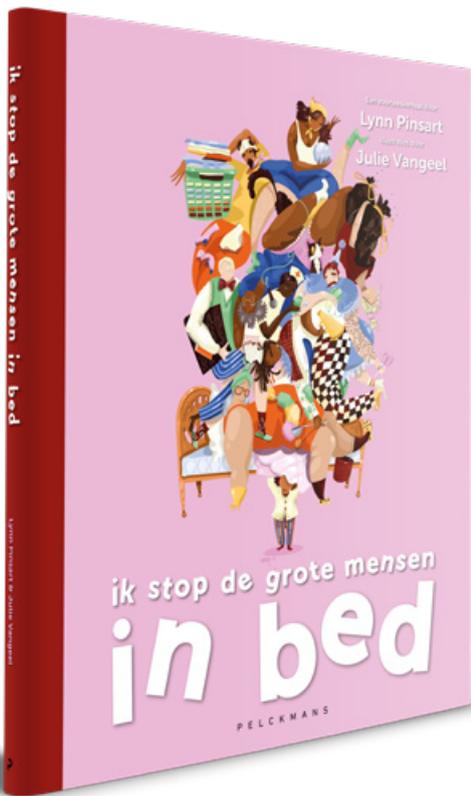
195 X 235 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 10

NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK

AGE 5 AND UP

**world rights available**



## BEDTIME FOR ADULTS

a **picture book** by Lynn Pinsart & Julie Vangeel

**world rights available**

Today we reverse the roles. YOU put the grown-ups to bed. Because they are tired, exhausted and in serious need of sleep. And here's why. They are snout cleaner, weightlifter, wizard... Adults have up to 10 different jobs during the day. Will you help put them to bed? One more story, one last kiss and you're done!

This books invites the tiny readers to put their parents to bed. Or is it the other way around? A heartwarming story that is sure to turn bedtime upside down.

BE €18

NOVEMBER 2022

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND PDF AVAILABLE

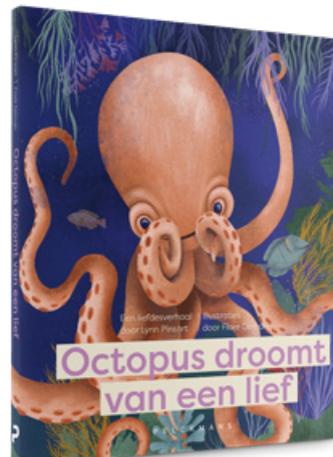
HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

300 X 237 MM

EXTENT: 32 PAGES

AGE 6 AND UP

Also by Lynn Pinsart  
Picture books with **Flore Deman**



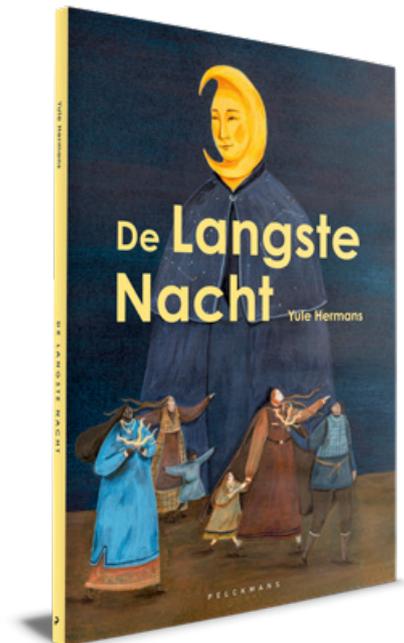
# THE LONGEST NIGHT

a **picture book** by Yule Hermans

**world rights available**

The longest night is a new story on the midsummer solstice, inspired by the origin of Yules name. It's a magical story about being afraid of the dark. The dark of the night, the dark of the unknown and the dark of your own mind.

Also by Yule Hermans  
A picture book with **Tom Mariën**



BE: €17,50

OCTOBER 2021

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

225 X 330 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 48

PICTURE BOOK

AGE 6 AND UP

# EVERYTHING IS CHANGING

a **picture book** by Laila Koubaa & Inge Bogaerts

**world rights available**

Every year, at the beginning of summer, Dounia heads to the city. It's a gloriously festive occasion.

When Dounia falls asleep on the return ride on the train, something surprising happens. There are no parents waiting at the final stop, instead Doenja finds a gecko, a flamingo, a ray and other stray animals. Together they look for the way home – and decide to make their journey a little more beautiful.



