



Picture Book Highlights

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Anne Sofie Hammer | Wish It Could All Signe Kjær





Be Undone

Bare jeg kunne gøre det hele om

A magical picture story about undoing all the things you regret having done. We hear two different stories with the same words and images - you just have to turn the book upsidedown.

Anne Sofie Hammer is one of the most popular Danish children's books writers, and author of the bestselling series about Villads from Valby.

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

Everyone knows the conflict at bedtime. The tucking-in situation that should be cosy and safe, but ends in defiance and frustration.

It's evening, but the child is certainly not tired, and when the parents insist and kiss goodnight, things really go wrong. The child grabs its teddy and angrily runs out the door, through the garden, down to the river AND throws the teddy into the water!

If only it could all be undone! The miracle happens - the child's wish is granted. The book is turned upside down and, page by page, sentence by sentence, the story unravels to a new and surprising ending.

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

REVIEWS

"An incredibly beautiful and touching story about the child who won't sleep and runs away from home, but if you turn the book upside down and read it backwards, the story unravels and takes on a completely different meaning... It plays with both form and structure, which works really well. Signe Kjær's illustrations are truly beautiful, both in colour and line, and support the story in the best possible way. An extraordinary reading experience!" - (Danish Library Centre (Dansk bibliotekscenter)



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Gutkind Published: February, 2025 32 pages Category: Children's Books Sub-category: Picture Books (2-5 years) Genre: <u>Realism</u> Themes: Anger, Imagination Available material: English sample

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

translation

Ane Bjørn



Bear Child

Bjørnebarn

Bear Child is a beautifully illustrated story about how a child's difficult feelings can grow as big as bears. A story about feeling wrong and alone, and about daring to look what hurts you in the eye.

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.



Gro has a bear inside. A big bear with sharp claws and a rumbling roar that can shake the whole world. The bear comes when Gro is teased at school or when her parents argue. It comes when Gro is sad. Or when Gro doesn't want to be Gro because Gro has a stomach ache. The bear doesn't have a tummy ache. The bear is not upset. The bear just roars and runs off into the forest. But one day it meets another animal in its forest ...

REVIEWS

"It's good to have books that tell children that it's okay to roar if the grown-ups behave badly" – (Politiken (Danish daily newspaper)

"The bear in the book is a great opportunity to show children what anger and frustration can look like and what it takes to get rid of it again. [...] Difficult feelings should not be silenced, because then they grow and you might become a roaring bear forever. Bear Child is a good book to read aloud, and there are so many important things to talk about." – (Litteratursiden)



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Gyldendal Published: March, 2019 32 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Genre: <u>Realism</u> Themes: <u>Anger, Family, Suffering</u>, <u>Emotions</u>

Available material: English sample

Territories Handled

Cecilie Eken



The Shadow Child Mørkebarnet

The Shadow Child is something as unusual as a chilling picture book, written as a crown of sonnets. Published in 2007, it has obtained status of a classic on the Danish book market and is quite simply a masterpiece - written so that a 5-year-old can understand it, but with so many layers of meaning.

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 has been nominated for the prestigious <u>Astrid Lindgren</u> <u>Memorial Award</u> in 2023, 2024 and 2025.



The Shadow Child and The Light Child live with Mum and Dad. But the parents don't want the Shadow Child in the house because she is defiant and troublesome and disturbs the idyllic happiness of the family. Furious at their rejection, the Shadow Child wakes up all the monsters of the night and invites them in - ready to fight and scare the life out of the Light Child, so the Shadow Child can take her place.

With beautiful artwork by Malene Reynolds Laugesen.

REVIEWS

"Cecilie Eken, one of the best Danish rhyming poets for children. (...) The text is demonic, thriller-like dangerous and horrifying. And almost unbearable. The beautiful lines are, as mentioned, in shivering contrast to the content. The poetic language sings skillfully as the message creeps in. The subject is not new: parents' desire for children who neither demand nor disturb too much. And then there's sibling jealousy - here with clear associations to Cain and Abel. The theme is also the familiar contrast between light and dark, good and evil. But the way this is portrayed is new: a fully-formed demonism." – (Berlingske Tidende)

"The author manages to merge poetry and living narrative, and in many places it is simply beautiful. If a crown of sonnets should deter anyone in all its mathematical inaccessibility, just read the story aloud. Then the language dances away and the hairs stand up on your arms." – (Jyllandsposten)



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Gyldendal Published: 2007 40 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Themes: <u>Family, Jealousy, Emotions</u> Available material: <u>English sample upon</u>

Available material: English sample upon request, Full professional German translation

Territories Handled

Sabine Lemire Rasmus Bregnhøi





Jamie Penguin does Something about the Climate

Jørgen Pingvin gør noget ved klimaet

Jamie Penguin loves to be creative and build things, and he is always up to something... Jamie Penguin does Something about the Climate is the sixth book in the popular series about the creative penguin.

