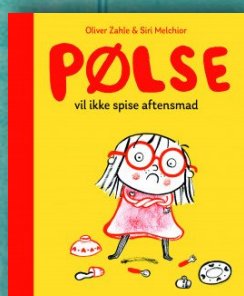
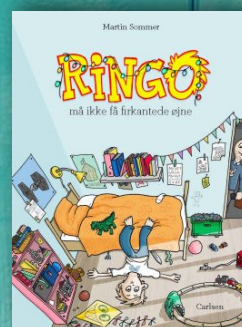
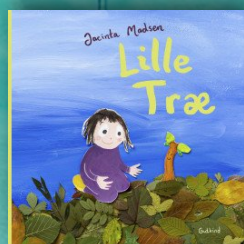
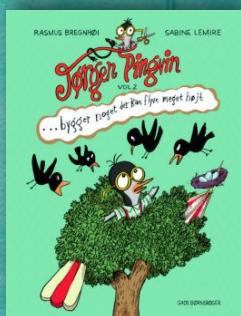
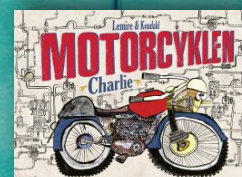
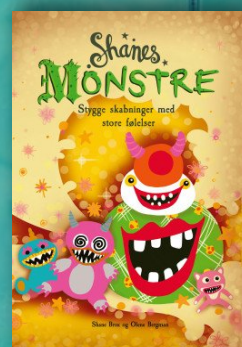
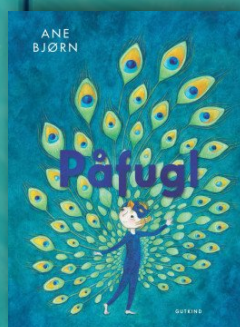
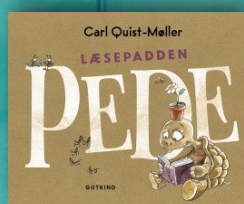
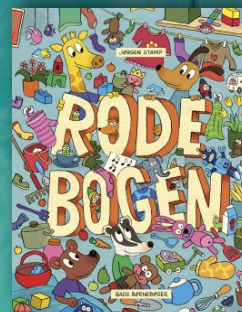
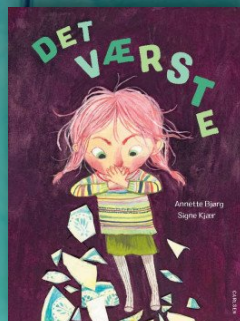
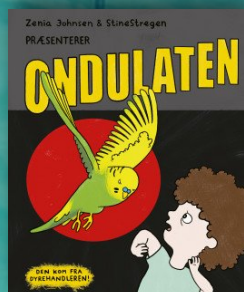
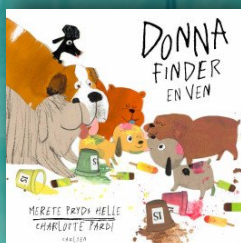




# Picture Book highlights

Spring 2023



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.

## 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.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: 2023

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Friendship*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish



Zenia Johnsen  
Stine Spedsbjerg



## BudgiEVIL

### Ondulaten

Laugh-out-loud "pet horror" in new comic book aimed a 5-8 year-olds.

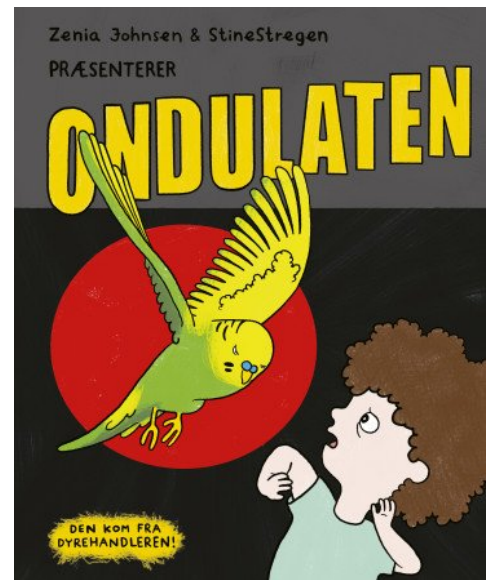
**Zenia Johnsen** (b. 1975) is an author and illustrator, with a past as librarian, reviewer, editorial consultant and a member of the prize committee of the Cultural Ministry.

