

THE COMPANY

THE PAST

Pagony began life as a children's bookshop back in 2001 and was the first of its kind in Budapest. We soon went on to expand into publishing based on all that we continued to learn about customers' needs and this specialised market.

THE PRESENT

Today the Pagony name – not only as the leading children's bookshop network but as one of the most prominent children's publishers in the country – has become a key element of any conversation about contemporary children's literature in Hungary. With more than 500 titles published to date, Pagony has taken a leading role in the quality cultural offering available to children with books that cover the whole spectrum from toddler to teen. Our primary focus is on contemporary Hungarian authors and illustrators many of whom have gone on to gain considerable popularity and acclaim. We are also keen to feature foreign titles created by writers and artists with a broader international following and these have so far included Eric Carle, Annie M. G. Schmidt, Julia Donaldson, Jill Tomlinson, David McKee and Oliver Jeffers.

In 2013, Pagony founded Tilos az Á in order to reach those who outgrew its books. Since its foundation, Tilos az Á published 60 books for children above 12.

SOME OF OUR SUCCESSES

We are terribly proud of the fact that Pagony publications won the Hungarian IBBY Children's Book of the Year Award on eight occasions between 2007 and 2018 with several going on to compete at the International IBBY Awards. But perhaps even more significantly, a large number of our books now appear on recommended reading lists in kindergartens and schools throughout the country.

OUR GOALS

Pagony's main goal is to see the general approach to children's books and children's literature come of age in Hungary. And so we continue in our efforts to publish quality children's writing with contemporary illustration bringing the very best of local and international literature to our large and growing audience.

picture books



ANNA SZABÓ T.
ADVENT
CALENDAR

2018
illustrated by Kinga Rofusz
48 pages
200 x 220 mm
age group: 3+



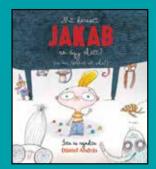
picture books



WHAT COLOUR IS HAPPINESS?

2017 illustrated by Krisztina Maros 40 pages 215 x 215 mm age group: 3+

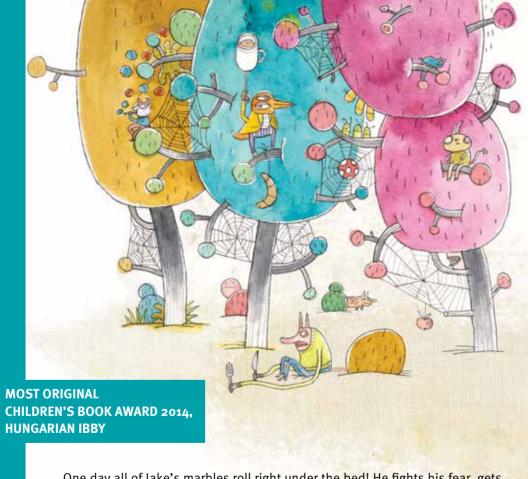
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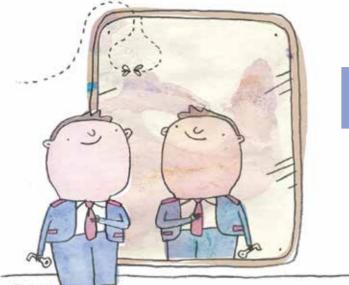
JAKE

What Was Jake Looking For Under The Bed?

rights sold: Japan, China 2014 written and illustrated by András Dániel 72 pages 230 × 260 mm age group: 3-6



One day all of Jake's marbles roll right under the bed! He fights his fear, gets down on his hands and knees and goes to take a look. Join Jake in a wondrous world and help him solve the mysteries!



picture books

BEST ILLUSTRATIONS AWARDS, HUNGARIAN IBBY, 2017 IBBY HONOUR LIST, 2018



AND NOW I WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT MY TRIP IN THE

ELEVATOR

2017 written and illustrated by András Dániel 72 pages 230 X 260 mm age group: 3-6

This book is definitely not recommended for readers who'd like to find answers to the following questions:

- Does the little boy in the raincoat get to How-Why Island?
- What's a Finnish punk rocker doing on the 19th floor?
- What happens at the 73rd Little Hat-Wearers World Championship?
- Does taking a lift help the sleepless crocodile?

This book should also be avoided by people:

- who don't like elevators,
- who would never travel with three-eyed wizards,
- who think that green beans are food.