BE: €18,50

OCTOBER 2022

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HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

240 X 310 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 48

PICTURE BOOK

AGE 6 AND UP



## THE BIGGEST UNDERPANTSTHEFT

a **picture book** by Kim Crabeels and Melvin

**rights sold to Italy**

What to do when you're a KA-TCHING wealthy director of a museum full of underpants on the day that the most prestigious of panties (the lacy pair of Mona Lisa) gets stolen? You put on your big boy panties and you try and find the culprit.

A visual feast in an incredibly musical and rhythmical text that you'll just want to read over and over again.

BE: €15

DECEMBER 2021

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

250 X 272 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 28

PICTURE BOOK

AGE 6 AND UP



# A HORSE WITH A BOWTIE

a **juvenile** by Stefan Boonen,  
illustrated by Julie Vangeel

**world rights available**

How it begins. With a boy on a wall. He's scratching his name in stone. Vik, it reads.

Vik receives a big package, a package with a wolf inside. Only... he really doesn't want one. Can I have it? a cop asks. I'll get you a sports car, or, no, you can have a biscuit! Or wait a minute, Vik gets an old bucket, a rowing boat or even the horse of the king? Anything is possible.

An absurd and gloriously illustrated book for readers of 8 years and up.



BE €17,50

JUNE 2022

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

240 X 150 MM

EXTENT: 56 PAGES

AGE 8 AND UP

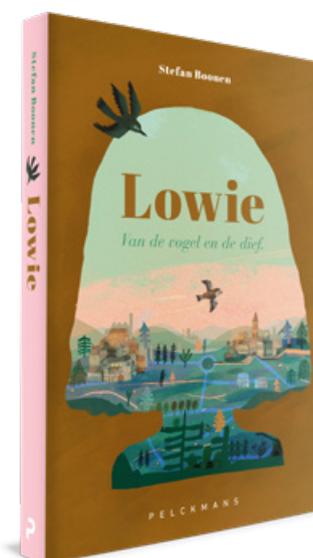
# LOWIE

a **juvenile** by Stefan Boonen,  
illustrated by Dieter De Schutter

**world rights available**

Can you see her already? Tapping her foot, slightly bent forward. The dog under the seat. She would smile, look around. "Is someone dead?" People are nodding. "Yes." "Who?" "You?" "Me? Oh yes!" She would smile and shrug shyly. The surprised look in her brown eyes. All those people are here just for her? Also Mr and Mrs Simmer? And wait a minute, does that guy look like the king? She sticks out her tongue at the Commissar. Bad luck. How he stands there, in the back, the cap in his hands, his feet slightly apart, a statue in a black suit. Little Dilha picks dust from the air. Later, when he grows up, he wants to be just like Lowie.

If you haven't got a lot of time: this is the story about a girl, Lowie. She runs away. In the end she (almost) dies. And there's more, of course, much more.



BE €19

OCTOBER 2022

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, BLACK & WHITE

215 X 140 MM

EXTENT: 288 PAGES

AGE 10 AND UP



## BILLIE AND HIS GENES

a **non-fiction adventure on genetics**  
by Stefan Boonen and Melvin

**world rights available**

Stefan Boonen & Melvin take you on a journey through (and to) your genes: this book will tell you anything you want to know about why you either taste cilantro or soap, why your nose looks the way it does, why you love chocolate and, even, why you like to read. It's all in your genes.

In collaboration with the university of Leuven.

BE: €17,50

APRIL 2020

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HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

170 X 240 MM

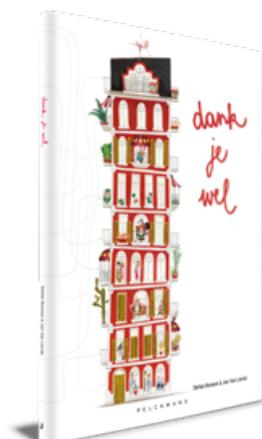
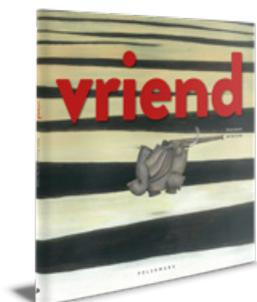
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NON-FICTION

