

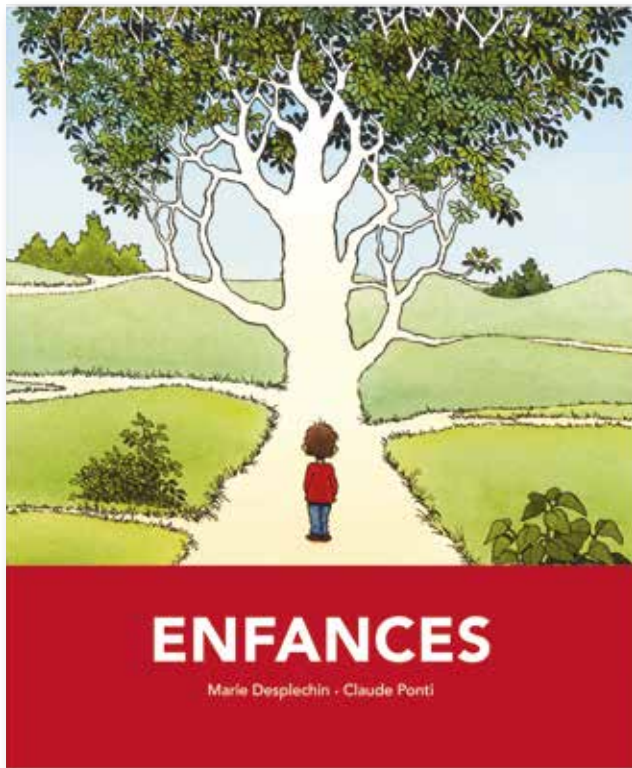


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# *l'école des loisirs*

— FALL 2018 —

# MARIE DESPLECHIN & CLAUDE PONTI



## CHILDHOODS

*Discover more than 60 stories about incredible children, each more inspiring than the other.*

At first, we would have liked to tell a thousand. We settled for sixty-two. Sixty-two stories of children, slaves and queens, fortune-tellers and gods, scientists and rebels, inventors and writers... You know some, but not others. But each in their own way, big or small, real or mythical, each one of them has changed the life of others, and the world we live in. As you do, or will, one day.

**Age 7-77**

Softcover | 136 pages

215 x 260 mm | €16.80

Authors: Marie Desplechin and Claude Ponti

Illustrator: Claude Ponti

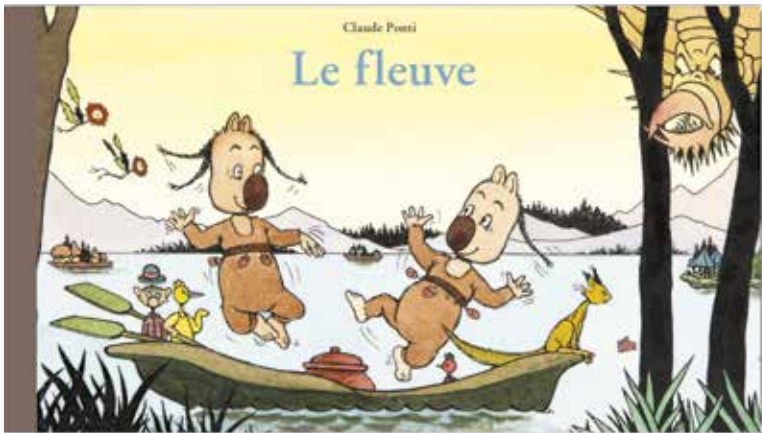


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| Hans Christian Andersen | Fatma Sid Ahmed           |
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| Charlie Chaplin         | Louise Michel             |
| Anne Frank              | Édith Piaf                |
| Siddharta Gautama       | Nagiko Kiyohara           |
| Saint Nicolas           | Edmond Albius             |
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# CLAUDE PONTI



## THE RIVER

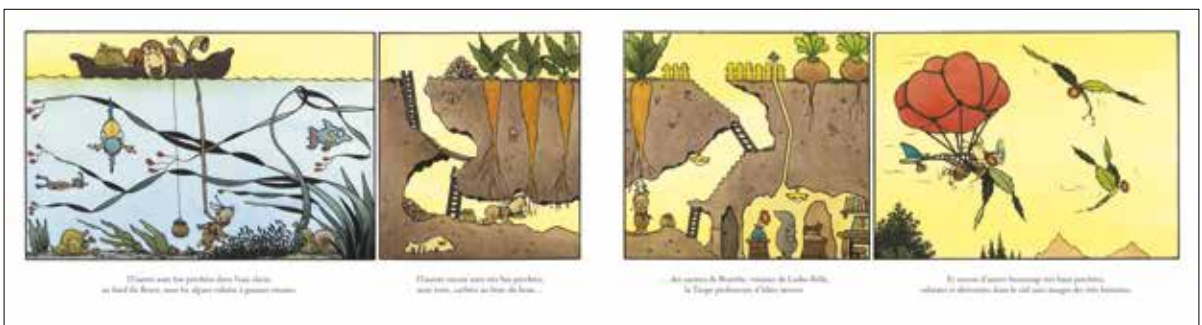
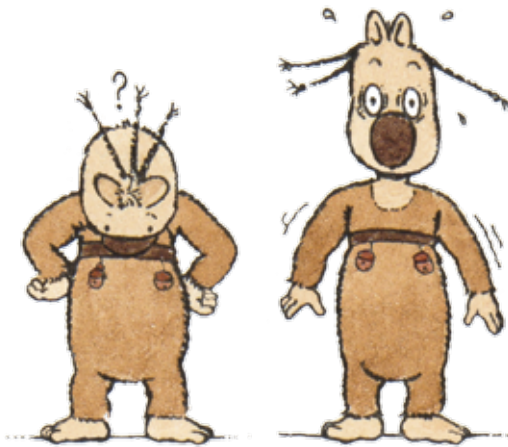
*A subtle yet profound examination of what it means to be a girl or a boy, in Claude Ponti's inimitably whimsy style.*

On one side of the Ongoh River live the Oolongs (who are raising a baby girl as a boy). On the other live the Dong-Dings (who are raising a baby boy as a girl).

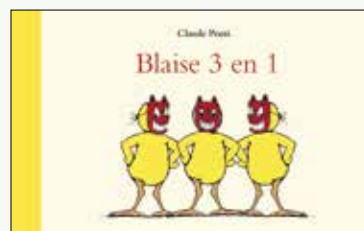
They lead a peaceful life – peaceful as the river flow – until the day a terrifying monster appears and threatens to gobble up all the parents if the children don't give him the potion that will grant him eternal life...

**Age 5+**

Hardcover | 60 pages  
315 x 175 mm | €18.80

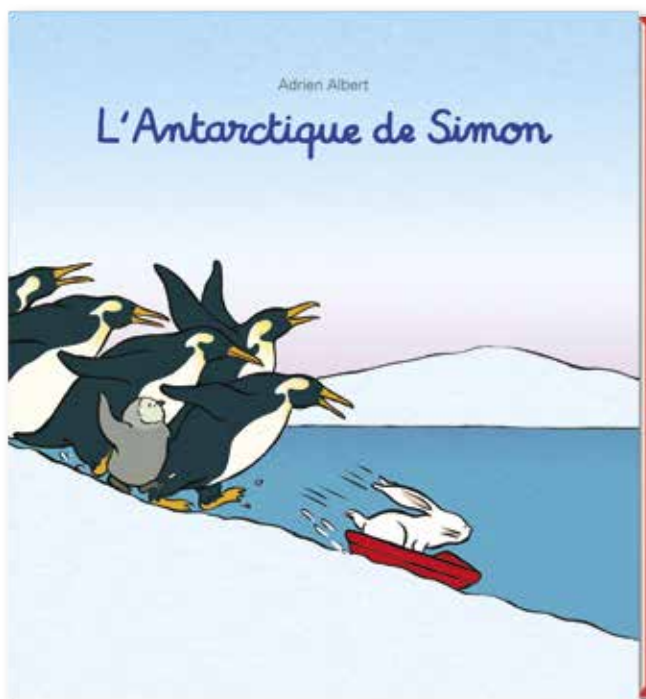


## BY THE SAME AUTHOR



SOLD  
Italian, German

ADRIEN ALBERT



## SIMON'S ANTARTICA

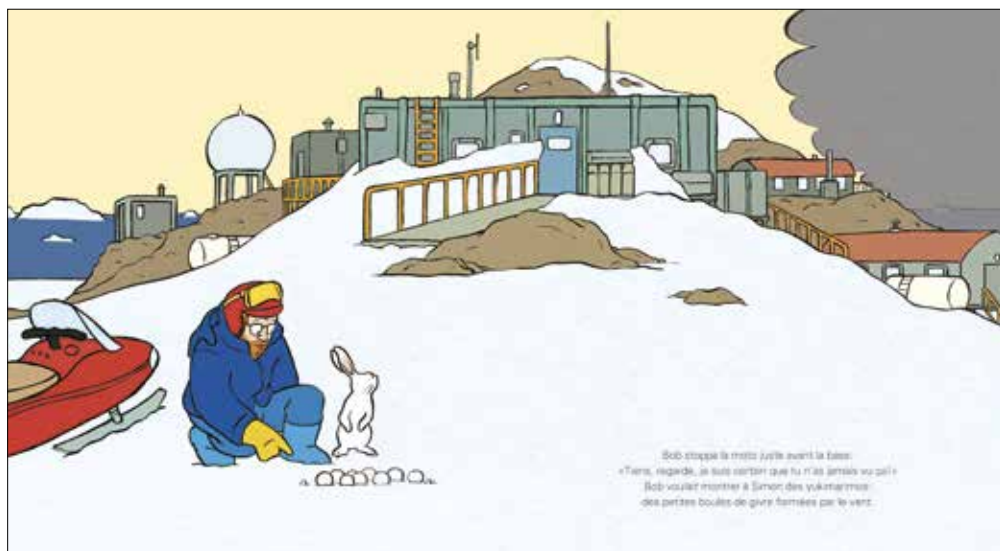
*An incredibly poetic picture book, combining scientific precision and jubilatory fantasy, with a lovable, resourceful and inquiring hero.*

Simon is just back from a trip and his mind is full of the amazing things he saw. In order to visit his friend Bob, who works on a scientific base, he took a train, an airplane and an ice-parachute! He saw penguins, pilot-balloons, aurora boreales and yukimarimos. And Simon is still dreaming of it all...

**Age 5+**

Hardcover | 40 pages  
210 x 230 mm | €12.70

SOLD Chinese (Simplified)



SIMON Series | 2 titles





## HORRIFYING!

*A story about poor self-confidence and worrying about other people's judgment, which lightly mocks artists and their models.*

What exactly is a piece of art? A nice drawing? A pretty painting? Opinions differ. Patty prepared her exhibit at the last minute, by asking her friends to pose, and the outcome is horrifying. None of them find the portraits resembling. They are very angry when they leave. Patty feels like canceling the whole thing. Fortunately, Michou, the gallery manager, forbids it. And Patty is in for a surprise on opening day...

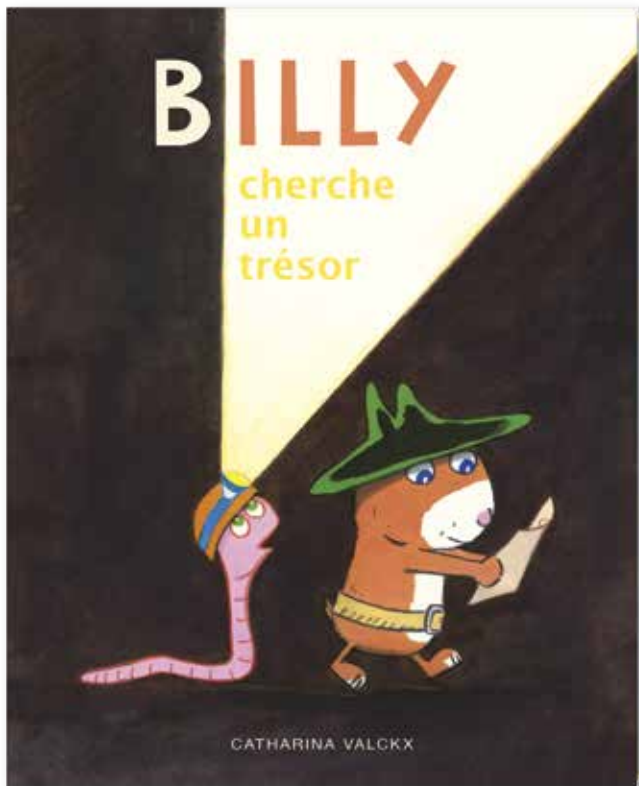
**Age 3+**

Hardcover | 36 pages  
190 x 260 mm | €12.70



BY THE SAME AUTHOR





## BILLY ON A TREASURE HUNT

*Billy and Jean-Claude's new tumultuous adventure with Catharina Valckx's well-known humor and tenderness. Unbearable suspense!*

Not everybody has a worm for a friend. But Billy does, and he knows he can count on Jean-Claude in all circumstances. Today, for instance, Billy found a strange old piece of paper. His granddad's treasure map! Hardly legible, though, with all those lines... But Jean-Claude has a great idea: could the lines indicate intersecting tunnels? Both friends set off on an adventure!

**Age 3+**

Hardcover | 40 pages  
210 x 260 mm | €12.70

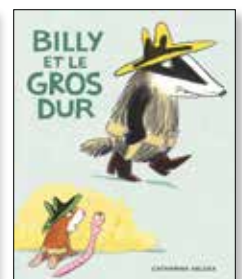


BILLY Series | 6 titles & a game

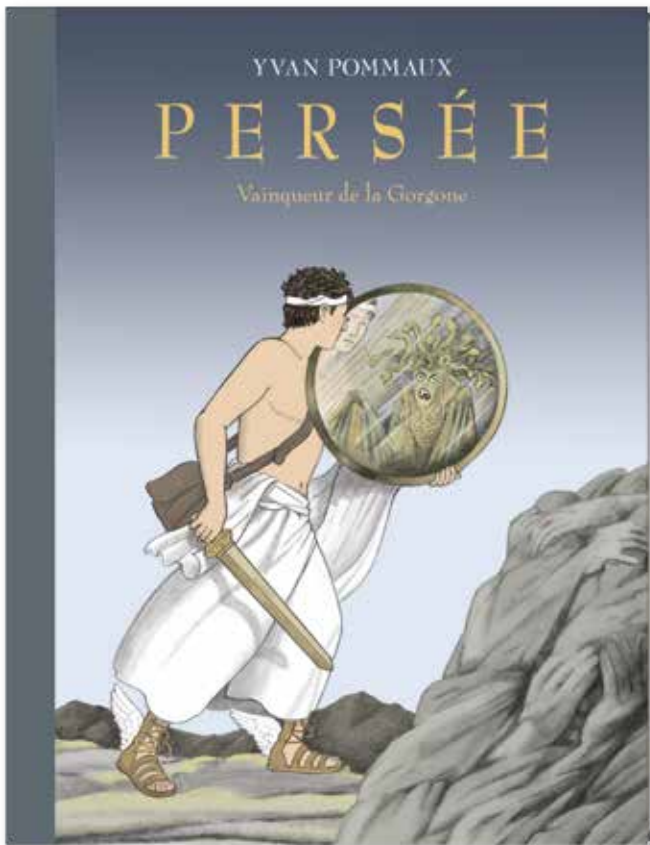
More than 1 million copies sold!

