



# **Non-fiction**

Autumn Highlights 2024



## Birgitte Klahn Charlotte Pardi





# **Fantastic Philosophers**

## Fantastiske filosoffer

A wonderful and humorous book of philosophy for children about seven of the big thinkers and their childhood. With lovely illustrations by Charlotte Pardi.

Birgitte Klahn was born in 1992. She has a degree in philosophy and history and believes that it's never too early to start your journey into the world of philosophy and practice understanding yourself and the increasingly complex world around you.

Charlotte Pardi (b. 1971) has won the Danish Cultural Ministry's Illustrator Prize on several occasions and is loved for her gentle appealing artwork.



In this book, you'll meet seven of our great European philosophers... as children: Søren Kierkegaard, Immanuel Kant, Friedrich Nietzsche, Jean-Paul Sartre, René Descartes, Simone de Beauvoir and Niccolò Machiavelli.

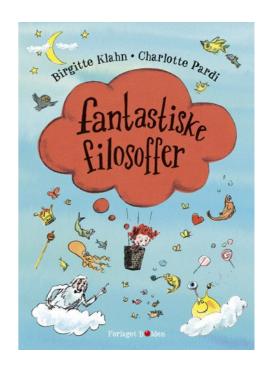
And in seven 'fictional' stories, built around each philosopher's childhood and youth, we see how their pondering, philosophising - and respective lead idea emerge.

There's plenty of food for thought - and many fun conversations between children and adults. And an inspiring theme for a teaching programme for children in grades 0-4.

## **REVIEWS**

"Charlotte Pardi's drawings really make the comedy in the situations and the philosophers' inner anguish crystal clear (...) The fact that the philosophers are children and not aging adults gives the whole book and its content an enviable lightness. (...) 'Fantastic Philosophers' is probably more of a prelude to a dialogue about some of life's difficult questions than an actual introduction to the philosophers' lives and overall meaning. That doesn't matter, because it makes the book inspiring. But you should probably allow extra time if you're using the book for bedtime reading!" – (Kristeligt Dagblad (Danish daily newspaper))

"A delightful and humorous philosophy book for children about seven great thinkers and their childhood. (...) proof that non-fiction can be communicated to



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94 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: Middle-Grade

Genre: Non-fiction

Available material: English sample

### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish, Faroese, Norwegian, Swedish

children if you understand how to tell an engaging and vivid story. The use of humour is additionally a brilliant approach, also in terms of the visuals." —						
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## Søren Brostrøm Thomas Brunstrøm





# It's Perfectly Normal - a book about becoming an adult!

## Det er helt normalt - en bog om at blive voksen

The authors - Denmark's funniest picture book author and Denmark's coolest medical doctor have a mission: they want to challenge that it has to be a taboo when the body changes. Their new book is about all the things that happen to the body during puberty. The message is clear: It is Perfectly Normal!

Søren Brostrøm is a Danish physician-scientist and the current Director general of the Danish Health Authority and a member of the Executive Board of the WHO.

Thomas Brunstrøm is a bestselling author, freelance journalist, film critic and podcast host.

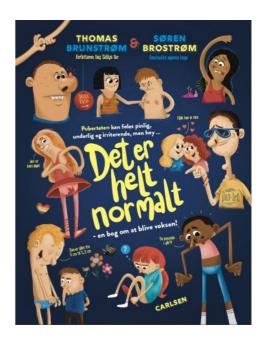
## **SYNOPSIS**

The body can be cool, strong and fascinating, but there are also a lot of things about the body that can seem strange, embarrassing and annoying - but hey everyone feels that way. It's perfectly normal!

Søren Brostrøm tells it like it is - straightforwardly and without getting red cheeks, because he's used to talking about it, and he knows that the more we talk about the embarrassing things - the more normal it will feel.

When you feel alone and weird, it's really nice to know that there are a lot of other people who are going through exactly the same thing as you. So let's talk about all the sudden changes, about things growing, about hair and sweat. Let's rejoice in the big and small body parts and celebrate the fact that we are all so different and yet completely the same.

The book is full of fun illustrations by Bjørn Nørbo Andersen.



