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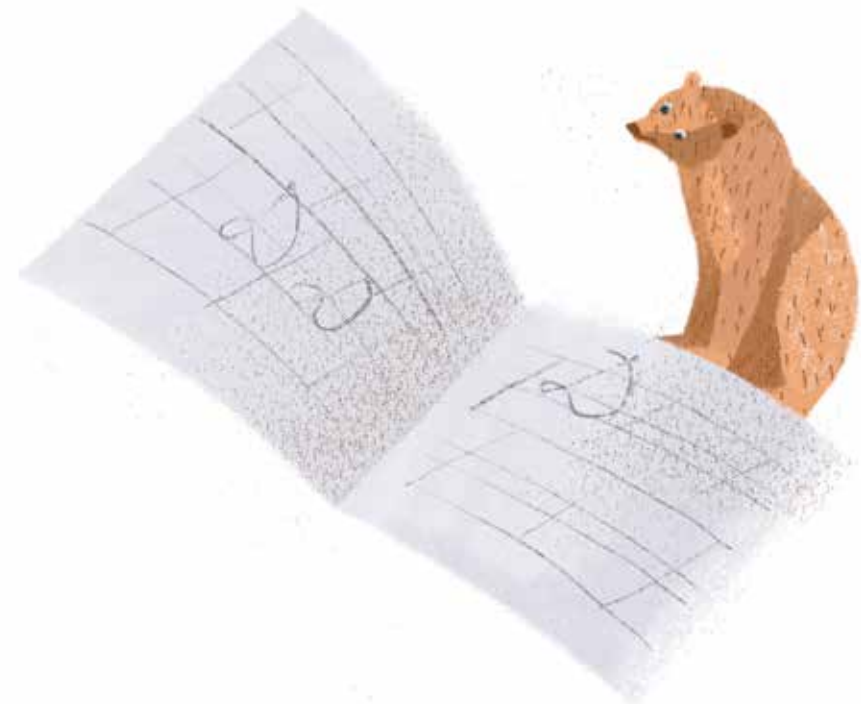
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Dear Reader,

The current selection presents children's books created by Bulgarian writers and illustrators, published in 2023, as well as a glimpse from 2022. All of them are remarkable works with high quality that epitomize the talent and achievements of Bulgarian book publishing. They feature a variety of themes and illustration styles that spark the imagination and make children think and enjoy. Without pretending to have got a complete or comprehensive selection, we have tried to draw a representative sample of the most interesting books and authors of the last year.

The development of Bulgarian children's literature is enriched by the various historical changes of the last century. We are happy that today's children in Bulgaria have the opportunity to flip through these beautiful pages, which gather the experience amassed by generations of Bulgarian authors. We hope these books will continue their journey beyond our borders and language barriers, reaching new readership, making their way into homes, libraries, schools and children's hearts all over the world.

Enjoy reading!





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From an Elephant to a Mouse in One Book

Writer: Violeta Hristova
Illustrator: Lucia Sarabia
Publisher: Bubleche, 2023
ISBN: 9786199208953
Hardcover, 150 x 150 mm, 60 pages
Age: 0+
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DESCRIPTION

Short, sweet, and melodious counting rhymes for the little ones. They're sure to laugh, coo, wave their arms enthusiastically, and have fun as you read them. Violeta Hristova's melodious poems, enjoy at Lucia Sarabia's beautiful illustrations, and turn the pages together in this baby book that is home to favourite animals of all kinds – from an elephant to a mouse!



ABOUT THE WRITER

Violeta Hristova is a Bulgarian poet and writer. She is the Chairwoman of Literary Circle *Smisal*, a creative platform for publishing and promoting Bulgarian literature, and also the manager of the children's publishing house Bubleche. She has written 11 books of poetry and four books for children. She has won many Bulgarian literary awards, and her work has been translated into German, Serbian, French, Russian, and Arabic. Together with her two daughters, the illustrator Ina Hristova and the animator Ani Antonova, she works in the field of children's literature and art for children.