**SOLD**

Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Spanish (EU)



# YVAN POMMAUX



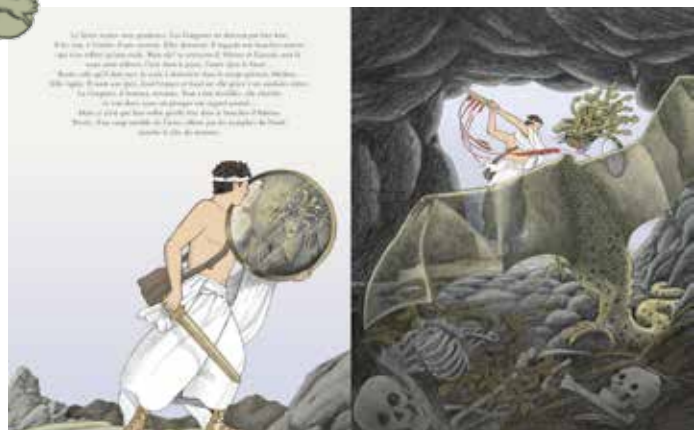
## PERSEUS VICTOR AGAINST THE GORGON

*A tall hardback book that enhances Yvan Pommaux's spectacular illustrations. The complete version of a complex myth made accessible to young readers.*

The two gentlest and prettiest princesses of all mythological tales are present in Perseus's story. The first was his mother, and he married the other. "Happy mortal": seems that phrase was coined for him. But Perseus was also a hero, of course, who lived through many adventures and battled great dangers. He killed Medusa, the hideous Gorgon, who changed men to stone with just one stare; he beheaded a sea-monster who was about to eat his future wife; he traveled to the borders of the known world. Yet, he came back to live a peaceful life with his charming mother and beautiful wife. His story ends well... which is not the case of all mythological heroes'.

**Age 7+**

Hardcover | 52 pages  
250 x 330 mm | €19.80

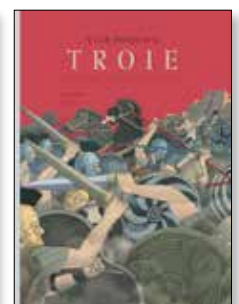
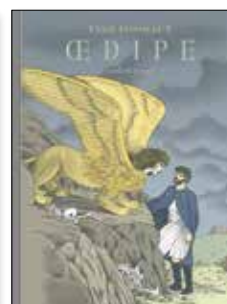


MYTHOLOGY Series | 6 titles

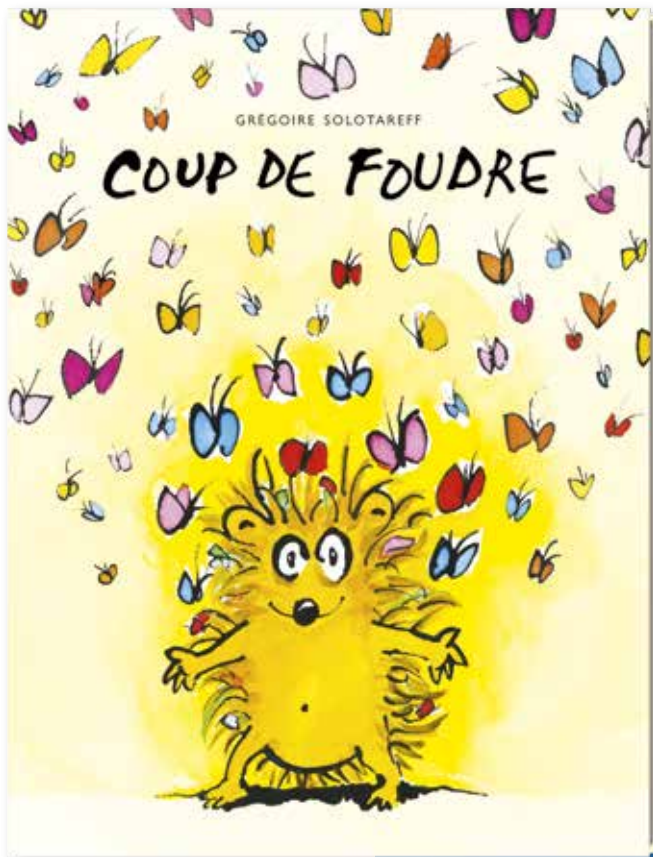
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Chinese (Simplified), English (World)  
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Spanish (LA), Turkish

300,000 copies sold



# GRÉGOIRE SOLOTAREFF



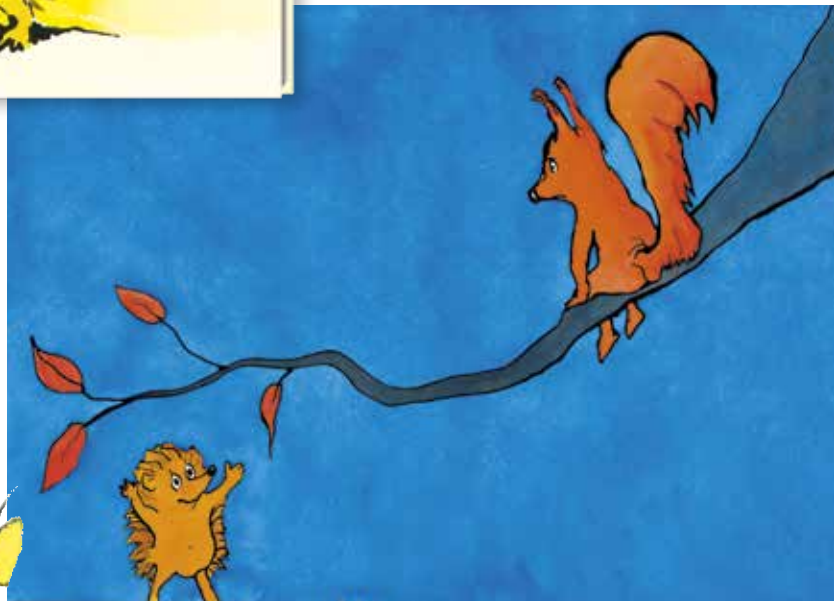
## LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

*A stormy morning is the perfect time to get love-struck, don't you think?*

Love at first sight sometimes starts with a knock knock knock! Mathilde opens the door. Hi! It's a hedgehog, just like her, but disheveled and surrounded by flying butterflies. How handsome he is! Bam! Mathilde stutters, stammers and blushes. She feels dizzy. It's love at first sight!

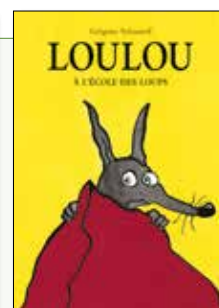
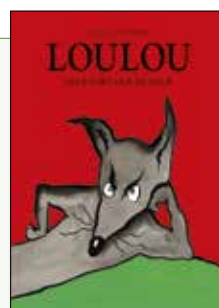
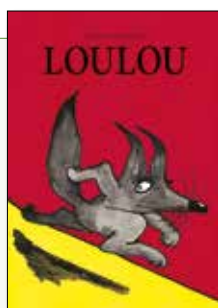
**Age 5+**

Hardcover | 40 pages  
225 x 300 mm | €12.70

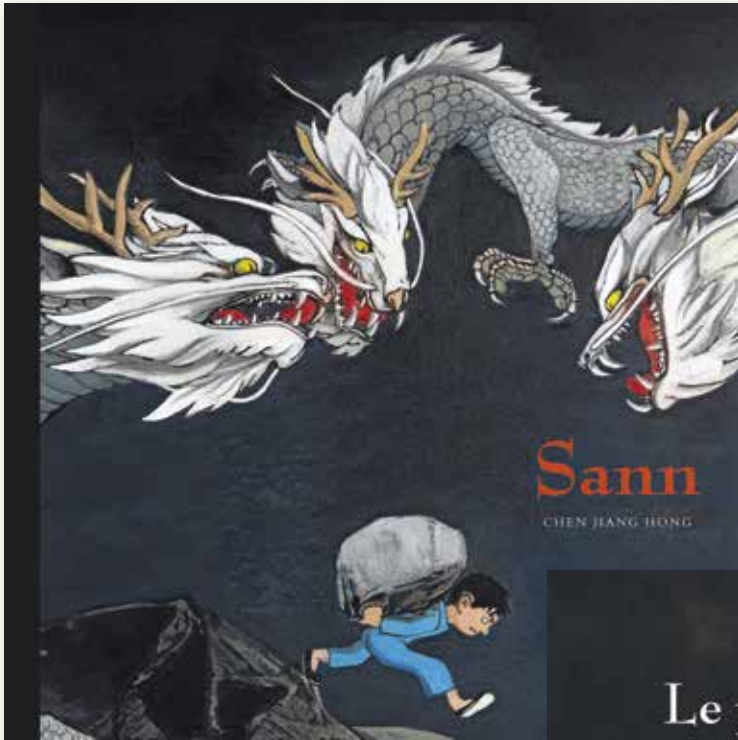


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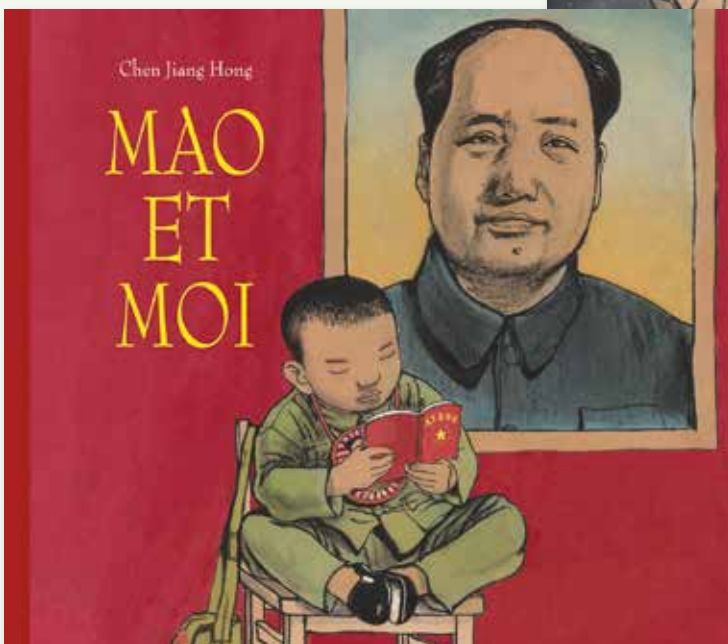


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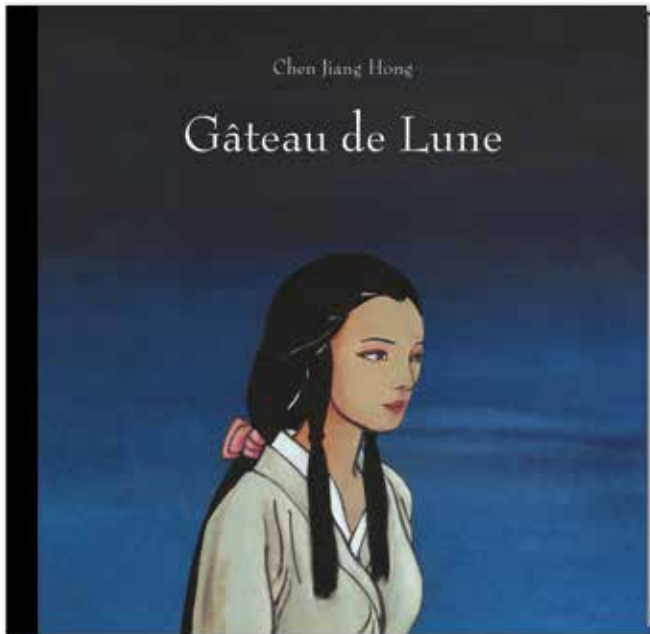
## THE LITTLE FISHERMAN AND THE SKELETON

**SOLD**  
German, Italian, Japanese



## MAO AND ME

**SOLD**  
English (North America), German,  
Italian, Spanish (EU)



## MOONCAKE

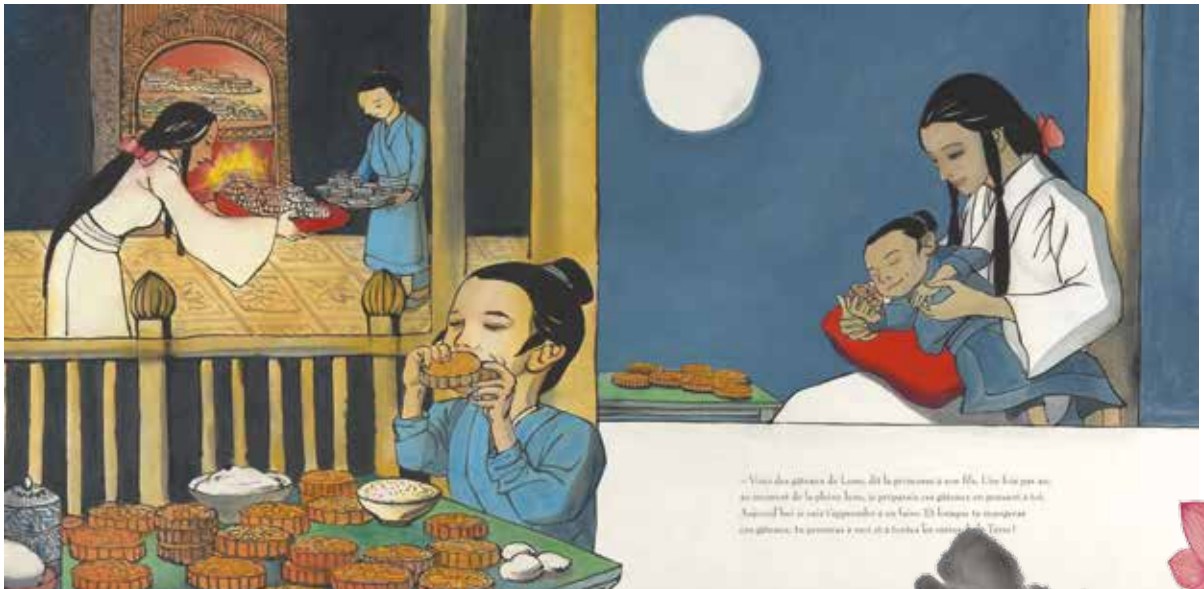
*A story about the unconditional love of a mother for her child.*

Princess Xian-Zi lives in the Sky Palace, and dreams of travelling down to Earth. But her father, the Jade Emperor, forbids it. One day, her desire becomes too strong to resist, and she disobeys her father's orders. Stunned by the Earth's beauty, she chooses to settle there. Little Tian-Zi is born a year later. The angry Emperor forces the princess to come back to the palace and leave behind her beloved son...