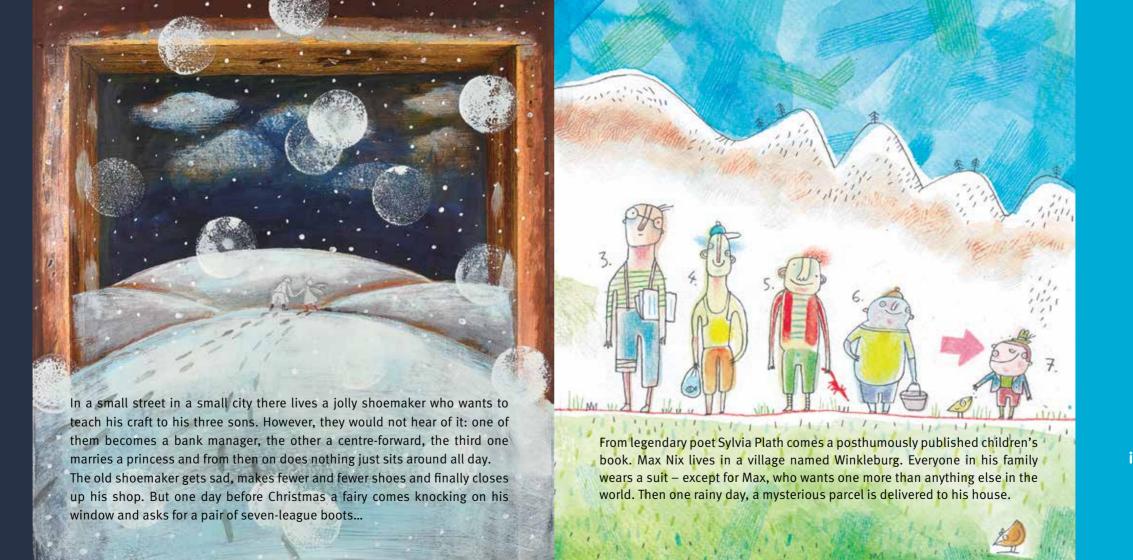
picture books



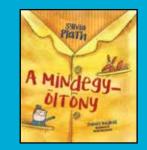
DÓRA GIMESI

THE FAIRY'S BOOTS

2018
illustrated by Katalin Szegedi
24 pages
164 x 200 mm
age group: 5–8



picture books



SYLVIA PLATH

THE IT-DOESN'T-MATTER SUIT

2019 illustrated by András Dániel 48 pages 200 x 220 mm age group: 5–8 toddlers



GRICKLES
SERIES
[11 TITLES]

rights sold: China
since 2013
written and illustrated
by András Dániel
48 pages
210 × 150 mm
age group: 3-6





toddlers



BÁLINT HARCOS

SOPHIE

SERIES [7 TITLES]

rights sold: China

since 2015
illustrated by
Cristina Quiles
40 pages
210 x 155 mm
age group: 2-5

toddlers



MIA IS NOT SLEEPY

MASHA

AND THE RAIN

written and illustrated by Írisz Agócs 18 pages 148 x 138 mm age group: 0-3



It's already bedtime but Mia the little cat is not sleepy at all. What can she do? What will help her to fall asleep?

It's raining all day! Masha, the little bear doesn't even feel like getting up. It will be so boring... What should she do?



Judit Berg's Perry books focus on the everyday events in a toddler's life told with charming humour and accompanied by delicious pictures. All volumes contain two stories, which feature Perry and his friend Jingle, a colourful clown doll. We also get a chance to meet Perry's pals, Josh and Chloe, and the next-door neighbour's cat, Tiger. When his friends come to visit, they can't decide what to build. Luckily a lot of things can fit into a bunker! In the second story their imagination flies even futher and they go into space!

toddlers



JUDIT BERG

PERRY SERIES

rights sold: Sweden

since 2009 illustrated by Írisz Agócs 48 pages 150 x 165 mm age group: 2-5 toddlers



CHEERS, BIG EARS!

2016
written and illustrated
by Tibor Kárpáti
26 pages
150 x 150 mm
age group: 0-3





YAY, I HAVE A LITTLE SISTER! She's a cute little girl with freckles on her nose. Wait a minute! This is not so funny. She always destroys my castle, eats the last cookie and she's always the one to pick the bedtime story. COME ON! Let's Let's give her away! Although then I wouldn't have anybody to play with... And who would eat the carrots out of my soup? Alright, she can stay. BUT ONLY IF SHE'S NOT ANNOY!!!!!!ING!



toddlers



ME AND MY LITTLE SISTER

illustrated by Julianna Kasza 48 pages 160 x 160 mm age group: 5+



JUDIT ÁGNES KISS

BABYFOX'S GARDEN

2018
illustrated
by Mónika Egri
72 pages
162 x 200 mm
age group: 3-6



Babyfox visits Pussy but everything is different at Pussy's family then at home—but it is still fun to play together! Babyfox won't sleep—it's dark, he's thirsty, hungry, he can't sleep—no wonder Mummyfox loses her temper! Babyfox spends a weekend with just Dad, when Mummyfox has to leave town. Just like the prequel, this book contains parent-child stories. Because while it's great to be a child or a parent, it can also be really hard! These sophisticated stories allow everyone to be cranky, tired and impatient, even to get angry and have a fight—so that they can all make up again.