Yawn for a Sleep

Writer: Dessislava Yordanova
Illustrator: Antonia Mechkueva
Publisher: Purko, 2023
ISBN: 9786197339345
Hardcover, 160 x 160 mm, 22 pages
Age: 0+
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DESCRIPTION

Thank you for your help, kid! My yawn often escapes. I'd be happy if you could help me catch it next time.



ABOUT THE WRITER

Dessislava Yordanova is an illustrator and author of children's books. She admires Miyazaki's hand-drawn animation. She likes to communicate with children because they are natural and candid, a source of her creative inspiration. About 10 years ago, she worked for Shubi Publishing as an illustrator. Subsequently, she began to entirely write and illustrate her own projects.

The Muttering Cat

Complier: Ekaterina Vitkova
 Illustrator: Nevena Angelova
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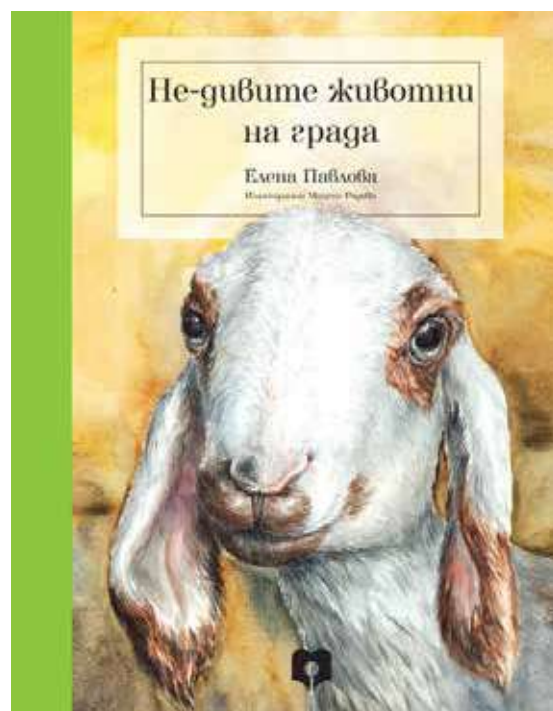
The Muttering Cat is an anthology of children's poems for the littlest ones. It contains 56 short poetic works by famous Bulgarian authors for children – Mihail Lakatnik, Dyado Punch, Vesa Paspaleeva, Radoy Kirov, Kalina Malina, Vasil I. Stoyanov, Asen Bosev, Chicho Stoyan, and others. The most common characters of the poems are the children's favourite animals, and the talented illustrations of the artist Nevena Angelova provide an unforgettable experience for future young readers.



The Non-wild Animals of the City

Writer: Elena Pavlova
Illustrator: Milena Radeva
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DESCRIPTION

In the previous two editions, we told you about the wild animals in the places we live. But there are many animals around us that are not wild, but have become wild, or vice versa – they were wild, but become non-wild. How so? Dogs and kittens end up on the street, parrots fly into the sky through the open window, hamsters manage to escape from their cages, and unwanted turtles suddenly find themselves in the wild swamps. There are so many stories of the non-wild animals with which we are fortunate enough to be neighbours in cities and villages that we decided to tell them in a third book. They are all *The Non-Wild Animals of the City*, and in this book, we will introduce you to them and their stories. We will talk about saving them, about helping them, about freedom, and about how we can live together without getting in each other's way, because it is always better when there is a happy ending. Well, some stories have one and some don't, but that's life.



ABOUT THE WRITER

Elena Pavlova writes children's books and horror books for adults. In addition, she has 30 game books behind her and extensive experience as a translator. She also appears as an editor of Bulgarian books.

