



# **Picture Book Highlights**

Spring 2024



#### Jacinta Madsen



# The Magical Wing Chair

#### Den magiske lænestol

In this very special picture book Jacinta Madsen creates an embracing and imaginative space in which children can safely talk about the sensations they experience when they at a very young age begin to explore their own body.

Jacinta Madsen (b. 1982) is a journalist with bachelor degree in Philosophy and a speciality in children's and youth television. She has hosted and produced innumerable programs on the Danish public TV channel, DR, specifically for their hugely popular children's channel, Ramasjang.



Oda's wing chair is magical. When she sits on it, she flies on a warm wind. Rub, rub, rub - then magic arrives.

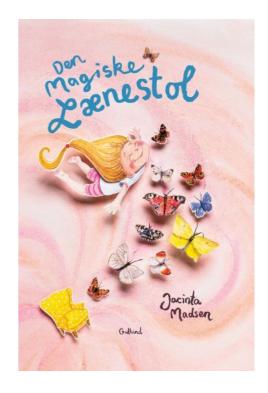
One day when Oda is playing with her wing chair, her mum walks by and asks what she is doing. Oda knows that when she puts one leg in front of the other, she is walking, but she has no words for what she is doing with the wing chair. She only knows that is feels like soap bubbles and butterflies down below. Luckily, mum knows the word and helps Oda to find a language for the magic of the body.

Gutkind have created some lovely extra material for the book which can be accessed here.

#### **REVIEWS**

"Many parents will no doubt recognise the insecurity when it comes to children's exploration of their body and gender and not least the awkward dialogue about it. Jacinta Madsen's The Magic Wing Chair is one of those books that might help - and perhaps even prevent - the awkward conversation from happening. Jacinta Madsen passes no judgment, but conveys smiles, explanation and unity ... suitable for the youngest school children. Like other fiction, it can provide a more personal perspective without being intimidating...The book can also be included in the kindergarten book shelf or be read at home - if you dare." -(Weekendavisen)

"The accomplishment of The Magical Wing Chair is the crayon-anologue, playful picture universe with butterflies and dandelion seeds in torn-off china paper,



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gutkind

Published: February, 2023

32 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Genre: Realism

Available material: English sample upon request.

#### **Territories Handled**

which is ultra soft at the edges. The text, which describes 5-year-old Oda's own imaginative universe, is curious and when the mum steps in in the middle of her rubbing game on the armrest of the magical wing chair and asks "What are you doing?", a prejudice-free dialogue about masturbation begins ... emphathic ... rather supreme." – (Politiken - 4 hearts)

## Rebecca Bach-Lauritsen Charlotte Pardi





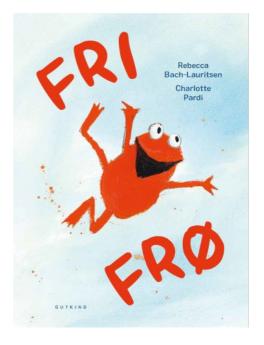
# Free Frog

#### Fri Frø

Free Frog is a fun and poetic picture book about finding your own croak and discovering what you can - and cannot - do when you are a sensitive frog with dreams of flying.

Rebecca Bach-Lauritsen (b. 1976) is an award-winning Danish author and radio journalist, whose previous books were translated into several languages.

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



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gutkind

Published: April, 2023

32 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Themes: <u>Courage</u>, <u>Belonging/Identity</u>

Available material: English sample upon request

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Frog lives in the bog. Frog's friends jump, croak and swim. But Frog thinks the water is too wet. Frog prefers to fly. How difficult can it be?

The Danish publisher, Gutkind, have once more created some great extra material - take a look here.

#### **REVIEWS**

"It is a lovely, positive story about being content with what you can do and the abilities you have. The artwork carries the humour, playfulness and lightness in the story, which the text effectively and succinctly pins down." - (Danish Library Centre (Dansk Bibliotekscenter)

"There is a symbiosis between the happy, colourful and humouristic illustrations and the very sparse text. It bears witness to a close collaboration. The text can be read in the artwork, the text is part of the artwork, just as the artwork tells as story that supports the text significantly. What a wonderful experience." - Eiler Jensen (Children & Books (Børn og bøger)

#### **Territories Handled**

#### Jørgen Stamp



# **All the Monkeys**

#### Alle aberne

A cute picture book about creativity and integrity.

Jørgen Stamp (b. 1969) is a Danish graphic designer and author/illustrator.

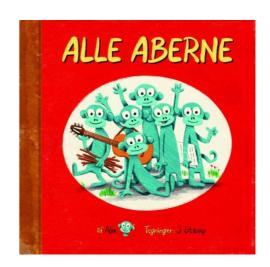
#### **SYNOPSIS**

All the moneys are busy enjoying themselves - doing exactly what they prefer to do. But Monkey cannot figure out what he should do.

Because what does he actually feel like doing?