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

Mum Jytte and Dad Finn are absolutely miserable because they've heard on the radio that the poles are melting - and what will happen to their family at the South Pole?

Jamie Penguin can't stand all the noise, so he decides to build a climate machine. But such a machine is quite heavy, so Jamie Penguin needs help from his friends Jamie Rabbit and Ketty Cat.

Beautifully detailed picture books about Jamie Penguin, who has a hard time sitting still and listening at school, but loves to be creative.

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

REVIEWS

"A charming new picture book in the series about Jamie Penguin and his building projects. Jørgen Clevin and his classic TV programmes come to life when you see the delightful penguin with his round glasses and braces. The book is packed with humour, delightful retro drawings and entertaining dialogues between the characters. Great picture book." – (Danish Library Centre (Dansk Bibliotekscenter)



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: February, 2025 56 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Genre: <u>Humour</u> Themes: <u>Family, Environment, Climate, Imagination</u>

Available material: English sample of the first book available

Territories Handled

Zakiya Ajmi Siri Melchior





Berta in the Swimming Pool

Berta i svømmehallen

The second book in the charming every-day story about Berta, who does not have to travel far to have an adventure.

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.

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

SYNOPSIS

Berta and mum don't have anything speciel planned for today. They are just going to the swimming pool for a dip. And in the swimming pool, you never know what might happen.

A gorgeous book about losing your way, being found again and about meeting a real mermaid.

With beautiful, colourful illustrations by Siri Melchior.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: October, 2024 52 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u> Genre: <u>Realism</u> Themes: <u>Courage, Imagination</u> Available material: English sample

Territories Handled

Oliver Zahle Siri Melchior





Sausage does not want to tidy up

Pølse vil ikke rydde op

There are many things that Sausage doesn't want, and Dad actually can't really figure it all out. But Sausage can! A charming, colourful series for anyone who likes a fun take on everyday family life.

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.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: December, 2024 32 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u> Genre: <u>Realism</u> Available material: English sample of the

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

first book

SYNOPSIS

Meet Sausage!

Or rather, that's not her name at all. It's just something her dad calls her because he thinks she's so cute he could eat her. A bit like a sausage in a hot dog with ketchup and roasted onions. Dad often pretends he wants to eat her. And then Sausage laughs because it tickles.

It's Sunday, and luckily it's still the weekend. And when it's the weekend, Sausage can sleep in. And no one says you have to put on your coat and boots and hurry up because it's late. But on Sunday evenings you sometimes have to clean up, and Sausage just doesn't want to do that.

Sausage does not want to tidy up is the fifth book in the series.

Jacob Ludvigsen Mie Vestergaard Millis Sarri







SYNOPSIS

A brand new swing has arrived at the kindergarten. Jeppe and Asta can't wait to try it out, but Asta gets a little too excited. The new swing is very popular and Nille runs really fast towards the swing. Until she stops running. She falls and cries and says that Asta tripped her up. Asta denies it, but Jeppe saw what happened. He lies to the adults to protect his friend, but suddenly playing on the swing is no fun at all. And now it's Asta who's hurting. She has a tummy ache.

Jeppe and Asta and the Fight for the Swing

Jeppe og Asta og kampen om gyngen

A cute new picture book series for small children, from approximately 2+.

Jacob Ludvigsen is a Danish debut author.

Mie Vestergaard works for the Danish Red Cross. She is the co-author of a new series of picture books.

Millis Sarri is a Swedish illustrator, graphic designed and author of children's books.



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Territories Handled

Jakob Agermose



Forget Me Not

Forglem mig ej

A picture book about having a mum who cannot be there and a dad who is too afraid to be there. With stunning artwork by Otto Dickmeiss. Included in the BRAW AMAZING BOOKSHELF! at Bologna Book Fair 2025.

Jakob Agermose is a trained pedagogue and body therapist and has also worked as an actor. *Forget Me Not* is his debut as an author.

SYNOPSIS

My mum is a forget-me-not,

A bloom of white without a spot

And I'm a quiet melody

Just hibernating sleepily

William's mum digs a hole in the vegetable garden so deep that she disappears. Dad has to go out and pull her back up. The next morning, William's dad wakes up with a bouncing leg. "I just need to run it off", he says and disappears out the front door. William is left with his dog, Sausage, and a mum who is stuck. But then William has an idea and starts to sow a gorgeous dress made out of flowers for her.