The artist, **StineStregen**, has earned herself lots of fans with her original, recognisable illustration style.

### SYNOPSIS

Bastian desperately wishes for a pet and mum completely agrees. Bastian needs to learn to be a responsible person and a pet is perfect for that. Bastian would ideally like to have a soft, cute rabbit, but mum does not think that is a good pet. A budgie is much better: it is easy to keep and completely innocuous. So that's what they get.

The discussions continue - now it's about the name: Bastian would like to call it Sweet Pea, but mum insists on Chirpy. However, neither Bastian nor the budgie agree on this. Because it turns out that it isn't an ordinary budgie that they have bought. It is a BudgiEVIL and how on earth are you going to escape such a species?



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *February, 2023*

40 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Children*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Annette Bjørg  
Signe Kjær



## The Worst

### Det værste

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

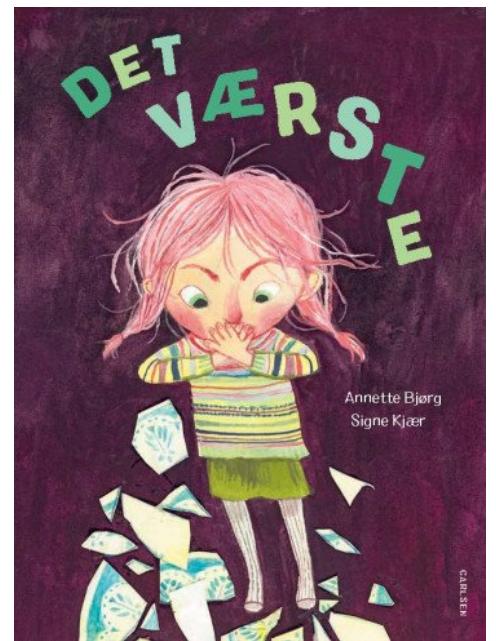
**Annette Bjørg** is a journalist by profession and has attended the Writing School for Children's Literature in Copenhagen.

**Signe Kjær** 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

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 something that was much worse: a heart...

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



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *December, 2022*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Love, Family, Fear & Anxiety, Courage*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Jørgen Stamp



## Book of Mess

### Rodebogen

Colourful seek-and-find book for the youngest, helping the Dog, Giraffe, Bear and Badger families find all the things they have lost in their homes.

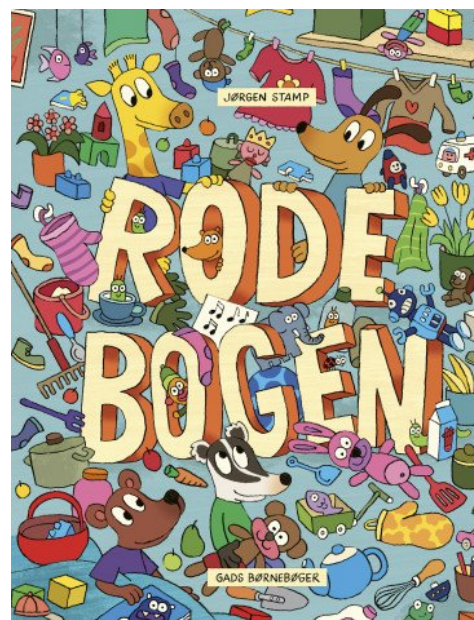
**Jørgen Stamp** (b. 1969) is a Danish graphic designer and author/illustrator.

### SYNOPSIS

In this book, everything is very messy.

The Dog, Giraffe, Bear and Badger families are very very busy. They have to put on their clothes, they have to cook, they have to put together a jigsaw puzzle ... and many other things. But they clearly need a helping hand from small readers, because nothing is to be found in its regular place.

This is a sweet seek-and-find book for the youngest. The solutions are found at the back of the book.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *June, 2023*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Available material: *English sample upon request.*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

### Territories Sold

Macedonian: *Sakam Knigi*

Norwegian: *Cappelen Damm*

Thomas Porsager  
Sofie Lind Mesterton



# Captain 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: *Children's Books*

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 except: Danish

## Territories Sold

Sinhala: Dedunna

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.

