An illustration of two orangutans in a lush jungle. One larger orangutan is on the left, looking towards a smaller one on the right. They are surrounded by dense green foliage and tree branches. The background shows a soft-focus forest with tall trees.

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Stone's most wonderful birthday



Illustrator/Author: Jule Wellerdiek

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Friendship is the best gift in the world

Holger and Stein are best friends. So it's no wonder that Holger wants to make a very special birthday present for Stein. And what could Stein use better than a Steinmobile?! A great idea! Stein is overjoyed and tries out his present right away. His bum fits perfectly in the seat and it is super comfortable. But - oh no - Holger has forgotten something very important: the brake! Holger is heartbroken that he gave Stein such a screwed-up present, but Stein can assure him that he had the greatest day with his best friend and the most wonderful birthday anyone could ever wish for.

A funny picture book adventure that shows that we don't always have to be perfect to be liked.

The Author and Illustrator

Jule Wellerdiek has been drawing ever since she learned to hold a pencil. After studying design at the university of applied sciences in Münster, she now works as a freelance illustrator on the things she likes best – thinking up stories and converting them into pictures, for preference with plenty of oddball figures and details.

USPs

- This birthday story proves it: Even if everything doesn't always go according to plan, good will counts
- The sequel to the terrific picture book debut *Holgers House* by Jule Wellerdiek
- The perfect gift for a child's birthday

No longer there



Illustrator: Sabine Dully, Author: Eva Dax

SPECIFICATIONS

20.5 x 25.0 cm, hardcover

36 pages

colour illustrations throughout

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EVEN IF THE SNOWMAN MELTS, SOMETHING OF HIM WILL REMAIN

If you were to ask Pepe who his best friend is, he wouldn't have to think twice: The snowman, of course! He's been there for him all winter, always has time and together they do the most wonderful things, like sucking icicles, doing nothing or watching the clouds.

But at some point Pepe notices that something is different than usual. His snowman is getting smaller and smaller every day. Pepe does everything he can to help his friend. But still, one morning he is simply no longer there. Pepe feels alone and helpless. Until he feels that his snowman has long been a part of him.

A sensitive picture book about growing old, a loss and the mourning of someone you love.

THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Sabine Dully was born in the German Palatinate, studied communication design in Trier and lives with her husband in Cologne, where she illustrates children's books, eats waffles and dreams up a wide range of worlds and characters for film and TV.

Eva Dax studied literature in Essen, while at the same time working as a freelance journalist for various print, TV and radio editorial offices. In Cologne, where she lives with her husband and two sons, she met Sabine Dully. With their amusing stories and one-of-a-kind characters, the duo "Dully&Dax" brings a breath of fresh air to the market for children's books.

USPs

- A touching story of friendship and loss based on the example of a character that all children love - even if the snowman melts, the memory of the shared winter remains
- Explains sensitively to children how to deal with the loss of a beloved person and that this person never completely disappears

**How a pea found me, the right
princess sleepless**
Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales in
rhymes



draft cover

Author: Cornelia Boese, Illustrator: Daniela Bunge

SPECIFICATIONS

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approx. 144 pages
colour illustrations throughout
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**HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN'S MOST POPULAR FAIRY TALES,
ENCHANTINGLY ILLUSTRATED FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

In this dreamlike book of fairy tales, children from the age of 5 meet the princess who is prevented from sleeping by a pea, the little mermaid who wishes for nothing more than legs and the supposedly ugly duckling. The fabulous illustrations leave plenty of room for shared discovery and make the fairy tale book a real treasure for the whole family.

These fairy tales are included in the book:

The Ugly Duckling, Thumbelina, The Fir Tree, The Princess and the Pea, The Snow Queen, The Emperor's New Clothes, The Little Mermaid, The Swineherd.

THE AUTHOR

Cornelia Boese, 1970 geboren, träumte schon als Kind davon, Dichterin zu werden und durfte mit 9 Jahren ihre ersten Zeilen in der Zeitung veröffentlichen. Nach ihrem Musikstudium folgte eine langjährige internationale Tätigkeit am Theater als Opersouffleuse, Bühnenmusikerin und Kinderkonzertmoderatorin. Heute lebt sie als freischaffende Schriftstellerin in Würzburg.

THE ILLUSTRATOR

Daniela Bunge, geboren 1973, studierte Pädagogik in Regensburg, belegte an der Münchener Kunstakademie den Studiengang Illustration und legte ihr Diplom als Illustratorin an der Fachhochschule für Design in Münster ab. Heute lebt sie als Illustratorin in Berlin.