The elf family receives a letter saying they can move from their cramped hut to a huge house on the North Terrace. The new place waits for the two elf children with exciting adventures and strange creatures like the bunnyspider, who eats carrots, the panthersnail, who makes everything slimy and of course the fearsome meateater of the terrace. In the house the drawers are full of magical recipes, buglamps, and Dad even finds a mysterious map...

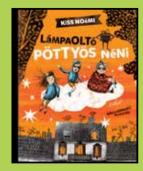
children's fiction



LET'S GO NORTH!

THE ADVENTURES
OF AN ELF FAMILY

2018 written and illustrated by Ildikó Horváth 80 pages 165 x 235 mm age group 3–6



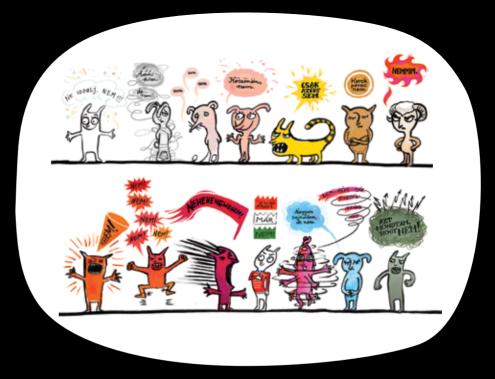
NOÉMI KISS

LAMP-SWITCHING AUNTY DOT

2018
illustrated
by Norbert Nagy
88 pages
165 x 210 mm
age group: 5-8



Amelie and Dodo are twins. But what about Aunty Dot? Is she a witch with an iron nose? Or is she a whimsical old lady hovering above the city? Is she a relative of Mary Poppins? Her dressing-gown is dotted, she lives on a cloud and her job is to switch off lamps. But really she can do anything the twins need her to do... Dodo, Amelie and Aunty Dot have wonderful adventures all over Budapest!



You need to know how to say no! Oh, it's that easy? Sometimes it is... and sometimes it is not. And there are so many ways of saying it. Have you ever heard of the sqeaking no? Or the blow-your- hair-off no? Or the roundabout no? Or the thank-you no? Author and psychologist Erzsi Kertész introduces children to a myriad of methods for saying no as well as showing them how to apply them.

children's fiction



THE NO WAY!

illustrated by Julianna Kasza 64 pages 165 x 210 mm age group: 5-8



ESZTER T. MOLNÁR

THE HOTEL VAGABOND

illustrated by
Jacqueline Molnár
112 pages
165 x 210 mm
age group: 6-10

Homeless Hugo, the honourable outlaw seeks for a place to stay for the night in the forest at the edge of the city. He arrives at the Hotel Vagabond and meets its strange guests: Rebecca, the talking cat, Bolivia, the honorary professor of garter stitching, Lazy Alf, the retired opera singer and Gizi, the generous hostess of the Hotel Vagabond.

And if you are curious what Riki, the rumpled blond little girl, Dino, the freedom aspiring rottweiler and Sneaky Sonny, the fearsome robber have to do with the Hotel Vagabond, find out from this magical, sensitive story with flamboyant pictures, lots of humour, humanity and empathy!





Nat's life is so good! The teachers at the nursery are sweet, she has a best friend, mum and dad love her, they fool around with her, they make her favourite food for dinner. And yet Nat is lonely. Until Nixie, the ruffled fairy comes alive from dad's bedtime story, and shakes up the boring days. Nixie is demanding, loud, she bites and she's a messy eater, and it's always Nat who has to fix the problems. But when Nat feels lonely and has noone to play with, there's always Nixie to have fun with.