AGE 9 AND UP

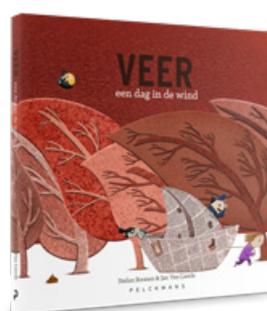
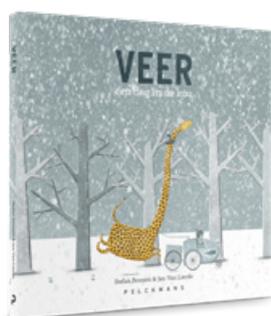


**Also by Stefan Boonen:**  
 picture books with **Jan Van Lierde**



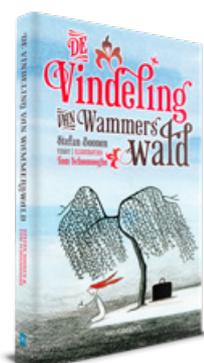
**Turkish rights sold**

early readers with **Jan Van Lierde**

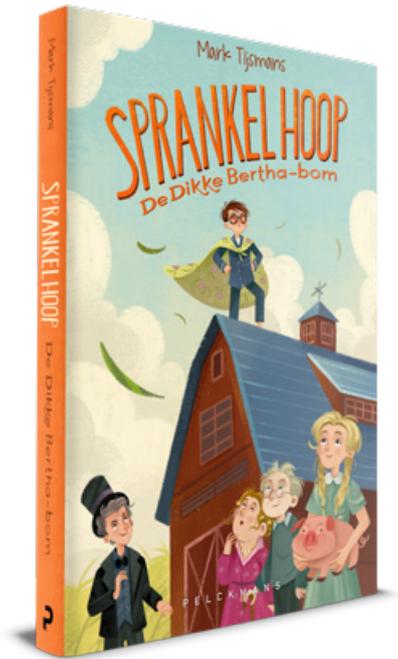


juveniles with **Tom Schoonoghe**

juveniles



**rights sold to  
 Turkey, Denmark,  
 Croatia and  
 Slovenia**



## SPARKLE HOPE

a **juvenile** by Mark Tijsmans,  
illustrated by Marco Guadalupi

**world rights available**

Sparkle Hope tries so hard to be a normal boy. That is difficult, because he does not know where he comes from or what happened to him before he was five years old. Things get worse when Sparkle accidentally discovers that he can fly. Normal guys can't fly at all!

When Sparkle turns eleven, he is invited to a special school for superheroes. But then a dangerous prisoner escapes, who kidnaps the Queen and sets out to detonate a giant bomb. The hopes of the whole country rest with the strange boy who can fly! He must solve the case and bring the queen back to safety. He is, after all, a superhero. The only superhero they have left!

Unfortunately everyone seems to have forgotten that he has not yet graduated. Even worse! He hasn't had a day of class at that superhero school! He's a superhero in training A superhero at the beginning of his training! A superhero at the very beginning of his training... With all the consequences that entails!

BE €16,50

MAY 2022

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, BLACK & WHITE

240 X 150 MM

EXTENT: 96 PAGES

AGE 9 AND UP



Also by Mark Tijsmans:



# DAAN QUICHOT

a **graphic novel** by Stedho

**grants available**

**rights sold to Slovenia, Mexico  
and France**

One day, little Dean Quixote goes on a mission with Panza, his grandfather's cat. He goes hunting for the magic ingredients of spaghetti.

He runs, climbs, jumps, flies, falls ... in a strange world where things don't go as you'd expect.

A wordless story full of surprises.



BE: €15,00

NOVEMBER 2019

FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR

170 X 240 MM

EXTENT: 64 PAGES

GRAPHIC NOVEL

*Nominated Flemish Children's and Youth's Jury 2022*



BE: €17,50  
AUGUST 2020  
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HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR  
160 X 225 MM  
PAGE EXTENT: 92  
STORYBOOK  
AGE 8 AND UP

## ONCE UPON A TIME THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN

a **non-fiction storybook** by  
Kamiel De Bruyne & Yarne Daeren

**world rights available**

*nominated for the Dutch children's book  
awards 2021*

*over 8.000 copies sold*

Once upon a time there might have been a cat that became a mailman, and a man that ate a plane ... or not. 20 stories that may or may not have truly happened. One spread tells the story, after which the reader needs to answer the question: true or false? After the page is flipped, an explanation as well as a few other fun facts are given.