## SYNOPSIS

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: *Curiosity, Imagination*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)



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

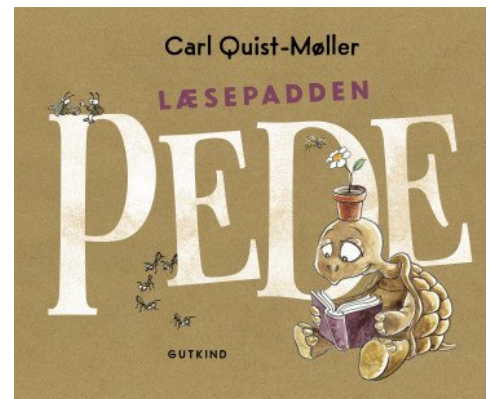
Pete is a lazy tortoise and one day when Fox, Hare, Mouse and Badger take him along to the library, Pete simply lies down and falls asleep. When he wakes up, he's been left behind and he is alone with a whole lot of books. But what is he supposed to do with all these book? Is he supposed to use them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

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

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample*

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)



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.

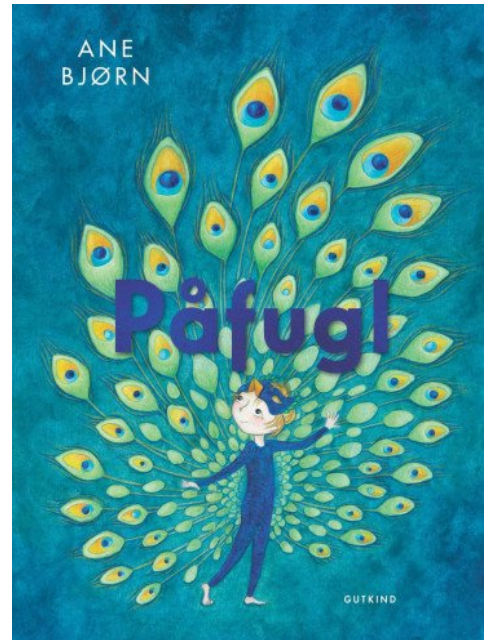
### SYNOPSIS

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*.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *August, 2022*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *English sample*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

### Territories Sold

Portuguese (Brazil): *Pingo de Luz*

Sinhala: *Dedunna Books*

Swedish: *Berghs Forlåg*

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 multi-media 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: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *April, 2022*

36 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Non-fiction*

Available material: *English sample upon request.*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Sabine Lemire  
Jenz Koudahl



# Charlie the Motorcycle

## Motorcyklen Charlie

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

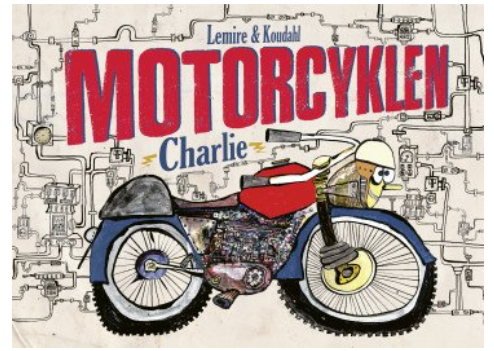
**Sabine Lemire** (b. 1974) is a graduate of the Danish Design School and The Duperré School of Applied Arts in Paris. Short-listed for Deutscher Jugendbuch Preis 2019 with MIRA.

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

## SYNOPSIS

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: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *March, 2023*

48 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Non-fiction*

Themes: *Friendship*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)



Sabine Lemire  
Rasmus Bregnhøj



## Jamie Penguin Builds something that can Fly really High

### Jørgen Pingvin bygger noget, der kan flyve meget højt

A new gorgeous picture book series by author/illustrator duo behind the popular graphic novel series, MIRA.

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

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

## SYNOPSIS

Jamie Penguin loves to build things, but he is not too fond of school. It can be quite difficult for a small penguin to sit still and listen for too long in one sitting. Jamie often gets into trouble, both with his teacher for his lack of focus and with his parents for getting injured during his experiments.

However, Mondays are quite different - on those days, Jamie jumps out of bed to get to school in a flash, because in the first lessons he has "Crafts and Design" and in Britta's lessons everything is allowed and everything is possible. Good thing, because on the weekend, Jamie watched a brilliant program about rockets and he is dead-set on building one for himself ...