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96 pages

Category: <u>Children's Books</u>

Sub-category: <u>Tween</u>

Genre: Non-fiction

Available material: English sample upon request.

#### **Territories Handled**

#### Vibe Termansen



# **Behind the Iron Curtain**

## Bag jerntæppet

A new book tells the story of the Cold War to children from 10+. Packed with cool illustrations by Mikkel Henssel.

Vibe Termansen (b. 1977) has an MA in History and Eastern European Studies and works as a freelance journalist, public speaker and moderator.

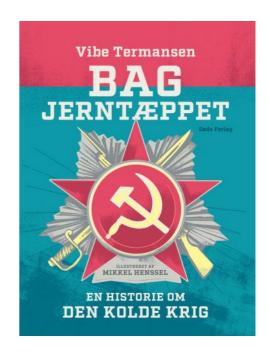
### **SYNOPSIS**

In this richly illustrated book by Eastern Europe historian and journalist, Vibe Termansen, we find the answers to a lot of question about the Cold War. Who was Lenin and Stalin and how did they get millions of their own citizens to oblige? What was the infamous Iron Curtain which divided Eastern Europe from Western Europe until not so long ago?

#### **REVIEWS**

"The historian, Vibe Termansen, has written an enlightening and exciting book in which she tells the story behind the Cold War in an accessible language. The book's graphic expression is fantastic. Mikkel Henssel's illustrations transport the reader back in time, both in terms of form and colour. It is a big assignment to write historically about such a complex subject and it demands naturally that you prioritize and exclude certain subjects. Vibe Termansen succeeds in this regard. However, it does make me wonder why for example Reagan's role in the culmination phase of the Cold War is one of these exclusions." - (Lektørudtalelse (Library review)

"Excellently told. And just as excellently illustrated." – (Six stars in the Pædagogen (The Pedagogue magazine)



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Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: September, 2024

144 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: Non-Fiction

Genre: Non-fiction

Available material: English sample upon

request.

#### **Territories Handled**

# Simone Lykke Signe Kjær





# Wilma and Dad bake Pancakes

## Wilma og far bager pandekager

A beautifully illustrated seek-and-find book for the youngest children - about the raw ingredients we use for cooking.

Simone Lykke (b.1986) is a Danish actress known from the Netflix hit-series, The Chestnut Man.

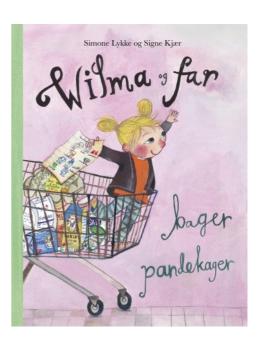
Signe Kjær knew she wanted to draw books from the age of seven. Today, she has illustrated over 30 books and in 2021 she was awarded the Ministry of Culture's Illustrator Award.

## **SYNOPSIS**

Wilma and dad are going to bake pancakes and they go to the grocery store. What do they need? Where do they find them? And where do the raw ingredients actually come from?

#### **REVIEWS**

"A lovely book that I believe many children and parents will enjoy. The book shares elements with a seek-and-find book which can help extend the experience and keep the interest captured. But the primary trait and the best thing about the book is the good story about the raw ingredients and how they can be used. The artwork is realistic, but are slightly crooked and imperfect in a good way..." - (Lektørudtalelse (Library review))



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: June. 2024

32 pages

Category: <u>Children's Books</u>

Sub-category: Picture Books (2-5 years)

Genre: Realism

Available material: Full English sample.

### **Territories Handled**

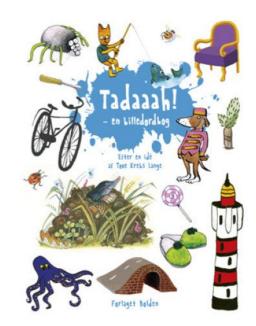
#### Zarah Juul



## **Tadaaah**

In this beautiful picture dictionary, children aged 4 to 8 can travel through thirteen worlds with the character Tadaaah. Visit the Wizard's workshop or Nose Land, ride the roller coaster in Unicorn Land and take a dip with the dogs at the Dog Hotel. Tadaaah is hiding in every post. Can you find him? He jumps from world to world through the 'holes' in the dictionary pages.

