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Genya aGency is a literary agency aiming to help writers, illustrators and publishers writing and publishing mainly in Russian to find their foreign editors and partners.

New vibrant voices – and brushes! – appear every year in the Russian-language literature for children in this vast and culturally diverse region. Still, they hardly reach foreign readers and publishers. Genya aGency’s goal is to open this underrepresented contemporary book market to the world: picture books, non-fiction, illustrated stories. The catalogue includes award-winning best sellers as well as new titles of the year – unique, exciting, resonant, of high literary and artistic quality.

The agency was founded in 2020 by Evgeniya Ekadomova – an experienced book professional who worked at big and small presses in Russia, such as the well-established Azbooka-Atticus and the high-spirited Samokat, triply shortlisted for the BOP – Bologna Prize for the Best Children’s Publishers of the Year.

“I’ve set up Genya aGency to build new cultural bridges, to foster the exchange of humanist ideas, to contribute to education, and to encourage critical thinking. It’s much more difficult to create than to destroy. Working with those who create, I want to help people of different nations learn about other cultures and perspectives, listen to and respect each other. I believe that empathy and respect are the building blocks of understanding and that’s what I’m striving for.” – Evgeniya Ekadomova, 2022.

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Cover illustration by Yulia Sidneva
 from the book *“Have You Seen a Wizard”* (p.31)



Boat of Eternity

How does night transform into day? The Ancient Egyptians held the answer, and this picturebook invites readers on a magical journey to explore the skies by day and the mysterious underworld by night, guided by the gods of Egypt.

Step into the enchanting world of Ancient Egypt with *Boat of Eternity*, a captivating picturebook that brings to life one of the most fascinating myths of the ancient world—the celestial journey of the Sun God Ra and his divine companions.

Ra, the Sun God, was born to bring order, protecting humanity not only from evil but also from their own missteps. Yet, maintaining harmony is no easy task, especially when dark forces constantly threaten to plunge the world into eternal darkness.

Ra cannot face these challenges alone. Fortunately, he has loyal friends by his side. Together, they embark on an epic voyage aboard the Boat of Eternity, a mythical vessel that carries the sun across the sky by day and through the treacherous underworld by night. Their mission? To ensure the sun rises again, or else darkness will consume the earth. After all, how can life exist without light?



NEW



Text: **Ekaterina Potapova**
 Illustrations: **Marta Azmi**
 Samokat, 2024
 Picturebook, 10+
 42p | 220 x 290 mm | hardcover

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- ★ Dive into the enchanting world of Ancient Egypt, discovering its gods and the fascinating belief system.
- ★ Explores universal themes of light versus darkness, good versus evil.
- ★ Highlights importance of teamwork and perseverance in the face of challenges.





NEW



Mayra the Great

This stunning story by Iranian author Payam Ebrahimi is a tale for young dreamers who strive to conquer the world and for grown-ups who think they've already done so—only to realize that the world is far bigger and more mysterious than they imagined.

What does it mean to be the first and the best? For Mayra, a girl who has mastered every science and conquered every challenge, it's everything. She's determined to be the first to reach the end of the world—and she does! But when she arrives, she finds a boy already there. To him, Mayra's "end of the world" is the beginning of his. Mayra can't accept this. She insists it's the end and sends him away, reclaiming her place as the first. Yet, as she sits alone at the edge of the world, she begins to wonder: Was it worth it? Wouldn't it have been better to share a cup of tea or cocoa with someone? But now, there's no one else... or is there? Could there be an entirely new world waiting to be discovered?



Text: **Payam Ebrahimi**

Illustrations **Lera House**

Original language: Persian / English
Samokat, 2024

Picturebook, 6+

40p | 220 x 290 mm | hardcover

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2025 The BRAW Amazing Bookshelf
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KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ This book reminds us that true greatness isn't about being first.
- ✦ Themes of cultural and personal differences.
- ✦ The story's layered narrative opens the door for meaningful discussions about ambition, success, and what it truly means to "conquer" the world.
- ✦ The story beautifully explores loneliness and friendship.
- ✦ Like many great books, it resonates with both children and adults





The Kind Shark

This is the story of a little shark who refuses to scare, bite, or eat divers or anyone else. But being different isn't easy.

Everybody knows that sharks are mean but here is a little kind shark. Her parents are in a panic! They send their daughter to school to study "Anger Studies" and "Swallowing Techniques," but she keeps failing her classes and doesn't become any meaner—her classmates just laugh at her. Desperate, her parents take her to the meanest psychologist in the ocean, but... nothing works.

How hard it is when no one understands you—not even your own parents! One day, the little shark visits the library to read "The History of Sharks." As she reads about the fiercest sharks in the ocean, she almost gives up, convinced that everyone is right and she should just be like the rest. But finally, she discovers something incredible: whale sharks, the gentlest sharks in the world, who eat plankton. It turns out her distant relative was a whale shark too! Soon, the little shark is sent to a new school, where she makes friends, enjoys her breakfast, and finally finds her place in the world.

David Cali has included this book in his selection of *Cinque è* for Frizzifrizzi online magazine—*Five Books About Unusual Animals*.

NEW



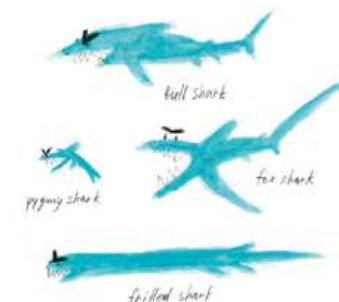
Text & illustrations: **Lena Repetur**
 Author's project
 First published by Albus Corvus in 2022
 Picturebook, 3+
 Original language: Russian
 40p | 220 x 200 mm | hardcover

RIGHTS SOLD Italian



KEY SELLING POINTS

- ★ Teaches readers the power of staying true to oneself, even if it means being different.
- ★ Lena Repetur's ironic literary and artistic style brings the story to life with charm and wit.
- ★ A sweet nod to the beloved IKEA shark, making it a fun addition for fans of the iconic plush toy.
- ★ A conversation starter about diversity and kindness.





Швеция

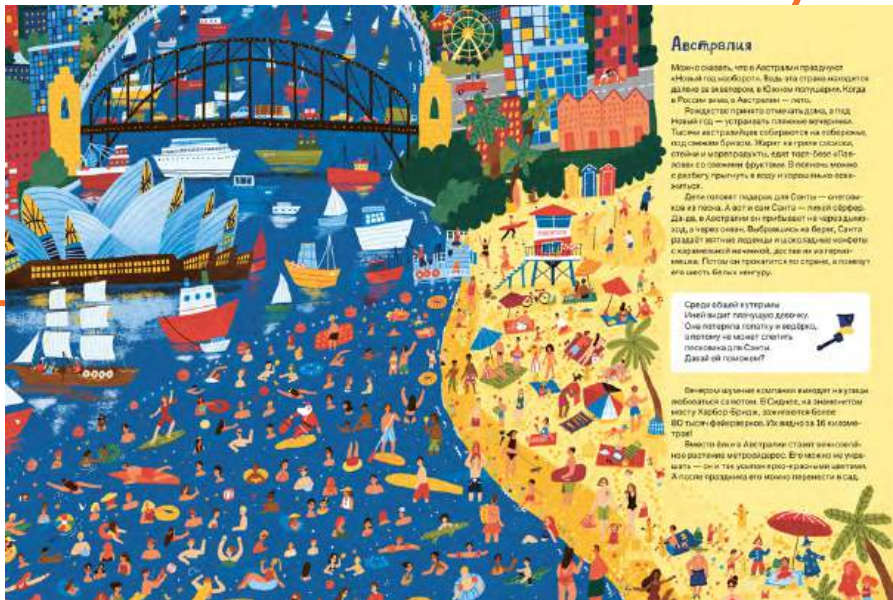
Чтобы посмотреть, как шведы встречают Новый год, стоит отправиться в Стокгольм. Именно там на Новый год самая большая вечеринка в Швеции — мюзикл под открытым небом. Там люди будут петь, как и в любой другой вечер, но в Стокгольме это будет особенный вечер. Там можно увидеть много интересного. В новогоднем параде участвуют все города — от самых маленьких до самых больших. В Стокгольме это мероприятие длится целую неделю. В этот день все города Швеции зажигают тысячи свечей. Это традиция, которая существует уже много лет. В этот день все города Швеции зажигают тысячи свечей. Это традиция, которая существует уже много лет.

Отгадай красочных персонажей и их профессии и загадки на новогодних карточках.



Планируешь праздник? Узнай все об обычаях и традициях Нового года в Швеции. Если хочешь узнать больше о культуре и традициях, а также о празднике, а также о празднике.

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Австралия

Можно сказать, что в Австралии празднуют Новый год по-разному. Ведь эта страна находится далеко от Европы. В Австралии Новый год отмечают в декабре. Там люди собираются на набережные, чтобы встретить Новый год. Там люди собираются на набережные, чтобы встретить Новый год.

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New Year's Traditions

Frost and North Save the New Year

A Journey Through New Year's Traditions from Around the World. An exciting seek-and-find wimmelbook featuring two young wizards.

Deep in the Siberian forests live real wizards who watch over everything in the world. The youngest wizards, Frost and North, set out on their first mission: ensuring that the New Year arrives on time across the globe. How can they make sure the New Year comes? By following New Year's traditions!

Frost and North are anxious — their journey will be long and challenging. Together with these young wizards, readers will gather yellow bouquets in Ethiopia, wear something red in Italy, build a “sandman” in Australia, visit the Festival of Lights in India, ward off evil spirits in Micronesia, and discover many other amazing traditions from 13 fascinating countries.

Each country presents a new task that must be completed alongside Frost and North to save the New Year! The colorful, detail-filled wimmelbook spreads are sure to inspire a festive atmosphere.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ★ Readers can discover and discuss New Year's traditions from around the world — and create their own.
- ★ Immersing in the everyday life and festive spirit of different cultures.
- ★ Children can enjoy playful activities that develop observation skills, creative thinking, and logic



Text: **Anna Smolina**
 Illustrations: **Alya Shchedrina**
 Alpina Kids, 2024
 Original language: Russian
 Wimmelbook, 5+
 40p | 240 x 320 mm | hardcover





When the Bear Is in Love

Children are always curious about love. How to explain this feeling to them if people have been looking for the true definition of love for ages? This funny book could help.

The erstwhile terrible bear is not the same anymore. He has his head in the clouds, he is thinking only about her: how beautiful her eyes are, how cute her tail is. He mixes up right and left and forgets what he should eat. The bear is singing and dancing instead of roaring and hunting. Here is the power of love! But what if it can cause even more sillier behavior?

RIGHTS SOLD
Dutch, Simplified Chinese



KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Love is a rare subject in books for little children, but they do experience this feeling, they witness love between adults and they need to talk about it.
- ✦ This amusing book will help not to be shy about romantic feelings and behavior.
- ✦ Romantic feelings are often the subject of teasing among children, this book shows the natural aspect of love which can bring even a powerful bear under control.
- ✦ Charming and humorous illustrations depict a wide range of emotions.



Text: Irina Zartayskaya
Illustrations: Natasha Shaloshvili
Polyandria, 2021
Original language: Russian
Picture book, 3+
24p | 201 x 251 mm | hardcover



Text and Illustrations:
Victoria Spiryagina
Samokat, 2021
Original language: Russian
Picturebook, 4+
48p | 210 x 270 mm | hardcover

PRIZES

2020 Winner in the Picture Book
Category of the Book Inside
(Samokat's contest for the
best book project)

RIGHTS SOLD
Italian, Spanish,
Simplified Chinese

Lullaby

If it's time to go to bed, then count sheep, laugh a lot and sleep well. Reading this story of the battle between the wolves and the sheep, with its unique animated film art style, will help!

The first sheep jumped over the fence, the second sheep jumped over the fence, it's high time to get sleepy and doze off... but here comes a wolf to eat the sheep! Oh, the sheep succeeds to run away. The wolf is chasing it. The army of sheep appears to save their fellow. The wolf shouts for help! Wolves with swords meet the army of sheep. Am I dreaming already?

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Being an animation artist, the author turned her debut picture book into a really funny action film.
- ✦ Unexpected plot development of the ancient conflict between the wolves and the sheep first used by Aesop.
- ✦ A good laugh has great effects. Try using humor to help a child overcome their fears.
- ✦ Reading this book can be a nice bedtime ritual.