Lovely detailed illustrations by Rasmus Bregnhøj.

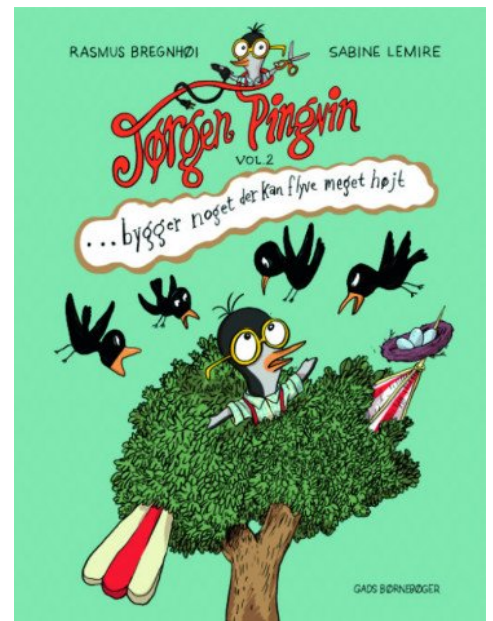
The sequel to the popular *Jamie Penguin Builds a Dog named Arno*.

**Option publishers include:** German (*Klett Kinderbuch*), Italian (*Sinnos*), Polish (*Natuli*).

## REVIEWS

"Quite simply wonderful." – (Litteratursiden (The Literature Page))

"Cosy, full of humour and action-packed." – (Library Review (Lektørdtalelse))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: May, 2022

56 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Humour*

Themes: *Imagination, Curiosity*

Available material: *English sample of the first book*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

Polish: *Natuli*

## Jacinta Madsen



## Little Tree

### Lille Træ

*Little Tree* is a tale that plays in the intimate sphere but is concerned with global dilemmas. Nominated for the Cultural Ministry's 2022 Children's Book Illustrator Prize.

**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.

## SYNOPSIS

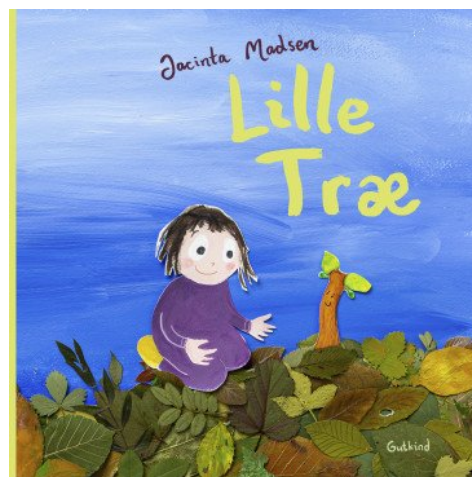
It is spring and *Little Tree* is about to burst into leaf when a small girl comes jumping through the forest. She pulls *Little Tree* out of the soil and brings it home, so they can live together in the city. The girl is full of good ideas and does everything she can to make sure her new friend is well – but *Little Tree* becomes weak and starts to fade. What is wrong with *Little Tree*?

*Little Tree* is a story about budding friendship between a girl and a little tree which is afraid to grow. It is difficult to play together when you are from different worlds, but perhaps the friendship can form the foundation for a completely new understanding?

A story in pictures about a friendship out of the ordinary, about empathy and the importance of seeing what others need.

Jacinta has developed a special collage technique where nature, paint brush, scissors and paper create a special aesthetic style which encourages children and grown-ups to creativity and play.

Take a look at Danish publisher, Gutkind's, extra Read and Talk-material [here](#).



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: May, 2022

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Environment, Friendship, Imagination*

Available material: *Full English sample*

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Ina Victoria Haller  
Lea Letén



# The Little Book on Big Words

## Den lille bog om store ord

Sequel to the bestseller, *The Little Book on Big Emotions*; this time about universal words and concepts, such as responsibility, wealth and truth.

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

**Lea Letén** has a wonderfully recognisable style and is a popular illustrator of children's books.

### SYNOPSIS

In the book, we follow two good friends who have a playdate in a playground. Through play, imagination and conversation, the two children move through some of the many big words in our language and attempt to describe and explain how they understand each of the word. Some of the words covered are “friendship”, “courage” and “imagination”.