Zarah Juul is a popular Danish illustrator, known and loved for her original artwork and colourful style.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Bolden

Published: June, 2023

64 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: Picture Books (5-8 years)

Available material: German translation, English sample upon request

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

### **SYNOPSIS**

The book invites you to spend many hours of cosy and educational experiences. The detailed world-spreads invite the child on an imaginative journey. After each world is a picture dictionary page with vignettes and words. By following Tadaaah, children will expand their vocabulary, both through the concrete picture words, but also through the dialogue on the otherwise wordless spreads, which encourages imaginative storytelling. At the back of the book there are fun puzzles to solve.

Thirteen Danish and German illustrators, led by Tove Krebs Lange, are behind the book. They have drawn inspiration from 2nd and 3rd grades in the border region. The book is available in two editions: a Danish-German picture dictionary with both Danish and German words for each vignette - and this Danish picture dictionary with Danish words.

Written by: Tove Krebs Lange

Illustrated by: Annette Carlsen, Eva Muggenthaler, Franziska Ludwig, Jan Mogensen, Line Malling Schmidt, Louise Thrane Jensen, Nis Bangsbo, Simon Væth, Susanne Hartmann, Tomas Björnsson, Tove Krebs Lange, Ursula Seeberg and Zarah Juul.

## **REVIEWS**

"Unusually inviting book with one fantastic drawing after another in a wide variety of styles. Can be used both as a seek-and-find book and as a dictionary (...) Recommended for cosiness and language stimulation." – (Lektørudtalelse (Library review)

## Lisa Bay Karen Brüel Birkegaard





# The Great **Exploration of the Radionauts**

## **Radionauternes store** opdagelsesrejse

This is a book for everyone who is curious about science - come along on an engaging journey to see how magical and fantastic our world is. Main target group is children between 4-7 and their parents.

Lisa Bay is a Danish podcast host.

Karen Brüel Birkegaard is Danish podcast host.



Come along on a journey of exploration through the child's first cell, meet the first animal that walked on land, and travel out into space to see our own galaxy from up above.

The Radionauts love to discover new things about our fascinating world and they need all the help they can get from curious children on their exploratory journey, racing through the body, entering down into the sewer, or finding mystical animals at the bottom of the deep sea.

The Radionauts are known from their popular Danish science podcast for children. Since 2016, children from 4-10 have been able to send scientific questions to the podcast and over the years more than 2000 questions arrived. Here is the list of some of the most popular topics that children ask about: 1. The Human Being, 2. Nature, 3. Technique, 4. Animals, 5. Culture, 6. The Universe.

You do not have to know about the podcast to read the book - it is an exploratory journey that any child around the world will be able to relate to. The book is beautifully illustrated through-out by Maria Buchmann.

## **REVIEWS**

"Really exciting book with a wide-reaching topic. Cool idea with the interactive element: the book is based on children's own questions. The layout of the book is gorgeous and accessible and when you read about the moon or volcanoes - then the text copies the shape (e.g. a half moon)." – (Lektørudtalelse (Library review)



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: February, 2024

64 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: Picture Books (5-8 years)

Genre: Non-fiction

Available material: English sample

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

German: Hanser Verlag

# **Troels Gollander** Lars-Ole Nejstgaard





# **Max and Meta:** Lightning and **Thunder**

## Max og Meta: Lyn og **Torden**

The Max and Meta series is a vibrant new series for children about scientific phenomena a series where children's curiosity for our wonderful natural world is at the centre. Aimed at 6+, each book covers a new topic, such as gravity, colours, time and atoms. Lightning and Thunder is the seventh and last book in the series.

Troels Gollander is one of Denmark's most popular writers of science literature for children and young adults,

Lars-Ole Nejstgaard is a cartoonist and illustrator of children's books, several of which have been adapted for film.