Full of humor, wit and generously illustrated.

## ONCE UPON A TIME THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN 2

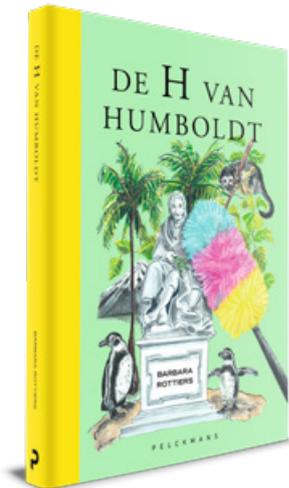
a **non-fiction storybook** by  
Kamiel De Bruyne & Yarne Daeren

**world rights available**

Once upon a time there might have been a canary with a thousand friends and a man that became filthy rich with his farts ... or not. 20 stories that may or may not have truly happened. The success continues!



BE: €17,50  
AUGUST 2021  
SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE  
HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR  
160 X 225 MM  
PAGE EXTENT: 92  
STORYBOOK  
AGE 8 AND UP



**THE H. IN HUMBOLDT**



**LONG LIVE ASTRID**

**children's biographies**  
by Barbara Rottiers

**world rights available**

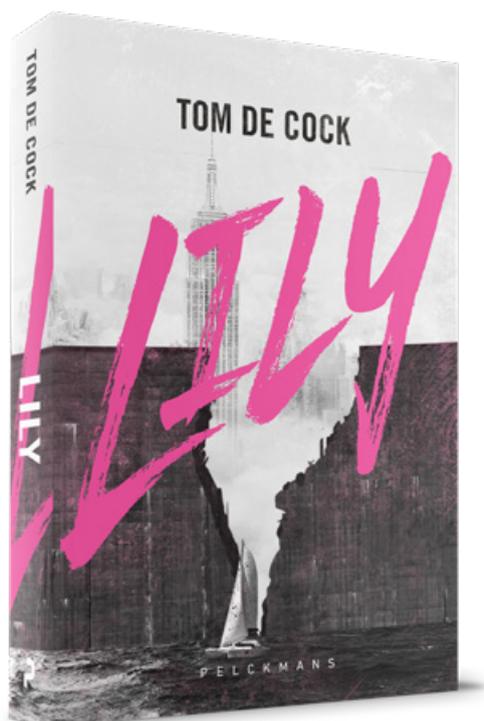
Why do we no longer know who Alexander Von Humboldt, the inventor of nature, really was? And why should we actually care for his legacy? And what exactly is it that Astrid Lindgren, the famous children's book author, can teach us about growing up and growing old? Allow Barbara Rottiers to explain.

*nominated Flemish Children's and Youth's Jury 2022*

*combining wit, delight, humor and a very personal take on these majestic historical figures*

BE: €17,50  
OCTOBER 2020 AND MARCH 2022  
SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE  
HARDCOVER, FULL COLOR  
170 X 240 MM  
PAGE EXTENT: 96  
NON-FICTION  
AGE 9 AND UP





*Author's debut sold 10.000 copies.  
The first chapter of LILY sold  
5.000 copies in under a year!*



*“With wit, character growth and at times scary visions of the future, De Cock manages to convince the reader effortlessly. An impressively solid YA debut!”*

*HET LAATSTE NIEUWS, biggest newspaper in Belgium with 2.6 million daily readers*

## LILY

a **dystopian novel for 11 years and up** by Tom De Cock

**winner best book for Young Adults 2022**

**world rights available**

It's fifty degrees outside. Sea levels are rising every day and there is an ongoing lockdown due to some new virus – or worse, a nasty fungus. But Lily couldn't be damned. She's fourteen, bathes in luxury, and is always busy busy busy as one of the most famous influencers of her time.

When she falls head over heels in love with the gorgeous yet grumpy Samuel on vacation, she embarks on a crazy adventure to win his heart (and lips). What she hadn't counted on was the harsh truth about the life she leads. A journey of discovery that will rock not only her existence, but that of every young person on the planet.

A girl who has everything gives up her life for love. She takes on a crushing responsibility instead.

A gripping, exciting, moving and eye-opening YA in the vein of *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent*. By bestselling author, Belgian radio voice and content creator Tom De Cock.