"A sweet picture book with lovely colour artwork in Jørgen Stamp's recognisable style. The book has a meta-layer, as the reader discovers on the last page that it is the last monkey who is the author of the book. It is quite a funny idea which will surprise the smaller children." – (Library review (Lektørudtalelse)



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: January, 2024

32 pages

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

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

Available material: English sample upon request.

#### **Territories Handled**

# Thomas Brunstrøm Thorbjørn Christoffersen





# **Anthony and** Grandma in the Wild West

### Anton og farmor i det vilde vesten

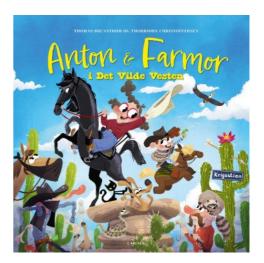
The popular duo behind the Sally's Dad series have written a sequel to Anthony and Grandma at the Bottom of the Sea.

Thomas Brunstrøm is a bestselling author, freelance journalist, film critic and podcast host - and real-life dad to Sally and Eddie.

Thorbjørn Christoffersen is a Danish illustrator, film director and animator.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Grandma has a craving for sweets, but she doesn't have any money, so Anthony and Grandma travel to the Wild West in order to get their hands on some gold. Here they meet dangerous bandits, and they have to duel in both Ludo and with water pistols. Anthony has to be extra courageous if he is to hack it and secure the gold. It will be an adventurous journey, because when Grandma is there, there is never a dull moment



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: October, 2022

32 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Genre: Humour

Film Rights: Babel-Bridge

Theatre Rights: Babel-Bridge

Available material: English sample upon

request

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

Polish: Dwukropek

### Zakiya Ajmi



### Armed

#### **Bevæbnet**

A picture book about missing somebody and about finding your own way to feel safe.

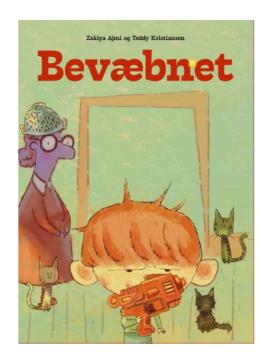
Zakiya Ajmi is a widely celebrated debut author. She was nominated for the Nordic Literature Council's Children's Book Prize in 2022 and shortlisted for the Cultural Ministry's Children's Book Author Prize.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

You have to be well-prepared when suddenly you have to stay overnight at grandma's place without mum. You need a good-sized arsenal of weapons if you want to be protected.

Mum says that grandma offers protection. Pfff! Grandma?!

With illustrations by Teddy Kristiansen.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: May, 2024

32 pages

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

Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u>

Genre: Realism

Available material: English sample upon

request

#### **Territories Handled**

### **Sophie Souid**



# The Big one and the Little one

#### Den store og den lille

A lovely stand-alone picture book about getting a small sibling - by the author of the popular Shitty Kitty series, Sophie Souid.

Sophie Souid is an award-winning Danish children's book author known for her great humourous writing.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Muri is really great at circus tricks, but the adults don't see them. They are preoccupied with the little one. Muri thinks that's well annoying, but then she discovers that she has another talent. Muri is really good at looking after the little one.

With illustrations by Lars Samsø.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: April, 2024

32 pages

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

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

Genre: Realism

Themes: Family, Belonging/Identity

Available material: English sample upon

request

#### **Territories Handled**

# Lars Daneskov **Tor Fruergaard**





# The Boy who was **Scared of Almost Everything**

### Drengen der var bange for det meste

An imaginative story about monsters and fear – and about how you should not always believe everything you think. Oh, and beware: the cover glows in the dark!

Lars Daneskov (b. 1963) is a journalist and author and has written about 30 books in a variety of genres, for both children and adults.

animation director, cartoonist, children's book writer and illustrator.

#### Original Language: Danish Tor Fruergaard (b. 1980) is an award-winning Original Publisher: Gutkind

32 pages

Category: Children's Books

Published: October, 2023

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

Lars Daneskov of Tor Fruergaard

Genre: Humour

Themes: Courage, Fear & Anxiety, <u>Imagination</u>

Available material: English sample available on request

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **SYNOPSIS**

There's a hole in the ground and if there's anything Fred hates, it's holes in the ground. Especially, when they are black and deep.

Fred is sure that a grass monster lives underground in that hole, with enormous, pointy teeth - so he has to get out of there right this second. On the way, he unfortunately has to pass the extremely dangerous zombie tree, a laundry ghost and, not least, a damn scary dust ball man.

Fred sees monsters everywhere. The Zombie Tree. The Laundry Ghost. The big Dust Ball Man. But perhaps monsters are not that dangerous after all? Perhaps they are even a bit scared themselves?

Danish publisher, Gutkind, have produced a lovely activity booklet which can be seen here.

