



Picture books

Autumn Highlights 2024



Zakiya Ajmi Siri Melchior





Berta in the Park Berta i parken

A lovely picture book about losing your way, about being found again and about meeting the dog, Berta, who has also lost her way.

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 particular planned for today. They are only going for a walk in the park to get a bit of fresh air. But in the park, you never know what might happen.

*Berta in the Park f*orms part of a series of picture books, written by Zakiya Ajmi and illustrated by Siri Melchior.

REVIEWS

"It's one of those completely ordinary days, where you don't have a lot of plans, where suddenly everything ends up being very eventful. The book shows that you do not have to travel to an exotic place to experience a lot. Gorgeous story with the loveliest drawings in delicious colours about the charming and adventurous girl, Berta." – (Lektørudtalelse (Library review)



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u> Published: August, 2024 56 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 BERTA IN THE SWIMMING POOL.

Territories Handled

Zakiya Ajmi



Armed

Bevæbnet

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

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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

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)



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Forlaget Bolden</u> Published: September, 2022 48 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u> Genre: <u>Realism</u> Themes: <u>Emotions</u> Available material: English sample upon

Territories Handled

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

Territories Sold

Polish: Filia

request

Jacob Ludvigsen Mie Vestergaard Millis Sarri







SYNOPSIS

Jeppe is quite nervous about starting at the new kindergarten. He can barely get his own name out when the teacher asks. But then he meets Asta. She doesn't seem to be afraid of anything. And Asta shows Jeppe the big slide. The one where magical things happen and suddenly the whole world changes.

Jeppe and Asta and the Kindergarten Magic

Jeppe og Asta og børnehavens magi

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.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Forlaget Carlsen</u> Published: October, 2024 32 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u> Genre: <u>Realism</u> Themes: <u>Friendship, Emotions, Courage, Imagination</u> Available material: English sample of the

Available material: *English sample of the first book*

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



Loui is scared of the dark

Loui er mørkeræd

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

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

SYNOPSIS

Loui is mighty afraid. He has forgotten his elephant on the bench outside and now it is pitch dark. His friend, Mo, appears brave, but when he hears the strange sounds from the garden, he loses courage too. But they find a torch and decide that together they will be safer. And now starts a journey into the darkness that turns out to not be so dark after all.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: June, 2024

32 pages

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

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

Genre: <u>Realism</u>

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

Available material: Full English translation

Territories Handled

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.



Original Language: *Danish* Original Publisher: <u>Forlaget Bolden</u>

Published: April, 2023

24 pages

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

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

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

Zarah Juul



Tadaaah

In this beautiful picture dictionary, children aged 4 to 8 can travel through thirteen worlds with the character Tadaaah. Visit the Wizard's workshop or Nose Land, ride the roller coaster in Unicorn Land and take a dip with the dogs at the Dog Hotel. Tadaaah is hiding in every post. Can you find him? He jumps from world to world through the 'holes' in the dictionary pages.

Zarah Juul is a popular Danish illustrator, known and loved for her original artwork and colourful style.



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Forlaget Bolden</u> Published: June, 2023 64 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Available material: German translation, English sample upon request

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

SYNOPSIS

The book invites you to spend many hours of cosy and educational experiences. The detailed world-spreads invite the child on an imaginative journey. After each world is a picture dictionary page with vignettes and words. By following Tadaaah, children will expand their vocabulary, both through the concrete picture words, but also through the dialogue on the otherwise wordless spreads, which encourages imaginative storytelling. At the back of the book there are fun puzzles to solve.

Thirteen Danish and German illustrators, led by Tove Krebs Lange, are behind the book. They have drawn inspiration from 2nd and 3rd grades in the border region. The book is available in two editions: a Danish-German picture dictionary with both Danish and German words for each vignette - and this Danish picture dictionary with Danish words.

Written by: Tove Krebs Lange

Illustrated by: Annette Carlsen, Eva Muggenthaler, Franziska Ludwig, Jan Mogensen, Line Malling Schmidt, Louise Thrane Jensen, Nis Bangsbo, Simon Væth, Susanne Hartmann, Tomas Björnsson, Tove Krebs Lange, Ursula Seeberg and Zarah Juul.

REVIEWS

"Unusually inviting book with one fantastic drawing after another in a wide variety of styles. Can be used both as a seek-and-find book and as a dictionary (...) Recommended for cosiness and language stimulation." – (Lektørudtalelse (Library review)

John Kenn Mortensen





Jesper Wung-Sung The Spider

Edderkoppen

A gem of a picture book for all ages by Jesper Wung-Sung and John Kenn Mortensen with a poem by Hans Christian Andersen.