# LILY: STORM

a **dystopian YA** by Tom De Cock

**world rights available**

It's breaking news worldwide – in what's left of the world, that is. Lily Rieder-Dubois is alive. She once appraised hair products and soft drinks as a famous influencer. Today she only sells the message that everything urgently needs to change.

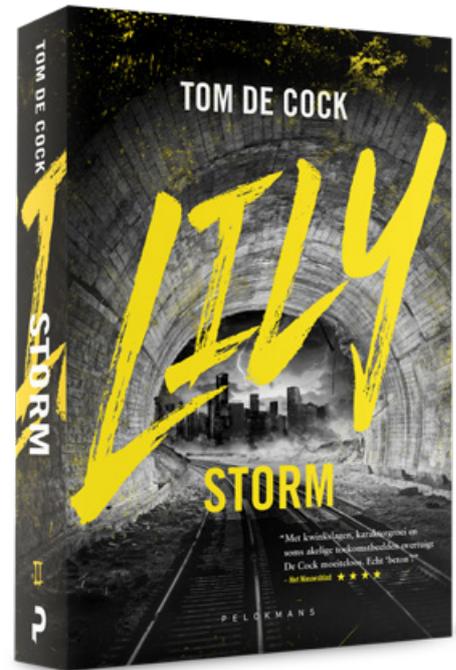
The fifteen-year-old rebel with the eye patch has seen the price of luxury. Human blood, melting polar caps, dying nature. And then Lily discovers that the worst is yet to come. But no matter how loud she shouts, not everyone trusts her. Isn't she the girl who wants to tear down the Wall? Aren't her followers terrorists? Isn't she exaggerating a bit?

With heroism, humor and a motley crew of allies, Lily fights her way out of the quagmire of lies. Because the Storm is coming, and someone has to save the world before it hits...

In this second part of the enthusiastically received Lily saga, Tom De Cock takes you once again to the universe of the teenage girl who opened the world's eyes, in a future that seems eerily close.

*“Well-written dystopian YA on climate change, not being heard with an incredibly strong female main character. Even more exciting and timely than the first chapter!”*

\*\*\*\* [youngadults.nl](http://youngadults.nl)



BE: €16,50

MAY 2021 AND AUGUST 2022

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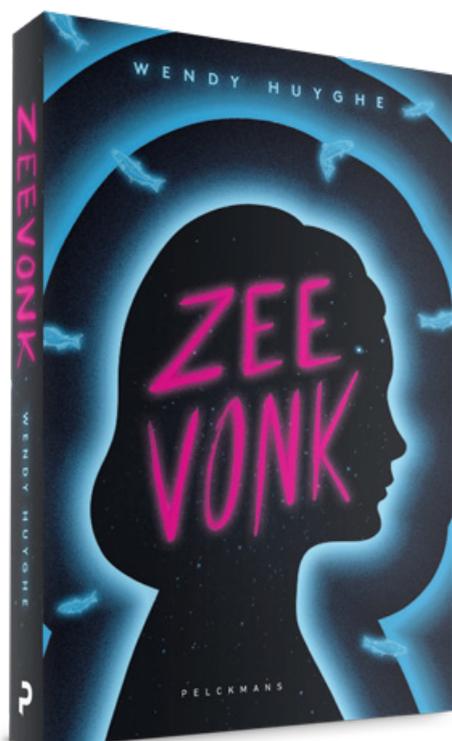
PAPERBACK, WITH COLOUR ACCENTS

135 X 200 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 396

FICTION

AGE 11 AND UP



BE: €17,50

OCTOBER 2022

SAMPLE TRANSLATION AND FINISHED COPIES AVAILABLE

PAPERBACK

135 X 200 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 208

FICTION

AGE 11 AND UP

## SEA SPARKLE

a **coming-of-age novel on loss** for 11 years and up by Wendy Huyghe

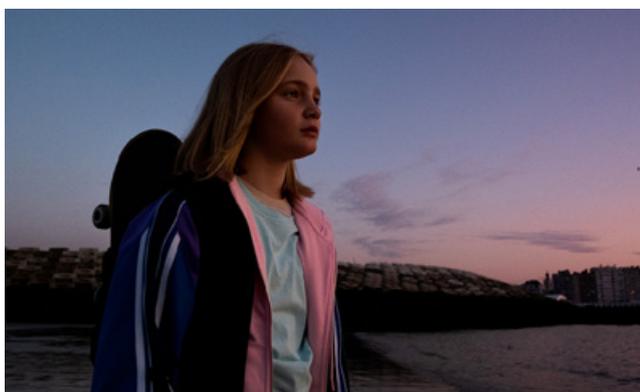
**world rights available**

*international movie with Sverre Rous, Saar Rogiers, Valentijn Dhaenens, Dunia Elwaleed and Hilde De Baerdemaeker coming Spring 2023*

How does the daughter of a drowned fisherman wear her hair? Don't overthink it. That's what you would say.