Muffin and Fluffin

Opposites attract in this humorous picturebook about two dog friends.

Meet the most hilarious doggy duo – Muffin and Fluffin. Muffin is small and slow. Fluffin is huge and fast (and, of course, very fluffy). One hates cats, the other adores them. Although they are different in so many ways, it doesn't stop them from spending time together and having fun. Using humour and engaging illustrations, this picturebook masterfully introduces the concept of opposites to young readers.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ An amusing story about an unlikely friendship packed with humour and stunning bright illustrations.
- ✦ Adorable comic characters based on real dogs.
- ✦ Will help to start a discussion about having a dog as a pet.
- ✦ Perfect for early vocabulary development.
- ✦ Suitable for both guided and individual reading.
- ✦ Includes drawing activities.
- ✦ A small format makes it easy to carry it around.

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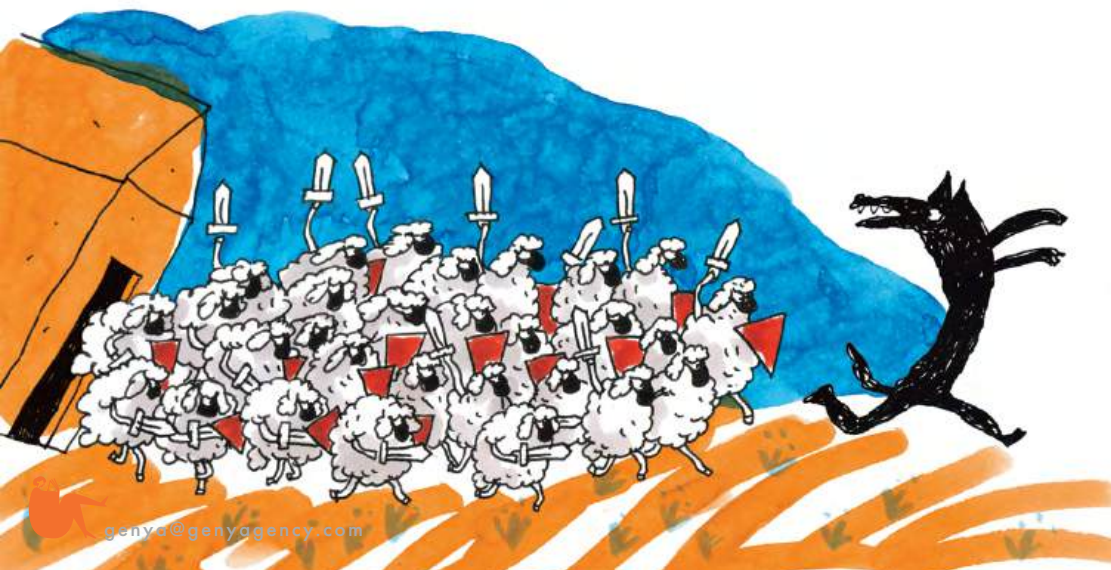


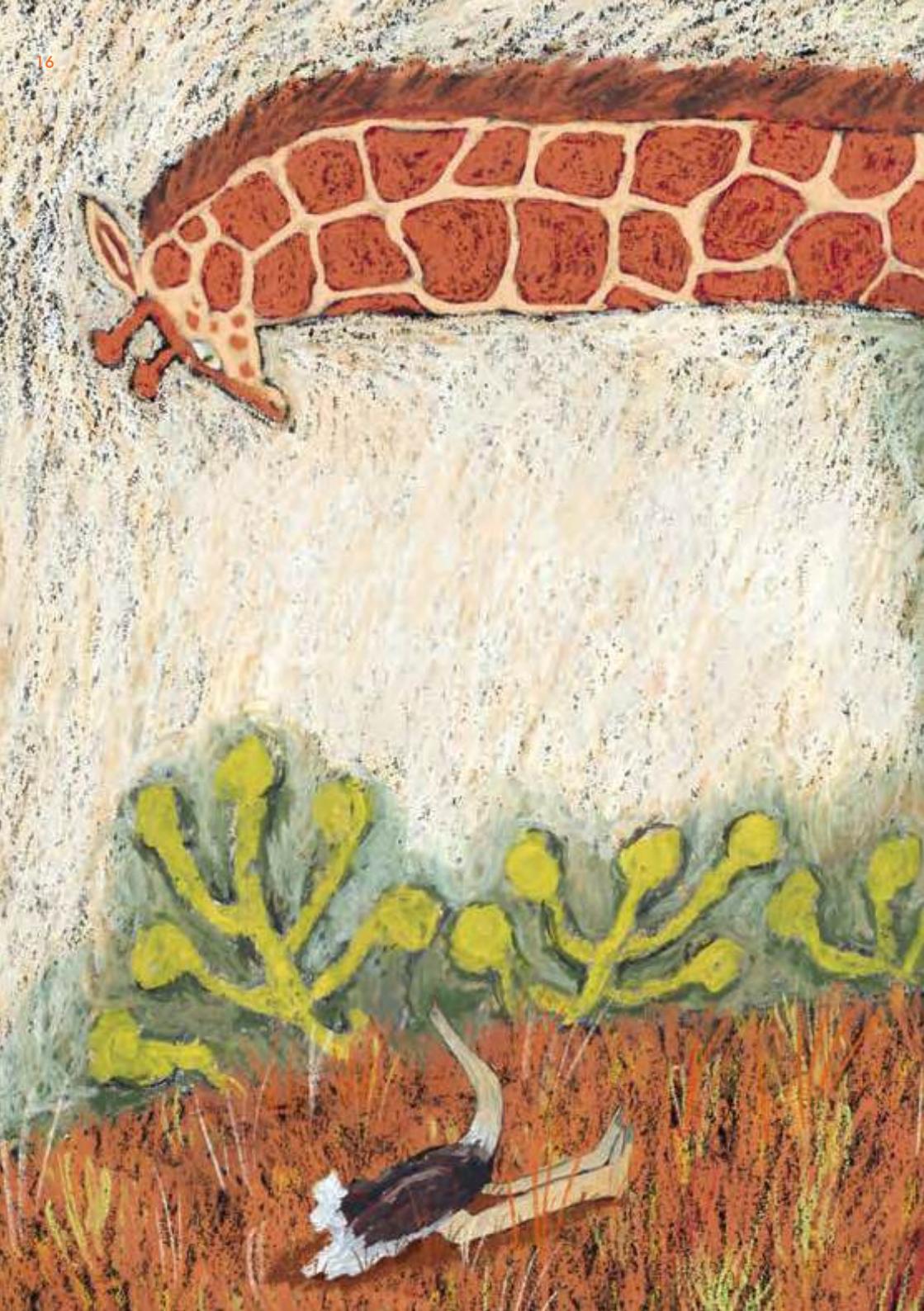
Text & illustrations:
Masha Vakhrusheva
Samokat, 2023
Picturebook, 3+
Original language: Russian
48p | 200 x 155 mm | hardcover

RIGHTS SOLD
Italian, French

PRIZES

2020 Winner in the Picturebook
Category of The Book Inside
(Samokat's contest for the best
book projects)





An Anxious Ostrich. Don't Panic!

A new title in the highly popular Beast Therapy series focusing on the exploration of human feelings through animal stories. We've met a walrus with a vulnerable personality, a blusterous tiger, and a foul-mouthed boar, a seemingly lazy sloth and now it's time to talk about ostriches and fears.

An anxious ostrich is afraid of everything: a buffalo is grunting and the ostrich is scared, believing that it's a thunderstorm; a giraffe is bending down and the ostrich is thinking that it's a vulture swooping down, about to stick its head in the sand; the ostrich sees a shadow of a tree at night and aaaah! he is panicking that it's a lion, lurking in the dark.

Every time the ostrich gets himself scared so badly that he drops to the ground, as ostriches do, squeezes his eyes shut, and lays flat, all afraid. Or he shivers somewhere behind a bush.

It's a good thing that other animals help the ostrich to deal with his fears.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ A unique blend of fiction and non-fiction packed with facts about ostriches and other inhabitants of savannah.
- ✦ Tips how to distinguish the difference between real and imagined danger.
- ✦ A great starting point for a discussion of different temperaments and people's differences in general.
- ✦ Can be used as a tool to navigate parent-child relationship dynamics.
- ✦ Rich and colourful illustrations by Dasha Dimitrova perfectly capture the spirit of the savannah.



Text: **Olga Dergacheva**
 Illustrations: **Dasha Dimitrova**
 Original language: Russian
 Samokat, 2024
 Picturebook, 5+
 40p | 210 x 280 mm | hardcover

OTHER TITLES IN THIS SERIES



A Walrus like
Any Other
Nothing Special!

And I am
a Mighty Tiger!

RIGHTS SOLD
 French, Simplified Chinese



I am Just a Sloth!

I'm a Boar and
You Are All Stinkers!



Nurse Lugton's Curtain

Virginia Woolf's little-known children's story with gorgeous new illustrations

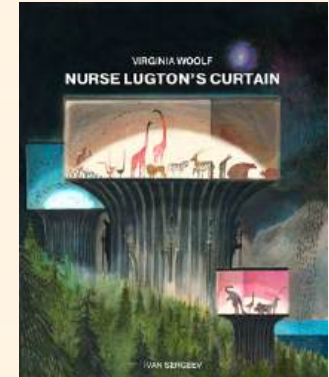
Found among the manuscript pages of Woolf's most famous novel *Mrs. Dalloway*, this short story is nothing short of a masterpiece full of whimsy and magic. It has the slightest of the plots: Nurse Lugton falls asleep while sewing a drawing-room curtain, and the animals inside the pattern come alive. However, using the most ordinary domestic scene, Woolf created a world within the world that is open to those who have the imagination to see.

The story is beautifully enhanced with Ivan Sergeev's expressive and enchanting pencil illustrations. Using a distinctive colour palette with its pastel pink, grey, and green shades, the artist creates an unforgettable visual experience. Playing with contrasts and shapes he gives perfect form to Woolf's enigmatic vision.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ A long-lost children's story from one of the most famous modernist writers.
- ✦ Awarded with a few international prizes (shortlist of NAMI Concours 2020 of South Korea, grant of Trinity College of Ireland), Ivan Sergeev considers this book to be his best illustrative work.
- ✦ Though strictly following Virginia Woolf's plot, Sergeev succeeded to create the second plot - a visual one with his own characters and rules to find out.
- ✦ For those who like imagination games.
- ✦ A perfect bedtime story.



Text: **Virginia Woolf**
 Illustrations: **Ivan Sergeev**
 Original language: English
 Picturebook, 5+
 40p | 230 x 290 mm | hardcover

RIGHTS SOLD
 Simplified Chinese

PRIZES

2023 Finalist of BCBF Illustrators Exhibition
 2023 Top 100 New Children's Books Catalogue





Text and illustrations:
 Anna Permyakova
 Samokat, 2022
 Original language: Russian
 Picturebook, 4+
 40p | 170 x 240 mm | hardcover

Play with Mimi

A picturebook about relationship between siblings – a little girl Mimi who wants to play and her elder brother Dodo who is always glued to the computer.

We don't get to choose siblings, but we spend most of our childhoods together. You may be of different age, of different sex, have different characters, different tastes and desires. You may argue and fight all the time! But despite everything, you may also bring so much fun, care and love to each other. This preciousness is the message of this picture book.

Little Mimi wants to play and is trying to get her brother's attention but he is very busy at his computer. She keeps waiting and waiting. Until she finally loses her temper, and then her brother Dodo loses his temper, too. So, what now? Will Dodo end up playing with Mimi?



The Volcano That Was Angry

Hi! I'm Little Volcano and sometimes I feel down. Keep off, then! What can make me angry? Someone laughs at me or takes my stuff without permission or asks to calm down! But everyone gets angry from time to time, don't they? At least I don't destroy cities...

Sometimes an emotional outburst is inevitable, especially if we speak about a volcano, a very young one. This book does not teach how to cope with anger, control temper, or be nice and sweet. We will just keep an eye on the character and maybe will recognize ourselves or some of our loved ones. It's not a guide to follow, it's not a warning or advice, but the author wants to suggest taking a few steps aside to look at the anger. And everyone will come to their own conclusion — or they won't!