If you wonder why it is good to have a little brother or sister, get to know Nat and Nixie, and you'll understand!

children's fiction



MILÁN STIGLINCZ

NIXIE THE RUFFLED FAIRY

2018 illustrated by Zita Kismarty-Lechner 64 pages 190 x 220 mm age group: 5–8

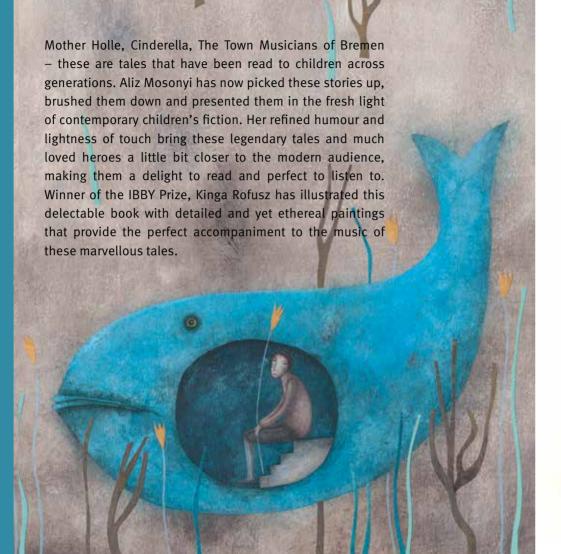


ONCE UPON A NEVER

TWELVE-AND-A-HALF GRIMM TALES

rights sold: Argentina

2014
illustrated by Kinga Rofusz
112 pages
210 × 270 mm
age group: 5-8



Once upon a time there was a dark and dense forest, full of scary creatures. Once upon a time there was a handsome and heroic prince called Tamino who was born to do great deeds. Once upon a time there was a beautiful, freckled princess called Pamina who read so many fairy tales that she became the heroine of a fairy tale too... Viktória Jeli's story is a good read for everyone, living up to the sophisticated tone of the old tale while being profound and true, and conveying a voice that is easy-to-understand, enjoyable and funny for today's children as well. Everyone should see the illustrations by Kinga Rofusz.

children's fiction



THE MAGIC FLUTE

rights sold: Argentina

illustrated by Kinga Rofusz 92 pages 210 × 270 mm age group: 5–8

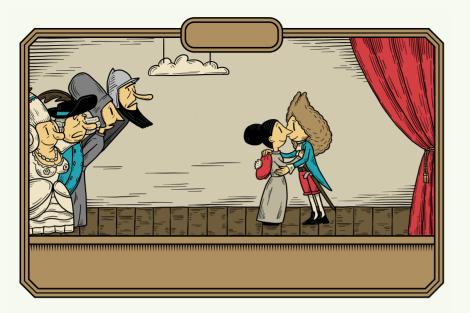
middle grade



BORBÁLA SZABÓ & DÁNIEL VARRÓ

LYRA **AND EPICA**

2018 illustrated by András B. Baranyai 72 pages 215 X 265 mm age group: 8-12

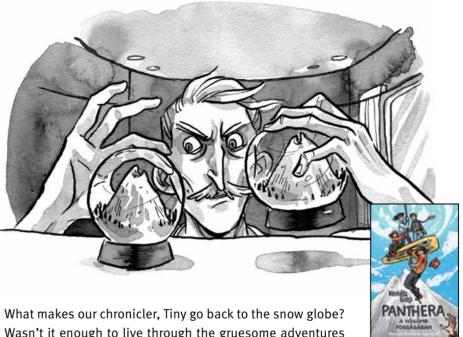


Writer Borbála Szabó and poet Dániel Varró together created this dramatized tale (which readers may know from the Budapest Puppet Theater) about two countries at war: the sophisticated, poetic Lyria and the lean, practical Epicum and also about the love between Prince Lyra and Princess Epica. This is an exciting story for small children, a tale that teaches the basics of poetry to older readers or can even be performed by HS students – with genius illustrations.



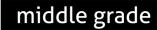






Wasn't it enough to live through the gruesome adventures on the Panthera one time?

And yet all the gang is climbing the mountain again! Because not only does Marcus appear in Aunty Rosy's kitchen, Michael gets a very important assignment and Florence gets captured. That's when Naomi goes into action. Because something has gone wrong and it needs to be fixed. But what is Aunty Rosy doing on a luxury jacht? Find out from the third book of the most exciting trilogy!