One stormy night, Lena's father's fishing boat sinks. Antoine Blomme and his two crew members, one of them the dad of Lena's best friend Kaz, die. The funeral is chilly, because everyone in Ostend seems to have their own version of what happened. According to those present, it was all Antoine's fault, because an experienced fisherman shouldn't head out during a storm now should he? Lena doesn't believe them one bit, her father knew the sea like the back of his hand. When the funeral boat is suddenly startled by a fierce shock, she catches a glimpse of a black shadow disappearing under the boat.

With the help of Vincent, a lanky octopus suit (covering up a 14-year-old boy) who shares a fascination for marine life and holds a summer job at the brand-new Secret Sea Creatures Museum, she sets out in search of the sea creature she think she's seen – and the true cause of her father's death.



more  
information on  
the movie



# CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE SERIAL KILLER: THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

a **YA thriller** by Bjorn Van den Eynde

**world rights available**

*Adana pointed to the boy's sternum in awe. Text was written on it in black marker. "Ne la touchez pas." It meant something like: don't touch her. Although the person in the water was a boy. His name was printed on the breast pocket of his sweater. Yanis Fournier. His mouth was wide open, and there were red spots on his neck and sweater too.*

Golden boy Yanis Fournier (18) is murdered in Rocher de Bohanan. Three stab wounds and the handwritten text 'Ne la touchez pas' on his chest are the signature of the perpetrator.

The inconspicuous and unpopular Alix Vexin-Blanc (16) suddenly finds herself in the spotlight. A week earlier she had a very unpleasant encounter with Yanis. Is someone trying to protect her? And is he or she willing to kill for it? Will there be more victims? And is Alix sure that she herself is safe from her mysterious "guardian angel"?

*Confessions of a teenage serial killer* is a new YA series from the author of Team Mortis that lets young serial killers speak for themselves, and has all the elements of a gritty thriller.

**Also by Bjorn Van den Eynde**  
a bestselling **YA chapter series** of 10 years, with over 40.000 copies sold!



BE: €17,50

OCTOBER 2022

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PAPERBACK

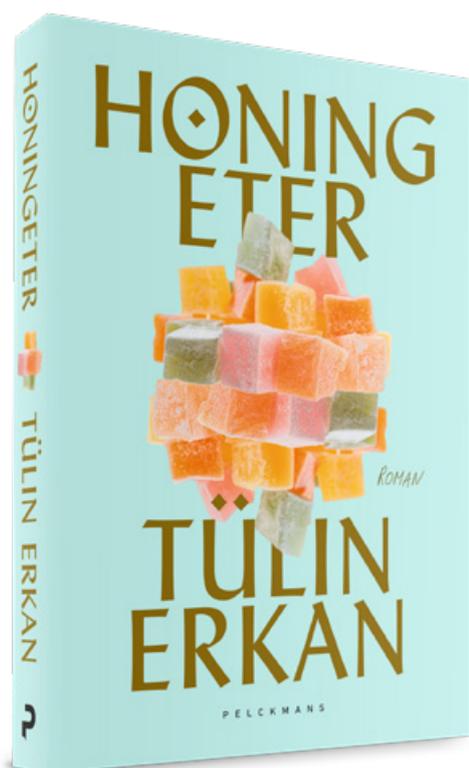
140 X 215 MM

PAGE EXTENT: 216

FICTION

AGE 13 AND UP





## HONEYEATER

a **novel** by Tülin Erkan

**world rights available**

**grants available**

Sibel, Ömer and Wernicke all live illegally at Istanbul airport. They symbolize a new generation of adults who do not feel at home in the countries where they were born, nor in their parents' native lands. In this sensitive debut novel, language and the inability to understand one another are central, as is the impossibility of feeling truly at home if you are unable to speak your mother tongue.

