

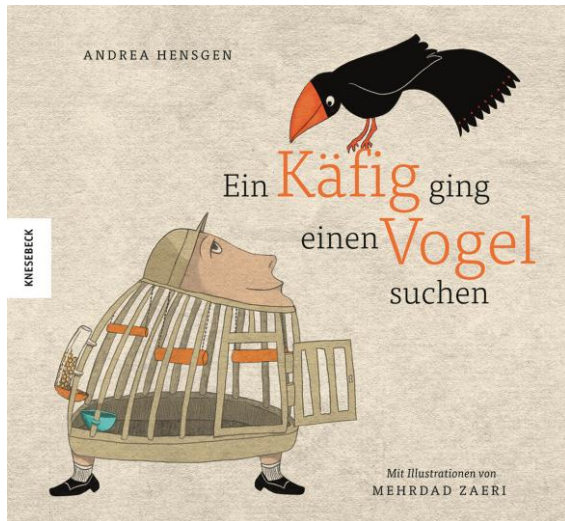
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### A Cage Went Looking for a Bird



**Author: Andrea Hensgen, Illustrator: Mehrdad Zaeri**

#### SPECIFICATIONS

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approx. 40 pages

Colour illustrations throughout

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#### ABOUT UNEXPECTED FRIENDSHIP

A young, empty cage, with as yet little idea of the world, wishes for a bird to live in it. One day, a curious bird from a faraway region where there are no cages appears and flies straight into the cage. The old alley cat is delighted at the prospect of an easy meal, without realising just what a dauntless cage and a strong bird are capable of. Freely based on the work of Franz Kafka: an amazing story of how the world is sometimes not at all what it seems and how unexpected alliances can develop into deep friendships if we are only willing to let them.

#### THE AUTHOR

**Andrea Hensgen** grew up in a village near the river Moselle, studied German in Saarbrücken and now lives in Frankfurt. Her first work, a philosophical book for young people, was translated into several languages. The novels and children's books which followed also dealt with philosophical questions. Her work combines a knowledge of the intellectual heritage of Europe and an interest in the successful life models this culture has produced.

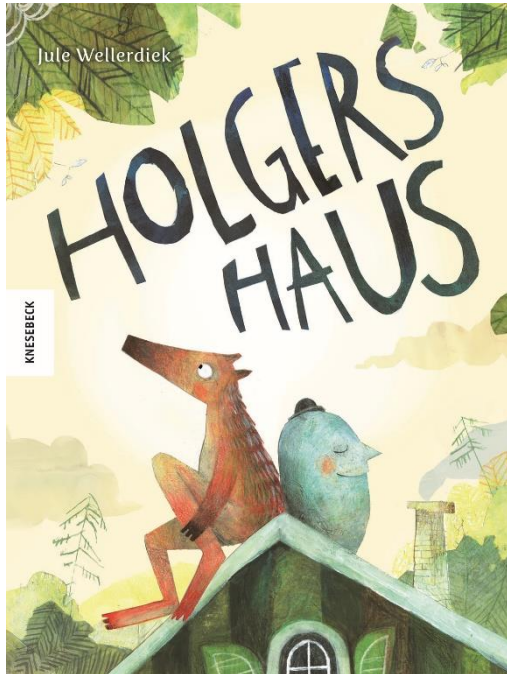
#### THE ILLUSTRATOR

**Mehrdad Zaeri** was born in Isfahan, Iran, in 1970. As a child, his life consisted of a passion for games and various anxieties about life. While he has now successfully overcome his fears, he still loves games. When he was fourteen, his family emigrated, first to Turkey and then to Germany. After taking his A levels, Mehrdad Zaeri decided to become an artist – a goal he achieved by attending an art academy by day and spending his nights as a taxi driver, without passengers but with a sketch pad by his side.

#### USPs

- This fantastical story, inspired by Franz Kafka, in which a cage comes to life, encourages readers old and young to think differently
- In this poetic tale, Andrea Hensgen shows that close friendships can develop between the most unlikely individuals
- With very special illustrations by the incomparable Mehrdad Zaeri

### Holger's House



Illustrator/Author: Jule Wellerdiek

#### SPECIFICATIONS

21.0 x 28.0 cm, hardcover

32 pages

Colour illustrations throughout

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#### TOGETHER, WE ARE BETTER

Holger the fox is pretty angry at his friend Stein. All the clumsy oaf does is make noise and mess up the whole house, and now he has really gone too far! Then Holger has an idea: what would it be like if he lived here all on his own? He could put his feet up, read in peace whenever he wanted, and, above all, he could keep everything tidy. Holger seizes the opportunity, hoists the house onto his bike trailer and cycles off. But it's not long before he discovers that, though the big house is now quiet and neat, he is very lonely without his friend... And does the house even feel like a home anymore?

#### THE AUTHOR

**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

- A story about a special friendship, with wonderfully unusual characters and wacky details
- Shows children in a humorous way that though we all need to be alone sometimes, it is a feeling of companionship and security that makes a house a home



### The Wild Meadow

Discover the diversity of a hidden world



Author: Angelika Huber-Janisch, Illustrator: Annette Zacharias

#### SPECIFICATIONS

24.6 x 33 cm, hardcover

64 pages

Colour illustrations throughout

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#### THERE IS SO MUCH TO DISCOVER!