#### **REVIEWS**

"Funny and slightly surprising story about finding courage." – (Danish Library Centre (Lektørudtalelse)

"Perhaps the book can even make it a bit easier going to bed at night... Children can read it themselves, but it is also a book for the whole family. Spiced-up with gorgeous drawings. But beware: the book glows in the dark..." - Grit Jurack (Flensborg Newspaper (5 stars)



# Thomas Porsager





# **Captain** Sofie Lind Mesterton Bubblebeard and the Curse of the Cat Island

### Kaptajn Skumskæg og katteøens forbandelse

Funny new picture book series, starring a girl as an adventurous (bathtub) pirate. This is the second book in the series, written by Toke Lotz and Thomas Porsager, with illustrations by Sofie Lind Mesterton.

Thomas Porsager is a Danish screenwriter and a graduate of the National Film School of Denmark in 2015.

Sofie Lind Mesterton is an illustrator and visual storyteller, with a degree from the Royal Danish Art Academy's School for Design.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Captain Foam Beard still wants to be the most dangerous pirate on the thirteen seas. And this time a very special island appears in her binoculars. An island with a very special treasure. But the Foam Fleet is not the only ship that anchors next to the island...



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: January, 2022

48 pages

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

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

Genre: Adventure

Themes: Courage, Curiosity, Imagination

Available material: English sample of the first book available.

#### **Territories Handled**

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

## Merete Pryds Helle Charlotte Pardi





# Donna finds a friend

#### Donna finder en ven

The fourth book in the popular series about the lovely puppy, Donna, who this time has to leave the safety of her home to venture into the unknown - in a puppy kindergarten.

**Merete Pryds Helle** is an award-winning Danish author.

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



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: 2023

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

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

Genre: Realism

Themes: Friendship

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Donna and her brother Little Wee are fully integrated into the family and are enjoying the safety and comfort of their "pack". Up until now, Lillian Betty's father has worked from home and the puppies have therefore been able to have a lie-in and enjoy the peace of the house when the children were in school and daycare. But now he has a new job and Donna and her brother need to go to puppy kindergarten.

Donna is not impressed when she is dragged out of Lillian Betty's bed in the morning - she is not hungry and just wants to sleep. But the worst is that when she gets to the kindergarten it is full of other puppies she does not know. Little Wee blends right in, but Donna needs her time.

However, by the end of the day she has a new friend and when the alarm rings the next morning, Donna is more than ready to go.

#### **Territories Handled**

# Thomas Brunstrøm Thorbjørn Christoffersen





**Eddie helps out (4)** 

# Eddie hjælper til

The Eddie books form part of a new series for the youngest children about the popular little brother of Sally.

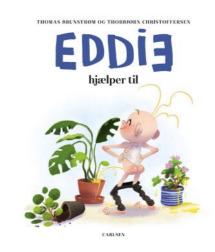
Thomas Brunstrøm is a bestselling author, freelance journalist, film critic and podcast host - and real-life dad to Sally and Eddie.

Thorbjørn Christoffersen is a Danish illustrator, film director and animator.

at home that need to be taken care of. Eddie frankly can't see what the problem

is. It all seems rather easy peasy. So he offers to help out a bit, while dad has a

rest on the sofa. But things don't turn out the way dad was expecting...



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: October, 2022

32 pages

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

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

Genre: <u>Humour</u>

Film Rights: Babel-Bridge

Theatre Rights: Babel-Bridge

Available material: English sample of the

first books in the series.

#### **Territories Handled**

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

#### **Territories Sold**

Polish: Dwukropek

**SYNOPSIS** Dad complains how hard it is to be an adult. There are so many practical things

#### **Inger Tobiasen**



# **Emil gets dressed**

### Emil tager tøj på

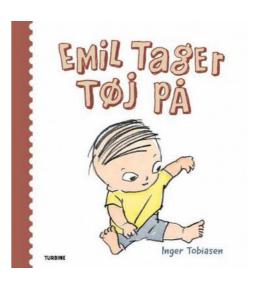
A new board book series by Inger Tobiasen with small recognizable stories for the youngest children.

Inger Tobiasen is one of the best-known Danish illustrators of children's books – with her recognisable style, she catches the sentiments of children beautifully and she has provided artwork for many books, also by other authors.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Emil gets dressed by himself. First his boxer shorts. And t-shirt. Then pants and sweatshirt. Then, he is ready to go out.

This is a robust board book series made for small, eager hands. The books are ideal for language training and vocabulary enhancement. The series also include Emil is hungry, Emil in sun and rain and Emil's painting book.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: <u>Turbine</u>

Published: December, 2021

20 pages

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

Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u>

Genre: Realism

Available material: English sample

#### **Territories Handled**

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

#### **Inger Tobiasen**



# Fanni and her naughty scissors

### Fanni og hendes frække saks

Playful series about the creative little girl, Fanni, who uses her skills and imagination to build adventures and new friends out of materials, such as beads, thread, playdough, and sand. Aimed at 2-6 year-olds.

Inger Tobiasen is one of the best-known Danish illustrators of children's books – with her recognisable style, she catches the sentiments of children beautifully and she has provided artwork for many books, also by other authors.



Fanni's naughty scissors cut through everything, until she gets upset with it and tie a string around its greedy snout. But then she discovers that all the things the scissors has cut through can be recycled to make up something fun.