ERZSI KERT<u>ÉSZ</u> **PANTHERA**

TRILOGY

rights sold: Bulgaria

2018 by Barbara Bernát 416 pages age group: 8-12 middle grade



ANNA BOJTI

A NIGHT AT THE ZOO

2019
illustrated by Tímea Ferth
400 pages
130 x 195 mm
age group: 7–12



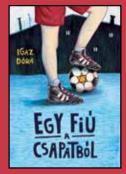
middle grade



ANIKÓ WÉBER

THE SECRET OF CHERRY GARDENS

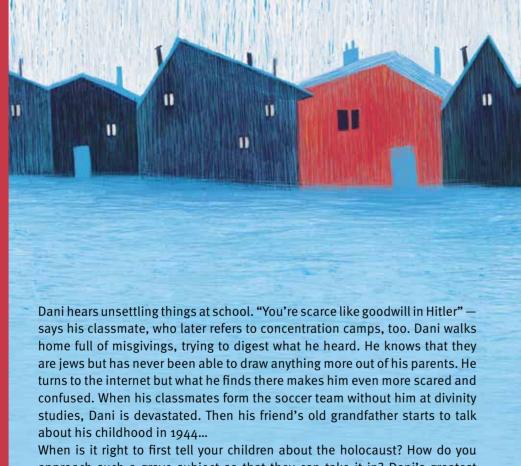
2019 cover art by Ildikó Horváth 240 pages, 130 x 195 mm age group: 9–12 middle grade



DÓRA IGAZ

A BOY FROM THE GANG

2018 cover art by Ildikó Horváth 144 pages 130 x 195 mm age group: 10+



When is it right to first tell your children about the holocaust? How do you approach such a grave subject so that they can take it in? Dani's greatest difficulty is that the grownups refuse to talk. This sensitive, clever novel helps children to set out for the road to understanding.

Casper finds a labirynth in 1551, at the time of the Turkish invasion... Danny can't fit in with his friends in 2019...

Casper meets a mysterious man who assigns a great task to him...

Danny is reading the story of a medieval knight and finds something really interesting...

The fate of the two boys are interconnected despite the more then 500 year time gap. They find in themselves abilities that were somewhere completely different up until now... as deep as the valuable medieval findings found in the hole under the house of the school-master's house.

Imagination meets history in the gripping novel from Erzsi Kertész, showing an important part of history that has been long hidden.



middle grade



IN THE WAKE OF THE DRAGON

2019 illustrated by Dávid Remsey 80 pages 130 x 195 mm age group 9–12



ANIKÓ WÉBER

THE CLASS LOSER

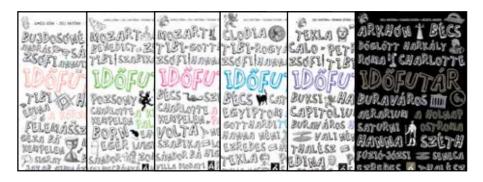
2016
cover art by Ildikó Horváth
212 pages
140 x 200 mm
age group: 12+



An unexpected image is posted on the class facebook page overnight: a clumsy kid dressed as a Mignon with a sign saying "the class loser!" Their teacher goes ballistic and the kids start to look at each other in a whole new light.

It's not good to be the one who did it but it's even worse to be the victim. We learn all there is to know about the workings of a modern-day class of kids as we join them on their journey to work out who's to blame and who's been shamed.

Who could do such a thing and why? Once you start reading, you can't stop!







Hanna recently arrived in Budapest and everything is unusual for her: new flat, new school, new teachers, and of course, new classmates.

As if this wasn't enough, she keeps bumping into a strange old man, her computer goes crazy... and all of this is somehow tied to that rusty pair of compasses she found on the street. Why does everyone want the compasses? Why does Sándor, the old used goods dealer want it and why can't Hanna part with it either? What does this have to do with Vienna, the Chess-Playing Turk and Mrs. Bujdosó, the history teacher? Hanna is assisted in her investigation by Zsófi, her super-smart friend from Szeged and Tibi, her slightly slow-witted, yet faithful classmate. Between adventures, there's time for friendships to fall apart and be reborn and of course, for new love to blossom...

young adult

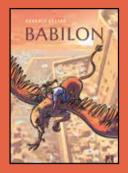


GIMESI, JELI, TASNÁDI, VÉSZITS

THE STOLEN TIME MACHINE

[7 TITLES]

since 2013 400 pages 130 × 195 mm age group: 12+



ESZTER SZAKÁCS

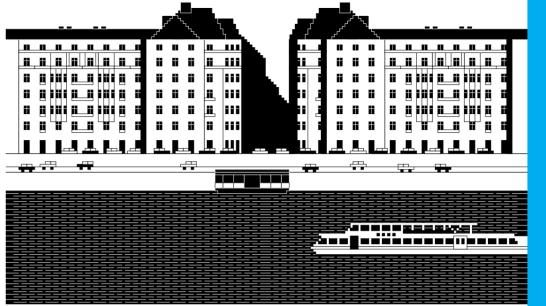
BABYLON

2018
cover art by Barbara Bernát
504 pages
140 x 210 mm
age group: 12+



An unforgettable fantasy novel that will surprise even the fans of the Percy lackson books!