Crawling, chirping, flying and buzzing: a meadow is full of action! And a wild meadow is a fascinating place: A miniature biotope just waiting to be discovered. This book aims to raise awareness among children and adults of how to help preserve what we consider to be everyday, run-of-the-mill meadows, because they are not only home to a wide range of flowers, but innumerable creatures above and below ground. Meadows play a decisive role in a well-functioning ecosystem. This book takes a look at the flowers and plants, fungi and mosses which grow here and which children can then examine more closely on their next walk. And there are various animals and phenomena underground, too – an exciting microcosm whose diversity is little known.

#### THE AUTHOR

**Dr. Angelika Huber-Janisch** grew up in a small village in Upper Bavaria and now lives with her husband near Landshut. She studied biology and never lost her passion for writing. For more than 20 years, she has written articles for various magazines. In 2010, she received the 'German Award for Nature Journalism', special award 'Der Wilde Rabe', for publications in children's and youth-oriented media.

#### THE ILLUSTRATOR

**Annette Zacharias** lives in Berlin and on the Baltic coast. As a freelancer and agency employee, in addition to illustrations and editorial drafts, she has created logos, websites, CI content, storyboards, photographs, stage sets and classical products.

#### USPs:

- In this attractively designed, large-format book, an award-winning biologist takes a look at the exciting microcosm of our meadows through a magnifying glass
- Unique naturalistic illustrations invite young (and old) students of nature to discover and be amazed by a hidden world
- Sensitises children to the need to be attentive in our dealings with nature and to preserve the plants, birds, animals and insects of our wild meadows

### The Puddle

Discovering the diversity of a hidden microcosm



Author: Angelika Huber-Janisch, Illustrator: Annette Zacharias

#### SPECIFICATIONS

24.6 x 33 cm, hardcover

64 pages

Colour illustrations throughout

Retail price € 20.00

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#### THE FASCINATION OF THE EVERYDAY

Children are irresistibly drawn to puddles: it rains, a small amount of water accumulates on the path, and two minutes later, they are splashing happily about in it. But a puddle is so much more! This book describes the diversity of a hidden microcosm. It explains what makes one puddle different from another, why the number of puddles is decreasing, the lifecycle of a puddle and the living organisms it contains. Who would have thought a puddle could be home to such exciting creatures as hairybacks and water bears?

#### THE AUTHOR

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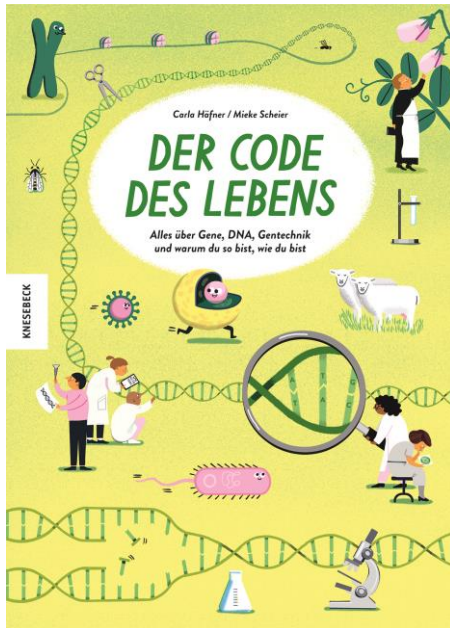
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#### USPs

- In this attractively designed, large-format book, an award-winning biologist takes a look at an exciting microcosm through a magnifying glass
- The first illustrated non-fiction book for children on puddles, ponds, pools and their inhabitants
- Unique naturalistic illustrations invite young (and old) students of nature to discover and be amazed by a hidden world

### The Code of Life

All about genes, DNA, genetic engineering and why you are the way you are



Author: Carla Häfner, Illustrator: Mieke Scheier

#### SPECIFICATIONS

21.0 x 29.5 cm, hardcover

64 pages

Colour illustrations throughout

Retail price € 16.00

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#### UNDERSTANDING THE MYSTERY OF DNA

Why do children look like their parents? Why are some people blond and others brunette, and where do we get our eye colour from? This book explains genetic theory, what genes are, why DNA plays an important role and what all these insights have to do with a curious monk. An exciting journey through the history of science, present-day genetic research and engineering and right through to the question of identity – because who would have thought how much of our personality is defined by our genes and how interesting genes can be?

A book in pace with the times: it covers CRISPR and also explains how inoculation with mRNA vaccines against coronavirus works.

#### THE AUTHOR

**Dr. Carla Häfner** was born in Braunschweig in 1978 and studied medicine in Göttingen, Boston and Ulm. Today, she lives with her husband and three children in Neu-Ulm and works as a doctor and book author.

#### THE ILLUSTRATOR

**Mieke Scheier** was born in a small village between Osnabrück and Oldenburg in 1986. After studying cultural science in Freiburg, she moved to Hamburg to study illustration at the HAW (University of Applied Science). Mieke lives and works as a freelance illustrator in Hamburg.

#### USPs

- The first illustrated non-fiction book to explain the world of genetics and heredity to children – with exciting ideas for their own experiments
- A scientifically sound work compiled by experts in the field of genetics
- Mieke Scheier's illustrations facilitate an understanding of this highly complex subject

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