



# **Non-fiction Highlights**

Spring 2024



### 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: <u>Forlaget Krabat</u> Published: August, 2023 81 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Non-Fiction</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u> Themes: <u>Climate</u>, <u>Environment</u> Available material: <u>English sample</u>.

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

### 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.

### SYNOPSIS

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: <u>Forlaget Carlsen</u> Published: February, 2024 64 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u>

Available material: English sample

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

German: <u>Hanser Verlag</u>

### Troels Gollander Lars-Ole Nejstgaard





# Max and Meta: Atoms

### Max og Meta: Atomer

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. *Atoms* is the fifth book in the series, comprising seven books.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Forlaget Meta

Published: August, 2023

26 pages

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

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

Genre: Non-fiction

Themes: Science

Available material: *Full English sample* of the first book in the series, *The Moon*.

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

**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 fifth book, our two heroes (and the philosophical fly) examine the smallest building blocks of nature, the atoms. As usual, this is done with a good mix of imagination, magic and silly ideas. Max and Meta themselves turn into the atoms of a water molecule and meet Niels Bohr himself, who helps them understand what atoms are and how they are built.

### REVIEWS

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

"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)

### 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.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Forlaget Krabat</u> Published: April, 2024 49 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Non-Fiction</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u> Themes: <u>Climate, Environment</u> Available material: English sample.

### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

### Jens Bangsbo



# How You become an Elite Football Player

# It is not your talent only, it is very much what you do

A brilliant comprehensive guide for boys and girls who are serious about football.

Jens Bangsbo is a distinguished Danish Professor of Sports Science and a successful soccer coach, who has trained legendary players such as Zidane and Ronaldo during his time in a.o. Juventus FC and Atalanta.

### SYNOPSIS

It is not only the biggest talents that become elite players. Far from it. If you want to be good at football, you have to make the right choices.

Jens Bangsbo is an internationally renowned physical trainer, who has helped some of the biggest football stars in the world reach new heights in clubs like Juventus and Atalanta.

In this books, for children from 10+, he shares his best tips on physical, technical, mental and tactical training.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen Published: April, 2023 160 pages Category: Children's Books Sub-category: Tween Genre: Non-fiction Themes: Football Available material: English sample translation.

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

Azerbaijani: Libra Kitap

Italian: Calzetti & Mariucci Edizioni

Romanian: Pilot Books

### Margrethe Brun Hansen Nina Bendixen





# Why don't We just Plant a lot of Trees? and other good Climate Questions from Children

### Hvorfor planter vi ikke bare en masse træer? og andre gode klimaspørgsmål fra børn

The mantra in this new optimistic climate book is "The more we know, the stronger we are". Climate journalist, Nina Bendixen, and child psychologist, Margrethe Brun Hansen, meet children age 9+ at their level and answer some of the big important questions that a lot of children concern themselves with.

Margrethe Brun Hansen is a psychologist with a speciality in child psychology. She is the author of several bestselling books and is a popular lecturer. On top of that, she is often interviewed for print media and has appeared on television on many occasions.

**Nina Bendixen** is a weather presenter on Danish national television and has her own radio program called "Crazy about Climate". She creates entertaining workshops for schools on climate topics and and is "the climate nerd" on the national children's newspaper, *Børneavisen*.

### SYNOPSIS

Nina Bendixen and Margrethe Brun Hansen calm out minds, helping us understand that Earth and nature are actually tough and survived some crazy events throughout history, coupled with the fact that a lot of climate measures are in place that will help us going forward.

They also answer a lot of questions that children posed themselves:

- Why don't we just plant a lot of trees?
- Why does CO2 exist if it is so bad?
- What happens with the sea, when it gets warmer?
- Why is a cow fart extra bad for the climate?
- Will it be possible to move to Mars?



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#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

Sinhala: Dedunna

• And many more...

The book is richly and humoristically illustrated by Bjørn Nørbo Andersen.

### Shane Brox



# Monsters - Beastly Creatures with Big Emotions

### Monstre - Stygge skabninger med store følelser

Emotions explained through monsters in colourful new book for 6-9 year-olds.

**Shane Brox** (b. 1968) is an author and multimedia artist with more than 20 creative books under his belt.

### SYNOPSIS

Welcome to the world of monsters!

In this book, you will meet 12 creatures whose roots go back a long time. Some of them are more than 2000 years old. Back then, monsters were a natural part of our reality. They gave us a language and helped us to understand some of the emotions that dominated our everyday life.

Feelings like anger, fear, sorrow and glee are all real, even the uncomfortable ones. And space should be given to all of them, as it allows us to show how we really feel.

Even if most of us don't believe in vampires and dragons nowadays, we still create monsters when we don't talk about our feelings. Then we create inner monsters. When we are hiding things, monster-large emotions develop in us and between people – just like in the old days.

If we are honest and talk about our emotions, they are easier to understand and accept and the chance of us being able to let go of them increases.