The book is part of a series of five books where Inger Tobiasen mixes illustration and photography to create a playful, creative feeling.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Fannis Farver

Published: April, 2022

48 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Genre: Crafts

Themes: <u>Curiosity</u>, <u>Imagination</u>

Available material: English sample upon request

#### **Territories Handled**

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

#### **Inger Tobiasen**



# Fanni's Green Book (1)

#### Fannis grønne bog (1)

Fanni's Green Book is the first in a series of 10 small book, about the imaginative play of Fanni. Currently nominated for one of the prestigious prizes at the 28. Biennale of Illustrations Bratislava and sold in translation to China Mainland and South Korea.

**Inger Tobiasen** is one of the best-known Danish illustrators of children's books - with her recognisable style, she catches the sentiments of children beautifully and she has provided artwork for many books, also by other authors.



Fanni wants to sleep. Dragon wants to sleep too, but his stomach rumbles, and he farts, and Fanni does not like that. She moves farther away, but Dragon's fart sounds very loud, so eventually Fanni wipes him away with her eraser. She still can't sleep because now she misses Dragon and therefore she draws him again with her green crayon. Now they can both sleep. Good night.

#### **REVIEWS**

"A reader reported that her 5-year-old child suffers from high-functioning autism. This is the first time he has read a book in its entirety and read 5 titles at a time. Our editor felt sincerely happy. Thank you very much for your creativity and work. Somewhere in the world, there is a child who is happy because of reading your series. It is a very remarkable achievement." – (Note to the author from her Chinese publisher: Beijing Yutian Hanfeng Book Co., Ltd)



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Fannis Farver

Published: 2018

40 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Film Rights: Babel-Bridge Literary Agency

Available material: Danish originals and English sample translations. Chinese translation by UTOP.

#### **Territories Handled**

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

#### **Territories Sold**

Chinese Simplified: UTOP

Korean: Montessori Korea Co., Ltd.

# Line-Maria Lång Karen Vad Bruun Cato Thau-Jensen







# Frank Here and There and **Everywhere**

### Frank mig her

What happens when Dad suddenly gets a new partner? That this new partner also happens to be a man is not the main topic of the book. The focus is more on accepting new relations in the family.

Line-Maria Lång (b. 1982) is a Danish-Swedish author of both adult- and children's books.

Karen Vad Bruun (b. 1977) has worked with books in many different roles: as author, translator, publisher and rights seller.

Cato Thau-Jensen (b. 1966) is a Danish illustrator, known for his wild and colourful illustrations in humourous children's books.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Vild Maskine

Published: February, 2022

28 pages

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

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

Genre: Realism

Themes: <u>LGBT</u>, <u>Family</u>, <u>Jealousy</u>

Available material: English sample

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

Spanish (Chile): Invertido Ediciones

Swedish: Hjulet

#### **SYNOPSIS**

"Dad says that he is a proper "Frankophile". He likes everything and anything to do with Frank". That includes French waffles, franked mail and Frankenstein's monster. And one day it also turns out that it includes a man called Frank, who moves in with father and son in their flat.

It is not easy to make space in the family for a new surprise member. Especially not Frank, who takes up way too much space. It is Frank here and there and everywhere.

A lovely picture book where the focus is less on diversity and more on accepting new family constellations and giving in to something that is actually rather nice – a new friend, whose large shoes can contain a lot of Lego (and water)...

Winner of the Blixen Prize 2019 in the category Children's Book of the Year

Nominated for the Nordic Literature Council Prize for Children's Books 2023

Included in the White Ravens 2022

Nominated for The Best Picture Book of the Year 2022 by the Copenhagen Libraries

Second place in Grundtvigsk Forum's Children's Literature Competition for new LGBT-literature 2019

#### **REVIEWS**

"Linguistically the book is incredibly innovative and playful: "It's Frank here and there and everywhere", as the boy says. Thau-Jensen's illustrations are full of quirkiness." – Damián Arguimbau (Kristeligt Dagblad)

"This is quality stamped Danish children's book literature, told and drawn with solidary love and elevated from all kinds of prejudice - a true, top-modern rainbow story." – Klaus Rothstein (Bo Bedre (Danish magazine))

# **Kasper Hoff** Thomas Hjorthaab





# Freya and the **Dragon**

### Freja og dragen

An action-packed picture book about the power of the imagination - with colourful illustrations by Thomas Hjorthaab, who also illustrates Shitty Kitty.

Kasper Hoff (b. 1972) is an award-winning Danish author and dramatist.

Thomas Hjorthaab is a graduate of Serieskolan in Malmö from 2012 and a fulltime illustrator.



Freya is quite fed up! Her parents are so boring at breakfast and she is getting really bored. But then suddenly, all hell breaks lose when a hungry dragon arrives at her front door. Freya needs to act quick - and on her own, because her parents don't seem to recognise the immense danger they are in. What to do?!



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: June, 2024

32 pages

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

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

Genre: Realism

Themes: Family, Imagination, Courage

Available material: English sample upon

request

#### **Territories Handled**

#### Mikkel Sommer



# The Golden **Porcupine**

### Det gyldne pindsvin

A cute picture book for the youngest children about generosity, compassion and friendship.