Text and illustrations:
 Natasha Bayduzha
 Samokat, 2020
 Original language: Russian
 Picture book, 3+
 64p | 170 x 240 mm | hardcover

RIGHTS SOLD
 Simplified Chinese,
 Korean





Text and illustrations: Natalia Perevesentseva
Samokat, 2022
Original language: Russian
Picturebook, 6+
56p | 185 x 230 mm | hardcover

Fedya the Piglet Starts his First Business

The ABCs of business for children told through an engaging story of a little piglet. Even if running a business isn't not something a child is interested in, it's still a useful and simple way to learn how it works as well as to practice counting and planning.

Hurray, it's time for a forest fair, and Fedya the Piglet tricks his mom to send him to the fair to buy some honey but he has to bring the change back. Instead, he spends all the money on sweets. Fedya is frustrated but then he starts looking for ways to earn money. He comes up with his first business idea and is going to give it a try. Luckily, Fedya meets a reliable partner – the Cow – who teaches him basic business rules and how to be a responsible entrepreneur. Their enterprise becomes quite a success at the fair.

RIGHTS SOLD
Simplified Chinese, Korean

PRIZES
2020 Winner in the Non-Fiction
Category of The Book Inside
(Samokat's contest for the best
book projects)



The Garbage Monster

The spotlight is on... garbage! Let's tell a fairy tale to children before such monsters as waste management, sustainable development, responsible consumption and production pop up in their life.

A girl goes for a walk in the forest. There is a lot of trash there! The plants and animals are suffering and accusing the garbage monster of ruining the Earth and the air. What a surprise it is to learn that the monster is actually trying to save the forest by making his body from all the things people have thrown away! The girl and the monster decide to tell everyone what they can do with their unwanted stuff.

Thanks to the lotto game that comes with this book sorting waste can become an entertaining activity.



Text and illustrations: Natasha Yugai
Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, 2019
Original language: Russian
Picture book, 5+
64p | 130 x 185 mm | paperback
edition and lotto game in one box

RIGHTS SOLD Korean





Who's Still Awake?

A detective board book to read before going to bed with a fresh twist on the classic "scary wolf" tale.

Getting kids to sleep is no easy task – but Wolfie is on it! When the house is quiet, and it seems everyone is fast asleep, but someone's footsteps echo in the darktap, tap, tap. Hmmm, who could still be awake?

Determined to restore order, Wolfie embarks on a late-night mission through the dark apartment. What surprises await this very kind and sleepy hero? This playful board book puts a fresh twist on the classic "scary wolf" tale. Maria Vakhrusheva turns fear into laughter, flipping the roles of adults and children in a clever and heartwarming way. Young readers will root for Wolfie – who's just trying to be a responsible grown-up!

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Reimagines the "scary wolf" narrative with humor and heart.
- ✦ Turns potential nighttime fears into laughter.
- ✦ A great bedtime book.

OTHER TITLES by Masha Vakhrusheva



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RIGHTS SOLD Italian, French



Hey, Rascal!

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in Pink Giraffe's Catalogue

NEW



Text and illustrations:

Masha Vakhrusheva
Pink Giraffe Publishing, 2025
Original language: Russian
Board book, 0+
30p | 150 x 150 mm

PRIZES

2023 Winner Pink Giraffe
Board Book Prize





Poor Bear

An interactive board book to read before going to bed. The bear invites little readers to spend a day with him by engaging them in his daily routine, while having fun together on each spread.

Page after page we are following the bear's day as he always needs our help! He can't seem to wake up; perhaps, we should clap our hands? Oh no, this has frightened him: now we should wave to him and say 'hi'. Then he gets stuck in his cave – let's tickle the soles of his feet. From early morning till late night the bear can't cope without our help. And when the bear falls asleep, we should close the book as quietly as possible.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Gets children interested in reading through play.
- ✦ A great bedtime book.
- ✦ An interactive story where a child becomes one of characters of the book.
- ✦ Helps to develop fine motor skills.
- ✦ Amusing and heart-warming illustrations by Polya Plavinskaia, BCBF Illustrators Exhibition winner 2023.

OTHER TITLES by Polya Plavinskaia



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German, Greek, Spanish
and Catalan



The Ahs and Ows Series
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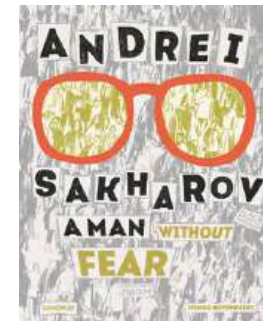


Text and illustrations:
Polya Plavinskaia
Samokat, 2022
Original language: Russian
Board book, 0+
20p | 150 x 150 mm

RIGHTS SOLD
Simplified Chinese



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Andrei Sakharov. A Man
Without Fear
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RIGHTS SOLD
Italian, German





Illustrations: Victoria Popova
 Albus Corvus, 2022
 Picturebook, 0+
 28p | 220 x 220 mm | paperback

Magic Forest. From A to Z

This picture book with stickers – ABC wimmelbuch – is a journey through a magical forest. The letters are growing here and there, in a meadow, under a bush. From A to Z.

A fairy tale girl will take you on a summer day long journey, a book long journey to follow a path in the forest, to explore trees and grass, lake and swamp, sky and rain, fields and flowers. We'll spend a great time enjoying the fantasy world and when this long day comes to an end, we'll find ourselves at home.



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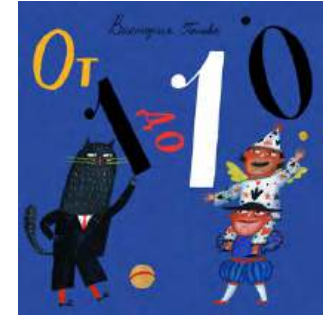
- 2022 Top 25 of dPictus Unpublished Picturebook Showcase
- 2023 Finalist of BCBF Illustrators Exhibition



Counting 1 to 10

It's all quite simple. There are numbers and little creatures. The bigger the number, the more creatures join in. It goes from one to ten. Here the masquerade begins!

In addition to the wonderful characters, there are toys, soap bubbles, a rainbow, balloons, toy cars, musical instruments and even tea with cake. What else does one need to have a great time?! And when everyone falls asleep, it's time to start counting from the beginning.

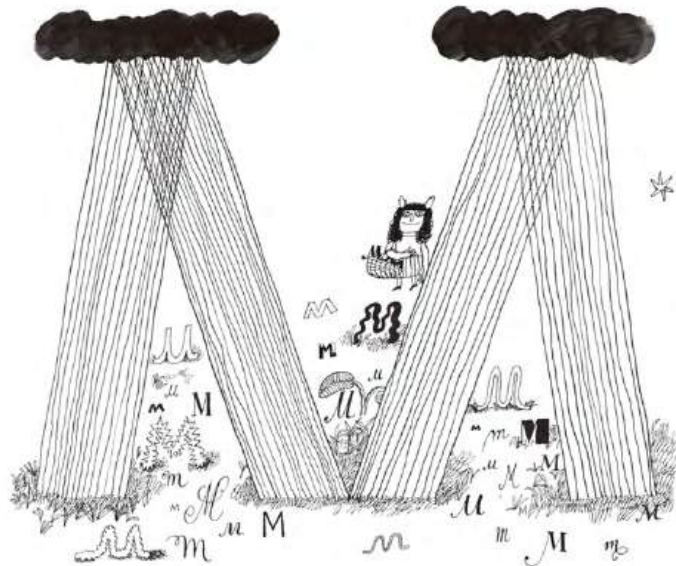


Illustrations: Victoria Popova
 Albus Corvus, 2021
 Board book, 0+
 20p | 170 x 170 mm | hardcover



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- 2020 Top 25 of dPictus Unpublished Picturebook Showcase





А когда ходишь, всегда что-нибудь находишь.
И Дерево стало мечтать о карманах.

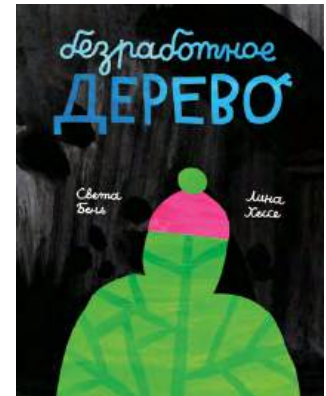
Unemployed Tree

The story of a tree forced to leave its native park is a delightful blend of humor, heart, courage, self-discovery, and unexpected friendships. It was written by the actress, singer, poet and theatre director from Belarus Sveta Ben and illustrated by the Berlin artist Lina Hesse.

An ordinary work-day takes an unexpected turn for the Tree when it has an unpleasant conversation with the park director. Apparently, birds aren't allowed to nest in its branches, music can't be played in the evenings, and its lush foliage is just too much! After some thought, the Tree does something it's never done before: it leaves the park. But now what? No home, no job?

Beyond the park gates lies a whole new, unexplored world. At first, the Tree discovers small but delightful treasures that need to be tucked away into pockets. What luck! A forgotten coat with plenty of pockets is lying on a bench. Inside one of them, the Tree finds a portrait of a Polar Bear hugging a White Birch. Along the way, it meets a Pickpocket Bush and gifts it the coat, encouraging it to dig into its own pockets instead of others'.

The Tree's journey is far from over. It encounters a Scandalous Apple Tree, a Tramcar that transforms into a Tram-Shark, dangerous Wolf-Firs, and finally, a White Birch who has lost her Polar Bear. But the most important encounters are yet to come: the Tree meets a Boy, and with that, it discovers its true place, its name, its courage, and a little bird in desperate need of shelter within its sturdy branches



Text: **Svetlana Ben**
Illustrations: **Lina Hesse**
Samokat, 2025
Original language: Russian
Chapter book, 6+
56p | 205 x 260 mm | hardcover

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ★ Quirky, memorable characters and a creative world-building that spark the imagination.
- ★ Blend of whimsy, adventure, and meaningful lessons.
- ★ The Tree's evolution from uncertainty to finding its name, purpose, and courage makes for a compelling and uplifting narrative.
- ★ Exploring themes of identity, belonging, and the courage to embrace who you are.
- ★ Delightful mix of humor, heart, and unexpected friendships.





Have You Seen a Wizard?

Get ready for a fairy tale revolution! This collection reimagines classic plots with a modern, unexpected twist.

Thirty-Three Misfortunes: When an Ogre, a Boar, and a Dragon storm the King's palace with their demands, the King's only solution is to faint, declare a renovation day, and let the monsters fix the castle themselves. What starts as chaos ends in friendship—and a surprising compromise.

Signs of Destiny: A prince destined for greatness waits for a sign from the heavens to save the world. But when the moment comes, he realizes he doesn't want to fight—and neither does his opponent. Their solution? A game of chess!

The Gloomy Prince, the Princess, and the Ogre's Mirror: A prince so sad he starves an Ogre with his melancholy and accidentally makes a princess laugh. Who knew sadness could be so powerful?

Have You Seen a Wizard? A wizard sets out to bring joy to people, only to discover that no one knows what they truly want.

An Old Tale: A hero arrives to slay a dragon but ends up befriending its three heads—Sam, Tom, and Ben.

Strange Incident: Officer Bome investigates a flying duo, Lola and Goog, mistaken for spies. When they're ordered to fly only under strict supervision, they agree and fly away, leaving Bome dreaming of the skies.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Six unexpected stories reimagining traditional fairy tales.
- ✦ Clever, lighthearted, and humorous storytelling.
- ✦ Promotes essential principles like friendship, mutual respect, peaceful conflict resolution, and freedom.
- ✦ A treasure trove of laughter and life lessons, each story carries deeper metaphorical meanings.
- ✦ Each story is brought to life with stunning illustrations that pay clever homage to iconic works of art.



Text: **Asya Kravchenko**

Illustrations: **Yulya Sidneva**
Samokat, 2024

Original language: Russian

Chapter book, 8+

88p | 175 x 240 mm | hardcover





The Marvelous Transformations of Ms. Mary Utkina

A page-turner chapter book for children preparing to start school or who have recently begun their educational journey. 13,000 copies sold in one year!

Seven is a serious age. At seven, a child must decide: should they go to school or head straight to work? Seven-year-old Ms. Mary Utkina was set on finding a job — first as a veterinarian, then as an astronaut. However, the animal clinic told her she must finish school and university first. And as for a tiny spacesuit, she was still too small for that. So, Marya had no choice but to agree to go to school.