The Brave Little Crab

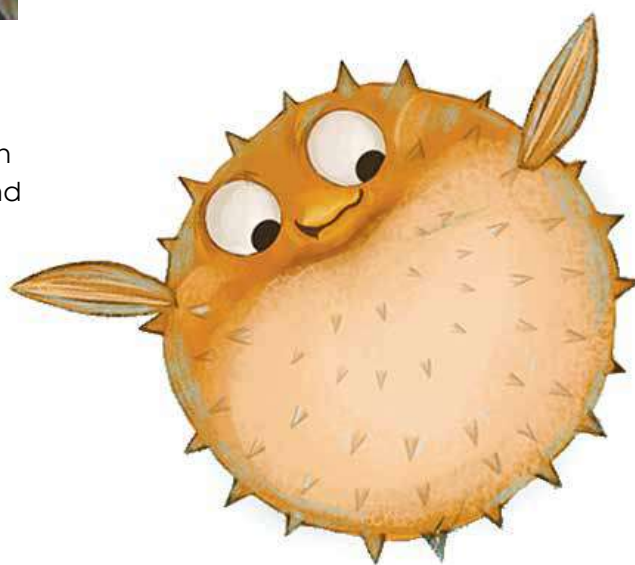
Writer: Tsveta Brestnichka
Illustrator: Steliyana Doneva
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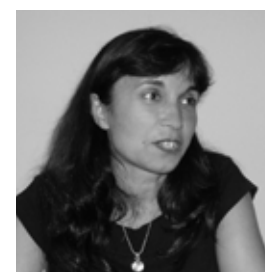


DESCRIPTION

The quiet life of the gentle family of blowfish comes to an end when a little crab appears in their home. Will the tireless mischief-maker and the peaceable lovers of order find common ground? Will they learn to live together? And who will save the family from the dreadful shark teeth? A moving story in rhyme about growing up and the power of love.



Щастливите риби
прегръщат го лудо:
– Не си като друг!
Ти си истинско чудо!
Покланя се рачето:
– Тука пораснах голям!
Когато ме взехте при вас, бях изгубен и сам,
а вие ми дадохте грижа, подслон и любов.
Но вече ще тръгвам – за пътя си аз съм готов!



ABOUT THE WRITER

Tsveta Brestnichka is among the most popular and beloved contemporary children's writers in Bulgaria. Generations of children have grown up with her rhymed tales from her series *The Magic Forest*, and her *A to Z: Wacky Stories with the Alphabet* inspires young readers to discover the fun and beauty of their native language. She is a passionate and affectionate narrator of stories both real and invented, inspired by her experiences with her four children, her growing grandchildren, and her backpacking around the world.

Tsveta takes to heart the situation of children in our country: she has been active in the Parents Association for more than 15 years. For two years in a row she was the program director of the Sofia International Literary Festival for Children and Young People, and she has launched the initiative "A child is waiting for magic. Become a wizard – give them a book," which has enabled thousands of donors to send books to underprivileged children across the country for three consecutive years.

Ladybug, Spotty Bug

Writer: Dora Gabe

Illustrator: Penko Gelev

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Hardcover, 180 x 240 mm, 200 pages

Age: 4+

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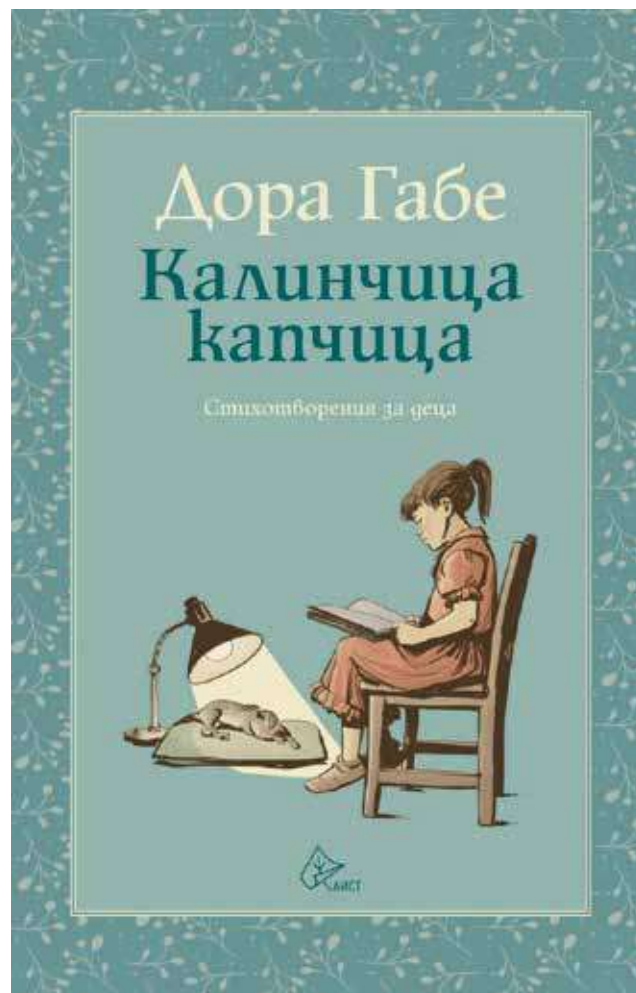
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DESCRIPTION