Mikkel Sommer (b. 1987) grew up in Copenhagen, Denmark. He started freelancing in 2009, working in illustration, design for animation and comic books. He lives in Berlin with his wife and daughter.



News travel fast that the needles of the golden porcupine have magical powers. When you get a golden needle, you can make a wish and it will come true. The porcupine generously lets all the eager animals take a precious needle, so they can make their wishes come true. However, when winter comes, he has only one pin left and is getting quite cold. But then a little mouse comes by...



Original Language: Danish

Published: October, 2023

32 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Genre: Fairytales

Available material: English sample upon

request

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

Korean: Seedosee

#### Rasmus Bregnhøi



# I search and search and search...

### Jeg leder og leder og leder...

A White Raven 2023, this is a gorgeous "Search & Find book" in Bregnhøi's signature style - colourful, detailed and imaginative.

Rasmus Bregnhøi is a hugely popular and award-winning Danish illustrator, who was short-listed for the Deutscher Jugendbuchpreis in 2019.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: June. 2022

24 pages

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

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

Genre: <u>Adventure</u>

Available material: English sample upon request

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A boy "wakes up" in his room, surrounded by stuffed animals, toys, posters, and pictures. His favourite toy, the two "Wellie Sisters", are standing at the foot of the bed, but they disappear through a hole in the wall where the mirror had been hanging and the boy does not hesitate for a second - he runs after them.

He finds himself in a flamboyant world, a strange and lively chaos with flying crocodiles, dwarves, submarine captains, giraffes, penguins, and much more. He keeps catching a glimps of the Wellie Sisters, but he must search high and low, passing through a forest, over and under water, until he finally catches up with them and the three of them return home together.

Included in the White Raven 2023, the committee says about it: "With its merry »wimmelbook« style, teeming full of hidden items, »Jeg leder og leder og leder ...« includes many allusions to classics of children's literature, popular series, and comics. In other words, another great Bregnhøi! (Age: 4+)"

# Sabine Lemire Rasmus Bregnhøi





# **Jamie Penguin** saws in something that isn't his

### Jørgen Pingvin saver i noget, der ikke er hans

The long-awaited fourth instalment in the popular series about Jamie Penguin who loves to be creative and build things, but often ends up in trouble because he finds it difficult to sit still...

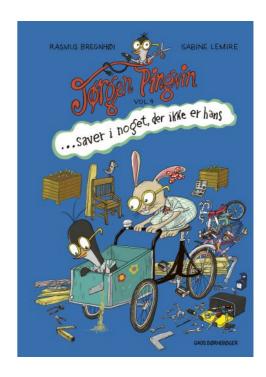
Sabine Lemire (b. 1974) is a graduate of the Danish Design School and The Duperré School of Applied Arts i in Paris. Short-listed for Deutscher Jugendbuch Preis 2019 with MIRA.

Rasmus Bregnhøi is a hugely popular and award-winning Danish illustrator, who was short-listed for the Deutscher Jugendbuchpreis in 2019.

### **SYNOPSIS**

Jamie Penguin is brilliant with a saw and Jamie Rabbit turns out to be good at finding material that you can saw in. But sometimes she forgets to ask for permission...

Another wonderfully detailed picture book with lovely everyday stories where imagination and creativity is given full rein.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u>

Published: October, 2023

56 pages

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

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

Genre: <u>Humour</u>

Themes: Curiosity, Imagination, Friendship, Belonging/Identity

Film Rights: Babel-Bridge

Available material: English sample of the

first book

### **Catrine Kyster**



# The Journey to New York: then and now

# Rejsen til New York: dengang og nu

New picture book tells the dual timeline story (1900 and 2024) of two girls who travel from Europe to America, highlighting the difference between travelling for vacation and immigration.

Catrine Kyster is a U.S-based Danish immigrant and historian.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: June, 2024

32 pages

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

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

Genre: Realism

Themes: Immigration

Available material: English sample.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Two girls.

Same destination.

Two different centuries.

Anna and Nora both live in Europe and are travelling to New York City. But while Nora and her mom are excited to visit the world-famous metropolis, Anna and her family, in 1900, are embarking on the long and emotional journey to move to America.

A new way of relating the history of European immigration to the United States, the book highlights the difference between immigrating and travelling for fun as well as historical changes in travel and communication. At the heart of the story is the meaning of home and what it means to move far away.

With lovely illustrations by Signe Gabriel.

#### **Territories Handled**

#### Jørgen Stamp



# Loui has a Bad Day

### Loui har en øvdag

New picture book series for the youngest about the little dog, Loui.

Jørgen Stamp (b. 1969) is a Danish graphic designer and author/illustrator.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Loui's day is off to a bad start. He has slept rather awfully and is in a terrible mood. His friend, Mo, has loads of great ideas for what they can do together, but Loui is up for none of them. Until Mo has an accident and Loui comes to the rescue.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: June, 2024

32 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Genre: Realism

Themes: Friendship, Suffering

Available material: English sample upon

request

#### **Territories Handled**

# Kim Fupz Aakeson Signe Kjær





#### **SYNOPSIS**

Maria has never been with a man?