*Shortlisted on the Boekenbon  
Literatuurprijs 2022*

BE: €20,00

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*Honeyeater evokes a tranquil atmosphere in which mother tongue and homeland overlap and collide. Turkish folklore and classical mythology merge into a strange, surreal tangle. Everyone is in transit.*

*“The atmosphere is vaguely reminiscent of Ben Lerner, Samuel Beckett and also the early Peter Handke.”*

**DE MORGEN**

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# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE

a **novel** by Stijn Vranken

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A cabinet worker, worker, singer, real estate tycoon, daughter-in-law, security guard, polar explorer and visionary each have their own Valentine's Day. One nervously prepares a press conference, another struggles with her renowned in-laws, someone just crossed the South Pole on foot. Eight lives that take place separately from each other, but then again not. Propelled by a shared primal desire (let's call it love - after all, it's the day before) they cause waves and ripples that roll all over the world and thus also reach Stijn, a boy fascinated by the gold plate on board the Voyager space probe and head over heels in love with the most beautiful girl in the world.

In nine chapters, Stijn Vranken outlines the events that may or may not have actually happened on February 14, 1990. Partly based on newspaper articles and image fragments, partly filled with assumptions and blatant untruths.

*"A simply exquisite debut."* – DE STANDAARD

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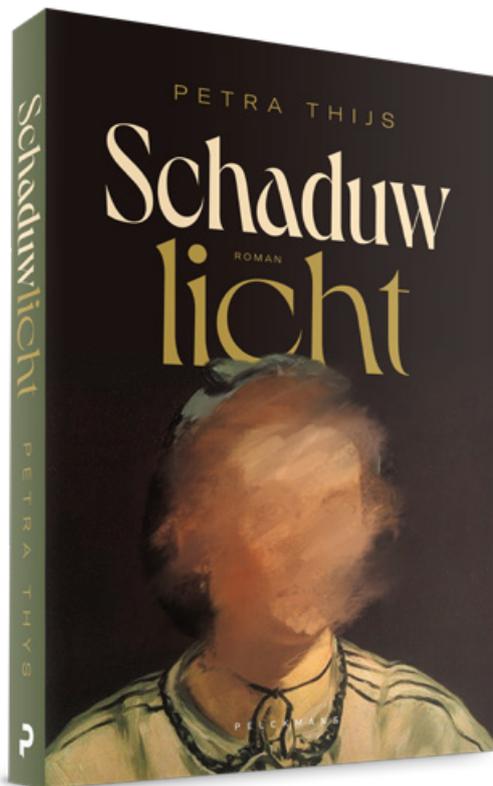
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## SHADOWLIGHT

a **historical novel** by Petra Thijs

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Victorine Meurent went down in history as the model for Manet's most famous works: *Déjeuner sur l'herbe* and *L'Olympia*. This historical novel explores facts and fiction in Victorine's life, interweaving them into a compelling tale of feminism and falsification of history. He starts from the hypothesis that Victorine played a much greater role in the creation of Manet's masterpieces than has hitherto been assumed. And he also sheds light on how the historiography of Tabarant, Manet's first biographer, relates to what actually happened.

Shadowlight follows the life of Victorine in her daily struggle to command respect as a woman, model and painter in a man's world in which good descent counts above all.

A novel that reads like a walk through artistic Paris of the nineteenth century in the company of Manet, Sarah Bernhardt, Baudelaire, Berthe Morisot and Alfred Stevens.

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# SEARCHING FOR IDA

a novel by Nathalie Le Blanc

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'This is Ida. If you recognize the woman in this painting, we would like to hear from you.' On the television, Cato sees the image of a young woman in front of a sunlit window. The son of world-renowned painter Alexander Halow is sitting in on a talk show, explaining that he is looking for the model his father painted decades ago. And yes, Cato and her family know that image, because they have a photo of their grandma Ida that looks exactly like this painting.

At a meeting in the Brussels museum, where the recently deceased Halow will soon have a retrospective exhibition, Cato meets the intriguing director Toon as well as the handsome Rik, who is there to claim his own link with the painting. The search for Ida turns Cato's life upside down, and not just because her family may get their hands on a masterpiece.

May 15, 1940. German troops have invaded Belgium and while the bombs fall on Ostend, fishing daughter Ida Laga flees across the Channel with her family. After a stopover in London, the Lagas arrive in Wales. When Ida sits crying on a park bench after a heavy bombing of the city of Cardiff, a courteous young man with a walking stick gives her a handkerchief to dry her tears.