Ahead of her lay huge, life-changing events, but with one month left before the school year began, there was still time for adventure. A month filled with new friendships, bike rides, snowball games, secret agent missions, and, of course, endless trampoline jumps — because you need to jump enough for a lifetime before school starts. After all, by the time you finish school, you might feel like a little old lady!

This book is full of humor, warmth, mischief, and most importantly, love and support — something we all need.



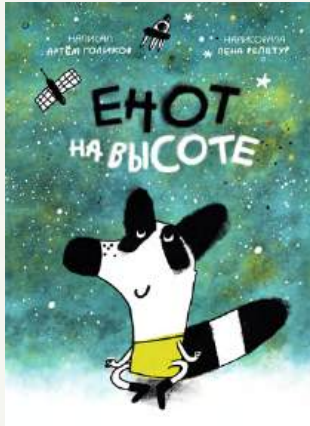
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Text: **Masha Rupasova**
 Illustrations: **Yulya Sidneva**
 Original language: Russian
 Alpina Kids, 2024
 Chapter book, 6+
 96p | 170 x 240 mm | hardcover

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ A supportive reading for children preparing to start school or adjusting to their new educational journey.
- ✦ A cozy, feel-good story, perfect for readers who enjoy kind and sincere tales.
- ✦ Appeals to both children and parents, offering a shared reading experience that fosters connection and discussion about starting school and facing new challenges.
- ✦ The book beautifully portrays the trusting and sensitive bond between Marya and her father.



Text Artem Golikov
 Illustrations: Elena Repetur
 Samokat, 2023
 Early reader book, 4+
 Original language: Russian
 56p | 170 x 240 mm | hardcover

The Raccoon Up High

Five illustrated short stories about a naughty but charming little raccoon, his wise older sister and their loving (as well as bewildered) parents.

Meet a little raccoon! He likes to be a loud and powerful turbine, rule the seas as a Water Sprite when taking a bath, pretend to be a secret agent while eating, climb up high to meet firefighters, and he doesn't like to sleep alone in the dark. Fortunately, the little raccoon has a calm and wise older sister. She knows how to deal with her baby brother and doesn't let their parents get mad.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Both children and parents will see themselves in this book.
- ✦ Artem Golikov turns everyday challenges into funny adventures with unexpected solutions.
- ✦ Readers will enjoy following the restless little raccoon, admire his sister, and sympathize with the confused parents.
- ✦ Written and illustrated with a good sense of humor.
- ✦ Elena Repetur is a finalist of the BCBF Illustrators Exhibition 2020 and 2024, and winner of the BCBF 2023 Landscapes and Portraits.
- ✦ Perfect for kids learning to read on their own.



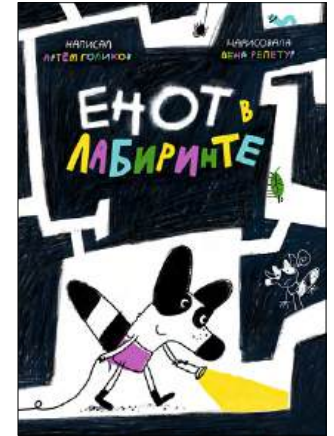
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Raccoon in a Labyrinth

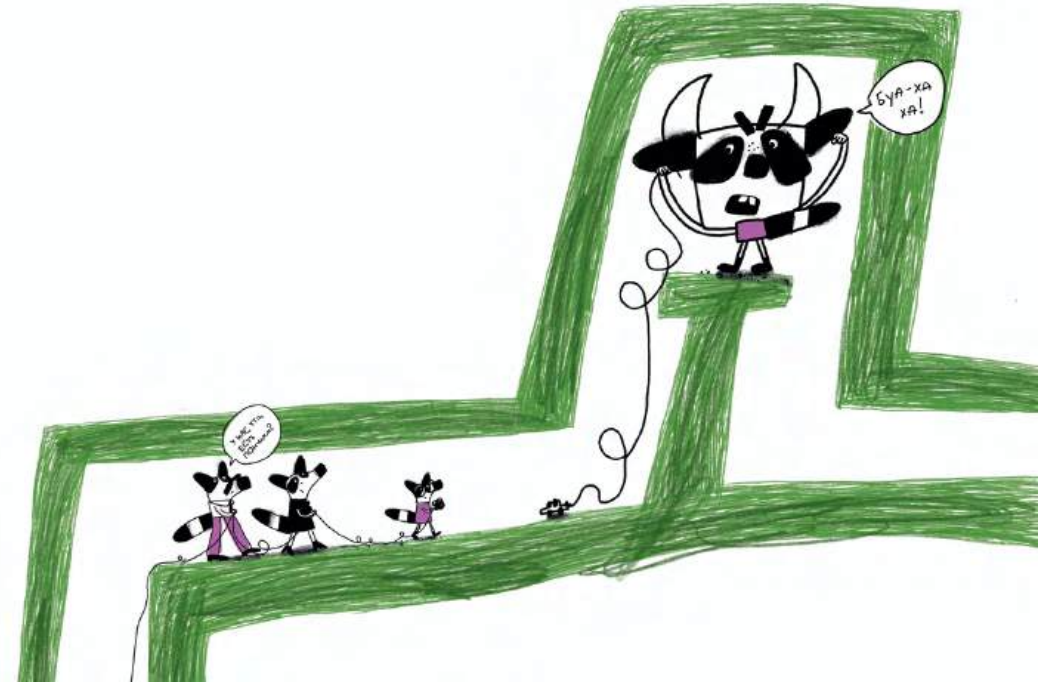
Five new short stories about an adorable and funny raccoon family. Perfect for family reading or as a first self-read! Little Raccoon is growing up, learning life's big lessons, and discovering that there's always a way out of even the trickiest situations.

Little Raccoon is growing up—but that doesn't mean the adventures are slowing down! With his dad by his side, they'll teach, they will teach his brand-new bicycle how to carry Little Raccoon. When a wobbly tooth has him worried, he'll soon find out how to turn it into a superpower for whistling and spitting. As a true and mighty "Raccotaur," he'll rule the garden maze with his clever tricks. He'll face his fear of being late, and, most importantly, he'll learn that growing up doesn't mean leaving behind the little raccoon inside him—because sometimes, growing up can be a little scary.

While this book continues the adventures of the beloved raccoon family, it can be enjoyed independently of the first book.



Text Artem Golikov
 Illustrations: Elena Repetur
 Samokat, 2025
 Early reader book, 4+
 Original language: Russian
 56p | 170 x 240 mm | hardcover





Text: Olga Vasilkova
 Illustrations: Elena Repetur
 Albus Corvus, 2021
 Original language: Russian
 Illustrated story, 5+
 64p | 195 x 215 mm | hardcover



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 Simplified Chinese

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 2021 Winner of the International
 Book Illustration Festival
 "MORS" (Russia)

Heh, the Cheetah Who Couldn't Run

The weight of family expectations is always heavy, but add to that your own expectations and your school, and it becomes almost unbearable. Especially if you are quite young – a young cheetah who can't run.

The little cheetah didn't know how to run. His mum and the other cheetahs would just say "Heh!". They kept saying "Heh!" until it became his name, and the name stuck. Heh had very long legs – as any other fast-running cheetah – but he also had many thoughts: "What if I start running and fail?", "Does the right foreleg go first or the left one?", "What if I fall down?" And he was falling – again and again. Running exams at the school were drawing near, but how would he pass them? One morning, Heh just turned and let his long legs carry him away from the school. While wandering through the savanna daydreaming, he met many strange animals. All of them had different skills, they talked to the little cheetah in their own, different way, and each had their own advice on how to get better at running.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Excessive thoughts, anxiety, family expectations, stress at school make life complicated.
- ✦ Quirky characters like an ostrich, rhinoceros and even someone with a tail of a mouse.
- ✦ Vibrant illustrations by the finalist of BCBF Illustrators Exhibition 2020 and winner of Landscapes and Portraits of BCBF 2023.
- ✦ For beginning readers.
- ✦ The first title in the series of short stories, featuring animals as the main characters, about growing up when you are very sensitive.

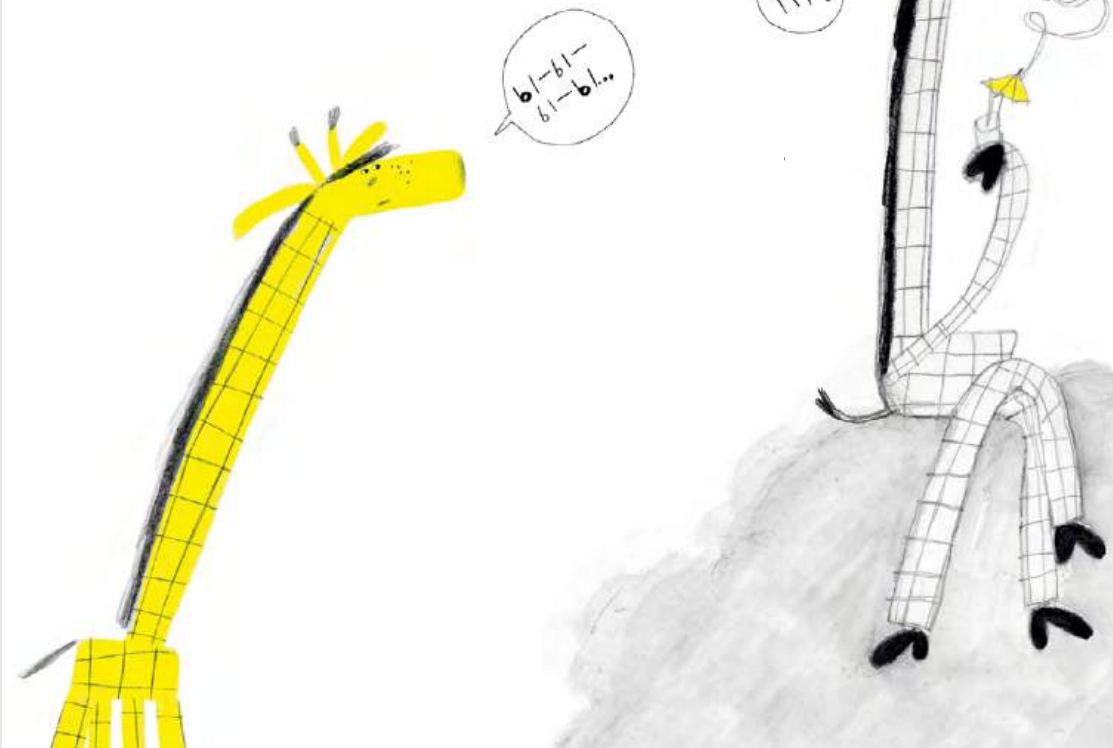
Rupert the Giraffe or the Cheetah's Birthday

Every child wants to find their place in the world. Faced with the issues of both accepting the others and being different from the peers, they are trying to figure out what's good and what's bad.

Little Rupert, a typical giraffe, goes to school with other animals. One day, a white giraffe called Blanca, from the family of nomadic giraffes, joins the savanna. Fascinated, Rupert wants to befriend her, but he believes it would be impossible. He thinks that the white giraffe is so unique and beautiful that there's no way she will become friends with a regular giraffe like him. Rupert considers himself too ordinary and feels embarrassed by that. The white giraffe Blanca, on the other hand, feels that she is too special. She struggles with her exceptionalism and just wants to be like everyone else. Throughout the story, Rupert and Blanca are trying to transform themselves, but they



Text: Olga Vasilkova
 Illustrations: Elena Repetur
 Unpublished
 Original language: Russian
 Illustrated story, 5+





In the Land of Borealis Series

A series of modern fairy tales by Alexandra Lahtinen, inspired by Finnish legends.

The Magic Tail

In a Finnish village called Lieske, the Northern Lights are said to be created by the magical tail of a fox from the immortal Borealis family. When the last Borealis fox breaks an ancient tradition, she is cursed by Ukko, the God of Thunder and Lightning, losing her power to create the lights. As a result, the Northern Lights vanish, families leave the village, and it falls into decline. Only a few elderly animals remain.

When a family of pheasants moves to the village, siblings Titta and Olli hear the legend and decide to restore the magic. They embark on a quest to help the fox break the curse, reignite the Northern Lights, and bring life back to the village. Their adventure becomes a journey of courage, tradition, and the power of belief.