# **Maria Gives Birth to** a Child

#### Maria føder et barn

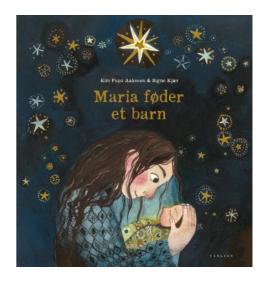
Kim Fupz Aakeson retells the most wellknown tale from the Bible - the Christmas Gospel - in a playful language, full of humour.

Kim Fupz Aakeson is an award-winning, bestselling writer of children's books.

Signe Kjær is a Danish illustrator of books and magazines.

Maria is in love and engaged to be married with Joseph. Everything is as it should be. Until the archangel, Gabriel, shows himself to her and says: "You will give birth to a child. A son. A human child." But how can that be right, when

"The son you will give birth to, is God's son, the Son of Heaven", the archangel Gabriel tells her. And Maria gets it, but what on earth is she supposed to say to Joseph?



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: October, 2023

32 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Available material: English sample upon request

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World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

German: Fischer Verlag

# Cecilie Eken Maren Tjelta Thu





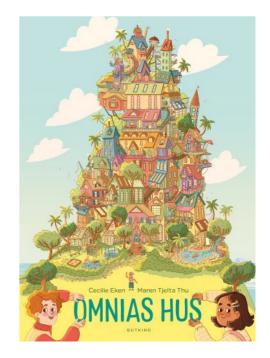
# **Omnia's House**

#### **Omnias Hus**

A poetic and colourful picture book full of details that celebrates an embracing community with room for everyone.

Cecilie Eken is an award-winning author who writes with beauty and imagination in a language that encompasses both the every day and the poetical. Her works tackle the big themes of life: parents and children, friendship, love, and finding our place in the world and a sense of connectedness. She is currently nominated for the prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

Maren Tjelta Thu (b. 1997) is a talented Norwegian illustrator, known for her colourful and whimsical seek-and-find pictures.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gutkind

Published: April, 2023

32 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Genre: Realism

Available material: English sample.

# **SYNOPSIS**

Omnia's house has room for everyone. In fact, the house offers everything a child could possibly want: community, fun, a place where you can use your imagination and play and learn.

Omnia greets all the different children who come knocking on her door. Among them is Karl, who is anxious; Ida, who longs for a friend; Aisha, who is a refugee. Each and every one of them have speciel qualities and backgrounds, and every one of them is met with a "welcome here".

The book is beautifully illustrated by Norwegian artist, Maren Tjelta Thu, who unfolds the colorful, playful universe that you can emerge yourself in.

#### **REVIEWS**

"Maren Tjelta Thu's illustrations are colourful and charming with a wide appeal because of the similarity to popular animation movies. The book is published in a big and exclusive format and the spreads are seek-and-find-like, allowing the readers to explore the corners of the house and the abundance of details... Omnia's house is light and airy in its visual expression, but you should not underestimate the underlying seriousness, which adresses society's approach to people with bumps on "the path of life" and the lack of "open hearts" in communities... The author has something to say about modern childhood, efficiency, integration and inclusion, and she reminds the reader about the values that cannot be described through curricula and competency goals." - Anna Skyggebjerg (Weekendavisen)

"This beautiful picture book leaves you with a warm and glowing heart. It has a

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great message, a wonderful, poetic language and the loveliest, detailed drawings. You are left in no doubt about how welcoming, wise and open-minded Omnia is. Omnia's house is a paradise for children with love, community spirit and understanding, but also cool and fun things like a zip line, a swimming pool and a race court." – (Danish Library Centre (Dansk Bibliotekscenter))

#### Ane Bjørn

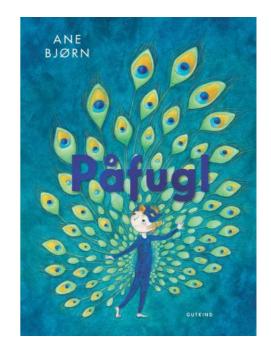


## Peacock

## Påfugl

A poetic tale about gender expectations and identity from celebrated author/illustrator, Ane Bjørn. Included in White Raven 2023 and nominated for the Cultural Ministry's 2022 Children's Book Illustrator Prize.

Through her evocative illustrations, Ane Bjørn gives form to everything that children (and adults) sometimes find challenging to express with words: dreams, fears, sorrow, anger and imagination.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gutkind

Published: August, 2022

32 pages

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

Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u>

Genre: Realism

Available material: English sample

#### **SYNOPSIS**

It's carnival time and Momo is scouting for a fancy dress costume. The shop is full of super heroes. Knights. Robots, Astronauts.

Dad gets excited about a flying dinosaur with wings you can move up and down. But Momo does not see it at all. He only has eyes for the stunning, sparkling bird costume with the bluish-green plumage.