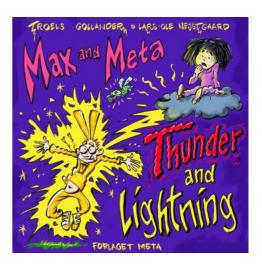
## **SYNOPSIS**

Max and Meta explore the natural world around them with curiosity. Meta has a magic power: when she snaps her fingers, she can transport her and her friend, Max, to new places. In this seventh book, Max and Meta discover what static electricity is. Max nearly faints with laughter when he sees how Meta's hair stands on end. But when a thunder storm breaks out and lightning starts to flash, Max and Meta are thrown into a proper adventure. Along the way, the reader is well entertained while simultaneously learning about what thunder, lightning and static electricity is.

### **REVIEWS**

"The cartoon style and the topic conveyed through the dialogue between Max and Meta work in a compelling way. The level is accessible, and the few cherrypicked facts, wrapped in a funny story, work as a lever to further literature on the topic." - (Library review (Lektørudtalelse)

"A wonderful new series, which merges fiction and non-fiction and presents scientific phenomena in an inspiring and curious way." - (School Start Magazine (Skolestart)



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Meta

Published: November, 2023

26 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: Picture Books (5-8 years)

Genre: Non-fiction

Themes: Science

Available material: Full English sample of the first book, The Moon, exists.

#### **Territories Handled**

# Ina Victoria Haller Thomas Hjorthaab





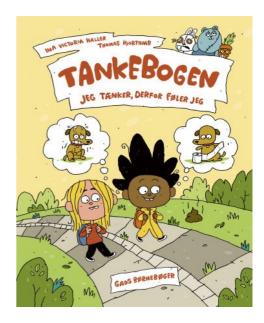
# **Book of Thoughts: I** think, therefore I feel

## Tankebogen: Jeg tænker, derfor føler jeg

Thoughts and emotions are inextricably linked. What we think creates our emotions and affects our mood.

Ina Victoria Haller offers a series of books that turn reading with children into a fun and educational activity.

Thomas Hjorthaab is a well-known Danish children's book illustrator whose art style is known to be funny, punk and bursting with emotion



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: September, 2024

48 pages

Category: <u>Children's Books</u>

Sub-category: Picture Books (5-8 years)

Genre: Non-fiction

Available material: English sample upon

request

# **SYNOPSIS**

Pleasant thoughts cause pleasant feelings and unpleasant thoughts cause unpleasant or difficult feelings. In other words, it's not always the situation you're in that triggers your emotions, but what you think about the situation.

Through this non-fiction book for children, you will experience a number of more or less neutral situations together with the two main characters that trigger completely different emotions in the two children. The hope is that by reading the book and talking about the story with an adult, children will understand the connection between thoughts and feelings. Such understanding is an important part of understanding their own and others' feelings and actions.

#### **REVIEWS**

"Well-written and easily comprehensible story which can form the foundation for a good conversation about the interplay between thoughts and emotions. The questions and tasks are simple and are a good help in deciding what you - as an adult - should focus on along the way." - (Lektørudtalelse (Library review)

#### **Territories Handled**

## Sabine Lemire Jenz Koudahl





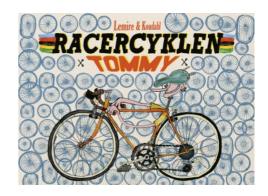
# **Tommy the Racing Bike**

## Racercyklen Tommy

Big and beautiful picture book with colourful illustrations about bicycle chains, creaking pedals and loneliness.

Sabine Lemire (b. 1974) is a graduate of the Danish Design School and The Duperré School of Applied Arts i in Paris. Short-listed for Deutscher Jugendbuch Preis 2019 with MIRA.

Jenz Koudahl is a Copenhagen-based illustrator and animator, specializing in magazine and newspaper illustrations, book and album cover and animated TV titles.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: August, 2024

48 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: Picture Books (5-8 years)

Available material: English sample of the first book in the series, Charlie the Motorcycle.

## **SYNOPSIS**

Tommy the racing bike loves a good race. He is not keen on rust and flat tyres. Tommy's frame is shiny and newly polished and his tyres are pumped up hard. He is the kind of racing bike that many people dream of. Therefore he stays off the streets and the bicycle stands after dark, when all the bicycle thieves are on the prowl.

Nominated for the Danish Cultural Ministry's 2024 Children's Book Illustrator of the Year Award.