**Age 5+**

Hardcover | 44 pages  
285 x 280 mm | €13.70

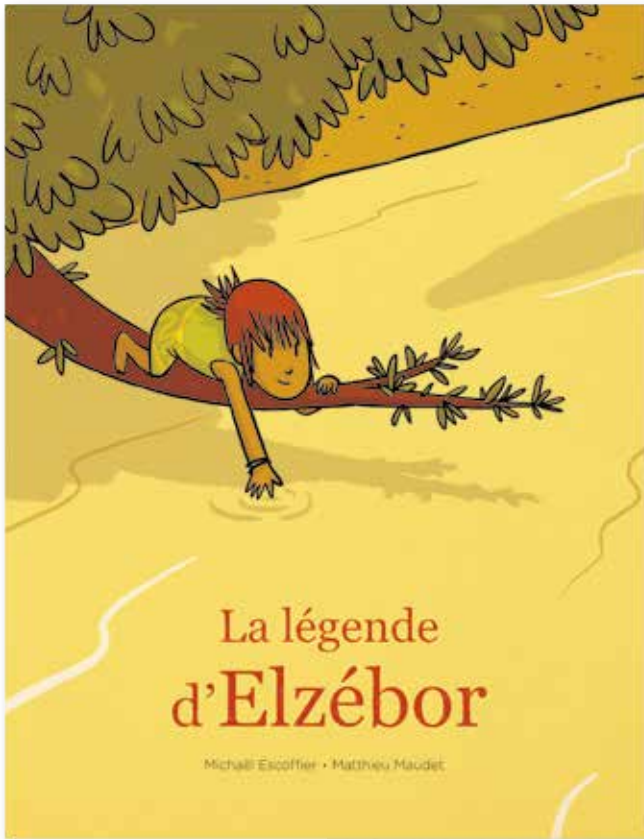
SOLD Italian



— Voici des gâteaux de Lune, dit la princesse à son fils. Une fois par an, au moment de la pleine lune, se préparent ces gâteaux en pensant à toi. Aujourd'hui se sera l'expérience à son tour. Et lorsque tu mangeras ces gâteaux, la princesse se sentira à l'aise. Les enfants de la Terre!



MAUDET & ESCOFFIER



## THE LEGEND OF ELZÉBOR

*Sometimes, you really should listen to your parents!*

What scorching heat! Maia dreams of going for a swim in the river. No way, her parents say: Elzébor the monster lurks in that river and eats whoever comes near. They're such chickens! No doubt to Maia that they are exaggerating. She darts to the river. But as always, in Michaël Escoffier and Matthieu Maudet's stories, what happens is not what you expected. It's better!

**Age 3+**

Hardcover | 36 pages

230 x 300 mm | €12.20

Author: Michaël Escoffier

Illustrator: Matthieu Maudet



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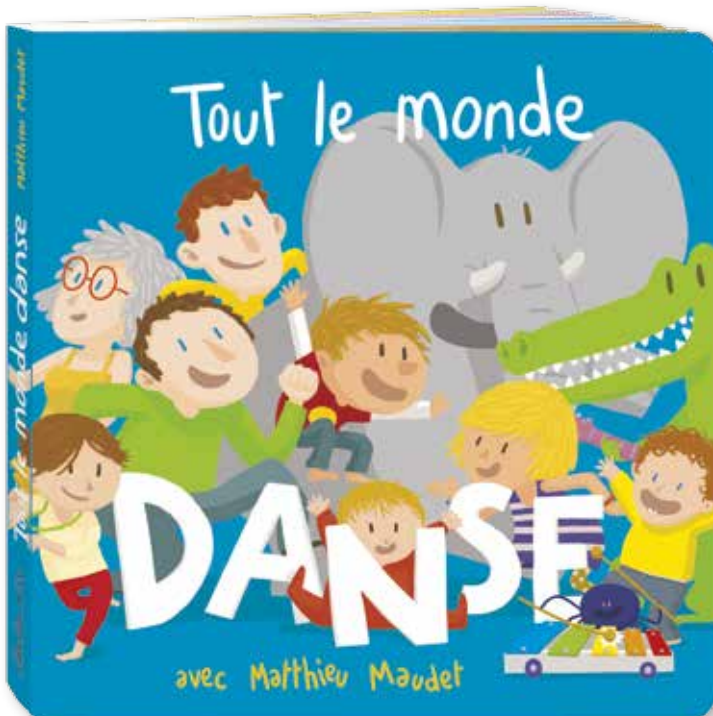


SOLD  
Chinese (Simplified  
& Complex), Spanish (LA)



SOLD  
Chinese (complex),  
Korean, Portuguese

# MATTHIEU MAUDET



## EVERYBODY DANCE!

*A swinging book that will make the whole family want to get on their feet and dance!*

Give a contrabass to a cat, and dad will start dancing! A spider plays the xylophone and the babies join in. Mum dances with the maracas-playing elephant. What about you? What instrument will get you dancing?

### Age 0-3

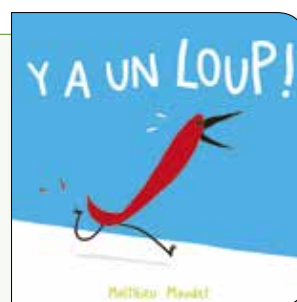
Board Book | 30 pages  
300 x 300 mm | €10



## BY THE SAME AUTHOR



**SOLD**  
Chinese (Complex),  
Italian, Swedish,  
Spanish (World)



**SOLD**  
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& Complex),  
Korean, Spanish

ALEX SANDERS



## TUNE IT DOWN!

An interactive and fun book, set out like a sketch for the very young on a critical topic among parents: noise!

It's very noisy! And it's attracting Mister Wolf!  
Beware! Mister Wolf will eat us all!  
How about if we tune it down?  
What will you then do, Mister Wolf?

**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 22 pages  
210 x 280 mm | €12.20



NAUGHTY WOLF  
Series | 7 titles

300,000 copies sold

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Chinese (Simplified), Italian,  
Spanish (World)



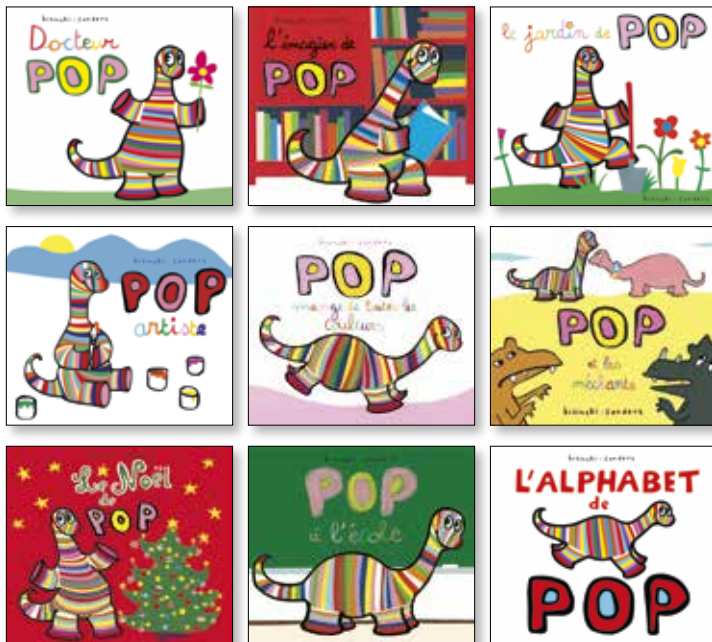
## FALL WITH POP

*Leaf umbrellas, cookies and picnic in the woods: a cheerful program for mid-term! A fun way to learn the names of seasonal fruits.*

Autumn has arrived. Pop and his friend Kiki the squirrel decide to make a huge snack with autumn fruit. Pumpkin and pear pie, grape juice, nut cookies, and so on... There have made so many delicious dishes that they decide to invite all their friends! But... who watches them from afar, not daring to approach?

**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 24 pages  
240 x 210 mm | €11.20



## ALPHABET AND NUMBERS

Two double-sided posters about numbers and alphabet. One side for learning, the other for practicing.

**Age 3+**

2 posters | 2 stickers sheets  
45 x 60 mm | €6.90



POP Series | 11 titles,  
1 sheet of stickers,  
1 game & 2 educational posters

260,000 copies sold

SOLD  
Chinese (Simplified), Italian,  
Korean, Russian



# RAMADIER & BOURGEOU



## THE LONG LADDER

*A fun play on space for toddlers with colorful illustrations and easy-going characters.*

The siren goes off at the fire station: fire alert! Fire-Elephant drives off in the fire engine and Fire-mouse takes off in the hot air balloon. Elephant unfolds the long ladder to save the building's occupants. But what is taking Mouse so long? The book unfolds vertically as the ladder climbs up the building.

**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 14 pages

180 x 180 mm | €10

Author: Cédric Ramadier

Illustrator: Vincent Bourgeau



*The same duo behind the book series,  
an international bestseller.  
More than 225,000 copies sold!*





## SURPRISE HIDE AND SEEK

*A surprising and clever search-and-find book which makes a colorful and joyful picture book for kids and their parents.*

In each page pigs are hidden, and goats, and other animals yet to be found. And that's not all: in each page also lurks a wolf that can only be seen by turning the book upside down!

**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 14 pages

180 x 180 mm | €11.80

Author: Cédric Ramadier

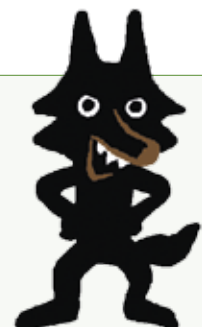
Illustrator: Vincent Bourgeau



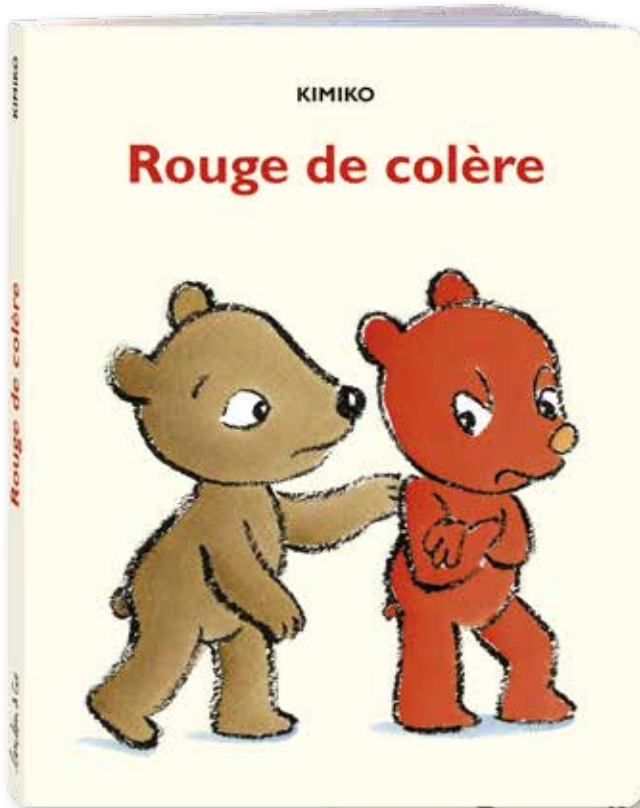
THE BOOK Series | 4 titles

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Chinese (Simplified), Dutch,  
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Korean, Polish, Portuguese,  
Russian, Spanish (World)







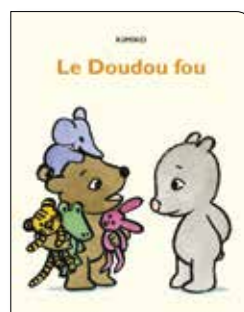
## RED WITH ANGER

*A topical subject: emotions and how to deal with them.*

Malo and Lola were about to have a snack but the cookies have disappeared... and that makes Lola very angry. So angry she turns red! Malo takes her out to help her calm down. Will they find out what happened to the snacks?

**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 26 pages  
190 x 240 mm | €11.50



MALO Series | 3 titles

# CHRISTINE DAVENIER



## TEENY-TINY IN AUTUMN

*Friendship and tenderness, depicted in Christine Davenier's delicate style.*

It's autumn. Teeny-Tiny twirls among the falling leaves when she spots a small animal she had never seen before. It's Maurice, the dormouse, and he's lost. Can Teeny-Tiny help her new friend?

### Age 0-3

Board Book | 32 pages

190 x 240 mm | €10.70

Author: Kimiko

Illustrator: Christine Davenier



TEENY-TINY Series | 4 titles

A book for each season!

# SOLEDAD BRAVI & HERVÉ EPARVIER



## MY MOMMY AND DADDY ARE MAGICIANS

*Sometimes, parental love can really feel like magic.*

Mommy and Daddy are incredible! They can do anything, even impossible ones: a magic kiss from Mommy, and I am not hurting anymore. On Daddy's back, I go faster than a racehorse.

**Age 0-3**

Hardcover | 44 pages

140 x 140 mm | €11

Author: Hervé Eparvier

Illustrator: Soledad Bravi





## THE BOOK OF FIRST TIMES

*The authors of the books of “I likes” and “I don’t likes” come back with a digest of all the prominent moments in a little one’s life.*

First kiss, first scratch and... first smile? Yep! The first tooth, the first teddy bear, the first word of course, and the first sleep through the night... Or the first toy! All the “first times” brought together in this picture book.

### Age 0-3

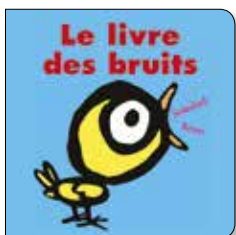
Board Book | 76 pages  
140 x 140 mm | €11.50  
Author: Hervé Eparvier  
Illustrator: Soledad Bravi



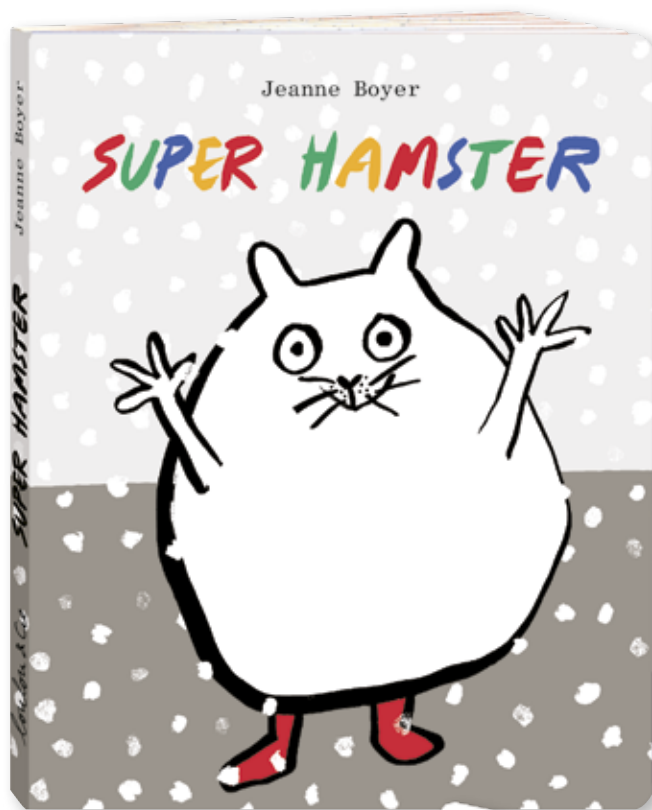
THE BOOK OF... Series | 8 titles & a game

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Basque, Chinese (Simplified), English (World), German, Icelandic, Italian, Korean, Polish, Spanish (EU), Swedish



JEANNE BOYER



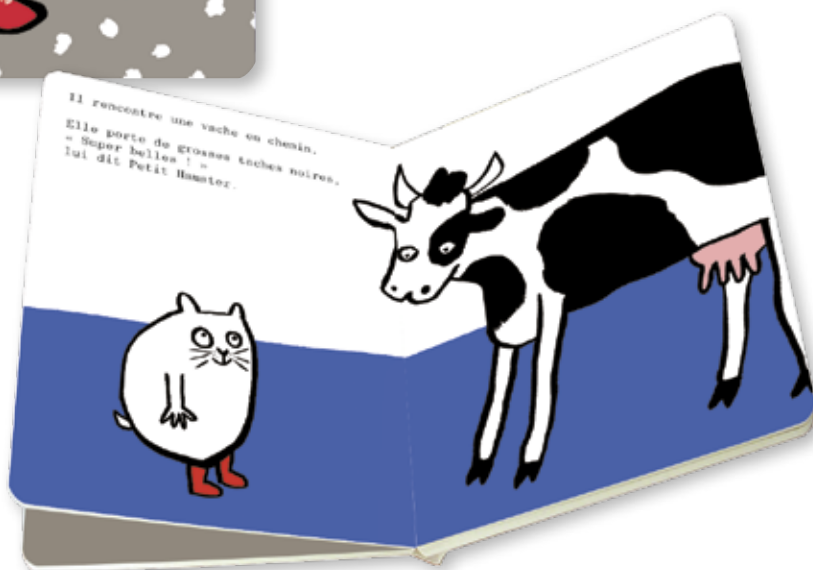
## SUPER HAMSTER

*An enthusiastic hero, generous with his compliments, able to see the beauty in everyone.*

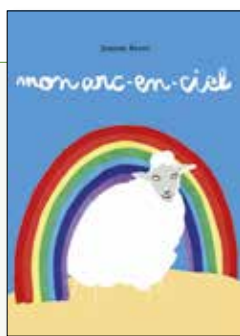
This is the story of a little hamster who dreams of having stripes, patches or dots much like a cow, a badger, a turkey or a fish. He decorates himself with soil and mud, but that doesn't do the trick. Thankfully, he comes up with a brilliant idea.