Quest For The Black Mask

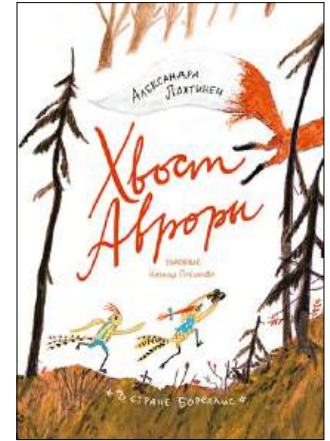
When gods quarrel, be prepared for trouble! The African god of thunder and lightning, Ngai, dared to laugh at Ayat-tara, the goddess of the northern forests. Enraged, the forest maiden transformed him into a wooden mask. Only the swamp cloudberry, which grows in Finland, can break the spell. Following Ngai's transformation, tropical heat descends upon a winter Finnish village. Antelopes and zebras race through the streets, while spring flowers bloom in the swamps in mid-December.

What will Titta and Olli do this time to save the day?

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Unique Blend of Finnish Folklore and Modern Fairy Tales.
- ✦ Each story revolves around exciting quests.
- ✦ The series is filled with imaginative and unexpected twists that keep readers engaged.
- ✦ Strong Sibling Bond.

NEW



Text: Anastasia Lahtinen
Illustrations: Natalia Pleshkova
Samokat, 2024
Original language: Russian
Chapter book, 7+
128p | 170 x 240 mm | hardcover



Text: Anastasia Lahtinen
Illustrations: Natalia Pleshkova
Samokat, 2025
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Chapter book, 7+
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Sannani and His Dreams

A heartwarming narrative non-fiction following a young soul's quest through the wonders of Namibia. Perfect for nature lovers and adventure seekers, it's a story of hope, courage, and the resilience of life.

Sannani is lost. Alone in the vast Namibian desert, he doesn't know where he is or how to find his family. To survive and reunite with his mom and sister Sannani must navigate a world filled with wonder, danger, and discovery—mysterious plants, extraordinary animals, and the awe-inspiring miracles of nature. During this journey his vivid dreams seem to guide him, offering clues to his past and his future.

At first glance, readers might think this is the story of a boy, but Sannani is a brave little elephant. Through his eyes, readers witness the beauty of a desert sunrise, search for water in a riverbed that only flows during the rainy season, and stand atop the fiery glow of the "Burning Mountain." They meet fascinating creatures like the black rhinoceros, the Cape fur seal, and many other inhabitants of Namibia's diverse ecosystems. This unique story weaves together three narrative threads: Sannani's gripping adventure, his dreams that also guide the story, and fascinating non-fiction facts about the incredible world he explores.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ A captivating blend of genres: combines adventure, nature, and mystery with dreamlike storytelling and fascinating non-fiction facts.
- ✦ Discover the breathtaking landscapes, unique wildlife, and natural wonders of Namibia through Sannani's eyes.
- ✦ A visually rich and emotionally engaging tale that celebrates the beauty and resilience of the natural world.
- ✦ Sannani's quest is not just about finding his family—it's about understanding who he is and where he belongs.



Text: **Ekaterina Zekavitsa**
 Illustrations: **Lera Elunina**
 Albus Corvus, 2025
 Original language: Russian
 Narrative non-fiction, chapter book, 6+
 80p | 250 x 296 mm | hardcover

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2022 Shortlist for Albus Corvus
 Annual Literary Contest





Text: Anna Anisimova
 Illustrations: Yulia Sidneva
 MIF publishing, 2022
 Original language: Russian
 Illustrated story, 5+
 64p | 198 x 228 mm | hardcover

My Pet Iceberg

A touching illustrated story for family reading which will make children and adult smile, laugh, and think about friendship, parting, solidarity, love, and belief in miracles.

Little Natasha lives with her mom on the bank of a huge Siberian river called the Lena and tells about her summer adventures. It all starts when the Lena, after flooding, leaves them a gift – a real iceberg. Natasha's mom is not very happy as this huge iceberg has taken over her vegetable garden while Natasha is really excited. She has found a true pet and a new friend in it. In the meantime, days are getting hotter and hotter which means that the iceberg is getting smaller and smaller...

Anna Anisimova shows how beautiful and important a simple everyday life can be. How many strong feelings a child may experience during one summer. The story is based on Anna's own childhood in Siberia but the location is not really important here. The main thing is the fragile world of the main character – her relations with the iceberg, her mom, and her little friend Andrew.



The Music of My Woodpecker

These short stories tell the tale of a little blind girl – not in a tragic way but rather with acceptance of life as it is and with great love for the world, which can be so diverse for all of us.

If a child can't see, it's still a child who learns about the world, feels happiness, and shares feelings with family and friends. The heroine likes having fun and communicating with people. We are never told directly that the girl is blind. She is so active and joyful, it's hard to imagine that she doesn't live a full life. We follow her thoughts, dreams, and events in her life and we get an opportunity to look at our own life from a different angle. This brightly illustrated book is divided into four big parts. Each part has its own theme and colours. We learn about the girls' friendship with elephants: either it's an elephant in the paleontological museum or an elephant-shaped cloud in the sky. We follow her adventures with her grandpa who has the third leg – a walking stick called Bustler. Then, she learns to write and to read – she uses her secret code like a real secret agent. And finally, she meets a new friend, though people are not always open to something or someone they don't understand.

[Click to read praises for the American edition published by Restless Books as "The Invisible Elephant".](#)



Text: Anna Anisimova
 Illustrations: Yulia Sidneva
 Samokat, 2020
 Original language: Russian
 Fiction, 5+
 112p | 190 x 245 mm | hardcover

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 Japanese, Korean,
 Simplified Chinese, Turkish

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2024 USBBY Outstanding International Book
 2017 IBBY Selection. Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities (The Invisible Elephant – the first story in this collection, which was previously published as a separate book)





Text: Nina Dashevskaya
 Illustrations: Yulia Sidneva
 Samokat, 2021
 Original language: Russian
 Illustrated story, 5+
 48p | 205 x 240 mm | hardcover

The Winter Painter

What is a winter wonder nowadays? Simple and real, without elves or Santa. Everyone can have their own wonder if the wish is strong and sincere. Even if it's just some snow on New Year's Eve.

This is an illustrated short story about winter wonders for children and adults. It's the end of December and it's time for a winter holiday mood which one can feel much stronger if it's snowing. But it's not snowing. To be more accurate, it's heavily snowing just in one and only quarter on the outskirts of the city. But this contradicts all the rules of nature. How could it be?



Quartet Tales

Magical realism at its best in this collection of interlinked short stories celebrating the power of music and friendship.

After moving to a new city, a young girl Zhenya joins a quartet at a local music school. With three boys in the group, she feels a stranger and an outcast. What she doesn't know is that each of them has their own story. Their own story of discovering music. Their own story of dealing with parents and siblings. Their own story of coping with loneliness. Sure, sometimes they play out of tune, make mistakes, get distracted and argue during classes, but there's one thing that unites them - their.



Text: Nina Dashevskaya
 Illustrations: Yulya Sidneva
 Samokat, 2023
 Chapter book, 6+
 Original language: Russian
 96p | 170 x 240 mm | hardcover

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Non-fiction

What Does a Paleontologist Do? From Rocks to Dinosaurs

The Cool Jobs series uncovers the hidden side of various professions, revealing their complexity, history, and philosophy. The first book focuses on architects, the latest explores paleontologists, the next two will shine a spotlight on bioengineers and chemists.

The *Cool Jobs* series offers an in-depth look at various careers, revealing the secrets, challenges, history, and underlying philosophy. Each book provides a detailed portrait of a specialist's daily work, helping readers discover career paths that truly inspire them.

The new series book provides an honest perspective on the profession of paleontologists. What exactly is a paleontologist, and what does their job entail? How is a paleontologist different from an archaeologist? And why do they need both a hammer and a brush?

This book unveils the true nature of a paleontologist's work: how they think, make decisions, and what skills they rely on. It also explores the support systems they depend on and what a typical day looks like in their fascinating field.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ★ Each book focuses on a unique profession, blending information with visual appeal.
- ★ Vivid, real-life examples paint a clear picture of a specialist's daily work.
- ★ Readers learn how professionals think, decide, and solve problems, deepening their understanding of different jobs opportunities.
- ★ The series inspires readers to pursue careers that excite and fulfill them.
- ★ New titles are coming to offer fresh insights into diverse and fascinating careers.

NEW



Text: Anton Nelikhov
Illustrations: Elina Logacheva
Alpina Kids, 2024
Non-fiction, 7+
Original language: Russian
72p | 230 x 300 mm | hardcover



What Does an Architect Do?
From a City to a Door Handle

Text & illustrations: Elina Logacheva
Alpina Kids, 2024
Non-fiction, 7+
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ТАК КОТЫ ИСПОЛЬЗУЮТ КВАРТИРУ...



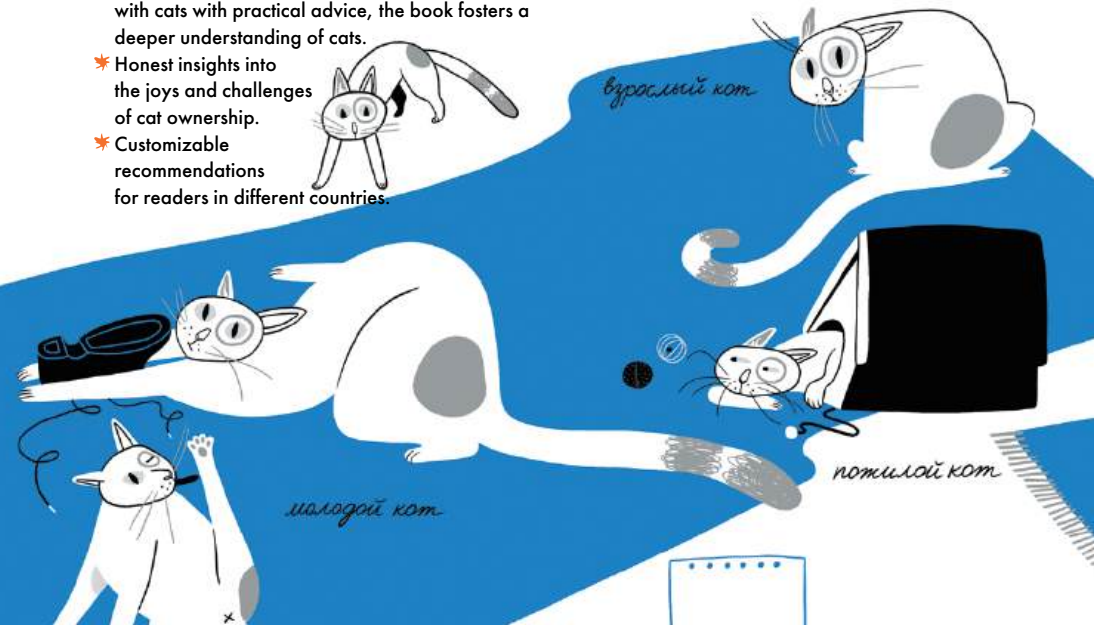
Your Cats

A purr-fect gift for anyone who loves cats—whether they're seasoned owners or considering adopting their first kitten.

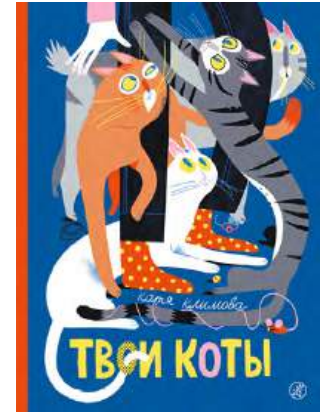
Katya Klimova is an artist and cat enthusiast. Katya and her husband have embraced the art of living in harmony with their four cats. It's not always easy, but they're doing their best—and so are their cats (sometimes)! Katya shares this experience in her book. There are two narrative formats. The brightly colored spreads tell an honest, personal story with all its ups and downs, while the black-and-white sections provide an informative guide on practical topics, teaching children how to be responsible pet owners. From breeds and personalities to health and playtime, the book covers it all. The final pages include adaptable recommendations such as local shelters, bloggers, books, and services.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ For anyone who adores cats and thinks the more, the merrier!
- ✦ A complete guide to cat care for children (and adults), covering all essential topics.
- ✦ Blending cozy and funny anecdotes about life with cats with practical advice, the book fosters a deeper understanding of cats.
- ✦ Honest insights into the joys and challenges of cat ownership.
- ✦ Customizable recommendations for readers in different countries.