USPs

- This fantastically illustrated compendium brings together Hans Christian Andersen's most beautiful fairy tales for the first time in clever rhymes with a special twist
- From the Ugly Duckling to the Little Mermaid: Hans Christian Andersen's best-known fairy tales, presented in a large-format gift edition to read (aloud) again and again and to read yourself

At home with the wild animals

The star architects of the animal world and where they live



Illustrator: Dieter Braun; Author: Susanne Lieber

SPECIFICATIONS

24.0 x 30.0 cm, hardcover

96 pages

colour illustrations throughout

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THE MOST CURIOUS BUILDINGS FROM THE ANIMAL WORLD

This beautifully illustrated non-fiction book explores the questions of how animals live, what they build and how they actively shape their habitat. Who would have thought, for example, that a bird like the cottage gardener has a keen sense of decoration? Or that an orangutan has to practise for years before it can build a stable bed in the treetops? On a total of 96 pages, the fascinating living worlds and amazing building skills of 21 animals are presented - from the native beaver to the exotic insect.

THE ILLUSTRATOR

Dieter Braun works as a freelance illustrator and children's book author in Hamburg. He studied communication design at the Folkwangschule in Essen. His clients include Time Magazine, New York Times, Stern, Geo, DIE ZEIT, WWF and and and... His non-fiction animal books *The World of Wild Animals* have been translated into 12 languages. *The World of Wild Animals in the South* (2015) and *The World of Mountains* (2018) were each named one of the most beautiful books of the year by the Stiftung Buchkunst (Book Art Foundation).

THE AUTHOR

Susanne Lieber studied interior design and works as a journalist. If she had not chosen a design profession, she would have become a wildlife filmmaker. Instead of using a camera, she now stalks fauna with words and reports on animals and their ways of living. She lives in Zurich.

USPs

- The new discovery book by the master of animal illustrations Dieter Braun, sold into 12 different languages!
- Spherical nests and loamy chimneys: Enter the fabulous dwellings of 24 star architects of the animal world.
- Children (and adults) learn in informative texts and colourful pictures how animals live and what we have copied from them.

Today I'm going to school

How children around the world learn



Author: Clara Schaksmeier, Illustrator: Pauline Pete

SPECIFICATIONS

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64 pages
colour illustrations throughout
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A JOURNEY INTO THE CLASSROOMS OF THE WORLD

What does Amanda's classroom look like in Melbourne? Does Daniel also have to do homework in Cabo Frio? What does Linh's teacher from Ho Chi Minh City do on a stage? How many languages does Katyayani from Adra hear in class? What does Clotaire in Dschang eat during the big break? And why does Yuki in Mino wear slippers in the classroom?

A colourfully illustrated non-fiction book that shows how diverse learning is in the world and how infinitely important education and access to it is.

THE AUTHOR

Clara Schaksmeier thinks that learning is one of the most beautiful things in the world. As a teacher, she taught in Vietnam, Canada, India and Georgia. To explore school life around the world even more, she spoke with teachers from all parts of the globe. She lives in Berlin with the intention of learning or experiencing one new thing every day.

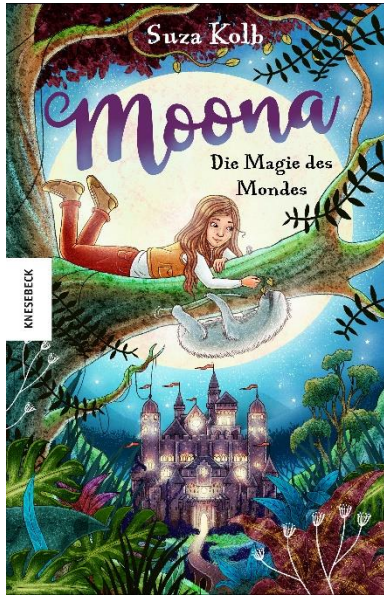
THE ILLUSTRATOR

Pauline Pete is an illustrator from Fulda. She has been living in Hamburg since 2015, where she is studying illustration at HAW. Growing up in a family of artists, she fell in love with drawing, painting and lovingly designed books at an early age.

USPs

- What does Elka's classroom look like in Melbourne? Why is the teacher in Vietnam on stage? And what does Nino from Georgia eat at the big break? This children's non-fiction book provides exciting insights into 10 classrooms around the world.
- With detailed illustrations and exciting texts, this book shows the different traditions, everyday life, language and culture of children from all over the world.

Moona
The Magic of the Moon



Author: Suza Kolb

SPECIFICATIONS

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THE SEARCH FOR TRUE DESTINY

The fact that Moona can establish a magical connection to animals is both her gift and her burden and makes her an outsider in her world - in Anglimar, where she was brought as a baby to save her life. She actually comes from the Kunasa people, who live very close to nature on the island of Sanyala. A great longing, dark dreams and Moona's inner voice make her break out of her sheltered world and find her true destiny. A destiny that is written in an ancient prophecy and which Moona wants to fulfil at all costs with the help of her soul animal.

An exciting adventure with a strong-willed and independent heroine who takes us into magical worlds.

THE AUTHOR

Suza Kolb loves to count the adventures of brave, fearless heroes and heroines – of the four- or two-legged variety. She usually finds her inspiration in her direct environment. She is the author of the best-selling series *Die Haferhorde*.

USPs

- Bestselling author Suza Kolb tells the magical-fantastic story of a girl with special abilities.
- A fast-paced girl's story with a strong heroine and a fabulous world full of sailors, strange animals and magicians

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