Jesper Wung-Sung (b.1971) is an awardwinning Danish author, who writes for both adults and children, and whose books are sold in translation to USA, Germany, Finland, France, Holland, Italy, Norway, Russia, Serbia and Sweden. He lives with his family in Svendborg, Denmark.

John Kenn Mortensen, the Danish cult illustrator, celebrated by fans around the world for his incredibly detailed illustrations of monsters.

SYNOPSIS

A small spider sits in its empty web. It's been so long since it has caught anything. Wind and weather are ruining its work. The spider feels dead tired. But then it finally senses something big...

As a young writer - on 25 May - Hans Christian Andersen saw a spider in a tower in Goslar, Germany, and wrote a poem - from the spider to the fly. In Jesper Wung-Sung and John Kenn Mortensen's picture book, the spider has grown old. It has spun its last web and the end is nearing.

Nominated for the Danish Cultural Ministry's 2024 Children's Book Illustrator of the Year Award.

REVIEWS

"When Wung-Sung allows himself to be caught in Andersen's net, it sets the stage for an infectious dance of life that suits them both." - (Folkeskolen (Industry magazine for teachers)

"Beautiful and thought-provoking story (...) The beautiful pictures complement the slow and somewhat poetic tone of the book's text (...) Recommended." -(Lektørudtalelse (Library review)





Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Forlaget Fugl Published: May, 2024 26 pages Category: Children's Books Sub-category: Picture Books (all ages)

Available material: English sample upon request

Territories Handled

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)



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

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

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.

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.

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.



Original Language: Danish

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

Published: June, 2023

32 pages

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

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

Available material: *English sample upon request*.

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Territories Sold

Macedonian: <u>Sakam Knigi</u>

Norwegian: Cappelen Damm

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)



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Gutkind Published: April, 2023 32 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u> Themes: <u>Courage, Belonging/Identity</u> Available material: English sample upon request

Territories Handled

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 <u>Books from Denmark</u>, 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 refuge 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



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Gutkind Published: June, 2021 32 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Themes: <u>Belonging/Identity</u>, <u>Family</u>, <u>Loss/Grief</u>, <u>Curiosity</u> 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: <u>Bajkologija</u>, Korean: <u>Cheakyearnkids</u>, Macedonian: <u>Antolog Books</u>, Swedish: <u>Berghs</u>.

Kim Fupz Aakeson Signe Kjær





Maria Gives Birth to a Child

Maria føder et barn

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

Kim Fupz Aakeson is an award-winning, 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

Maria is in love and engaged to be married with Joseph. Everything is as it should be. Until the archangel, Gabriel, shows himself to her and says: "You will give birth to a child. A son. A human child." But how can that be right, when Maria has never been with a man?

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



Original Language: *Danish* Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen* Published: *October*, 2023

32 pages

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

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

Available material: English sample upon request

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Territories Sold

German: Fischer Verlag

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



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: Gutkind Published: April, 2023 32 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (5-8 years)</u> Genre: <u>Realism</u> Available material: English sample.

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))

Maria Mac Dalland



Tiny Toot and the Elephant Wash (4)

Lille Tut of elefantvasken

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

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



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

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

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



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: October, 2023

40 pages

Category: Children's Books

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

Genre: <u>Fantasy</u>

Available material: English sample upon request

Territories Handled

Bárður Oskarsson



Wilbert

A fine little gem of a picture book from the hand of the award-winning Faroese creator.

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

SYNOPSIS

A mouse and Wilbert play hide and seek. A crocodile wants to help the mouse, but it turns out to be harder than the crocodile had imagined... Do we always see – or do we always want to see – things as they are ...

TERRITORIES HANDLED

World except: Faroese

TERRITORIES SOLD

Croatian: Stope j.d.o.o., Danish: Torgard, English (Canada): Owlkids Books, English (UK): Darf Publishers, English (US): Owlkids Books, German: Kullerkup Kinderbuch Verlag, Korean: Jinsun Publishing Co., Norwegian: Orkana.



Original Language: Faroese

Original Publisher: <u>Bokadeild Føroya</u> <u>Lærarafelags</u>

Published: 2016

22 pages

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

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

Available material: English sample

Rasmus Bregnhøi



I search and search and search...

Jeg leder og leder og leder...

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

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

SYNOPSIS

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

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

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



Original Language: Danish Original Publisher: <u>Forlaget Carlsen</u> Published: June, 2022 24 pages Category: <u>Children's Books</u> Sub-category: <u>Picture Books (2-5 years)</u> Genre: <u>Adventure</u> Available material: English sample upon request

Territories Handled