NEW



Text & Illustrations: **Katya Klimova**
Samokat, 2024
Original language: Russian
Non-fiction, 7+
96p | 220 x 290 mm | hardcover

КОШАЧЬЯ ГРАЦИЯ

Почему кошки хорошо прыгают?

У кошек очень сильные и выносливые мышцы. За счет этого они могут прыгать на расстояние в несколько раз превышающее их длину! Правда, прыгают, чаще всего, чтобы добраться до какой-либо цели, например, чтобы забраться на шкаф или стол.



Зачем кошки топчутся перед прыжком?

Это движение, называемое топотом, помогает кошке почувствовать точку опоры перед прыжком. Считается, что такое поведение — это биологический инстинкт, который помогает кошке чувствовать себя уверенно перед прыжком.

Как кошки приземляются на четыре лапы?

На деле так, что кошка всегда падает на четыре лапы. Когда кошка падает, она инстинктивно вытягивает лапы вперед и вниз, чтобы замедлить падение. Этот процесс называется парашютизмом.



Как кошки просят о еде?

У кошек есть несколько способов попросить о еде. Они могут мяукать, мяурить или издавать другие звуки. Также они могут вести себя беспокойно, например, ходить за вами по пятам.

СЛУХ КАК У СОБАКИ



Насколько собаки чувствительны к звукам?

Собаки обладают очень острым слухом. Они слышат звуки в диапазоне от 12 до 45 тысяч Гц, в то время как человек слышит только от 20 до 20 тысяч Гц.



Как устроен слух?

1. Звук попадает в ушную раковину, которая направляет его в слуховой проход.
2. Звук попадает в барабанную перепонку, которая передает колебания в слуховую трубку.
3. Звук попадает в улитку, где он преобразуется в электрические сигналы, которые передаются в мозг.

Курировать или не курировать?

Курирование — это когда человек берет на себя ответственность за собаку. Это включает в себя кормление, выгул, уход за шерстью и здоровьем.

Какие звуки любят собаки?

Собаки любят звуки, которые ассоциируются с едой, игрой и любовью. Например, они любят слышать звон посуды, лай других собак и человеческий голос.

Почему у собак отличается форма ушей?

Форма ушей у собак зависит от их породы и предназначения. Например, у охотничьих собак уши направлены вперед, чтобы лучше слышать добычу.



Our Pets' Secrets Series

How to Understand Your Animal Companion and Become Its Friend.

Two guides written by a zoopsychologist into the world of our pets: cats and dogs. Even "experienced users" will discover new and useful information.

Sasha Rausch is a dog and cat expert who helps humans understand their four-legged friends. In her books, she shares vital knowledge for those who already have a pet or plan to get one. Cat and dog behavior becomes clear with these facts about their physical and psychological characteristics.

Cats' Secrets

What do a cat's body signals mean? Why do cats like hiding in boxes? Do cats seek revenge? Why is it bad to use a laser pointer when playing with a cat? What is the oldest cat breed?

Dogs' Secrets

How are dogs descended from and how does this influence their behavior today? How do you make walks safe and interesting? Why do dogs behave "badly" and how do you avoid it? What are the modern methods for training a dog? What is Google for dogs?

KEY SELLING POINTS

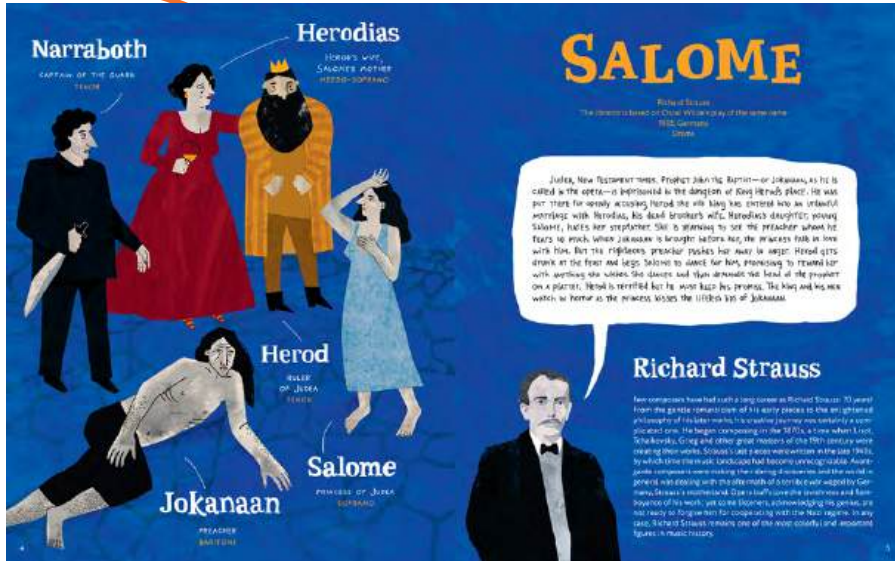
- Helps to understand if one is ready to take care of a cat or dog.
- Helps to explain cat and dog behavior and to overcome certain fears.
- Amazing facts about the life of cats and dogs.
- All advice and recommendations are either backed up by scientific research or shared by the majority of opinion leaders in this field (PDTE — Pet Dog Trainers of Europe, Innlandet Hundesenter, Turid Rugaas, Lisbeth Borg De Waard, Christine Hauschild, Pam Johnson, and others).



Cats' Secrets. How to Understand a Cat and Become its Friend. Text: Sasha Rausch Illustrations: Polina Polevaia Alpina Kids, 2023 Original language: Russian Non-fiction, 7+ 56p | 200 x 260 mm | hardcover



Dogs' Secrets. How to Understand a Dog and Become its Friend. Text: Sasha Rausch Illustrations: Polina Polevaia Alpina Kids, 2024 Original language: Russian Non-fiction, 7+ 64p | 200 x 260 mm | hardcover



Operas and Ghosts

Scary Stories in Words and Pictures

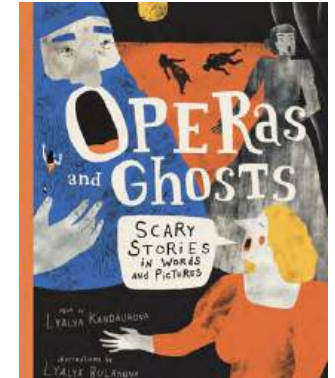
Is opera boring? What if you add tales of terror to it? This illustrated crossover non-fiction book helps you to discover the beauty of this performing art based on the examples of ten operas that are full of scary mysteries.

This book features ten 20th century operas based on both classical stories and original topics of the new era selected by Lyalya Kandaurova, musician and journalist, to invite readers to discover the fascinating world of opera. We learn the plot, story of creation, biography of the composer, and interesting facts about each opera. In addition to this, there is something scary in each opera: ghosts and severed heads, madness and crime, deals with the devil, and spooky mysteries. We follow the tragedies of the characters as well as the challenges and questions raised by the 20th century.

The illustrations bring you to the stage, while the texts describing the music and composers' solutions leave readers with no choice but to turn on the ext online and maybe go to the opera one day.

KEY SELLING POINTS

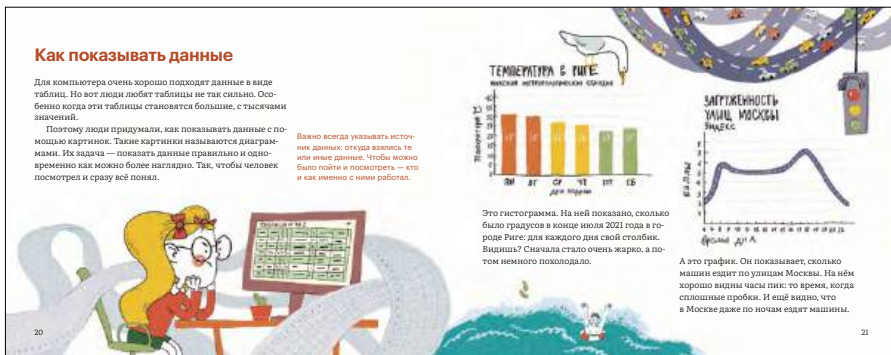
- ✦ This book is for music lovers and for those who are curious about opera but don't know where to start.
- ✦ This book is also for all inquisitive people because it full of interesting facts from different fields, not to mention all the scary stories.
- ✦ These texts describe webs of music, sounds, and voices as being part of a special piece of art.
- ✦ Lyalya Kandaurova is an awardee of the Enlightened Prize for Russian-language non-fiction literature.
- ✦ The 20th century brings these operas and their topic quite close to today's readers and listeners.



Text: **Lyalya Kandaurova**
 Illustrations: **Lyalya Bulanova**
 Alpina Kids, 2024
 Original language: Russian
 Non-fiction, 10+
 72p | 206 x 257 mm | hardcover

[Click](#) to watch the giant tap-dancing noses scene Shostakovich's *The Nose* at The Royal Opera





NEW

The Pocket Scientist Library

In 2008, Pink Giraffe Publishing launched the first children's podcast in Russia, "The Pocket Scientist." The podcast's success led to the launch of a highly acclaimed, best-selling series of science books for elementary school-aged children that counts seven books already and there are more coming.

What Makes Your Head Itch?

What is a louse? How and why do they find their way to our scalp, and how do they manage to make our heads their home? The reader will discover the history of humans' relationship with lice from antiquity to today, how we can reduce the risk of infection, and, most importantly, what to do if we get lice and how to get rid of them!

Where Is Your Fever Running?

Fedor Katasonov, a pediatrician, explains the workings of the human body and the nature of human illness. What is a fever? Why do some diseases make us feel miserable while we barely notice others? What does our blood temperature tell us about evolution, medicine, and the animal world? Informative and educational, this book helps children understand the nature of illness and the workings of their bodies, and helps them overcome their fear of doctors?

How to Make a Pie from Numbers

Information is all around us; words, smells, and pictures tell us stories, but we need data to make sense of it all. No significant scientific discovery can be made without data. A streaming service uses data to suggest your next movie. An astronomer needs data to discover new planets. During a pandemic, government officials need data to make critical decisions on how to fight the spread of the virus. It's a rare book that explains data: how to collect it, work with it, and decipher it.



Text: Roman Fishman
 Illustrations: Valeria Sidorova
 Pink Giraffe Publishing, 2024
 Original language: Russian
 Non-Fiction, 4+
 48p 230 x 180 mm | hardcover



Where Is Your Fever Running?
 Text: Ilya Kolmanovsky
 Illustrations: Anna Zhurko



How to Make a Pie from Numbers
 Text: Natalia Krupenina
 Illustrations: Alina Aleynikova

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Text: **Sergey Salnikov**
 Illustrations: **Olesya Gonserovskaya**
 Alpina Kids, 2024
 Original language: Russian
 Non-fiction, 6+
 48p | 220 x 290 mm | hardcover

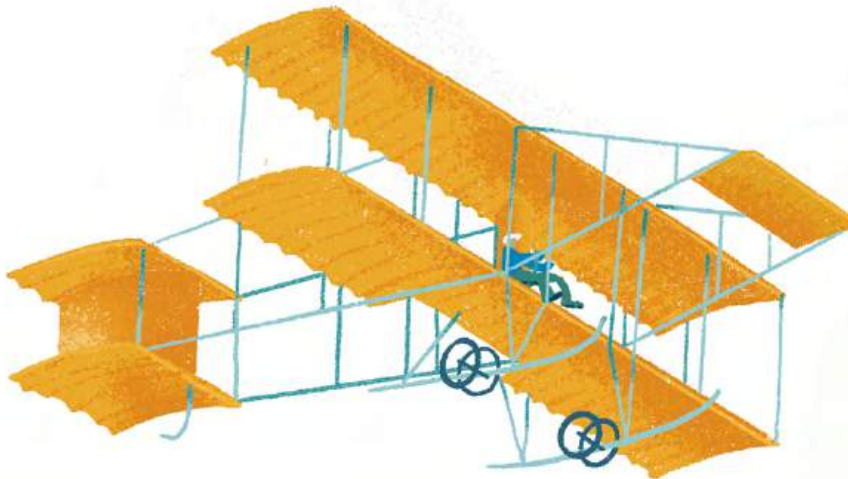
The Big Book of Planes

An illustrated non-fiction book about civil aviation – from the very first flight to modern airliners and the most incredible airports.