Leon, who lives on Corfu is the descendant of an old family of griffinriders, and more than anything, he wishes to become a griffinrider himself. When the gods choose his cousin to become the companion of a griffin instead of him, he doesn't accept the decision: he takes the very first unexpected opportunity to take control of his fate and rewrite it. For this he has to cross over to another world, to the Babylon, to search for a wild griffin for himself, but in the new world he has to face unforeseen surprises. As he soldiers through the tribulations, he realizes that he's the only one who can stop Ahriman, the arch enemy, who tries to destroy all humanity again...



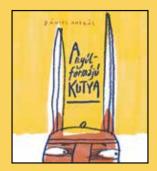
Thirteen contemporary authors, the best YA writers each wrote their stories about one small part of the capital. The teenaged leads live in this city the best they can, the way young people do, but there is one moment when they each connect with the city and they become inseparable. In these short stories the capital comes alive, or we get lost in it, or we feel at home in it, we see it change in front of us, we laugh, we cry. Although the locations of the stories do not completely add up to create a map of Budapest, the stories of the different characters show the thousand faces, flavours, smells, shades and especially the present of the capital.

young adult



BUDAPEST OFF

2018 illustrated by Tibor Kárpáti 232 pages 130 x 195mm age group: 14+



THE RABBIT SHAPED DOG

2018
written and illustrated by
András Dániel
80 pages
176 x 192 mm
age group: 12+

A rabbit, who is a rabbit only from the outside.

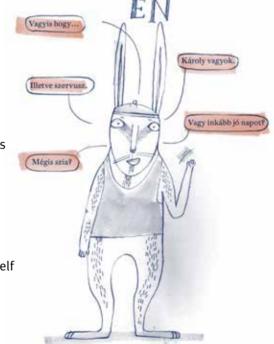
A city drawn on paper, locked into a book.

An imaginary friend, for lack of real ones.

A lot of questions, to which even this imaginary friend doesn't know the answer.

The strange protagonist of this book is a stranger in more than one way. He doesn't feel at home in his own body and he feels out of place in a world that forever dooms him different. He is a roughly drawn figure roaming the pages of a staggeringly weird book. A book where a lot of things are incomprehensible, bizarre or ridiculous — and maybe for the same reason it feels familiar not only for teenage readers but adults, too.

András Dániel's shockingly unusual picture book gives a peculiar interpretation of getting to know yourself and others.



Danny's sixteen and he lives with his mum. He's an average student at an average high school, he's mad about Barcelona, he plays the guitar and, by the way, he's also disabled, or, as he calls himself: a crip. A catastrophic school outing and a massive argument at home give him an insane idea: he pinches his mum's credit card, buys a plane ticket and, instead of going to school on Friday, he takes a flight to Munich. Paris, Amsterdam and Barcelona, a university campus and a motorway service station, a Bavarian castle and a remote monastery, a BMW with all the extras and a tatty truck, musicians, hackers, good-time girls and streetwise skateboarders all appear as he searches for himself and his dad. Free.

Ágnes Mészöly draws on her experience as a counsellor as she confronts traditional taboos in an exhilarating exploration of teenage angst and lasting love.



