



Non-fiction Highlights

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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)



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: September, 2024 144 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Non-Fiction</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u> Available material: English sample upon

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

request.

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>

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

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.

SYNOPSIS

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



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Forlaget Bolden</u> Published: February, 2023 94 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Middle-Grade</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u> 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." – (Litteratursiden)

Troels Gollander Lars-Ole Nejstgaard





Max and Meta: Colours

Max og Meta: Farver

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, the moon, time and atoms. *Colours* is the second book in a series of seven.

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 second book, Max and Meta are talking about colours: how they occur and what signals they each send. And in the end, Meta's mum serves rainbow cake.

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)



Original Language: *Danish* Original Publisher: *Forlaget Meta* Published: *February, 2023* 26 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u>

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

Genre: Non-fiction

Themes: <u>Science</u>

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

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

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.

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?



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: October, 2024 32 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Non-Fiction</u> Genre: <u>Non-fiction</u> Available material: English sample on

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

request.

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: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: September, 2024 48 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

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

World except: Danish

request

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.

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 <u>Danish Cultural Ministry</u>'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)



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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.

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

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



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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) ()

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