Ladybug, Spotty Bug gathers the most popular children's poems by Dora Gabe. This edition includes 226 works by the poetess and is dedicated to the 135th anniversary of her birth. The more than 80 illustrations are the work of Penko Gelev.



ABOUT THE WRITER

Dora Gabe (1888 – 1983) was born in Dobrich, Bulgaria. Her birth name was Isidora Peysah. She was the daughter of the prominent Dobrudzha estate owner Petar Gabe. She completed her high school education in Varna and then pursued natural sciences at Sofia University in 1904. In 1905, she travelled to Geneva, Switzerland, and later to Grenoble, France, to study French philology. In 1925, she edited the series *Library for the Little Ones*, and later became the editor of the children's magazine *Prozorche*. Her first children's poem was published in Alexander Bozhinov's *Our Children's Golden Book* in 1921. Subsequently, she published numerous books of poetry for children, which over time became classics.



Christmasina

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Illustrator: Elena Zhablyanova
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DESCRIPTION

This is inarguably the most extraordinary Christmas story! Young readers will encounter snowy paths and northern winds, but also tangerines, parrots, and climbing vines. A girl sets off to chase her dream, accompanied by her faithful friend, the snowman. Together they overcome a number of obstacles and challenges to finally reach a quite unusual Christmas destination – Africa! *Koledunka* is a captivating story about love, sacrifice, and friendship – the most valuable gifts from the heart. And these are surely the most precious Christmas presents, aren't they?



ABOUT THE WRITER

Maya Dalgacheva (1967) is a Bulgarian author of numerous fairy tale collections, riddles and poems, puppet plays and librettos, together with over two hundred lyrics of children's songs. She also has authored a number of pre-school and primary school educational projects. Many of her works have been included in textbooks of Bulgarian language and literature as well as music textbooks. She is the winner of several national children's literature awards, including a Bulgarian Writers' Union prize, the national Konstantin Konstantinov Award, and the Golden Age Award of the Ministry of Culture for her special contribution to Bulgarian culture. In 2019 and 2020 she was nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

Friends Know How

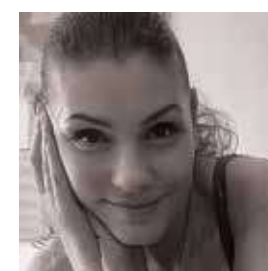
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DESCRIPTION

Tito the giraffe lives in the savannah with his beloved friends - an elephant, a zebra, a hippo and a lion. The fun of the happy company does not stop from morning to night. The giraffe is excited about his upcoming birthday – he will be 5 years old tomorrow! He plans to invite all his friends and all his attention is focused on preparing for the best celebration. But an unforeseen accident changes everything... Left alone in the hospital room, the giraffe thinks about friendship, the difference between the pain of a broken leg and the pain of loneliness... But what are friends for and aren't they the best medicine for every pain? When your best friends have prepared an unusual surprise for your birthday, nothing can spoil the celebration. And they are the ones to make you believe that you are special and important. Because true friends not only know how to say it, they know how to show it...