young adult



AGNES MÉSZÖLY AT LARGE AND ROLLING

2016 392 pages 135 x 195 mm age group: 12+

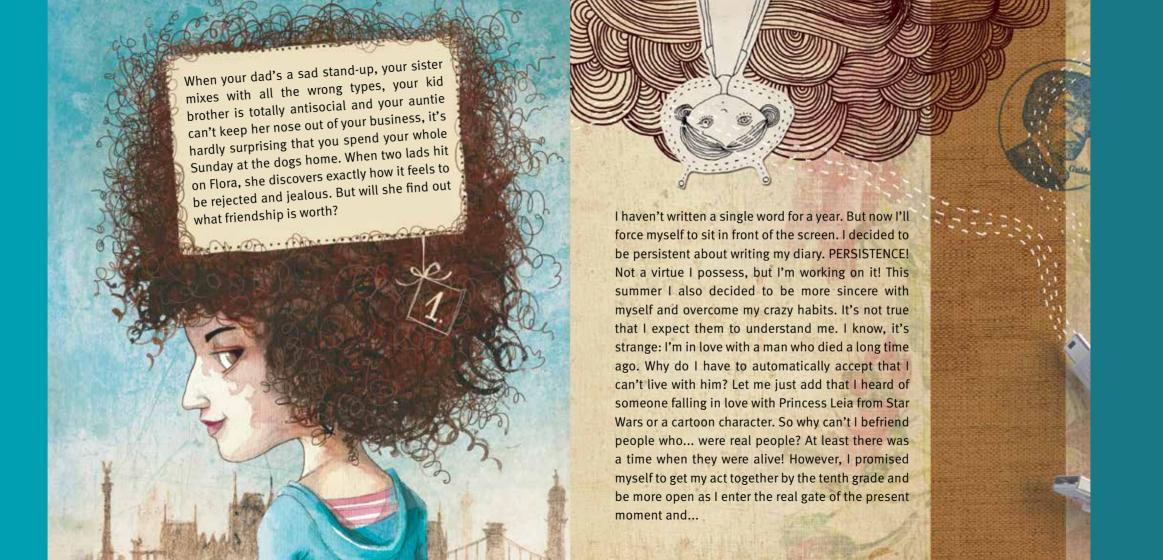


ESZTER T. MOLNÁR

STAND UP!

AN ALMOST NORMAL FAMILY

2016 cover art by Ildikó Horváth 248 / 288 pages 130 x 195 mm age group: 12+

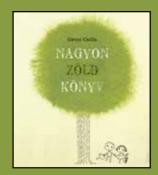


young adult



LYDIA, 16

2013, 2015 written and illustrated by Csilla Gévai 144 pages 130 × 195 mm age group: 14+ non-fiction



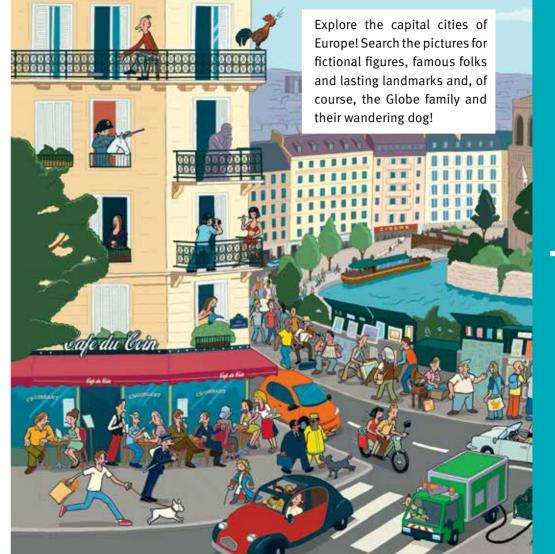
THE VERY GREEN BOOK

rights sold: Korea

written and illustrated by Csilla Gévai 80 pages 235 × 265 mm age group: 8–12



Carbon footprint, overpopulation and climate change – The Very Green Book goes to great lengths to make these modern problems both accessible and understandable for children. This book subtly describes how all events on our planet interact and does it in a way that makes it personal to young readers.



non-fiction



TRAVELLING EUROPE

2018 illustrated by András B. Baranyai 232 pages 130 x 195mm age group: 4–99



Cheers, Big Ears! by Tibor Kárpáti The BORIBON series by Veronika Marék: Boribon Goes for a Hike Boribon and the Seven Balloons Boribon and the Easter Egg Boribon at the Doctor Boribon, the Champion Good Night, Annipanni! Annipanni, Tell Me a Story! Boribon's Hut Boribon and Annipanni Boribon at the Beach Boribon's Birthday Boribon's Car Boribon's Cat **Boribon Plays Football**



The SOPHIE series by Bálint Harcos:

| Sophie's Balloon | Sophie Sneeses

Boribon in the Snow

Sophie does Magic

Sophie Plays Hide and Seek

Sophies and Santa

Sophie at the Fun-Fair

| Sophie and the Big Dress-Up

The PERRY series by Judit Berg:

Perry's Toys

Perry on the Train

Perry and the Numbers

Perry is Sleeping

Perry the Bulider

Perry at the Hairdressers

Perry on a Spaceship

Perry as a Doctor

Perry and the Broken Sewage

The DANDELION AND LILY series

by Panka Pásztohy:

I Love my Dog!

Dandelion's Birthday

Heal my Dog!

Save my Dog!

3+

The Witch-Cat by Bálint Harcos
Babyfox's Gift by Judit Ágnes Kiss

The GRICKLES series by András Dániel:

A Heap of Grickles

The Grickles and the Rainstrom

I Think Everyone Should Become a Grickle!

Good Night, Grickles!

Grickles in the Snow

The Grickles and the Moss Pixie

The Grickles on the Invisible Meadow

The World's First Grickles' Band

Ahoy, Grickles!