**Age 0-3**

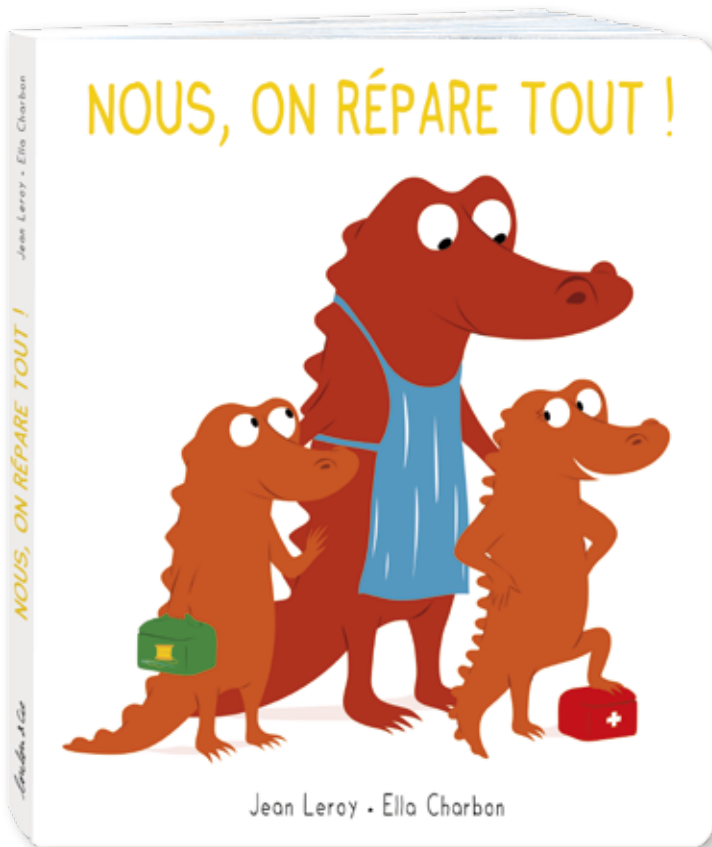
Board Book | 20 pages  
140 x 175 mm | €8



BY THE SAME AUTHOR



ELLA CHARBON



## WE FIX EVERYTHING!

*A modern family where the dad is involved in the day-to-day tasks. Bright colors and expressive crocodiles: Ella Charbon's growingly assertive style.*

The baby crocodiles fight over mommy's scarf... until it rips. Dad will sew it back before she realizes. But dad pricks his finger with the needle. That hurts!

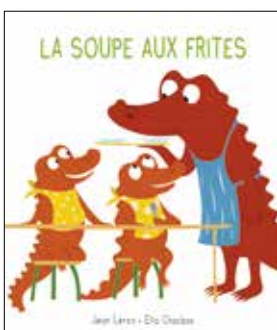
**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 26 pages

170 x 200 mm | €10

Author: Jean Leroy

Illustrator: Ella Charbon



CROCO Series | 2 titles



# BENOÎT CHARLAT



## SOPRETTY AND SOHANDSOME

*Impossible love or self-love? Two valid interpretations. A book that will help expand kids' vocabulary about weather.*

Sohandsome is all alone. The weather is dull, the sky full of clouds. He longs to find his lover, Sopretty. He calls her on the phone and, as the clouds slowly part, finally finds out she was actually close by.

**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 22 pages  
205 x 205 mm | €10.50



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# ARNAUD DENIS



## YESSSSS!

*An inventive picture book that celebrates imagination. Food, the body, nature... A story enrooted in preschool kids' everyday life.*

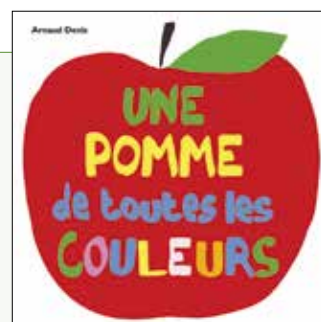
Is this the sun? Oh no, it's a fried egg!  
An orange flame? No! A fox's tail!  
No doubt however as far as the wolf's ears are concerned... they're easy to recognize because they're cuddly-toy-wolf's ears!

### Age 0-3

Board Book | 46 pages  
180 x 180 mm | €11.80



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# ISABELLE GIL



## THE LITTLE PINK ELEPHANT

*A newcomer in Isabelle Gil's fun and engaging work.*

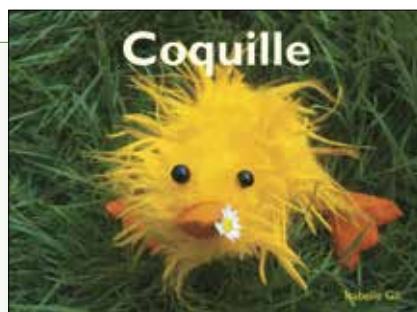
Little Pink Elephant thinks he is a monkey and jumps from tree to tree, but when his mom says it's time for a bath, he decides he's a frog. And when the time comes to tidy up the twigs, Little Pink Elephant turns them into a lion's mane! What an imagination!

**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 20 pages  
210 x 155 mm | €8.70



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MALIKA DORAY



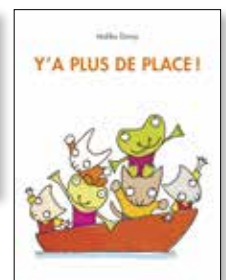
## THE BIG JOURNEY OF THE LITTLE MICE

*Another adventure for the audacious little mice!*

Two sisters' mice are going on a big journey, leaving their brother – who's not big on adventures – at home. They discover landscapes, beautiful animals while their brother is comfortable in his chair, until they tell him they are going to a secret place...

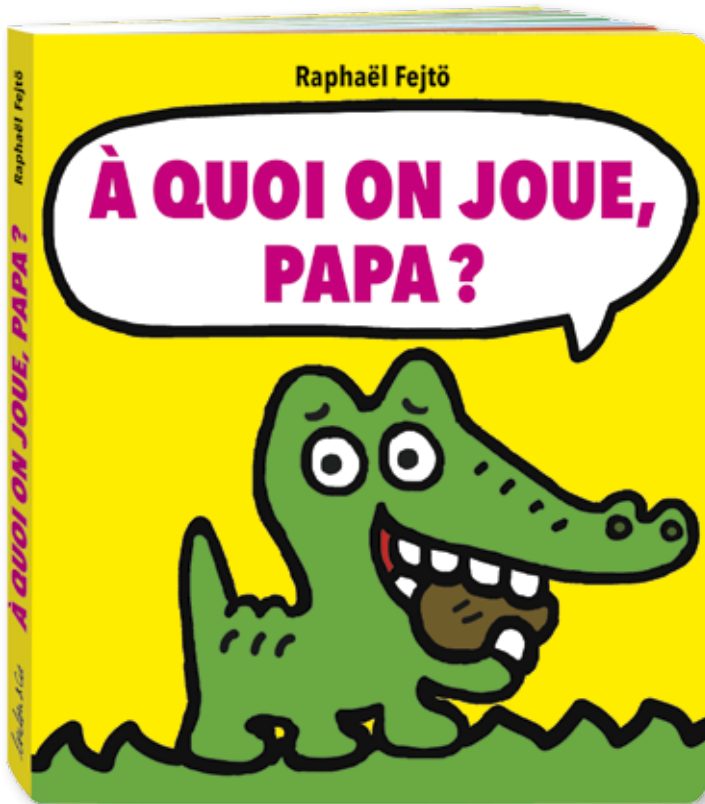
**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 28 pages  
190 x 260 mm | €11



THE LITTLE MICE Series | 9 titles

RAPHAËL FEJTÖ



## WHAT'S THE GAME, DADDY?

*Games and play on words for the youngest!*

Humans are not the only ones that play with Daddy, animals do to! They even play really fun games, like the elephantom or the penguin-win.

**Age 0-3**

Board Book | 26 pages  
170 x 190 mm | €10



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# DOROTHÉE DE MONFREID



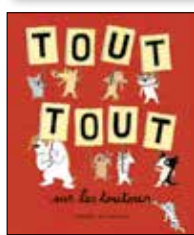
## THE BEST RESTAURANT IN THE WORLD

*Dorothee de Monfreid's adorable and hilarious pack of dogs is back with a new challenge: opening a restaurant. As always, it will turn into quite an adventure.*

The doggies are opening a restaurant. Zaza, who is the chief, is in charge of cooking and giving everyone a mission. Some are in charge of bringing the chairs, others the tables, and tableware. Finally, everything is ready! Everyone is excited to taste their favorite dish. Unfortunately, Zaza has forgot something quite important!

**Age 0.3**

Hardcover | 32 pages  
210 x 260 mm | €10.70



THE DOGGIES Series | 11 titles

**SOLD**

Chinese (Simplified & Complex),  
English (World), German, Hebrew,  
Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish (LA)





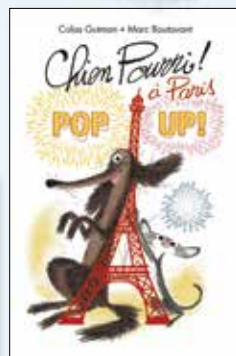
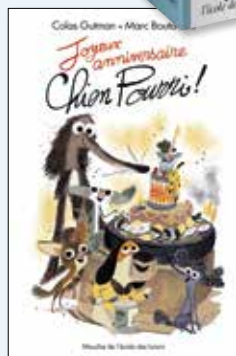
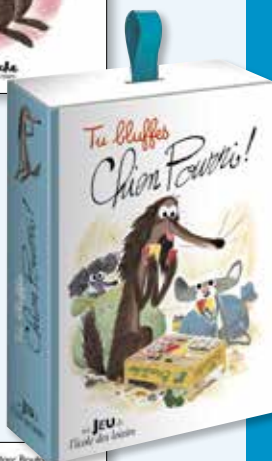
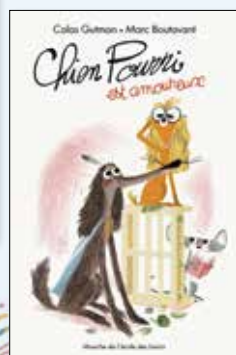
# NOVELS



# Dumb Dog Series

COLAS GUTMAN & MARC BOUTAVANT

*The hilarious and hectic adventures of a maverick mutt and a flattened cat.*



## THE SUCCESS

900.000 copies sold in France.  
Available in 9 languages!

## THE TONE

WACKY

with crazy and surprising situations  
DUMB like our heroes,  
who often act without thinking  
REBELLIOUS, where trash  
can-dwellers triumph  
BIG-HEARTED because Dumb Dog  
and his friend Flatcat want to do good  
wherever they can.

## THE VALUES

The Dumb Dog series promotes  
generosity, friendship and imagination.

DUMB DOG Series |  
11 titles, a pop-up, a game  
& 2 educational posters

SOLD Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), English (World),  
Hungarian, Italian, Russian, Spanish (World), Turkish, German



## DUMB DOG MILLIONAIRE!

The hamster's wheel has turned! Dumb Dog has found plenty of bank notes in his garbage can. Yus Tohave has entrusted him with them. Will Dumb Dog resist using the money? Will he prove himself to be generous with the neighboring rats and the pigeons? Or will he keep all the money to buy some treats? What if Dumb Dog really becomes super dumb?



## DUMB DOG'S GANG

Everything is falling apart between Dumb Dog and Flat Cat! Dumb Dog dreams to join the Bro Gang, led by the Fringed Poodle, while Flat Cat is going after Whisky, the Whiskers' gang leader. The war of cats versus dogs is on, with no holds barred! Will Dumb Dog and Flat Cat's friendship survive this gang warfare?

Age 6+

Chapter book | 80 pages

125 x 190 mm | €8

Author: Colas Gutman

Illustrator: Marc Boutavant

Our best-selling series, now with 11 titles, a pop-up, a game, 2 posters AND SOON...  
...A TV SHOW!



## DUMB DOG'S EDUCATIONAL POSTERS VERBS AND MULTIPLICATIONS

One poster to learn, the other to practice – all while having fun with Dumb Dog. Those verb examples... they're really something else! A whole page of stickers

Age 6+

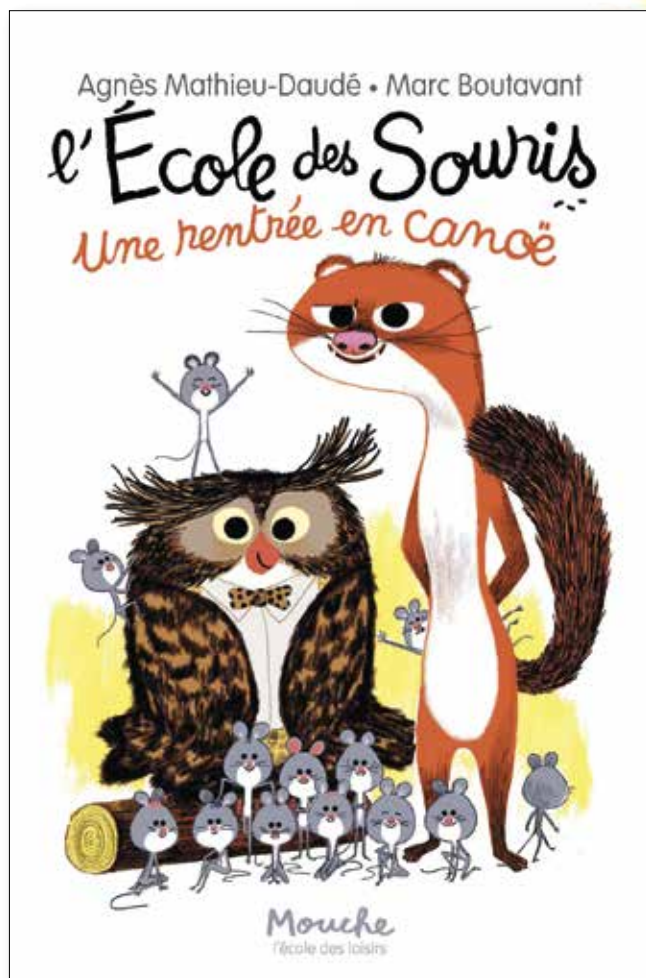
2 posters & 2 stickers sheets

45 x 60 mm | €6.90





AGNÈS MATHIEU-DAUDÉ



## MICE SCHOOL

*The first volume of a promising series in a strong imaginary world, bordering cartoon.*

Elvis the Owl is just sick of it: he doesn't have a minute to himself to read the papers, complete his herbarium or enjoy a peaceful nap. He enjoys company but how to get those little mice to be quieter? The humans have found the solution: they send their kids to school! And that's how Elvis becomes a school headmaster.