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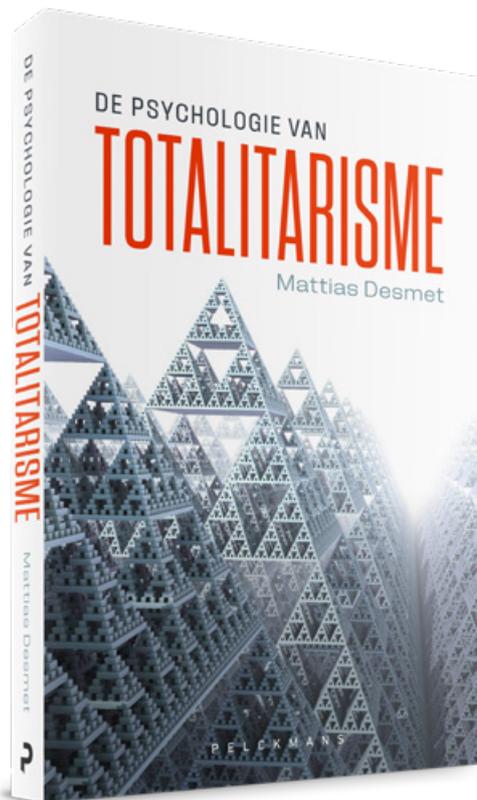
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“Mattias Desmet’s theory of mass formation is the most important lens through which we can understand the COVID-19 pandemic and the social aberrations that accompanied it. In *The Psychology of Totalitarianism*, Desmet explains how and why people will willingly give up their freedom, how the masses can give rise to a totalitarian leader, and – most importantly – how we can resist these phenomena and maintain our common humanity. This is the most important book of 2022.”

– Dr. Robert Malone, author of *Lies My Gov’t Told Me*

“*Mattias Desmet’s [theory of mass formation hypnosis] is great. . . . Once I kind of started to look for it, I saw it everywhere.*” – Eric Clapton

## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF TOTALITARISM

a non-fiction book by Mattias Desmet

seventh print-run, international bestseller

rights sold to Hungary, Russia, The United States, The United Kingdom, Italy and Germany

In *The Psychology of Totalitarianism*, world-renowned Professor of Clinical Psychology Mattias Desmet deconstructs the societal conditions that allow this collective psychosis to take hold. By looking at our current situation and identifying the phenomenon of “mass formation” a type of collective hypnosis he clearly illustrates how close we are to surrendering to totalitarian regimes.

With detailed analyses, examples, and results from years of research, Desmet lays out the steps that lead toward mass formation.

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# THE LAST QUEEN

a **non-fiction book** by Jo De Poorter

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On February 6, 2022, Elizabeth II sat on the British throne for 70 years. She died on September 8, 2022. *The Last Queen* answers the key questions surrounding her record-breaking kingship. It also brings clarity to the countless unanswered questions about the longest-ruling queen of all time and those who surround her: Charles, Harry, Meghan, William, Philip, Kate, Camilla, Diana and the others.

This book draws on 30 years of reporting experience from royals expert Jo De Poorter, who has been front row at many major milestones of the British royal family. In addition, it is based on extensive biographical research and on countless conversations with palace employees, private secretaries, ladies in waiting and friends of the family.

This book tells the dazzling story of the most famous royal house in the world, with many unknown personal details and new, illuminating historical insights. It also provides clarity in the misunderstandings and commotion surrounding the Netflix series *The Crown*. What is true and what is not and how does it reawaken the old ghosts at Buckingham Palace?

**Over 10.000 copies sold.**

*"I have to be seen to be believed."*  
- Queen Elizabeth II



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## #JUSTMYLUCK

a **book to gift** by Lynn Van Royen

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We are all looking for the Great Happiness, but because of this we too often miss those small moments of euphoria: looking at the alarm clock just when it is 10:10 pm, putting the duvet correctly in the cover on your first try, or when you dropped iPhone and then find that the screen DID NOT BREAK!

In #justmyluck Lynn Van Royen opens your eyes to such everyday moments of luck. No, this book won't help you on your way to that dream job or that trip around the world through Asia, but you can bet it will make your life at least ten percent better.

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*By winner of best actress in a drama series 'Beau Séjour' at the Festival de Télévision de Monte Carlo 2018*



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