The Grickles and the Wind-Mail

Grickles Under the Ground

4+

The Clown and the Monkey by Veronika Marék

Bibi and Pretzel by Margit Balla

Hello, Granny! by Panka Pásztohy

Master Ratchet and a Million Cars to Fix Master Ratchet and Puddle by Szilvia May

Three Birthday Cakes by Adrienn Vadadi

5+

Sticky the Hero Cat by Anikó Wéber

Tilda and the Fat Cat by Györgyi Kalas

Secret Dinner by Adrienn Vadadi

Secret Breakfast by Adrienn Vadadi

Sugar Lump Stables I-II.

by Adrienn Vadadi

Will You Sit Next to Me?

by Adrienn Vadadi

22 Apple Road by Adrienn Vadadi

Let's Go to School! by Adrienn Vadadi

A Tale about the City by Panka Pásztohy

Danny and the Lost and Found Birthday by István Tasnádi and Viktória Jeli

Ludmilla Solves Everything by Erzsi Kertész

Petie Pie and Tulip by Bálint Harcos

The Knot Fairy by Dóra Gimesi

The Cat Prince's Ninth Life by Dóra Gimesi

The Magic Flute by Viktória Jeli

The Two Little Dinos series by Judit Berg:

| Two Little Dinos on Crete | Two Little Dinos in the Middle Ages | Two Little Dinos in Budapest

Two Little Dinos in the Crayon Ages

6+

Matilda and Margaret, the Witches from Whatever Street by András Dániel

Little Birdies-Three Children Find Their Home by Viktória Paulon

Whoopee From Space by Ágnes Mészöly

The Footballer's Handbook by Ottó Kiss

Rosie in the Sky by Viktória Jeli and István Tasnádi

The FIRST READER series

5 LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY:

4 titles by Judit Berg

3 titles by Erzsi Kertész

4 titles by Dóra Igaz

3 titles by Anikó Wéber

4 titles by Csilla Gévai

3 titles by Adrienn Vadadi

4 titles by Petra Finy

1 title by Borbála Szabó



The Topola Movie's Secret by Viktória Paulon

Kiki Investigates-The Four Birds' Secret by Judit Berg and Erzsi Kertész

Kiki Investigates-The Clock Mystery by Judit Berg and Erzsi Kertész

The Cat Prince's Ninth Life by Dóra Gimesi

Hap and Moana by Angéla Kolozsi



You Will Disappear by Anikó Wéber

Power-Dive by Anikó Wéber

The ABSOLUTE series:

The House of the Stone Monkeys by István Tasnádi

At Night at the Zoo by Anna Bojti

The Secret of Cherry Gardens by Anikó Wéber

I**n the Wake of the Dragon** by Erzsi Kertész



The Devil's Path by László Sepsi

Auditioned for Love by Ágnes Szirmay

Ain't Got No Ma, Ain't Got No Pa by Borbála Szabó

I've Never by Zsófi Kemény

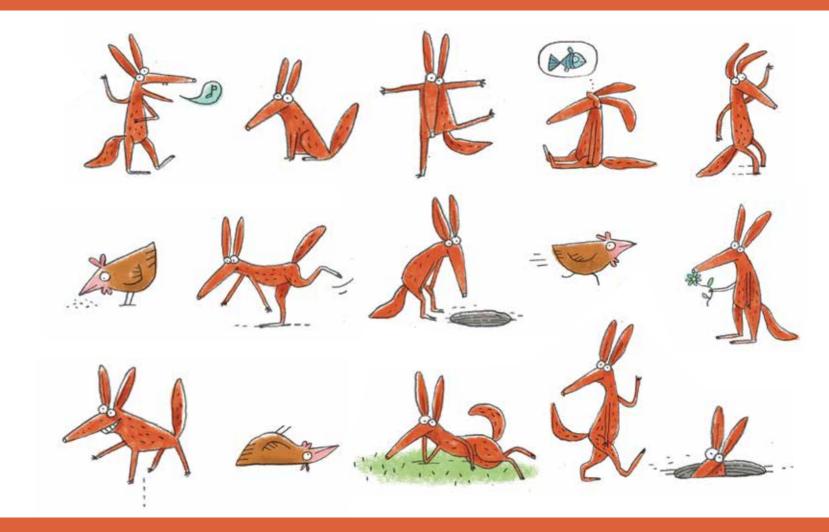
Carlo in Paris by Kriszta Bódis

Lydia, 16 by Csilla Gévai

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Literature Strikes Back I-II-III. by Pál Nényei

Duplicity by Viktória Jeli and István Tasnádi



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