How did the dream of flying lead humankind to develop aviation? What were the first flights and aircrafts? What is civil aviation? What makes an airplane fly? What is a cockpit? What are the smallest and biggest aircrafts? Did you know that the smallest aircraft can fit inside a suitcase? Many other interesting facts are collected in this book.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ This book answers most of children's questions about aircrafts, airports, and flight.
- ✦ Contains many fascinating facts about airliners.
- ✦ The author has a Ph.D. in engineering.
- ✦ Gorgeous illustrations by Olesya Gonserovskaya, a finalist in the BCBF 2023 Illustrators Exhibition, whose previous book was selected for the BRAW Amazing Bookshelf at the BCBF 2023.

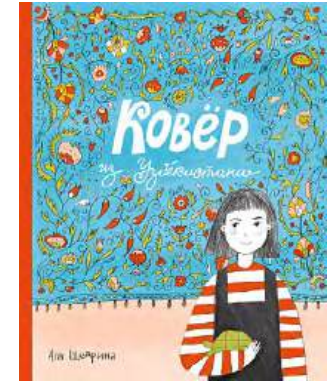


A Carpet from Uzbekistan

An uplifting autobiographical comic about finding home in a new place.

Moving to another country is always quite a challenge. Especially for children. A new language, a new school, new everything. It's all too easy to feel paralysed with fear and vulnerability. In this book, the author shares her own fears and what helped her overcome them.

The comic follows a schoolgirl Alina whose family relocates from sunny Uzbekistan to a new country. Alina is scared of losing touch with her family, friends, nature, and previous ways of life. But her mother comes to the aid. Her heart-warming recollections of Tashkent markets, camping in the mountains, picking mushrooms with Grandad help Alina adapt to her new life, while readers will discover the rich traditions and culture of Uzbekistan.



Text & Illustrations **Alya Schedrina**
 Original language: Russian
 Samokat, 2024
 Comics, non-fiction, 6+
 64p | 210 x 260 mm | hardcover



KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Based on the author's own childhood experience.
- ✦ Offers practical advice how to keep in contact with family and friends over distances.
- ✦ Striking illustrations incorporating Uzbekistan's traditional patterns and ornaments.
- ✦ Includes a recipe for plov, the key dish of the Uzbek cuisine.



Text Yury Tihoglaz
 Illustrations: Yury Shomorohov
 Albus Corvus, 2024
 Non-fiction, 12+
 Original language: Russian
 112p | 210 x 150 mm | paperback

Cyber Security

A smartphone is like a spy in your pocket. An experienced cyber criminologist wrote a crossover non-fiction book about protecting your data and avoiding common mistakes.

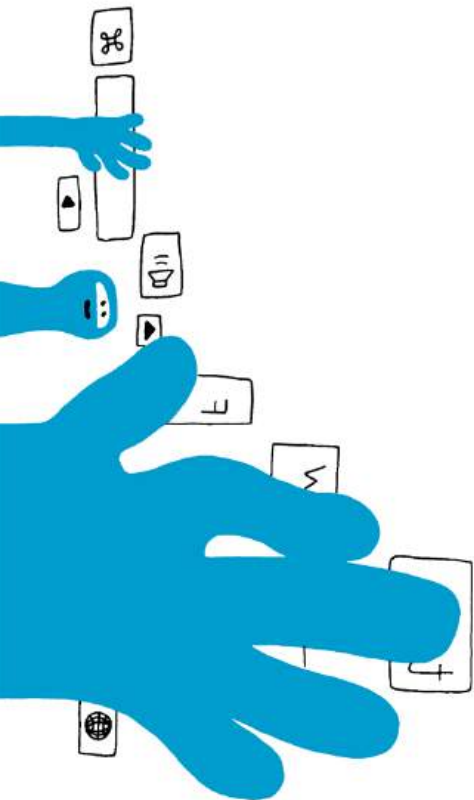
In a digital world, nothing is more valuable than a person's information. On the one hand, smartphones and computers make our life simpler and more convenient. On the other hand, the same tools leave us vulnerable to haters and criminals, especially in the era of social networks. So, how do we identify threats and protect ourselves from them? This book provides answers to these questions.

Contents:

*Who are hackers?
 Who are famous hackers?
 Are there legal hackers?
 How do companies resist hackers?
 What are cyber hacking competitions?
 What is cyber hygiene?
 What other dangers are there on the web?
 Trolling and its types.
 How do cyber criminalists operate?*

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ A unique topic for adults and teenagers.
- ✦ Written by an experienced cyber criminologist.
- ✦ Learn the ABC of cyber security.
- ✦ Common terms and security requirements will make more sense and become easier to follow: long passwords, updates, spam, etc.
- ✦ Helps to find a balance between convenience and security in the digital world.



Micro Super Heroes Series

It's hard to believe but superheroes do exist! Nature gave them incredible powers. These creatures are small, that's why they are MICRO SUPER HEROES. Biologist Olga Posukh invented a wonderful series to examine and admire these amazing animals.

The Most Important

Every day in thousands of laboratories around the world, these superheroes help move the science of biology forward, and forward, and will definitely save the world more than once!

The Invisible

True masters of camouflage and disguise will teach you to become invisible! Microorganisms, mollusks, insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals — this book reveals the secrets of nature's most fabulous illusionists.

Self-Regenerators

Amazing planarians and salamanders can regrow limbs, organs and even a new head! What if humans could have this total regeneration superpower? Well, it is not impossible...

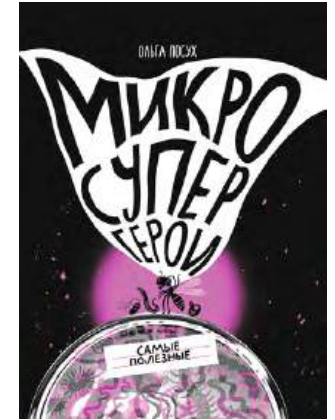


PRIZES

2017 Grand Prix winner of The Book Inside (Samokat's contest for the best book projects)
 2020 Best Non-fiction Illustration, "Image of the Book" Award (Russia)

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Written and illustrated by a real scientist with a great sense of humor.
- ✦ A perfect mix of science facts, presented in an easily digestible manner, and bright illustrations and infographics.
- ✦ One of the best ways to support and encourage interest in nature and wildlife which many children are curious about.
- ✦ Explore secrets of the wonderful world around.
- ✦ More books are being planned for this series.



The Most Important
 Text and Illustrations: Olga Posukh
 Samokat, 2024
 Non-fiction, 6+
 80p | 205 x 260 mm | hardcover



Invisible
 2020

Self-Regenerators
 2019



Survivors
 2018

The Smartest
 2022

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Text: **Vladimir Fomin**
 Illustrations: **Victoria Popova**
 Albus Corvus, 2023
 Non-fiction, 5+
 56p | 220 x 220 mm | hardcover

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2022 Best of the Best and Book Gold Medal of iJungle Illustration Awards
 2023 Finalist of BIBF Ananas International Illustration Exhibition

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 Simplified Chinese



History of the Bicycle. Fast Foot

This picture book is a real piece of art and it's about another piece of art – a bicycle, about its history, mechanisms and its impact on society. Although the bicycle is a common lifestyle object nowadays, its simplicity is deceiving. A great book to read and enjoy the beautiful illustrations.

It's hardly possible to find a person who doesn't ride a bicycle. It may be a hobby, it may be a means of transport, it may be something you do for work. People make records and travel around the globe on bicycles. In some countries there are more bikes than people. At the same time, it's quite a recent invention, and for all 200 years since its creation latest technical inventions have been incorporated into its design. There are so many people who contributed to the development of the bicycle. There are billions of people who enjoy riding bikes and there are some fans like the author of this book who admire bicycles and want to share their passion and knowledge.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ History of invention, development and the impact of a bicycle.
- ✦ Bicycles really deserve admiration.
- ✦ Written by an inventor, a passionate fan of bicycles.
- ✦ Practical knowledge and fascinating illustrations.
- ✦ A new title illustrated by Victoria Popova, shortlisted for PICTUS Unpublished Picturebook Showcase 2020 and 2022.

OTHER TITLES by Victoria Popova



Counting
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Magic Forest.
 From A to Z
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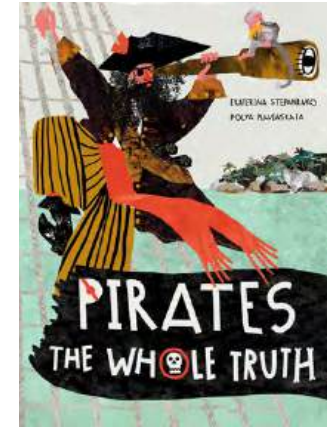
Pirates: the Whole Truth

Beautifully illustrated and fact-laden exploration of pirates throughout history and across the globe.

Who were the real pirates of the Caribbean and beyond? Find out in this gorgeously illustrated guide to pirate life! Packed with intriguing historical details, it reveals the true nature of piracy and gives insights into ships and weapons, food and dress, the Pirate Code and plunder, flags and hidden treasures, and much more. Be prepared to meet the notorious Blackbeard, the fearsome Hayreddin Barbarossa and the women pirates Jeanne de Belleville and Grace O'Malley. From Viking times to the Golden Age of Piracy and up to present day, this book takes you on a thrilling voyage debunking pirate myths of peg legs, eye patches and parrots.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ The third book by a harmonious duo of the publishing industry professionals: Ekaterina Stepanenko, experienced writer and non-fiction children's books editor, and Poly Plavinskaya, art director and illustrator.
- ✦ Striking illustrations from a winner of the Bologna Illustrators Exhibition 2023.
- ✦ A well-researched and informative guide.
- ✦ A great way to introduce children into history and geography.
- ✦ Art that can be enjoyed even without a high seas obsession.



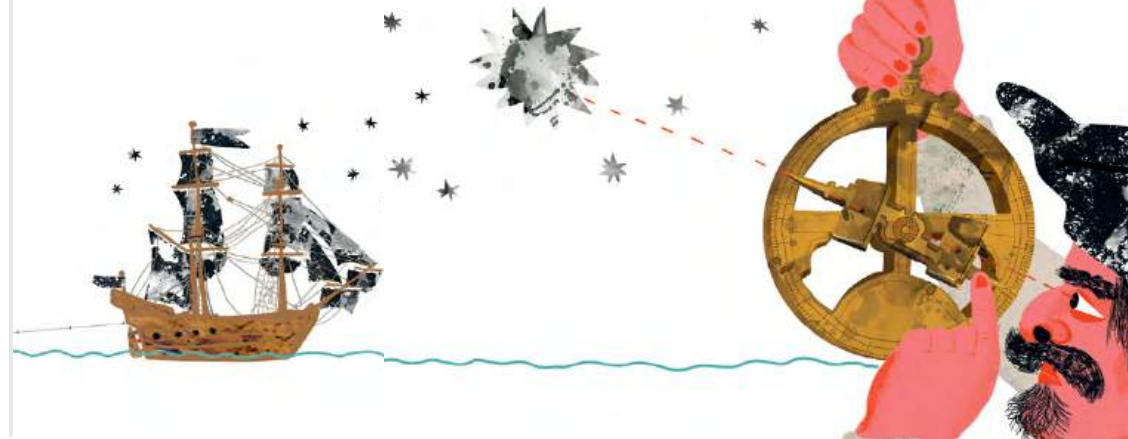
Text: **Ekaterina Stepanenko**
 Illustrations: **Polya Plavinskaya**
 A Walk Through History, 2023
 Non-fiction, 10+
 56p | 240 x 310 mm | hardcover

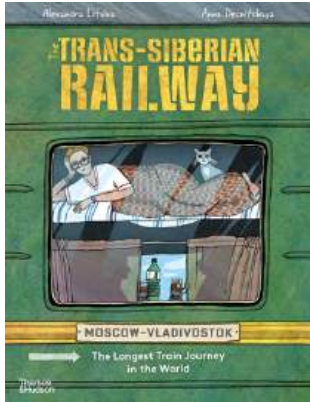
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2023 Winner of BCBF Illustrators Exhibition

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Text: Alexandra Litvina
 Illustrations: Anna Desnitskaya
 Samokat, 2020
 Original language: Russian
 Non-fiction, 10+
 76p | 265 x 340 mm | hardcover

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 Simplified Chinese, Arabic,
 Italian, English

PRIZES

- 2020 The Book of the Year in the category "To Children of the 21st century" (Russia)
- 2020 Best Non-fiction Illustration, "Image of the Book" Award (Russia)
- 2021 Illustrations from the Trans-Siberian are selected for the Illustrators Exhibition of the Bologna Children's Book Fair 2021. Anna Desnitskaya is among 77 winners chosen from 3235 participants!