Peacock is a poetic tale about the importance of being seen and met as the person you are.

Included in White Raven 2023.

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#### **Territories Sold**

Sinhala: <u>Dedunna Books</u>

Swedish: Berghs Forläg

#### Carl Quist-Møller



# Pete the Reading Tortoise

#### Læsepadden Pede

This heart-warming picture book is a celebration of the book and its ability to make us forget everything around us.

**Carl Quist-Møller** (b. 1964) is a popular Danish author, illustrator and musician.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

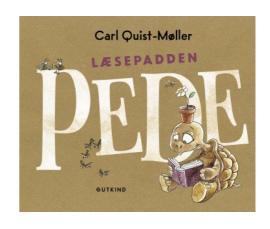
Pete is a lazy tortoise and one day when Fox, Hare, Mouse and Badger take him along to the library, Pete simply lies down and falls asleep. When he wakes up, he's been left behind and he is alone with a whole lot of books. But what is he supposed to do with all these book? Is he supposed to use them as building blocks? Is he supposed to sleep inside them?

Luckily, Pete is great at getting good ideas and when he finally thinks of opening a book, magical things start to happen.

Check out Danish publisher, Gutkind's, extra material here.

#### **REVIEWS**

"The Danish Minister of Cultur, Ane Halsboe-Jørgensen, thinks that the children's book, Pete the Reading Tortoise, is a good example of how the library can turn children into curious readers. She thinks that it has big impact on the reading interest of children that they are introduced to books at a very young age." – (Dansk Centralbibliotek for Sydslesvig)



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gutkind

Published: January, 2022

48 pages

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

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

Genre: <u>Humour</u>

Available material: English sample

#### **Territories Handled**

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

#### **Martin Sommer**



# Ringo is not allowed to be a scaredy pants

# Ringo må ikke være en bangebuks

Book three in the funny series about Ringo and his slightly hypocritical dad. Ringo is not allowed to be a scaredy pants! But is it really Ringo's dad who is scared?

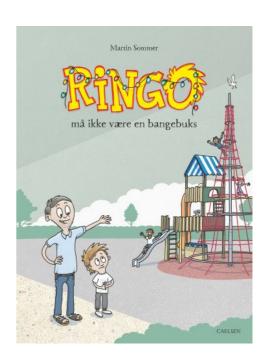
Martin Sommer is an illustrator, author, animator, graphic designer - and a professional pianist too (playing in the orchestra of Danish musician, Rasmus Seebach).



Ringo and his dad are at the playground. Ringo is busy with a lot of exciting stuff, but when he wants to climb into the highest climbing tower, it might be a bit too much excitement. In any case, Ringo is not quite sure if he dares to climb up there. But of course Ring's dad is convinced that he MUST. You shouldn't be a scaredy cat.

But is it perhaps Ringo's dad who is a bid scared?

In a simple and funny illustration style, Martin Sommer tells a story that all parents will recognise (if we are COMPLETELY honest) and that chidlren will love to read. All told in a loving tone.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: May, 2023

32 pages

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

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

Genre: Humour

Available material: English sample of the first book upon request.

#### **Territories Handled**

# Thomas Brunstrøm Thorbjørn Christoffersen





# Sally's Dad on **Slippery Slopes**

## Sallys far på glatis

Sally's Dad is a modern day classic in Denmark with sales reaching over 1 million copies across all formats. The series is furthermore proving its ability to travel: it is a bestseller in Poland, and translation rights are currently sold to Faroe Islands, Finland, Italy and Norway. Sally's Dad on Slippery Slopes is the fourteenth book in the series.

Thomas Brunstrøm is a bestselling author, freelance journalist, film critic and podcast host - and real-life dad to Sally and Eddie.

Thorbjørn Christoffersen is a Danish illustrator, film director and animator.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: November, 2023

40 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Genre: Humour

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

Norwegian: Cappelen Damm

Polish: <u>Dwukropek</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Sally's dad takes the whole family along on a skiing holiday. He is looking forward to showing Sally how brilliant he is at skiing. Sally feels more like hanging out with her friend, Svend, who is also there with his family. Sally's dad does what he can to catch Sally's attention, but his plans are constantly ruined by Svend's dad who is a bit better than Sally's dad at EVERYTHING!

# **Sophie Souid** Emilie Rubæk Holm





# **Sun over Inner City**

### Sol over indre by og historien om en ilder

The Story about a Ferret is the first book in the series Sun over Inner City about the girl, Sun, who has a mind of her own and a heart of gold.

Sophie Souid is an award-winning Danish children's book author known for her great humourous writing.

Emilie Rubæk Holm is an experienced freelance artist and illustrator with a Master's Degree focused on Visual Communication from The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts.