ABOUT THE AUTOR

Evgeniya Voynova is an author and artist. She graduated from the Arts High School and the Academy of Art in Sofia. Since 2013, she has been working as an author and illustrator of children's books. In 2018, she founded the David publishing house, with the slogan "Books to love." The focus of the publishing house is entirely her original children's books. She has published nine titles to date, written and illustrated by her. Evgeniya Voynova's books touch on important topics for children such as tolerance, acceptance, friendship, empathy... Her texts are characterized by depth and contain a rich palette of emotions. Easily recognisable due to their characteristic style, they quickly become a favourite of children and parents. Evgeniya Voynova lives and works in Sofia.

I'm Lucky to Have My Parents

Writer: Radostina Nikolova

Illustrator: Yana Popova

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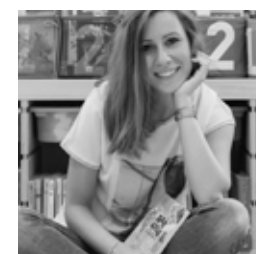
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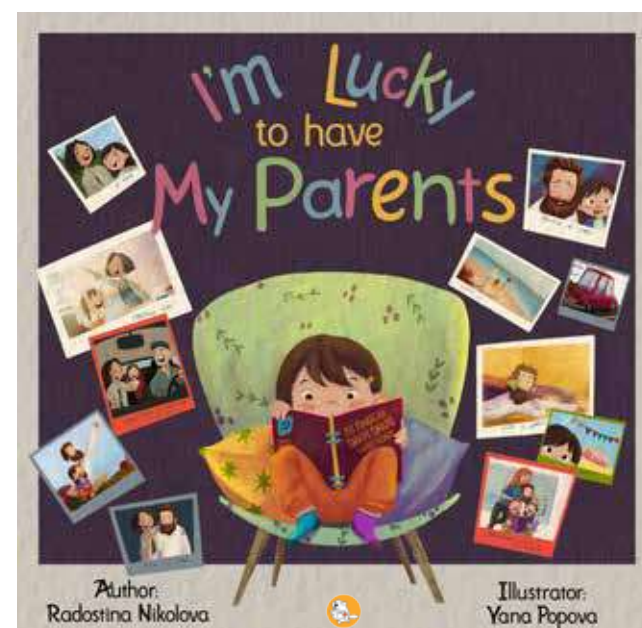
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ABOUT THE WRITER

Radostina Nikolova (1986) is a children's book author and the owner of the publishing house Marmot Books. She graduated in English philology and holds two master's degrees – in journalism and in creative writing. She has received several Magic Pearl Children's Choice Awards – for 2013, 2016, and 2019. Her books have been recognised as the "Most Read Series" by the Sofia City Library in 2018, and in 2019, Radostina received the Children's Writer of the Year award, again from the Sofia City Library. Her books have been translated into English, Polish, Chinese, and Finnish. Currently, she teaches creative writing courses for children and travels across the country (and sometimes abroad) to meet with kids who want to learn more about her characters and books.



DESCRIPTION

The book *I'm Lucky to Have My Parents* tells the story of a child who is coping with the complex life situation of her parents' separating. Its main message is that communication and honesty are extremely important in the process of acceptance. The story transitions from warm to cold colours and nuances, but ends again with light, showing how a child in a family of separated parents can feel safe and loved. And be happy again. This book can help children feel less lonely and better prepared to cope with the changes that come with a separation. But at the same time, it's also a book for children who live in happily united families, because it teaches understanding and acceptance of their peers who come from families of separated parents.



This Is Totally Outrageous

Writer: Viktor Samuilov

Illustrator: Nevena Angelova

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DESCRIPTION

This book contains poems that are funny, enlightening, and sometimes ironic. It tells stories from the life and adventures of kids growing up in concrete jungles, closely observed by their adult care-givers. You will read miniature poems in rhyme that convey messages of love, empathy, and tenderness by paying special attention to relationships between generations – parents and their children, grandparents and their offspring, or even between siblings. This book will the spark interest of readers of all ages.