Every page in the book concerns a specific word, with questions and explanations which are meant to spark conversation between the child and the adult. The book also contains illustration sequences that make it suitable for dialogical reading, and it is meant to help develop the linguistic skills of the child along the way. In this way, the curiosity of the child is stimulated, so that he or she actively considers the content of the book and is encouraged to philosophise about the concepts of the book together with an adult.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *September, 2022*

40 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Non-Fiction*

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)



Martin Sommer



# Ringo is not allowed to get square-eyed

## Ringo må ikke få firkantede øjne

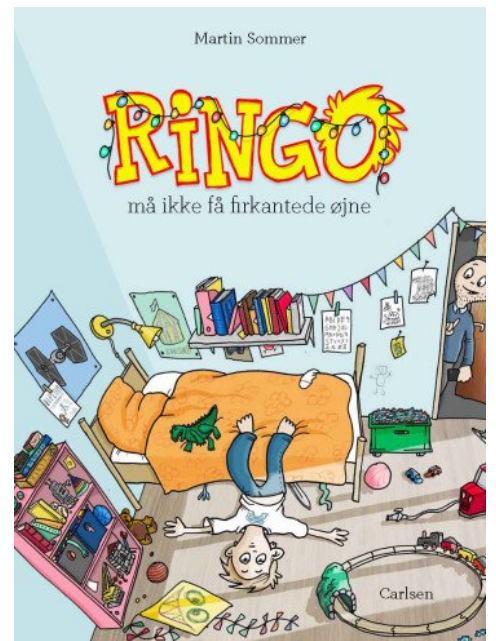
In his first picture book, Martin Sommer touches on an ever more relevant topic in our modern world in a relatable and accessible way which brings out the smiles in both adults and children.

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

### SYNOPSIS

This is a humorous and relevant book about Ringo who prefers to spend his day behind a screen. Ringo's dad does not think this is a good idea - he will get completely cross-eyed in the end. If Ringo gets 50 cents every time his dad says that sentence, then he'd soon be able to buy an entire house! But Ringo is not rich and he is completely fed up with listening to his dad repeating the same sentence day in and day out.

When Ringo asks his dad what he should do instead, the dad has a lot of good ideas. At least from an adult's point of view. But are they as good from the point of view of a child like Ringo?



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *March, 2021*

28 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

### Territories Sold

Arabic: *Sanad Publishing House*

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.

### SYNOPSIS

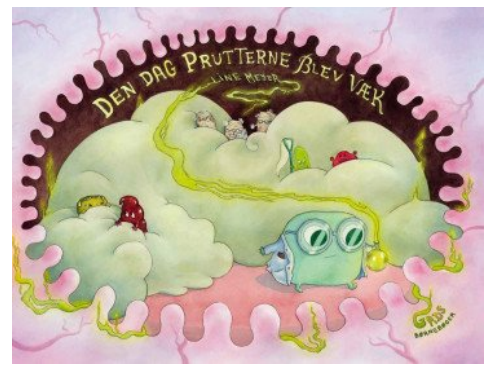
Professor Gut Flora creates both big and small farts, slimy and dry farts, bomb farts and stinky farts every single day in her fart laboratory.

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: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *June, 2021*

64 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Non-fiction*

Available material: *English sample*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

### Territories Sold

Korean: Hyun Books

Ane Bjørn



## Magic Sight

### Trylleblik

*Magic Sight* is a timeless and universal picture book about the unconquerable imagination of children and their amazing ability to play, dream and simply be children. Even under the most impossible conditions.

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.

## SYNOPSIS

If you close one eye and cover it with two fingers, you will get magic sight: this is the frame in which Ane Bjørn places her tale of a refugee family and a little girl's insistence to see the beauty of the world in the middle of its horrors.

In a nameless country, in a city in ruins, a girl learns something very special from her grandmother: By covering one eye with two fingers, you can see things, you otherwise don't have an eye for. Wonderful things, you didn't think existed. Golden castles in dark forests. Mermaids in the deep. Beauty, light and hope.

The perilous journey of the family towards a new place is told only through the visuals. The words on the other hand belong to the girl and loyally portray her subjective view of the world around her. A world that contrary to the harsh reality is full of colours and magic, light and hope.