Sun would really like a pet and especially a dog. Mum says that they are not allowed to have pets in their flat. But Sun has the same relationship to rules as she has to the dentist. And new shoes that at too tight... So, if she is not allowed to OWN a dog, then she can just BORROW one... and forget to give it back again. Sun makes a plan and it will no doubt work out woofingly well, because Sun does not stop at anything. It's one of the things she has from her dad, Donor.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: November, 2022

40 pages

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

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

Genre: <u>Humour</u>

Film Rights: Babel-Bridge

Theatre Rights: Babel-Bridge

Available material: English sample upon

request

#### **Territories Handled**

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

#### Maria Mac Dalland



# **Tiny Toot and the Elephant Wash (4)**

#### Lille Tut of elefantvasken

The Tiny Toot universe is driven by curiosity and adventure, with an abundance of warmth and understanding for the smallest children. Tiny Toot also exists as a TV series made by Maria Mac Dalland and produced by Toolbox Film (premiere on Danish DR Minisjang in 2024, followed by Finnish YLE, Icelandic RUV, Norwegian NRK, and Swedish SVT).

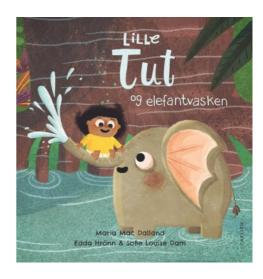
Maria Mac Dalland is an animation director with a number of animated films and documentaries under her belt.



Come on a journey with Tiny Toot, Gato and Nisse! Tiny Toot is a small girl who lives together with her brother, mum and dad, and her cat, Gato. In Tiny Toot's room, there is a mouse hole in the wall and her small friend, Nisse, lives in there. Nisse has a ecolicoptor, a flying walnut shell, and he is able to shrink Tiny Toot and Gato, so they can come with him on adventures everywhere. Only imagination sets the boundaries.

In this fourth book, Tiny Toot, Gato and Nisse go on an adventure in Nisse's ecolicoptor. They land in the jungle where they meet an elephant baby, bathing in the muddy pond with its mum. The baby elephant finds it difficult to stand still, so Tiny Toot has to help...

With illustrations by Maria Mac Dalland, Edda Hrönn and Sofie Louise Dam.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: October, 2023

40 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u>

Genre: Fantasy

Available material: English sample upon request

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### Zakiya Ajmi



# The Witch

#### Heksen

A lovely picture book about friendship, loneliness and balloons.

Zakiya Ajmi is a widely celebrated debut author. She was nominated for the Nordic Literature Council's Children's Book Prize in 2022 and shortlisted for the Cultural Ministry's Children's Book Author Prize.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

This book is about a witch. An EVIL witch. And dangerous. She might not look so evil and dangerous, when you first spot her. But she really is. Så watch out. This book is also about a boy. A boy with a red balloon. And he is not so easy to frighten.

Can you be friends with someone who is very different to yourself - and who is does not seem particularly friendly at first encounter? If you are a stubborn boy who loves balloons and is not so easy to scare off - then perhaps...

With lovely illustrations by Anne Louise Laugesen.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: April, 2024

32 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u>

Genre: Realism

Available material: English sample upon

request.

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# **Annette Bjørg** Signe Kjær





### **SYNOPSIS**

something that was much worse: a heart...

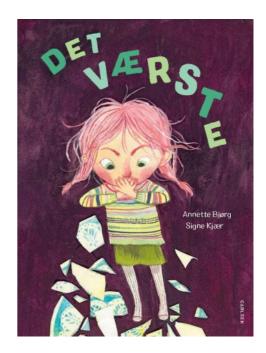
### The Worst

#### Det værste

A powerful story about having the best intentions, but nevertheless ruining both things and relations around you.

Annette Bjørg is a journalist by profession and has attended the Writing School for Children's Literature in Copenhagen.

Signe Kjær is a Danish illustrator of books and magazines.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: December, 2022

32 pages

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

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

Genre: Realism

Themes: Love, Family, Fear & Anxiety,

Courage

Available material: English sample upon

request

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Frida is a bit clumsy. She pushes over the glass with milk, ruins the pearl necklace of the new girl and hits the neighbour's green house with the football. It is hard to be Frida, because she doesn't do it on purpose. Fortunately, Grandmother is good at consoling her. And she says that she has once broken

The book is warmly and atmospherically illustrated by Signe Kjær, who received the Cultural Ministry's Illustrator Prize in 2021.

#### Bárður Oskarsson



### Hilbert

The latest instalment in Bárður Oskarsson's ouevre; this time a tongue-in-cheek tale of friendship.

The award-winning Faroese author, Bárður Oskarsson, has an impressive 15 foreign languages on his list of translation sales.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Bob, the rabbit, and Hilbert, the dog, from Bárður Oskarsson's award-winning, The Tree, are back. When we left them last, Bob was unsure whether Hilbert was actually able to do what he claimed he was ace at, namely to fly. But this time, he receives a phone call from Hilbert, in dire need of his help. He cannot land on the ground anymore! Good thing Bob has his carrot with him; but will he ever get it back again...?



Original Language: Faroese

Original Publisher: Bokadeild Føroya

<u>Lærarafelags</u>

Published: 2020

30 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Available material: English translation

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Danish: Torgard

Korean: Jinsun Publishing Co.