The Trans-Siberian Railway

9288 km — about 1/4 of the equator in 7 days by train! 75 local storytellers. 36 cities and towns. Award-winning authors.

Stitching the patchwork of Russia, the Trans-Siberian Railway (or just the Trans-Sib for short) is the longest railway in the world. It has been connecting people, their lives, stories, and history for more than a century. For Russia and for the whole world, it is a complex symbol: tragic, romantic and heroic at once. This book unravels the railway through stories told by local people living along the Trans-Sib, allowing readers to immerse themselves in an iconic journey through everyday experiences. Even if you are not planning to embark on a real Trans-Sib train, you will enjoy this virtual dream tour.



Page from the edition published by Thames&Hudson in 2021

The Apartment

A Century of Russian History

Award-winning cross-generational best-seller with > 80 000 copies printed worldwide! One century, one family, one story. Discover the closed pages of the Russian history.

This picturebook tells the story of a six-room Moscow apartment throughout the 20th century through little residents' diary records, historical facts and description of simple household items of different historical periods. The readers, reflected in the microcosm of the apartment, are invited to immerse into the events shaping Russia and the world: upheavals and triumphs, wars and revolutions, days of glory and darkest hours. We open the door into our own home and talk openly about ourselves. Many things were left unsaid for a very long time, it is high time to change it.



Text: Alexandra Litvina
 Illustrations: Anna Desnitskaya
 Samokat, 2016
 Original language: Russian
 Multigenre, 10+
 60p | 245 x 340 mm | hardcover

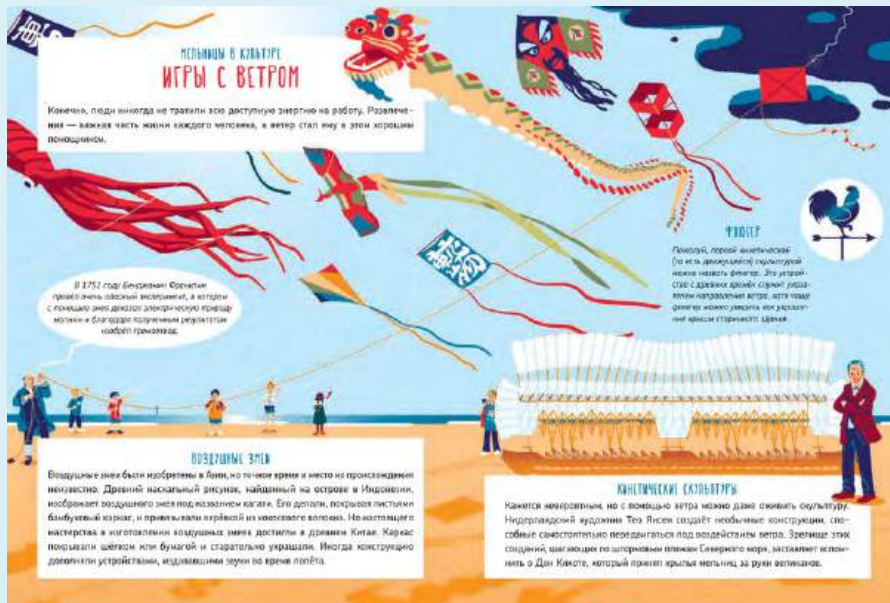
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 Italian, Japanese

PRIZES

- 2016 "Image of the Book" (Russia)
- 2017 Innovative book project (Russia)
- 2017 Golden Apple (Slovakia)
- 2018 Nominated for the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis (Germany)
- 2019 Shortlist of the Prix Sorcières (France)
- 2021 Premio Orbil Prize (Italy)
- 2021 Shortlist of the Andersen Award (Italy)
- 2021 Shortlist of UKLA Book Awards (UK)



Image from the edition published by Abrams Books for Younger Readers in 2019



How Does a Windmill Work?

A long-awaited new title in the best-selling non-fiction series – How Does it Work? – about windmills. Seemingly trivial buildings turn out to be real objects of art and engineering masterpieces!

Roman Belyaev collected many wonderful facts and created stylish illustrations to invite readers of all ages to take a unique tour around the world and through time. The focus of his new title is windmills. These constructions have changed the history of civilizations by increasing the productivity by more than ten times. Belyaev tells about different types of windmills, their origin, as well as different types of power converted into energy, about the present and future of energetics, and even about art! Exciting information presented in a simple and visually engaging way.

How Does a Windmill Work? follows *How Does a Lighthouse Work?* and *How Does a Bridge Work?* sold to 6 foreign languages and awarded with prestigious international prizes.

OTHER TITLES IN THIS SERIES



How Does a Bridge Work?

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How Does a Lighthouse Work?

RIGHTS SOLD English, Simplified Chinese, German, French, Swedish, Italian



Text and illustrations:

Roman Belyaev

Samokat, 2022

Original language: Russian

Non-fiction, 6+

48p | 220 x 297 mm | hardcover

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ Combination of science, culture, history, and adventures.
- ✦ Interesting facts about ancient and intriguing constructions: lighthouses, bridges, windmills.
- ✦ The quickest trip all over the world to see the best works created by the best engineers and architects from different epochs and cultures.
- ✦ Encourages children's interest in STEAM.

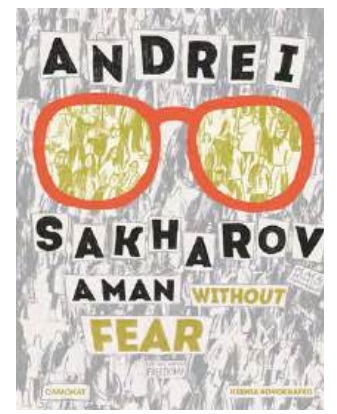
PRIZES

- 2019 Best Information Book award at the STEAM Children's Book Prize (UK)
- 2019 Nomination for the Kate Greenaway Medal (UK)
- 2021 The Prix Sorcières Shortlist, Non-Fiction (France)
- 2021 Architecture Book for Children Award by the Architecture Academy (France)
- 2021 Peter Pans silverstjärna (Sweden)



Andrei Sakharov. A Man Without Fear

Could you imagine that the European prize for freedom of thought may be named after a Soviet scientist? What's more, this scientist created one of the first hydrogen bombs in the world. His name is Andrei Sakharov.



A shy boy, designer of the first Soviet hydrogen bomb, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, exiled human rights activist – this is one and the same person, Andrei Sakharov. His life deserves a blockbuster, intertwining big science and world politics, triumph and harassment, love and slander, fighting for the fate of humanity and justice for everyone. Since this movie or even a Netflix series had not been directed yet, historians, artists, writers, archivists, editors and museum curators gathered to tell the story of this unique person through a graphic novel. Its layout and colour solutions highlight the complexity of the main character's personality and fate as well as the historical background of the Soviet Union and also the whole world.

Andrei Sakharov dared to make his own choices, to go against the system and to speak openly for freedom again and again in the country which didn't allow nonconformity.

KEY SELLING POINTS

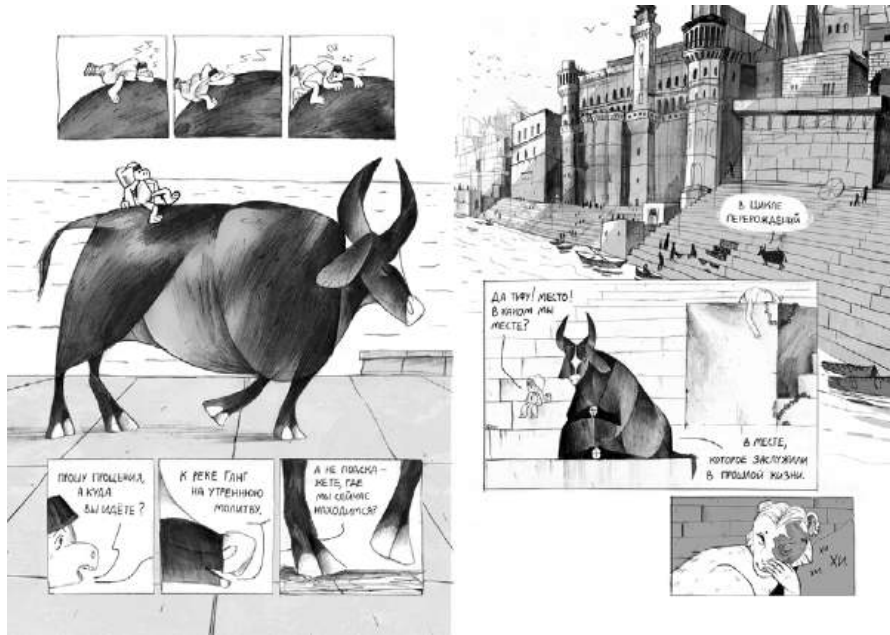
- It's the first biography of Andrei Sakharov appropriate for all ages.
- The main character is a true modern-day hero.
- The graphic concept is strengthened by the voice of Andrei Sakharov himself as the book is based on his diaries.
- Though Andrei Sakharov lived and worked in the USSR, his researches and authority echoed in other leading countries. You will learn many interesting facts about history and science.
- This is a story of the fight for human rights in a totalitarian state.

Text: Ksenia Novokhatko
 Illustrations: Evgenia Roysman, Olga Terekhova, Polya Plavinskaya Samokat, 2021
 Graphic novel, 10+
 56p | 245 x 340 mm | hardback

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Below the Line

A piercing and timely graphic novel exploring the realities and reasons of poverty from a debut author



Text & Illustrations **Anna Belysheva**
Original language: Russian
Samokat, 2024
Comics, 10+
176p | 170 x 240 mm | hardcover

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2025 The BRAW Amazing Bookshelf Sustainability of the BCBF



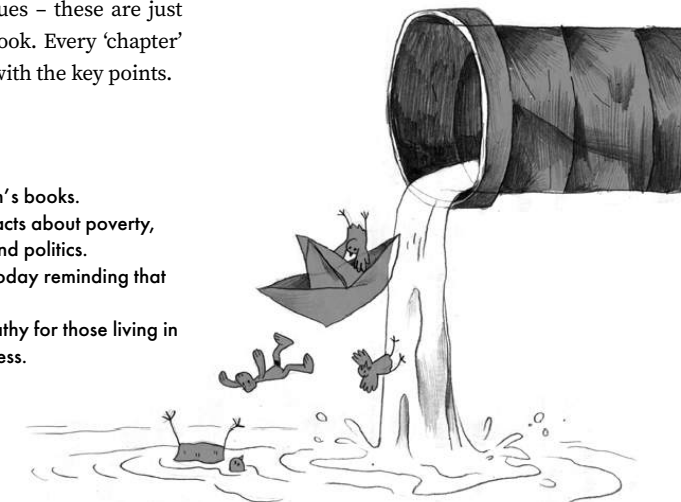
According to the World Bank, about 682 million people live in extreme poverty as of 2023. Despite its omnipresence, we got used to it and tend not to notice it. On top of that, society is laden with numerous stereotypes and biases against people who are living in poverty. When we talk to children about poverty, we need to do so in ways that challenge these stereotypes and point to the bigger systems that place people in poverty. That's exactly what Anna Belysheva is doing in her debut work.

The main character is a turtle who lost his shell house for not paying his debts. In desperation, he joins the local homeless community who introduces him to the basic notions of poverty and its reasons. The turtle is keen to learn more about this tricky phenomenon and find ways to fight it and so he embarks on an informative but quite dangerous journey across the world. By sneaking into the people's pockets and ships' containers, he manages to visit Africa, China, North Korea, India, Mexico, and the USA before eventually coming back home.

Beggar mafia and modern piracy, colonisation and slavery, communism and Cold War, female abuse, US-Mexico border, environmental issues – these are just a few of the topics raised in the book. Every 'chapter' is summed up by a factual spread with the key points.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- ✦ A vital, unexplored topic in children's books.
- ✦ A blend of well-paced fiction and facts about poverty, unemployment, as well as history and politics.
- ✦ A timely relevant book for society today reminding that change starts from within.
- ✦ Helps raise awareness of and empathy for those living in poverty and the plight of the homeless.



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