Meet Mare – the monster of fear, *Blemmya* – the monster of sadness, *Basilisk* – the monster of insecurity and *Krake* – the monster of love.

This book is based on an exhibition – *Monsters: Nasty Creatures with Big Emotions* - which took place in the ruins underneath Christiansborg.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: April, 2022 36 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u> Available material: English sample upon

### **Territories Handled**

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### Stine Bødker Emil Landgreen





### SYNOPSIS

Mermaids Havfruer

All you need to know about one of the ocean's most magical creatures, the mermaid.

**Stine Bødker** is behind a brilliant new non-fiction title on mermaids.

**Emil Landgreen** is a Danish illustrator, drummer and author, based in Copenhagen.

Mermaids are the most stunning creatures imaginable. Beautiful and otherworldly with mesmerizing voices. Strong, independent and sometimes dangerous.

But who are they really? Are they nature spirits? Fable animals? Goddesses? Or just secret ocean creatures?

In this beautiful, densely illustrated, non-fiction book, aimed at a 6-9 audience, you will be introduced to the myths and the fairy-tales, get lots of funny and magical facts – and become much more informed of the mermaid's strength, her equipment and her exciting history.



Original Language: *Danish* Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: September, 2021 40 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u>

Available material: English sample

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### Stine og Hannah Dreyer



# Book of Farts: an Encyclopeadia of Farts

### Pruttebogen: leksikon over fimser

A funny and informative picture book with brilliant illustrations by Maria Buchmann. Sold in translation to Korean, Poland and Norway.

**Stine Dreyer** and **Hannah Dreyer** are the mother/daughter duo who let their imagination run free and created an encyclopedia of 23 different types of farts.

### SYNOPSIS

Everybody farts! Even Queen Elizabeth and Justin Bieber. You probably know farts best from yourself, your family, and your friends. But how does a fart become a fart?

This is exactly what mother/daughter duo, Stine and Hannah Dreyer set out to examine and they have developed their own *Fartotology*, the teaching of farts and how they develop.

Some farts are noisy, some a completely silent - and all research shows that loud farts smell less whereas silent farts smell of death and destruction. You choose freely between pest or cholera: do you want to hold the fart back and risk that it develops into a *Silent Stinker*? Or do you prefer to release the *Firecracker*?

Something all farts have in common is that they are funny, even if they appear at the worst possible moments: in class, in the middle of a good game, during dinner.

This book invites curious children and their parents to talk about shared experiences with different fart types, including the *Bubbler*, the *Firecracker*, the *Horror Honk* and the *Serial Fart*.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Turbine</u> Published: May, 2019 44 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Film Rights: Babel-Bridge Literary

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Available material: Danish original, English sample translation. Translations into Korean, Norwegian and Polish.

#### **Territories Handled**

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#### **Territories Sold**

Korean: Yellow Pig

Norwegian: Solum Bokvennen

Polish: Czarna Owca

### Peter Gotthardt



# When Emma became Emma and how it happened

### Da Emma blev Emma - og hvordan det gik til

A great book for the youngest about how they were made – describing the way from egg to birth in a charming way. Published in South-Korea.

**Peter Gotthardt** is the author of over 60 books for children, among them the charming picture book, *When Emma became Emma - and how it happened*.

### SYNOPSIS

Emma is her own - and then again, she is not quite. Everyone says she has her mum's nose and her dad's curly hair. But why is it that she looks both like mum and dad?

Emma is 4 years old and very interested in how she was made. She discusses her creation with her teddy and her cat, who are both throughout the book comment on the events in an amusing way - from the moment when her parent's decide to have a child, to the egg and sperm cell meet, while Emma grows in the womb, until her delivery. The whole process is told in a straight-forward and very charming way.

With lovely illustrations by Kirsten Raagaard.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Forlaget Carlsen</u> Published: April, 2008 28 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u> Genre: <u>Realism</u> Themes: <u>Love, Family,</u> <u>Belonging/Identity</u>

### **Territories Handled**

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#### **Territories Sold**

Korean: Dhampus

### Anna Knakkergaard Jungle Dreams Julie Dam





### Drømmejunglen

Never before have so many people battled with sleep issues and the problem extends to our children and young people too who struggle to process the day's experiences and fall asleep seamlessly.

Medical doctor and clinical hypnotist, Anne Knakkergaard, uses her specialised knowledge to create bedtime books based on soothing hypnosis techniques.

Architect. Julie Dam. uses her full artistic palette to create the sweet illustrations in bedtime story books

### **SYNOPSIS**

Through a series of stories, the child is encouraged to help the animals in the Jungle Dreams to find peace, so that both the child and the animals can fall asleep.

There are many reasons why the animal children have difficulty sleeping. The sloth, Susan, worries and ponders. The parrot, Petra, talks too much and isn't tired at all. The tapir, Tom, has a tummy ache and Lisa the Leafcutter Ant is afraid of the dark. Hank, the Howler Monkey has his head full of busy thoughts and Jason the Jaguar is struggling with growing pains.