**Age 6+**

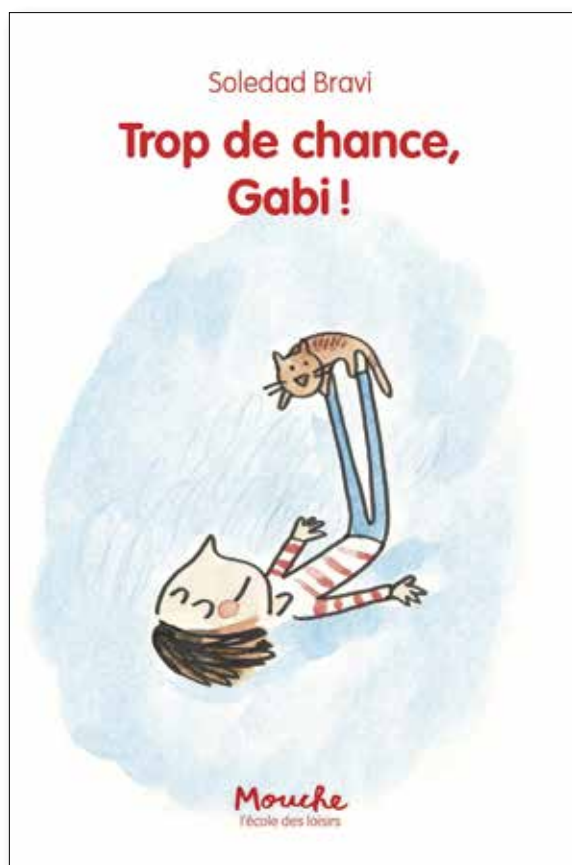
Chapter book | 80 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €8

Author: Agnès Mathieu-Daudé

Illustrator: Marc Boutavant



# SOLEDAD BRAVI



*In each volume, five short stories, with plenty of pictures: ideal for early readers which explore kids' lit classical topics: candy, friends, love for drawing...*

## SO LUCKY, GABI!

Seven year old Gabi has a busy life. There's school, of course, and her hilarious friend Oumou. The stories she tells herself and Kit Kat the cat who sleeps in her room. Impressive moments, like when her mom falls during a roller-skating session or when the police come to the park.

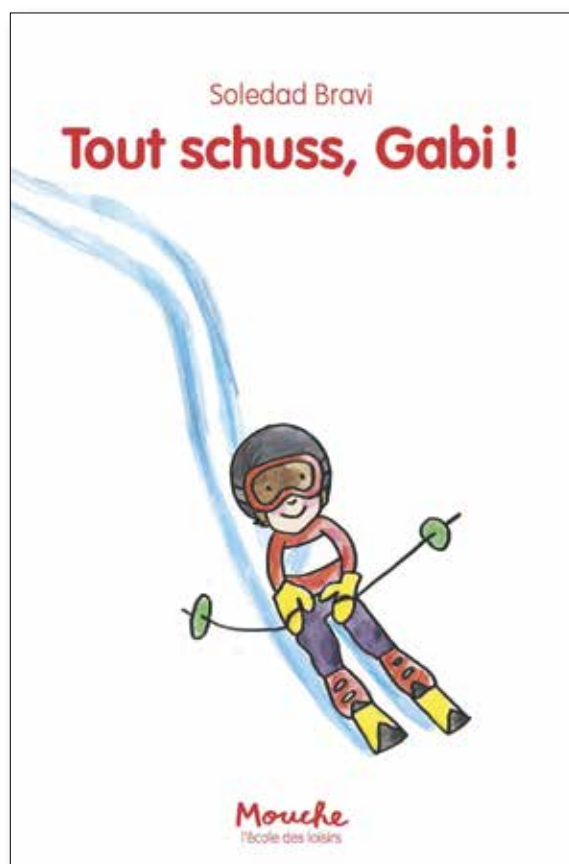
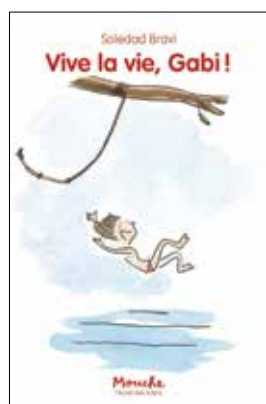
## SCHUSS DOWN, GABI!

Hurray for winter vacations! Gabi goes skiing with her cousins. She's aiming for a silver medal! But that's not all Gabi enjoys about the mountain: she loves snowball fights, sledding backwards, Choumi the instructor – he's so cool – and the swimming-pool when her mom agrees to take her after a day's skiing. With Gabi, days at the mountain are lively and fun. We all wish we had a friend like her.

Age 6+

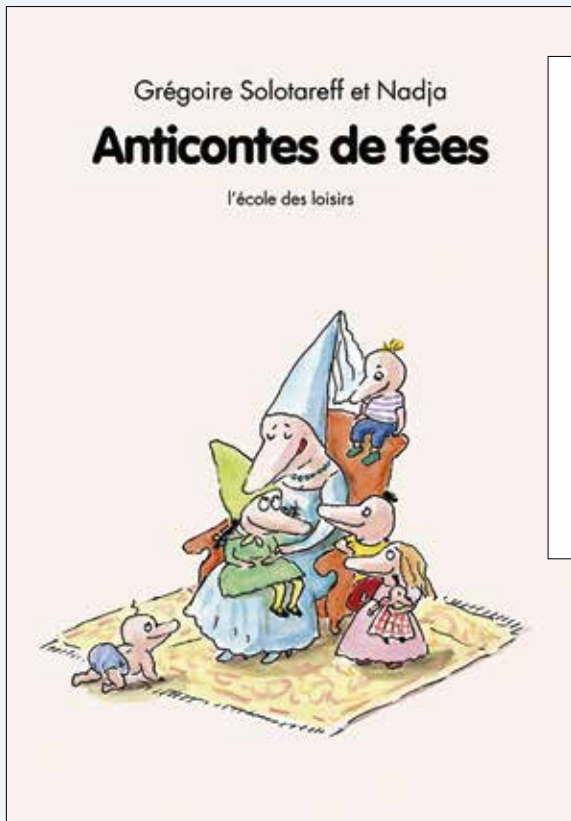
Chapter book | 40 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €7.50

GABI Series | 3 titles



# SOLOTAREFF & NADJA

Brother and sister, Grégoire Solotareff and Nadja make a point of taking an original stance on virtually everything; it's the core of their philosophical creative process, and their own way of making us read. Their new stories naturally stem from their already impressive bibliography (Blue Dog, Loulou and many others.)



SOLD Chinese (Simplified)

## UNFAIRY TALES - CONTAINS 3 STORIES



## 3 LITTLE TALES - CONTAINS 3 STORIES



Grégoire Solotareff • Nadja  
**Le chat Beauté**



**Mouche**  
l'école des loisirs

## PUSS'N BEAUTS

*A mischievous tribute to Puss in Boots: the famous duo pursues revisiting tales with humor.*

The poor miller is very sad, all his father passed on to him is a cat. He considers selling it, but the cat promises it will make him rich. All it asks is a pair of boots his size and to let it work its magic. Puss in Boots visits the king who had never seen such a beautiful cat. No wonder its name is Puss'n Beauts. What if the miller just happens to be drowning in the river when the king and his daughter go out for a walk? But the miller actually doesn't know how to swim...

**Age 6+**

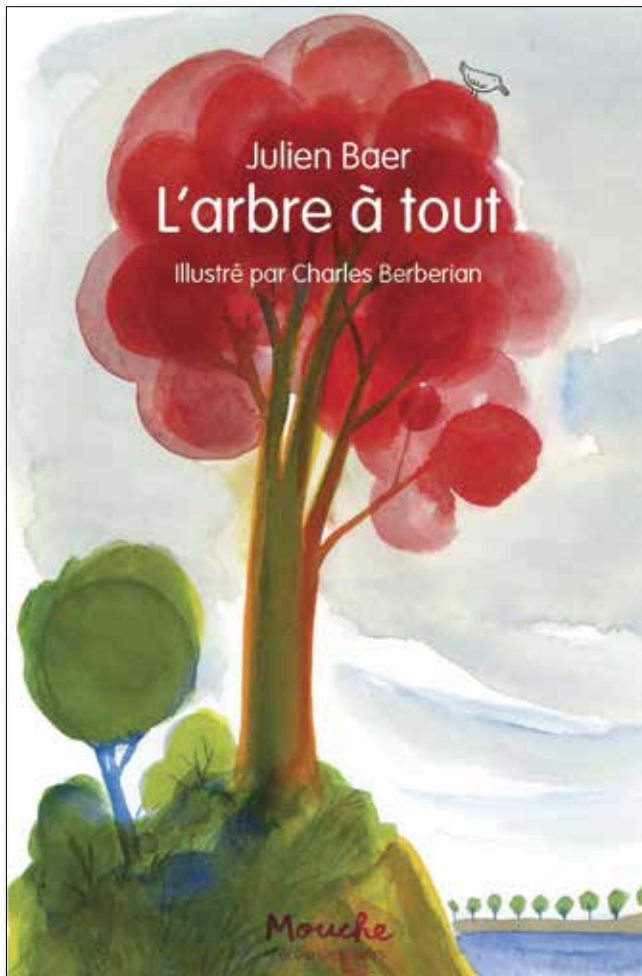
Chapter book | 64 pages

125 x 190 mm | €7.50

Author: Grégoire Solotareff

Illustrator: Nadja





## THE TREE OF EVERYTHING

*A mix between a haiku and a tale on our modern world.*

Matthieu and his cousin Paul have played all afternoon with the twins Imane and Colombe. A piece of chocolate would be nice, now. But nobody has brought any. A table of chocolate suddenly appears on a tree branch. Have the children just discovered a chocolate tree? Coming to think of it, that's not all they'd like to have... They try... and it works! All you need is to want and whatever you were thinking of just appears! They've discovered a Tree of Everything! But everything... is a lot.

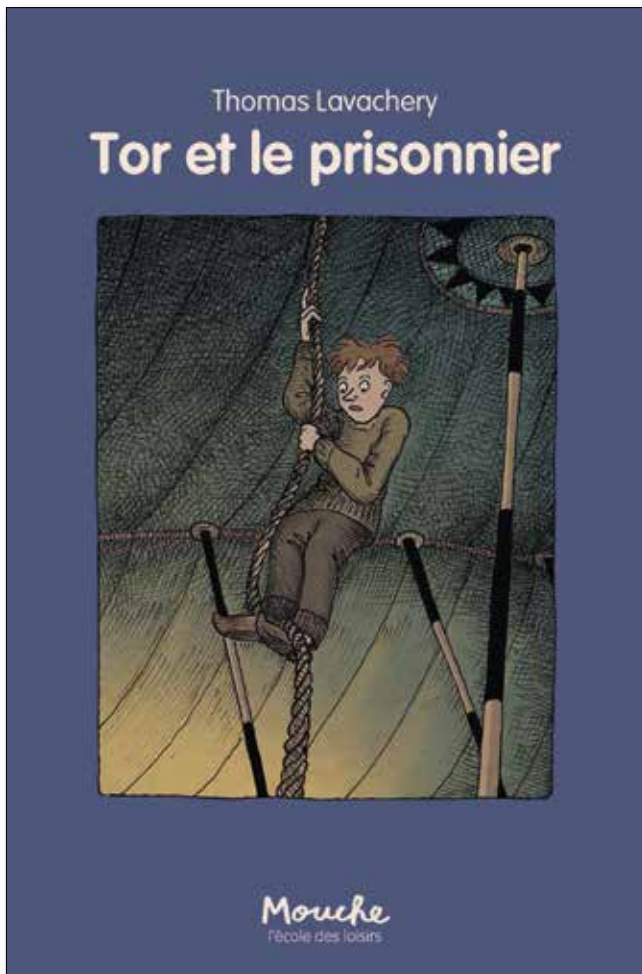
**Age 6+**

Chapter book | 40 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €6.50

Author: Julien Baer

Illustrator: Charles Berberian





## TOR AND THE PRISONER

*Tor is settling in as a strong masculine role model for young readers: a sensitive, generous and very resourceful little guy!*

Except for Tor de Borgivisk and his family, everybody in the kingdom believes trolls disappeared in the Middle Ages. But oh horrors! A young troll has just been captured. He has fallen in the evil clutches of cruel Lars Vindson, who wants to tame him for his circus. He must be rescued.

Impossible, it seems. Unless Tor and his family come up with a truly extraordinary plan. And are able to carry it out in spite of the danger... But Tor, his father and his uncle are not easily impressed...

**Age 6+**

Chapter book | 88 pages | 125 x 190 mm | €8

### AWARDS

 Winner of the Wallonie-Bruxelles Award 2018



TOR Series | 4 titles



LUC BLANVILLAIN



## THE GREAT BIG CAT

*A transgenerational adventure: a grandmother, a big brother – and even a cat!*

Nicolas is starting middle school and it's time he knew: the world is a jungle. You might come across a pack of deadly smiling alligators in the playground. Or, while in the woods, bump into a real tiger escaped from the zoo. And you could meet a dauntless warrior-girl running free. When, like Nicolas, you've been used to being cocooned, there's need to arm yourself with courage... and take off!