**Winner of the Danish Book Design Prize in the category "Best Children's Book of the Year" (2022)**

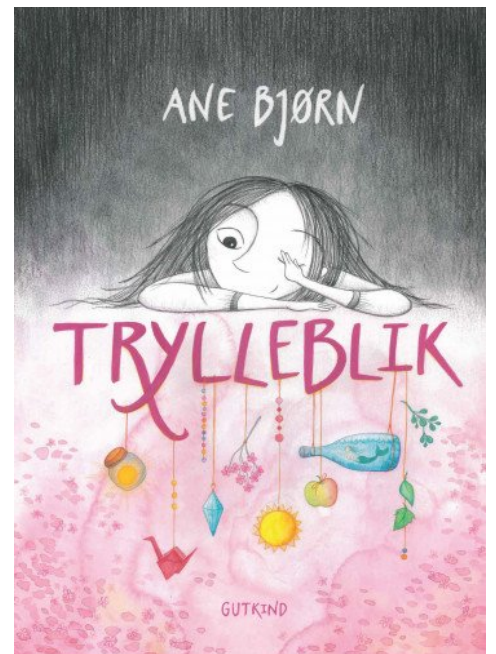
Part of Books from Denmark, Autumn 2021 (selected by the Danish Arts' Foundation).

**Shortlisted for the Danish Cultural Ministry's Author and Illustrator Prizes 2022.**

## REVIEWS

"The imagination diffuses the harsh reality in a moving tale about escape and loss and about undying hope... both aimed at those refugee children who have been through it all and those children who have only read or heard about refugees. Because of the gentle narrative form where the images bear the content, no one is at risk of getting hurt by the story." – (Weekendavisen)

"It is an incredible achievement that Ane Bjørn manages to create a transparent layer in the illustrations where we view both the girl and her grandmother's



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Themes: Belonging/Identity, Family, Loss/Grief, Curiosity

Available material: *English sample translation.*



magic movie from above. It really feels magical." – (Information)

## TERRITORIES HANDLED

World except: Danish

## TERRITORIES SOLD

Arabic: Sanad Publishing House, Bosnian: [Bajkologija](#), Korean: [Cheakyearnkids](#),

Macedonian: [Antolog Books](#), Swedish: [Berghs](#).

Oliver Zahle  
Siri Melchior



## Sausage does not want to eat Supper

### Pølse vil ikke spise aftensmad (I)

There is a lot of things that Sausage doesn't want and Dad is quite frankly finding it a bit confusing. But, magically, they always end up finding a way to agree.

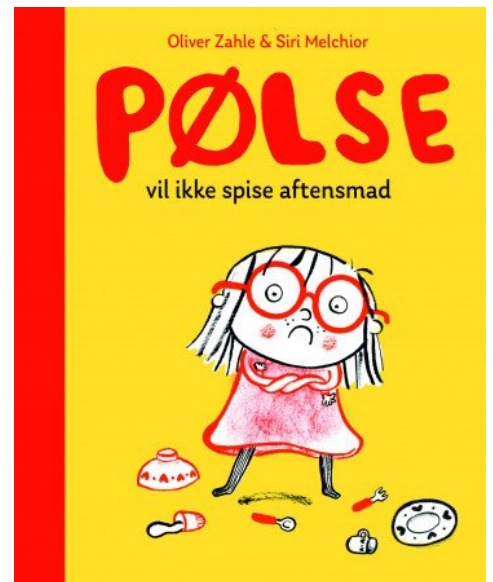
**Oliver Zahle** has written a charming picture book series about a little hard-nosed girl and her quirky Dad that is bound to make both parent and child laugh.

**Siri Melchior** has already proved that her illustration style travels, her books having been published in Germany and Spain.

## SYNOPSIS

Sausage would rather eat sweets, than her dinner. Dad says ok, but only on the condition that she eats nothing but sweets for the rest of the weekend. Sausage finds this really fantastic. But is it, really?

The *Sausage* series is a cute story about a little girl and her Dad; about the navigation of personalities, about the negotiation of values, all done tongue-in-cheek to ensure that both child and adult will get a laugh.



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Polish: Grupa Wydawnicza Filia