The six stories in the Jungle Dreams are carefully developed and written so that the child can find help to deal with the most common problems connected with falling asleep.

In addition to the bedtime stories, the book offers hands-on advice and information on sleep, as well as tips on how to create the right atmosphere when reading aloud. The book is aimed at families with children aged 4-10 years.

In the home-market, the Jungle Dreams is available in App Store and Google Play where the stories can be played with soothing jungle music that continues after the story is over.

### **REVIEWS**

"Jungle Dreams' are stories on the children's premises combined with great professional ballast. These are stories that are easily accessible. Stories that normalize and acknowledge children's reactions at bedtime, and which in a simple way help the children to deal with difficult thoughts, feelings and bodily sensations. The stories help the children to provide self-care and master pondering at bedtime. Drawings and illustrations are beautiful." - Annette



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Jungledrømme Published: April, 2021 80 pages Category: Children's Books Sub-category: Picture Books (5-8 years) Genre: Non-fiction Themes: Relaxation

Available material: English sample

Walsted - Psychologist, and mother of Benjamin (8 years) and Alexander (3 years) ()

"The book is easy to get started with and has good instructions for the adult along the way. It works very well with the "sleeping tips" in addition to the stories. Wonderful stories that help the child to relax, enjoy the breathing and form positive and imaginative stories in his head while he falls asleep." – Kathrine Lauritzen - Doctor, and mother of Jacob (7 years) and Emil (4 years) ()

### **TERRITORIES HANDLED**

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

### **TERRITORIES SOLD**

Chinese Complex: <u>Akker</u>, Chinese Simplified: <u>Grand China Happy Cultural</u> <u>Communications Ltd</u>, Polish: <u>Wydawnictwo Czarna Owca</u>, Swedish: <u>Lind & Co.</u>.

### Sabine Lemire Jenz Koudahl





# Charlie the Motorcycle

### Motorcyklen Charlie

Big and colourful picture book about ignition pipes, socket wrenches, and friendship.

**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.



Charlie the Motorcycle loves to cruise without a destination in mind – just him and the road. He likes that much better than going to the garage for check-ups. One day his motor stops running when he is in the middle of nowhere with only cows in sight.

But then Britt appears out of the blue – she is a pretty gorgeous motorcycle, yellow and shiny and newly MOTed. She takes him along to her good friend, the mechanic. And he is a brilliant person to know, because it can be hard to tell if your clutch is out of order or if you just simply need a bit of loving oil...



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: March, 2023 48 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u> Themes: <u>Friendship</u> Available material: English sample upon request

### **Territories Handled**

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### Line Meyer



# The Day the Farts Disappeared

### Den dag prutterne forsvandt

A really inviting and beautiful picture book about one of the body's very important functions. Inside the body a lot of unexpected things take place – it is almost like a factory where a lot of different departments have to collaborate in order for the body to work properly.

**Line Meyer** (b. 1989) is a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna and lives and works in Berlin.



Professor Gut Flora creates both big and small farts, slimy and dry farts, bomb farts and stinky farts every single day in her fart laboratory.

And she is really good at it. There is just one problem... even when Flora does her very utmost to make some really good, stinky farts, her friends in the body never says anything nice about them. And neither do the people outside of the body.

It just cannot be right. Because Flora is genius at what she does - she deserves recognition.

One day enough is enough and she leaves her fart laboratory. And sure enough, not long after, chaos rules – because when no one is there to create the farts, the body does not work.

Now all Flora's friends have to set out to find her ... before the Brain Bosses start a devastating purge cycle...



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: June, 2021 64 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u> Available material: English sample

### **Territories Handled**

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#### **Territories Sold**

Korean: Hyun Books

### Kim Fupz Aakeson Signe Kjær





# Hans Christian Andersen - a life of ups and downs and lots of adventure

Hans Christian Andersen et liv med modgang, medgang og en masse eventyr

A new exciting biography about Hans Christian Andersen for children aged 6+ by the successful author/illustrator duo Fupz and Kjær (see The Children's Bible).

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

**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

Hans Christian Andersen was a master storyteller! We all know the fairy tales about the Ugly Duckling, the Emperor's New Clothers and Clumsy Hans. But did you know that Hans Christian Andersen actually wanted to be an actor? Or that he had a teacher who called him a toilet poet? Or that he never went travelling without a long rope?

Hans Christian Andersen had a lot of tales to tell, but there is also quite a lot to be told about him.

### REVIEWS

"A serious and reable biography. Imaginative and fabulating in its illustrations." – Alice Buchhave Nørlem (Folkeskolen (industry magazin for teachers))



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Forlaget Carlsen</u> Published: June, 2022 96 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Middle-Grade</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u> Available material: English sample available upon request

### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

#### **Territories Sold**

Bulgarian: Vakon