**Age 9+**

Middle grade | 208 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12.50

Author: Luc Blanvillain

Illustrator: Nathalie Desforges



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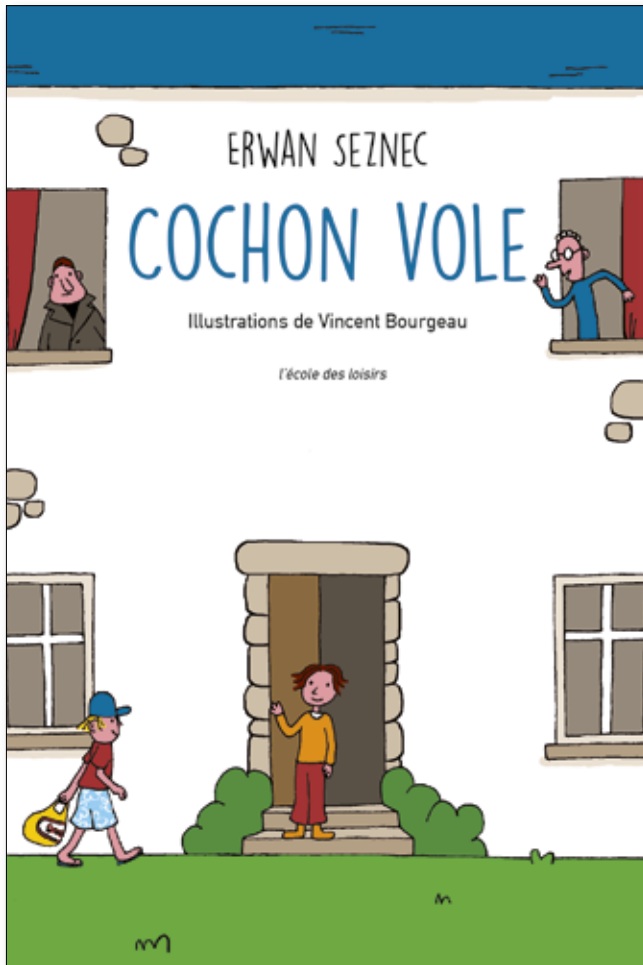
**SOLD**  
Spanish (LA), Turkish



**AWARDS**

Nomination  
for the  
Jugendliteratur  
Preis 2018

**SOLD**  
German, Italian



## THE FLYING PIG

*A funny, slightly crazy and thrilling story and a way to learn why, in life, things work out more easily when you're not alone.*

Those vacations in Brittany sure look promising: Antoine has been invited to stay at a seaside manor with his three best friends. All the four middle-graders are asked to look after an 8-year-old boy called Galahad. Babysit him, so to say. Nothing to worry about. But when Antoine and his buddies arrive, everything goes wrong. They find themselves having to deal with a plump and curly pig... and a bunch of tough guys who seem determined to get rid of them. Why, oh why, are such things always happening to them?

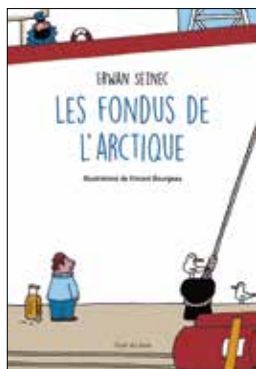
**Age 9+**

Middle grade | 128 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12

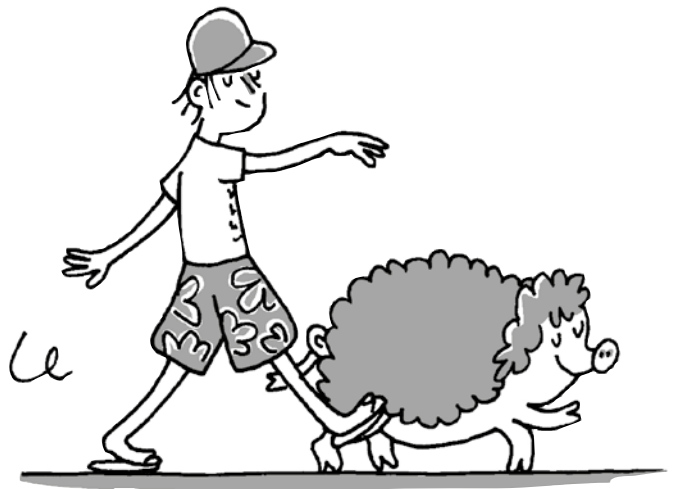
Author: Erwan Seznec

Illustrator: Vincent Bourgeau

Series | 2 titles



**SOLD**  
Spanish (EU)







## A STONE IN YOUR POCKET

*A fast paced, delicate, and humorous story which tells the moving birth of an essential friendship.*

A stone. Tino's island is no bigger than a stone. Most of its 216 inhabitants are old and nothing ever happens. Tino dreams that something will come from the sea – a whale, perhaps, or a gold-digger. Or that he might discover a reindeer among the fern. But all the boat brings is a group of school kids who have come to visit the island. Tino doesn't yet know he is about to have a life-changing encounter.

**Age 9+**

Middle grade | 128 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12.50

Author: Marie Chartres

Illustrator: Jean-Luc Englebert



BY THE SAME AUTHOR

# NATHALIE LÉGER-CRESSON & NATHAN STERN



## YOU – TO THE START OF THE WORLD

*A revolutionary approach to evolution,  
mixing scientific precision and poetry.*

You visits the Chauvet grotto with her class when a terrible storm breaks and she is carried back in time. She travels to meet her ancestors – those of all mankind. Ayama introduces her to cave paintings, Blabla, Barbacoa and Martiko tell her all about the origins of language, of fire and manufacturing tools. Thus, You travels back to the appearance of the first cell and further even: to the Big Bang.

The greatest lesson she learns: beyond our individual differences, we all share the same history. The story of life and evolution.

**Age 9+**

Middle grade | 108 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12.50  
Authors: Nathalie Léger-Cresson & Nathan Stern  
Illustrator: Lana Choukroune



An epic story including heroes, mystery and many adventures. The full version of the Pozzis, completely made over: restructuring, extra scenes and new revelations.



**HOW** an imaginary society of Pozzis, small creatures of about twenty centimeters high, lives peacefully, joyfully, trustingly in an eternal Now, where the word “Death” does not exist.

**HOW** this people of musicians ignores where babies come from, and simply welcomes them with a beautiful ceremony when they appear, floating in a basket at the foot of a waterfall.

**HOW** this united people, by the odds of an unexpected situation, has to enter the Elsewhere, a terrifying and fascinating land, beyond their boarder.

**HOW** this adventure will teach them that they do, in fact, all come from the Elsewhere.

**HOW** the short sighted Pozzis smooth the rough edges of this truth.

**HOW** they turn it into myths and ballads.

## THE POZZIS

The Pozzis like to play the flute, build bridges and change the color of their dresses whenever they feel like it! They seem so peaceful and happy – hard to imagine they are threatened by a terrible curse. For, at the boarder of their wonderful country, lies Elsewhere. A grey and cold forest full of shrieks and violence, where the Bronghts and the Bearnis fight an everlasting war. Separated by an unsurmountable wall, the Elsewhereians and the Pozzis know nothing of each other. But when Adèle is taken by the Spiral, on the other side of the boarder, the Pozzis don't have a moment's hesitation. They launch an expedition to get her back from Elsewhere, that cursed land nobody ever returns from...

**Age 8+**

Middle grade | 320 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €15.50

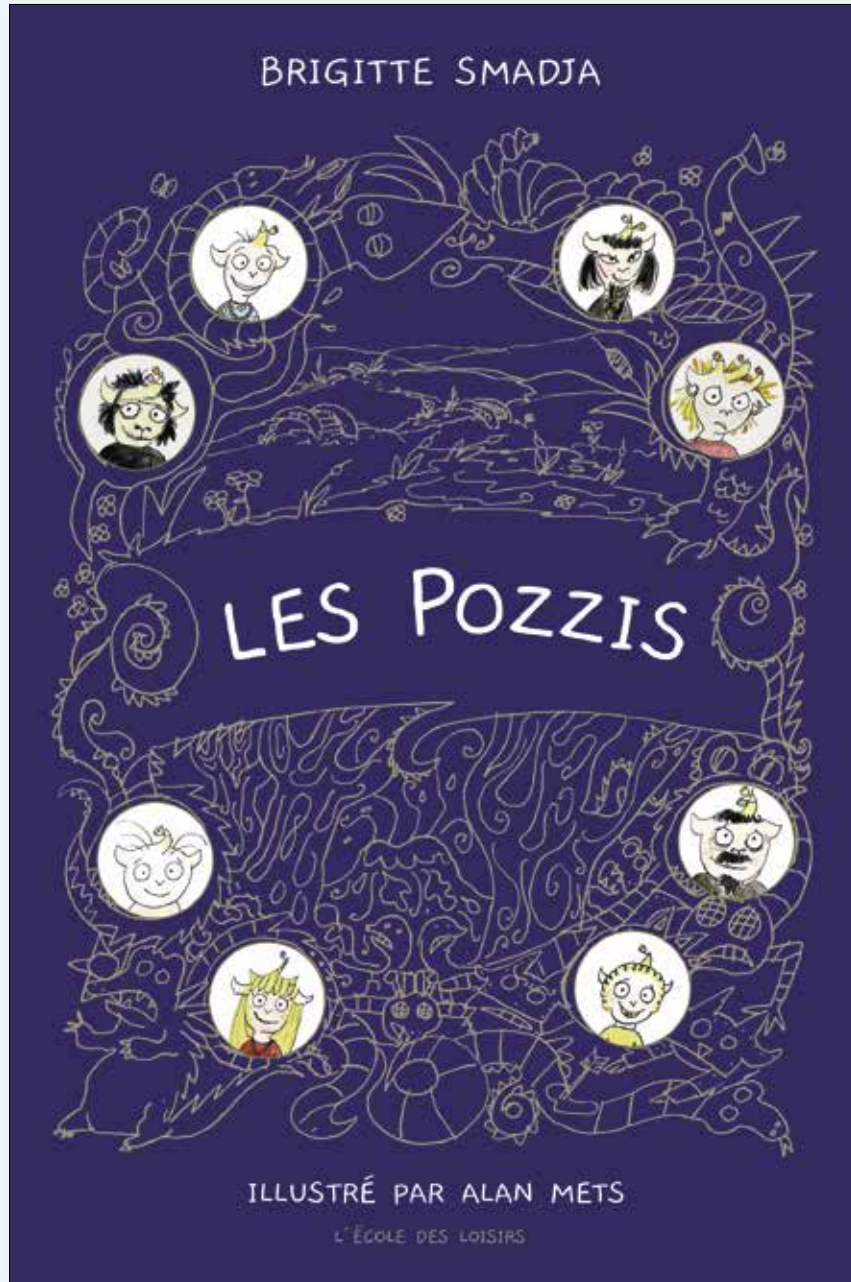
Author: Brigitte Smadja

Illustrator: Alan Mets

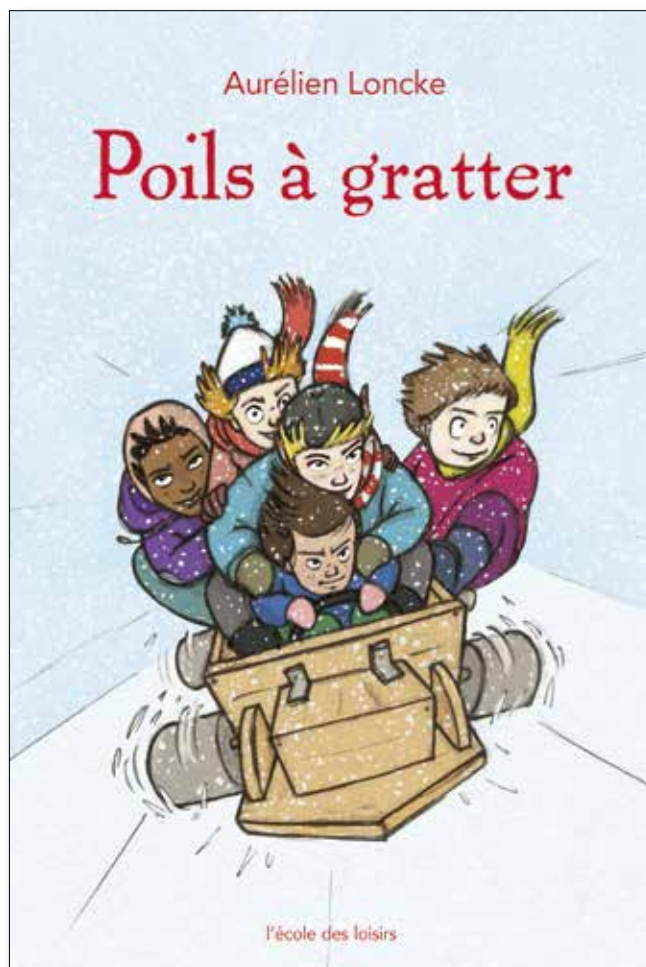
SOLD Chinese (Simplified)



# BRIGITTE SMADJA



*"With a wealth of details, Brigitte Smadja describes a micro society of tiny beings, not unlike the Smurfs in their time. There, you are born, you grow up, you work joyfully, but the apparent harmony is not devoid of anguishes, it is deeply human. These delicate and inspired stories, brilliantly constructed, add up to create a little anthropology of this imaginary society. Young readers will dive in with delight, both to stay in childhood and to grow up."*



## ITCHING-POWDERS

*A brisk and kooky adventure which will leave you breathless, but content!*

Who is after the Itching-Powders? For days now, the five kids from the Candle Gang have been bumping into that awful man with yellow teeth, a mean look and a crumpled raincoat. Sure, the Itching-Powders have been giving the villagers a hard time, but is that enough reason to have them tracked down? Unless the raincoat man has something to ask them? Something dangerous and suspicious, of course...

**Age 9+**

Middle grade | 176 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12.50

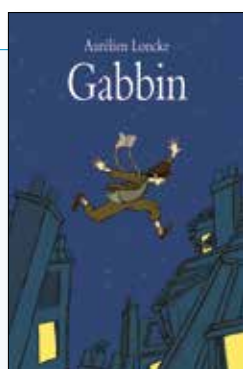
Author: Aurélien Loncke

Cover illustration: Adrien Albert

SOLD Chinese (Simplified)

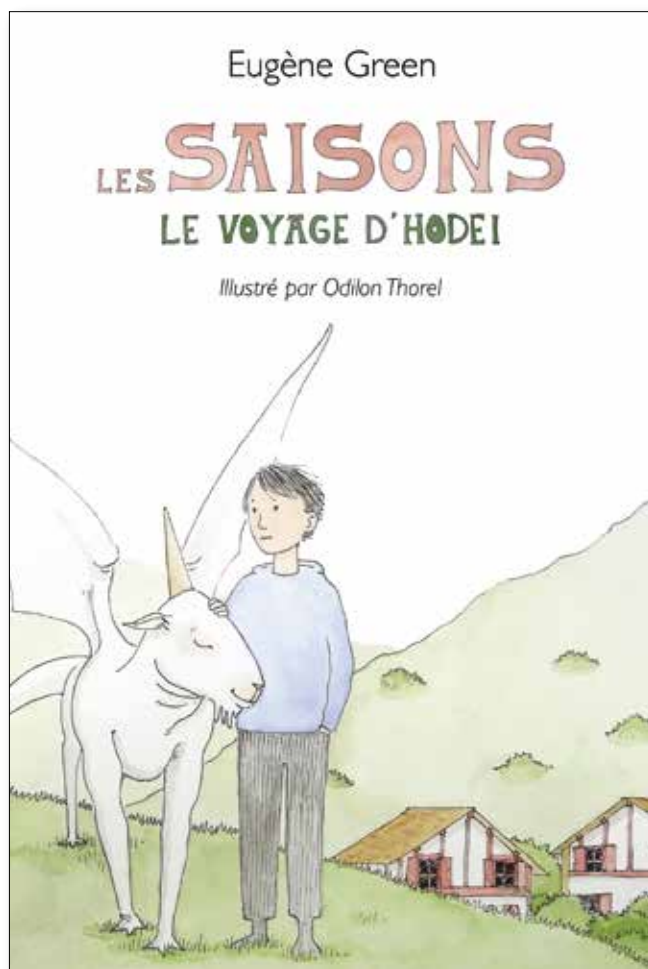
*"Wherever he takes us,  
should it be a fantasy world or  
in the heart of wounded children,  
Aurélien Loncke works his magic,  
and his poetry enchants us."*

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



EUGÈNE GREEN

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## THE SEASONS

*An unusual coming-of-age tale which celebrates our bond with Mother Nature.*

Hodei lives with his mom and dad and his brother Peio in a farm in the Basque region. He is a solitary child, who likes wandering in nature, but that doesn't please his parents. He talks about it with his grand-mother and she comes up with an idea: he must go to the Witch of the Forest of Hautsak, and she will entrust him with a mission. The Witch tells him the story of the Herensuge monster, half-dragon half-snake, which left an egg when it died. It is for Hodei to look after the egg and the creature inside.