### **REVIEWS**

"The Bicycle Organisation ought to buy up the entire print-run of Lemire and Koudahl's new picture book which entertains and educates the youngest readers with courtly behaviour on the bicycle path." – (Weekendavisen)

"Gorgeous picture book for all bicycle lovers! It is a good story, spiced up with all the vocabulary connected to bicycles. The artwork is beautiful and colourful. There is a good opportunity to go on the hunt for details in both the illustrations and the language, which dishes out everything from tools for repair to rust bucket and hobby horse." – (Lektørudtalelse (Library Review)

#### **Territories Handled**

# Mette My Madsen **Nana Torp**

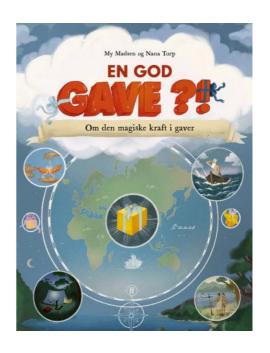




# A Good Gift?! On the Magical Power of Gifts

## En god gave?! om den magiske kraft i gaver

Why do we actually give each other presents and why are they so important?



Mette My Madsen is a post-doc researcher at the Danish National Museum.

Nana Torp is an animator and illustrator with many children's books under her belt.

Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: October, 2024

32 pages

Category: <u>Children's Books</u>

Sub-category: Non-Fiction

Genre: Non-fiction

Available material: English sample on request.

### **SYNOPSIS**

Gifts exist all over the world - from Asia to America and from Sibiria to Africa. But what are gifts actually? Why do we give them and why do we get upset and sad if we never receive any back?

### **Territories Handled**

#### Kirsten Hansen



## Earth vs Fashion

### Moden vs Kloden

Accessible book aimed at 12+ about the fashion industry's impact on the climate and on how we as consumers can follow the latest trends without letting our planet pay the price.

Kirsten Hansen (b. 1969) is a writer, ghostwriter and freelance journalist with a background in the fashion industry.

### **SYNOPSIS**

Did you know that it takes just as much water to make a pair of jeans as you can drink in ten years? And did you know that in Ghana there's a mountain of old clothes from around the world that no one wants to wear?

We buy more clothes than ever and the fashion industry produces new clothes at a rate never seen before. It is tough on our planet and the climate.

This book explains in an accessible language how the production of clothes challenges the climate, nature and the people who make it - and gives solid advice on how you, as a young person, can shop sustainably and stay on the beat.

### **REVIEWS**

"Important, thorough and accomplished book about fashion and the challenges connected to climate. Great fact boxes full of solid advice." - (Library Review -Lektørudtalelse)



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Krabat

Published: August, 2023

81 pages

Category: <u>Children's Books</u>

Sub-category: Non-Fiction

Genre: Non-fiction

Themes: Climate, Environment

Available material: English sample.

#### **Territories Handled**

# Tanja R. Bisgaard



# **Gadgets and** Recycling

## **Gadgets og Genbrug**

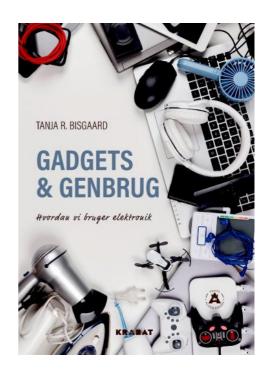
An inspiring book, aimed at 10+, about how we use electronics, how gadgets are created and what you can do as a consumer to make a difference to the environment.

Tanja R. Bisgaard (b. 1972) is an economist with a background in sustainable innovation and growth. She is born in Trinidad & Tobago and has lived in Brazil, Norway, Switzerland and the UK.

## **SYNOPSIS**

We dispose of tons and tons of electronic waste every year and a lot of it contains valuable raw material, such as gold and copper.

Gadgets & Recycling explains how electronics are created and provides background on where the raw materials come from and what happens to our gadgets when we cannot use them anymore.



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Original Publisher: Forlaget Krabat

Published: April, 2024

49 pages

Category: <u>Children's Books</u>

Sub-category: Non-Fiction

Genre: Non-fiction

Themes: <u>Climate</u>, <u>Environment</u>

Available material: English sample.

## **Territories Handled**