Forget Me Not is about having a mum who **cannot** be there and a dad who is **too afraid** to be there. And about a son who just wants everything to be normal and the way it used to be. It's a book that gently describes how a child reacts when a parent suffers depression or otherwise disappears.

Included in the BRAW AMAZING BOOKSHELF! at Bologna Book Fair 2025



Original Language: *Danish* Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen* Published: *June*, 2024 32 pages Category: *Children's Books* Sub-category: *Picture Books (5-8 years)* Genre: *Realism* Themes: *Suffering*, *Family*

Available material: Full English translation by Paul Russell Garrett

Territories Handled

Tor Fruergaard Michael Hegner





Team Nuggets: Karla's Fantalastic Diary

Karlas fantalastiske dagbog

This is one of the eight school diaries, starring one of the characters from *Team Nuggets*. A blank diary version also exists - ready for little readers to create their own personal diary. The TV series is broadcasting in Czech Republic, Finland, France, Iceland, Norway, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

Tor Fruergaard (b. 1980) is an award-winning animation director, cartoonist, children's book writer and illustrator.

Michael Hegner is a director and screenwriter who has developed, written and directed several animated films and TV series, including *LEGO Star Wars* and *The Freemaker Adventures*.

SYNOPSIS

'WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE: A ninja fighting space worms in outer space.'

This is how Karla writes in her *Fantalastic Diary*. Find out all about her thoughts as she talks about her family and friends, the funniest and worst things she's ever experienced - and shares secrets she's never told anyone before.

The book is part of the *Fantalastic Diaries* series, based on the animated series, *Karla's Fantalastic Class*, known from Danish National Television. Each diary is a fun and faithful reflection of the character who filled it, and both fans of the animated series and new readers can join in. There are eight of them, as well as *My Fantalastic Diary* which the children can fill out themselves.

The books are written and illustrated by Tor Fruergaard and Michael Hegner, who are also behind the animation series.

About the TV series:

Targeted at 5-8 year olds, the gender neutral comedy series was commissioned by DR from Sparre Production and co-produced with Godo Films for Canal + France, the 52 x 7' animated series *Team Nuggets* completed production in 2023 and went on to win *the Pulcinella award* for Best Animation in its target age group and landing the runner up prize at the much lauded *Prix Jeunesse*



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Gutkind Published: November, 2023 28 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Themes: <u>Friendship</u> Available material: English sample upon request

Territories Handled

International Awards in 2024. The series also won both Best Children's show and Most Innovative New Creation at Danish *TV Prisen Awards* show in 2024. The show has also won the first price at *Rotterdam Children's Film Festival* 2024.

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REVIEWS

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Pernille Bønløkke Toustrup Tor Fruergaard Michael Hegner







Team Nuggets: How to be a Good Friend

Karlas fatalastiske bog om venskab

Set in the universe of *Team Nuggets* (Danish title: Karla's Fantalastic Class), the popular animated TV-series from Danish National Television, which is also sold to Canal+ in France, YLE in Finland, NRK in Norway, SVT in Sweden, as well as TV stations in Czech Republic, Iceland, Slovenia and Spain, this is a spin-off and a perfect read-aloud book to talk about emotions and friendships with children at kindergarten or pre-school age.

Pernille Bønløkke Toustrup studies at the Danish Manuscript School for Children's Literature.

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SYNOPSIS

What does it mean to be a good friend?

Team Nuggets: How to be a Good Friend is a read-aloud book full of fun and recognisable everyday dilemmas as they appear to Karla the chicken.

Each chapter tells a story about a day among the friends in Karla's class everyone is different, but luckily there's room to be as "Fantalastic" as you like!

The stories are written by Pernille Bønløkke Toustrup, based on episodes from the animated TV-series, *Karla's Fantalastic Class*. The series is created by Tor Fruergaard and Michael Hegner and is known from the children's programme, *FredagsTamTam*, on Danish National Television.

The book is fully illustrated in colour with images from the series.

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

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Team Nuggets: Emotion Relay Race

Karlas fantalastiske følelsesstafet

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SYNOPSIS

Angry, sad, happy, shy - what emotion have you passed on to a friend today?

Team Nuggets: Emotion Relay Race is a story that shows how we affect each other with our moods when we are together.

In a fun and recognisable story, Karla and her friends pass on an emotion to each other - sometimes on purpose, sometimes completely unintentionally. Fortunately, in Karla's class there is room for big, small and fantalastic feelings.

The book is written by Pernille Bønløkke Toustrup and illustrated in full colour by Martin Jørgensen, based on the animated series TV series from Danish National Television, *Karla's Fantalastic Class*, created by Tor Fruergaard and Michael Hegner.