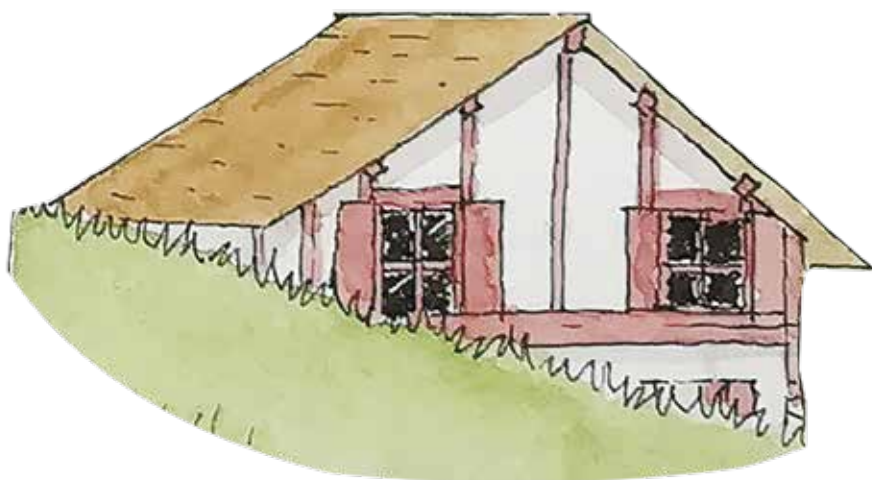
**Age 9+**

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Middle grade | 104 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12

Author: Eugène Green

Illustrator: Odilon Thorel





OLIVIER ADAM

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## STAND STILL

[#LOVESTORY](#) [#FANTASTIC](#) [#SEA](#)

The first time, Antoine was scared stiff. He was doing his homework in the kitchen. His Mom was peeling carrots for dinner. That's when it happened. Complete silence. And the world around him, frozen as if for eternity. What would you do if you could stop time? An atypical story mixing day-to-day life and fantasy, in Olivier Adam's poetic and tender writing.

**Age 11+**

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Middle grade | 96 pages | €5.80

## SUSIE & MAYAH MORGENSTERN

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### NO MORE CANDIES

[#DISEASE](#) [#DIET](#)

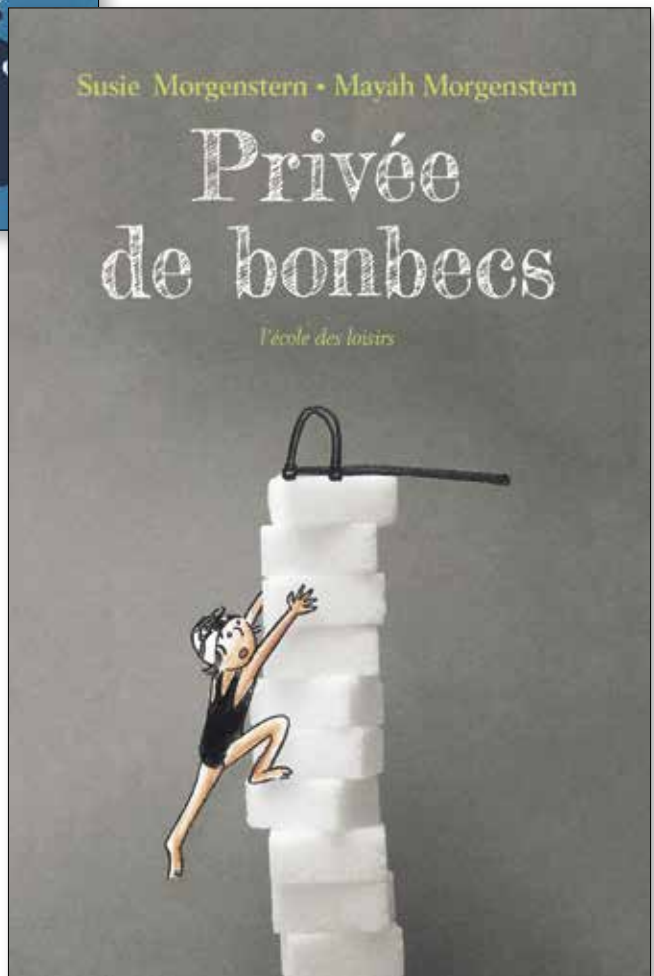
A happy, healthy young girl, Myriam is suddenly taken with weird symptoms. A terrible thirst. Nausea. Enuresis. Sudden cravings. The diagnosis: diabetes. The sweet-toothed Myriam must start a diet...

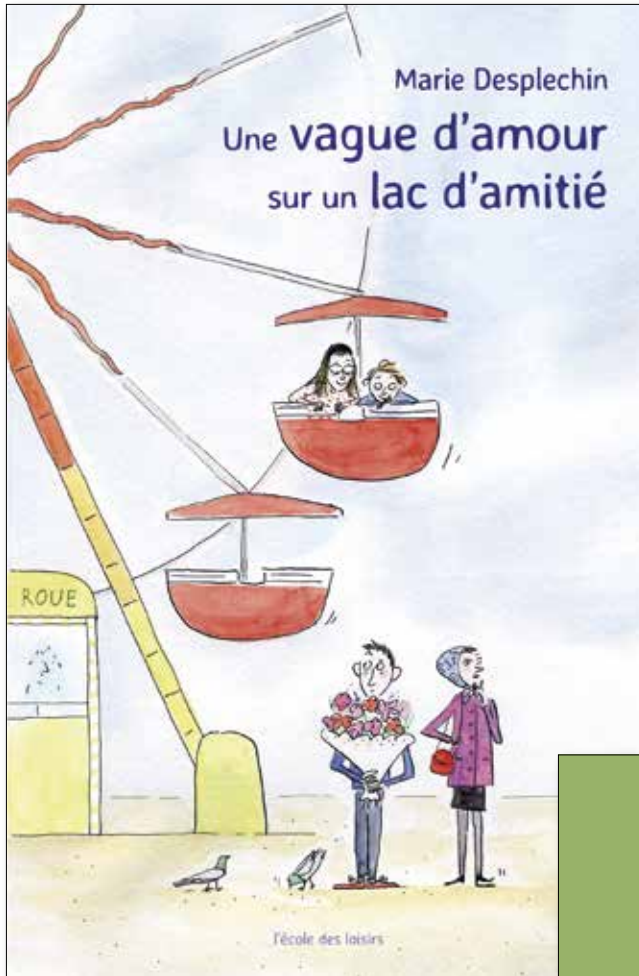
**Age 9+**

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Middle grade | 144 pages | €5.80

SOLD Korean





MARIE DESPLECHIN

## A WAVE OF LOVE ON A LAKE OF FRIENDSHIP

#LOVE #FOREIGNLANGUAGE

A fresh middle-schooler, Suzanne is starting to learn English. Her parents find her a private teacher, Tim, an English student. Soon enough, French replaces English, and they start sharing much more than language lessons.

Age 9+

Middle grade | 128 pages | €5.80

SOLD Greek, Italian, Russian

JEAN-FRANÇOIS  
CHABAS

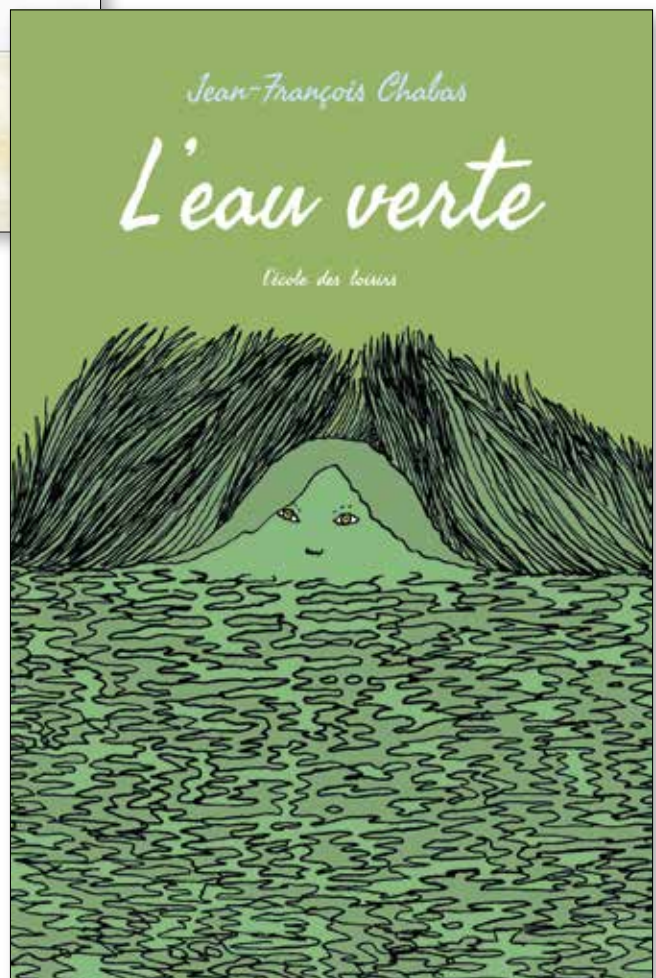
## GREEN WATERS

#SUPERNATURAL #MOTHER/DAUGHTER

It's a swamp, in a remote corner of the mountain. It does not smell, yet it is dangerous. One day, Anja disobeys her mother and goes there alone. She feels irresistibly attracted to this place. What she will get a glimpse of is both terrifying and fascinating.

Age 9+

Middle grade | 112 pages | €5.80







## SURVIVAL INTERNSHIP

*Christine Avel revisits the compulsory internship institution through a gripping detective novel, starring two hilarious heroes.*

A one week internship with the accounting department of a shoebox factory... Not exactly living the dream. But that was the only internship Abel found. As he's about to embark on the most boring week of his life, stuck with José a young accountant as prone to allergies as he is strict on method the announcement of a financial audit sends a wave of panic in the department. An army of inspectors dressed in black will go through all the figures, seeking for the smallest mistake. Meanwhile, there is a robbery at the Big Box headquarters, and the invoice file disappears. Abel's internship could turn out to be more exciting than anticipated...

**Age 12+**

Middle grade | 128 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12

Author: Christine Avel

Illustrator: Arnaud Boutin

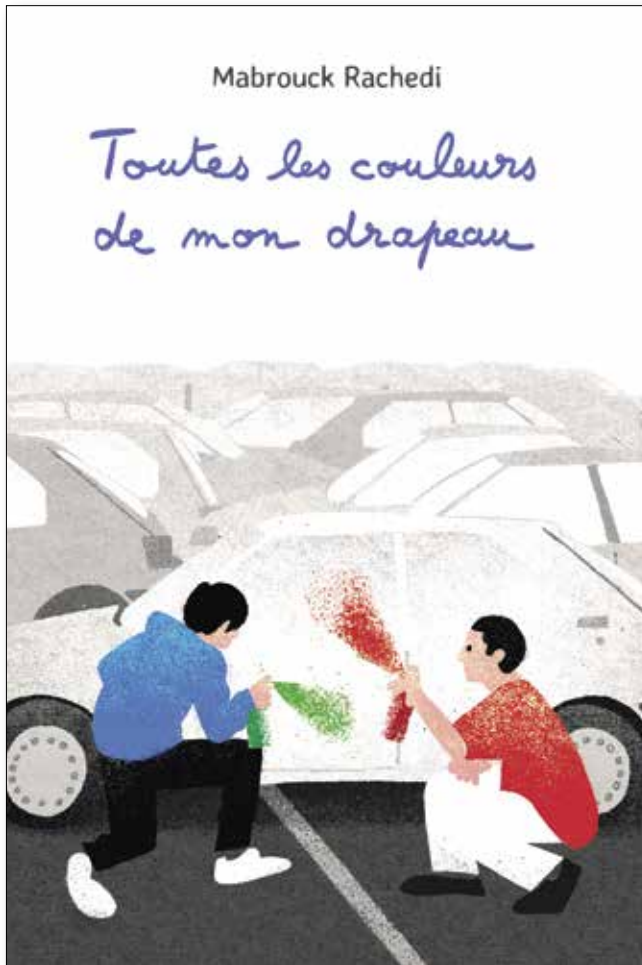


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MABROUCK RACHEDI

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## ALL THE COLORS ON MY FLAG

*The story of a rebellion. It's never easy to be a teenager, but when your history teacher distorts your ancestor's history, it can turn into a real identity crisis.*

Everything seems fine for Selim: he is the best student in his 7th grade class and is spoiled by his parents, even though they are kept very busy by their brilliant careers. Until the day his history teacher, Mrs Dupin, decides to teach them about Algeria. Unfortunately, she does bad – and too hasty – job according to Selim. This launches Selim's journey to make peace with his roots, through a series of questions and comical situations which also prompt his parents to spend less time working, and more time with their son.

**Age 12+**

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Middle grade | 96 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €12  
Author: Mabrouck Rachedi

*"The truth was too ugly: myself, I had been looking away until Ms. Dupin started asking questions. Now, the lid of History lifted open in front of me, and a million questions overflowed my little brain, including this one: why did we - me and the other students - know so little about our own history? How could my grand-parents immigrate to the land of the enemy?"*

# DOMINIQUE SOUTON

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## MY DOG SPEAKS LOSER

*Preteens' worries rendered with great tenderness, subtlety and humor (find out everything about #haters).*

Félix Thomassin dreamed of getting a dog for his birthday, but instead of the cute puppy he was hoping for, his parents give him an automatic bulldog that wags its tail when you start it. Félix worries. Will this robot-dog put him straight back in the “loser” spot? Which he fought so hard to tear lose from? Quite the opposite! The plastic animal becomes a hit among the kids in his class. It talks! And repeats everything it hears! For better and for worse. More often for worse...