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Territories Handled

World except: Danish

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Carsten René Nielsen Mette Marcussen





SYNOPSIS

Bone Bowling

15 narrative, non-rhyming, poems about children, toys and everyday phenomema, perfect for reading aloud to 6-7 year-olds, by the author/illustrator duo behind *Dream bikes and Soccer dogs*.

Carsten René Nielsen is an award-winning and acclaimed Danish poet, whose work is translated into several languages.

Mette Marcussen is an award-winning Danish illustrator of children's books.

This poetry collection opens poetry for children by fabulating both gruesomly, funnily and quietly.

What does a ghost's earwax taste like?

Where can you bowl with a skull?

Who invented the umbrella for spiders?

And what is the poem actually thinking about as you read it?

Bone Bowling is a quirky and fabulating poetry collection for children about all the weird and spooky things that are typically associated with Halloween.

Beautifully illustrated by Mette Marcussen and supported by the Danish Arts Foundation.

Winner of the <u>Danish Cultural Ministry</u>'s 2024 Children's Book Writer of the Year Award, and nominated for the Children's Book Illustrator of the Year Award.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Vild Maskine</u> Published: October, 2024 28 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Genre: <u>Poetry</u> Available material: English sample upon request.

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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.

Shortlisted for the <u>Danish Cultural Ministry</u>'s 2024 Children's Book Illustrator of the Year Award.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: May, 2024 32 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u> Genre: <u>Realism</u> Available material: Full English translation

Territories Handled

Cecilie Eken Maren Tjelta Thu





Omnia's House

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 has been nominated for the prestigious <u>Astrid Lindgren</u> <u>Memorial Award</u> in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

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

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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Territories Handled

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))

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.

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 <u>here</u>.

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)



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Territories Handled

Simone Lykke Signe Kjær





Wilma and Dad bake Pancakes

Wilma og far bager pandekager

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

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

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

SYNOPSIS

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

REVIEWS

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



Original Language: *Danish* Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: June, 2024 32 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u> Genre: <u>Realism</u> Available material: *Full English sample*.

Territories Handled

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 find 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.



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Territories Handled

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Territories Sold

Macedonian: <u>Sakam Knigi</u>

Norwegian: Cappelen Damm

Jørgen Stamp



Kyle and Giraffe build a Car

Kalle og Giraf bygger en bil

The books about the little monkey, Kyle, and his good friend, Giraffe, are for children aged 2 - 4 years. The focal point is friendship and there is plenty of humour in both the text and illustrations.

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

SYNOPSIS

Like most children, Kyle likes to do his own thing and often (at the beginning of the stories) prefers to manage everything himself. But he soon realises that it's much more fun to be with others. In the Kyle and Giraffe books, there is always a good solution to the dilemmas and conflicts that inevitably arise between friends from time to time.

The text is rich in dialogue and the illustrations are full of fun details and side stories.

Kyleand Giraffe build a nice car from some old boards and wheels, 'You have to pull me first!' Kyle says and quickly jumps into the car.



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

Genre: <u>Realism</u>

Available material: English sample upon request

Territories Handled

World except: Danish, Faroese, Norwegian, Swedish

Inger Tobiasen



Fanni sews a blue rabbit

Fanni syer en blå kanin

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 sews a funny little rabbit, but the rabbit hides from her and she cannot find it again. She looks in many places before she finally discovers him, together with a surprise.

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



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Original Publisher: Fannis Farver

Published: April, 2022

48 pages

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

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

Genre: Crafts

Themes: Curiosity, Imagination

Available material: English sample upon request.

Territories Handled

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Dina Gellert



The Day Leopold got Envious

Den dag Leopold blev misundelig

A Danish children's book classic, the picture book series now counts 8 books, as well as memory games and a cute teddy. The books are about emotions, something that never goes out of fashion. On the contrary, talking about emotions is more relevant now than ever before.

Dina Gellert (b. 1961) has drawn a wealth of children's books and her style is often described as happy, naive and humorous in the best senses of the words.



Leopold is at Top Pig's birthday party. Top Pig gets lots of presents, but there is one in particular that makes Leopold very jealous. So jealous that he does something really stupid that he should never have done...

The stories about Leopold are humorous, and the language is subtle without any finger-pointing, even though the subject matter can be quite serious. It all takes place in a fun pig universe with lots of funny pig expressions. There's always a basis for a good laugh - for both children and their grown-ups - and a good chat about emotions!

REVIEWS

"The Leopold picture books are incredibly popular for a reason, and like the previous ones, both text and pictures are filled with humour. The book can be used for dialogue about feelings, but can also be read just for entertainment. It is sure to amuse both the child and the adult reader." – (Lektørudtalelse (Library review)



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Territories Handled

World except: Danish, Faroese, Norwegian, Polish, Swedish

Territories Sold

Polish: Filia

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