**Age 12+**

Middle grade | 96 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €13

Author: Dominique Souton

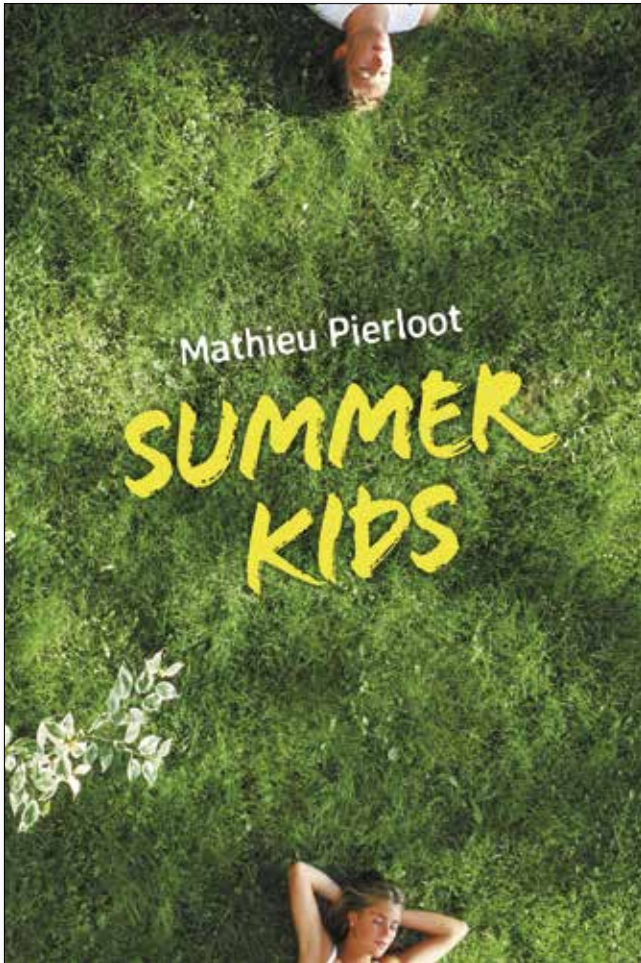
Illustrator: Gabriel Gay



LOSER Series | 2 titles

# MATHIEU PIERLOOT

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## SUMMER KIDS

*The summer after graduation, in search of lost love. A pivotal time in the life of a group of teenagers, told with intelligence and subtlety.*

For Antoine and his friends, this coming summer will bridge the gap between high school and university. All of them know what they will be doing, except for Antoine. The poor boy is lost on all fronts, including family – he hates his mother’s new partner. Moreover, Antoine is depressed because of his and Hannah’s recent break up. For lack of anything else, he hooks up with a pretty blond at a party where drink flows freely, and finds himself a temp job at a nursing home. But time goes by and he will ultimately have to decide who he wants to be with – Hannah or somebody else.

**Age 14+**

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Young adults | 160 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €14

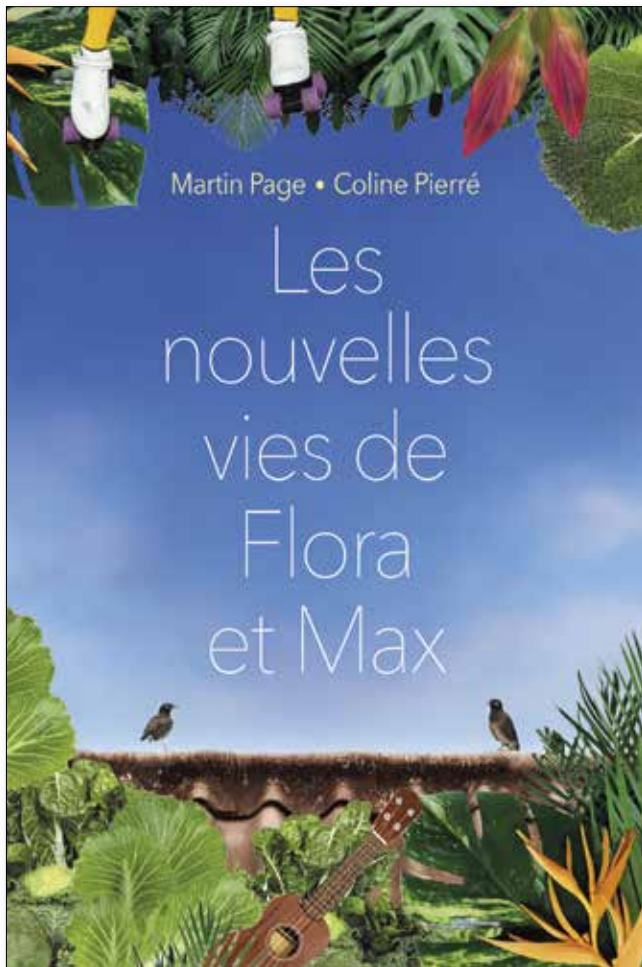
Author: Mathieu Pierloot

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BY THE SAME AUTHOR



SOLD  
Korean



## FLORA AND MAX'S NEW LIVES

*Sometimes, freedom needs a little practice.*

Rare birds need a refuge. When Flora and Max met, they both lived in a cage. She was in a prison and he lived like a recluse in his bedroom. Today, Flora has come back to life. She is leaving to study anthropology, find an apartment and start a new job at an unusual nursing-home near the lake. Max learns to cook, play the ukulele and together, they venture off into the jungle of real life. But a mall in construction jeopardizes this fragile life balance. They will need to fight and confront others in order to survive. With the will of the weak and the bravery of birds.

**Age 14+**

Young adults | 224 pages | 148 x 218 mm | €14.50  
Authors: Martin Page & Coline Pierré

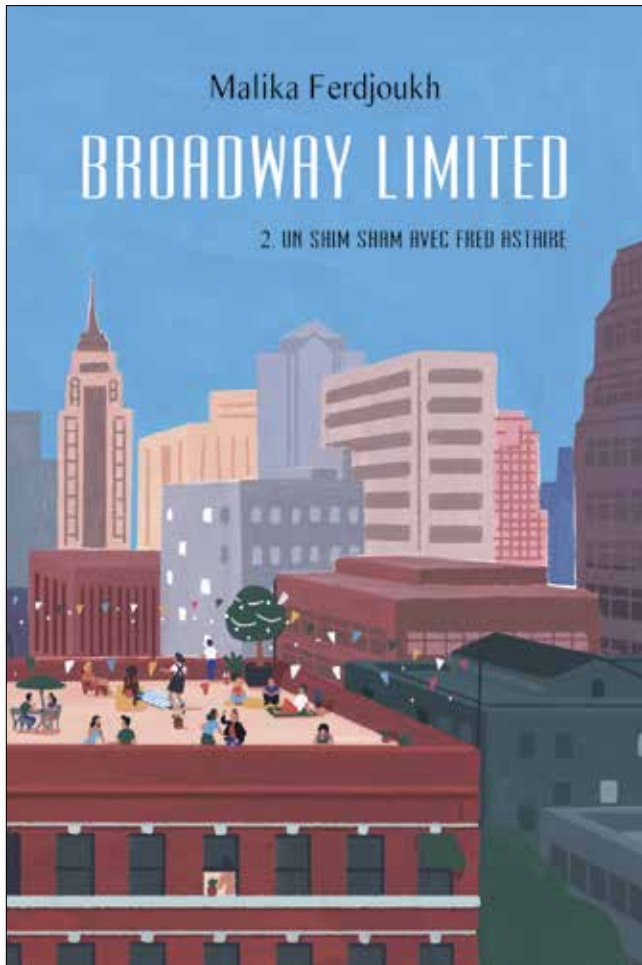
*"Sometimes, a few dozen of letters can shine a new light on your life. Together, Flora and Max are stronger. Slowly, delicately, they open up to each other, and to the world. And we get a glimpse of their doubts, their fears, but also of what brings them joy. Soon, Flora and Max will move forward together, and break the walls around them"*

FLORA & MAX Series | 2 titles

**SOLD**  
Spanish (LA)



# MALIKA FERDJOUKH



## BROADWAY LIMITED, VOL. 2 A SHIM SHAM WITH FRED ASTAIRE

*You were wondering when you'd see them again? Well they ARE BACK!*

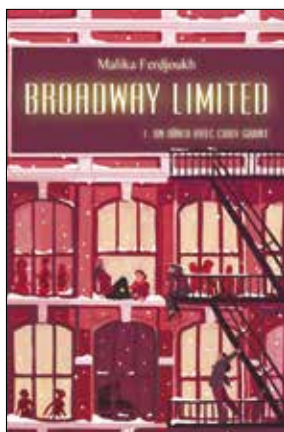
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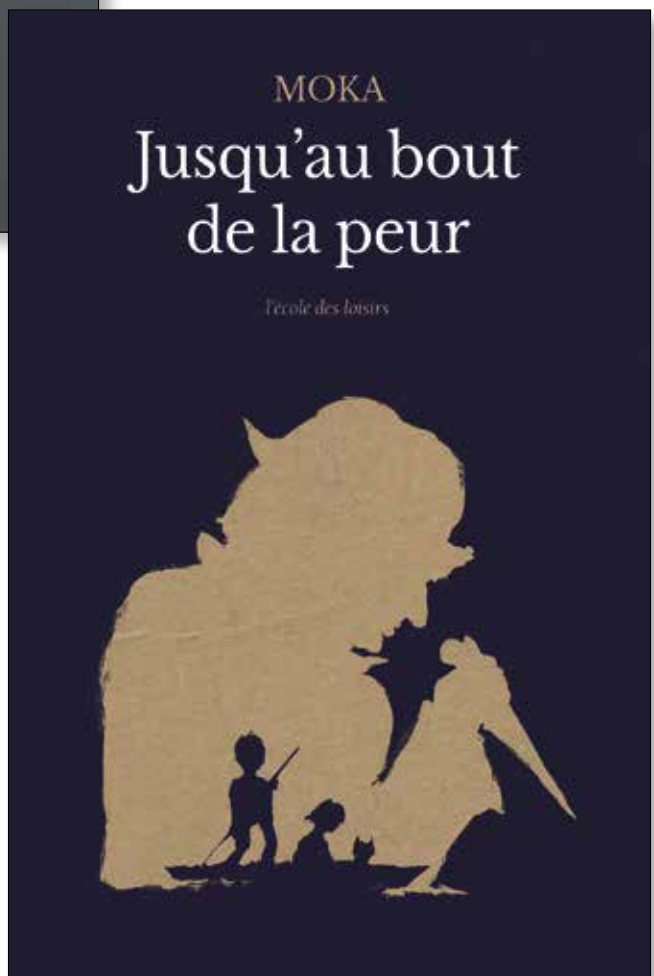
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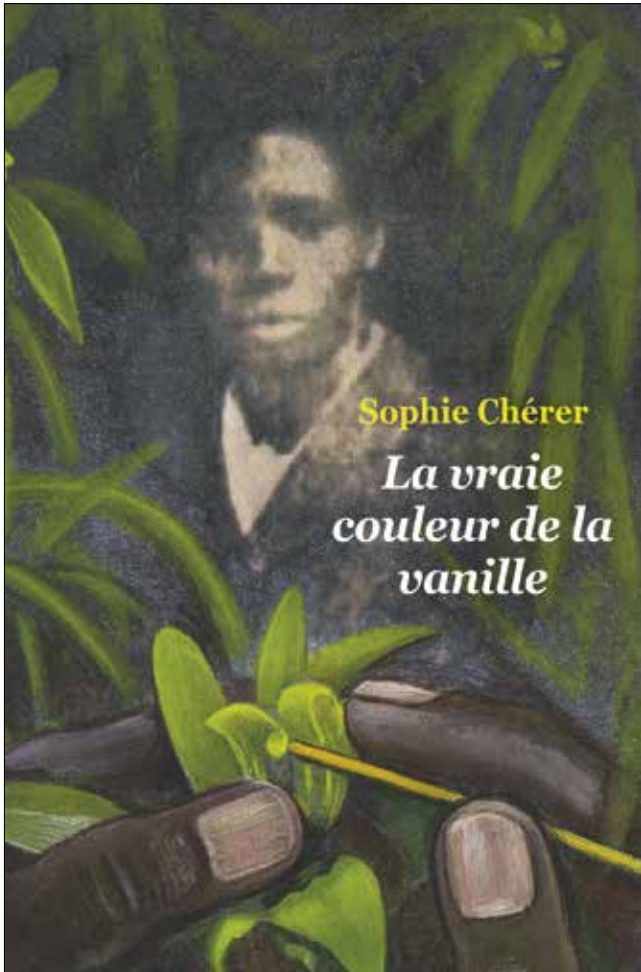
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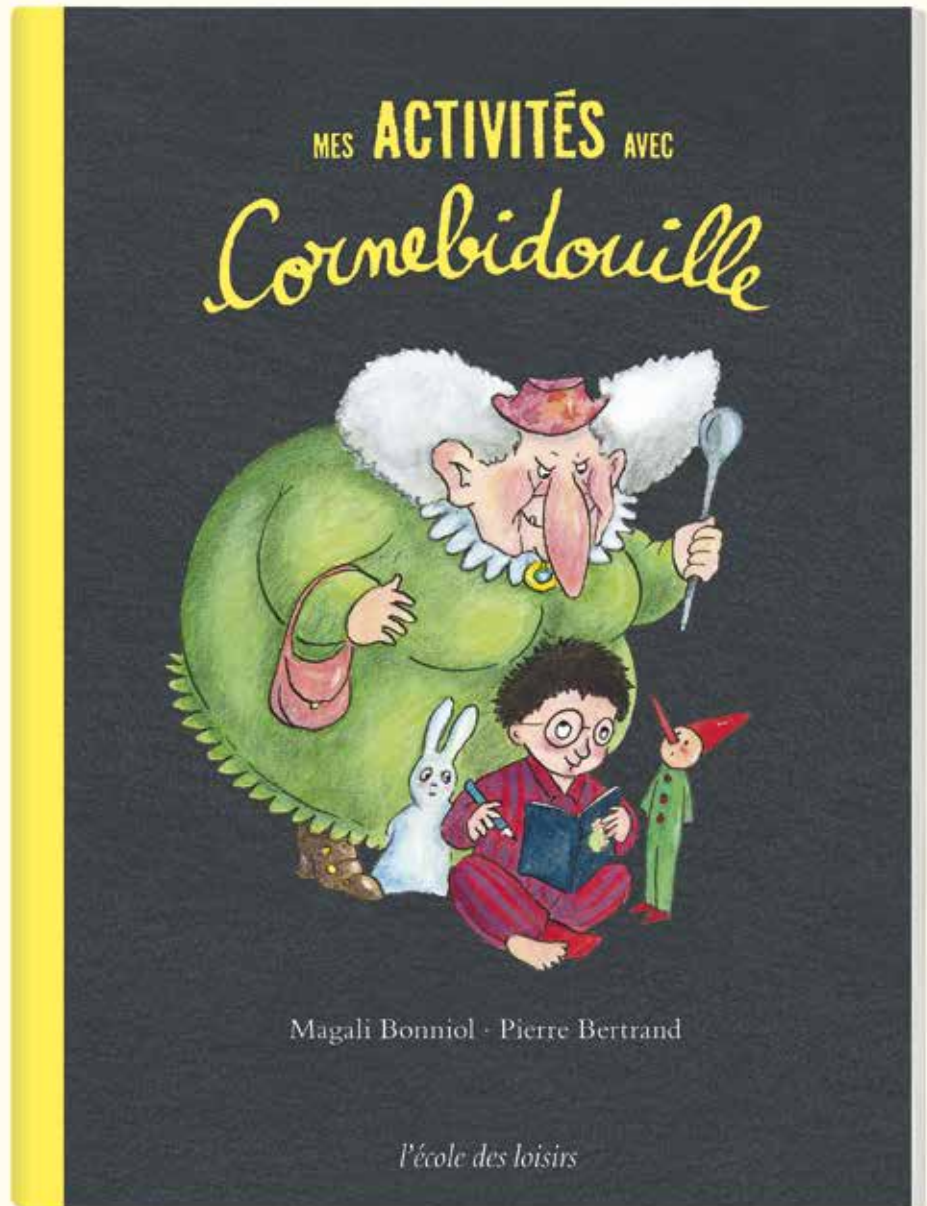
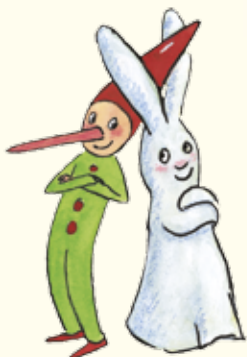
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