OT KAKVO SE RASTE NAJ-BЪPZO

– Едно страхче, дяго, внезапно захрупа
край нас ягоди горски сред мрака...
И мизгом се втурнахме (цялата група!)
към дома си през тръни и граки.
Но страхчето – „хррруп-хрууус“ –
последва ни бясно
и тъкмо пред нас
тоя-



Виктор
Самуилов

Това
на нищо
НЕ прилича



ABOUT THE WRITER

Victor Samuilov (1964) was born in Sofia. He graduated from Sofia University with a master's degree in Bulgarian philology, and he has worked for youth, literary, and satirical publications. He was a script writer and editor at the Cartoon Studios of the Sofia Cinema Centre and a compiler of many anthologies, students' books, and teaching aids. He has authored 19 books, most of which are children's titles. The winner of three national awards, Victor Samuilov was also the First Prize Laureate of the South Eastern European Literature Centre for his contribution to children's and young adult literature. He was also nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

Victor Samuilov is a rare breed of writer who manages to engage both children and parents in his game. And that's probably because he himself still plays with the amazement of a child – and he does this with words, viewpoints, and important subjects. He turns them upside down, shakes out the stale meanings, and fills them with extraordinary objects. He plays with such mastery that he somehow manages to submerge us in deep thought while we are still laughing out loud. And vice versa.



Colourful Little Rhymes

Writer: Maya Dalgacheva
 Illustrator: Lilyana Dvoryanova
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DESCRIPTION

A colourful book of rhyming tales, in which each story is dedicated to a different colour. Yellows, greens, reds, pinks, and blues burst from the pages to blend into cosy, fun, and touching poems suitable for both toddlers and grown-ups.



БЯЛА

От пералнята излиза – бяла – татковата риза.
 Под ютията поляга и додето се протяга,
 с ароматна бяла пара тя въздъхва и повтаря,
 и ръкавите разцъства: „Бялото ухае чисто!“
 – Бялото мирише сладко! – мизог се провикна батко.
 – Бяла пяна от сметана, пура захар до табана,
 крем Ванилия в панички, сто облизани лъжички
 бабин благ сутляш, самата
 бабка вече на вратата...
 Я ела да помришеш – от косите ѝ да вдишаеш
 този бял уютен цвят с тих ванилов аромат!



– Тух, уютен? Ала-баа – боцка, щипе и пързала!
 Вледенява ти петите, зачервява ти ушите,
 като зелка си навлечен, а ностът ти пак е течен! –
 тънката усмивка вади моят дяло белобради.
 – То на вид е само снежно – бялото докосва нежно! –
 казва мама замечтана.
 Тя назад сега е взряна –
 бяла рокля от Воаги там шепти и гали, гали.
 Там е сватбата на мама. В тази снимка мен не няма.
 Но на другата съм тук – бял пацку, креслив памук!
 Маяко, крем против подсичане, преобличане, обичане –
 снимките са в черно-бяло, но пък бяло – засияло!

ABOUT THE WRITER

Maya Dalgacheva (1967) is a Bulgarian writer best known as an author of children's books. Her works have been translated into English, Russian, German, French, Spanish, and Serbian and are featured in a number of poetry anthologies in Bulgaria and abroad, as well as in textbooks, collections, and readers for preschool and elementary age. She is the winner of many awards.



Colourful Rug

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DESCRIPTION

Colourful Rug was Yordan Radichkov's first book for children. Overshadowed by his other children's books, *We the Sparrows* and *Little Frog Stories*, *The Colourful Rug* is one of the author's most tender and beautiful works aimed at younger readers. It was penned by Radichkov in 1964. The writer paints pictures from the reality of rural life, which is inhabited by wayward members of the animal kingdom and untameable natural elements.



ABOUT THE WRITER

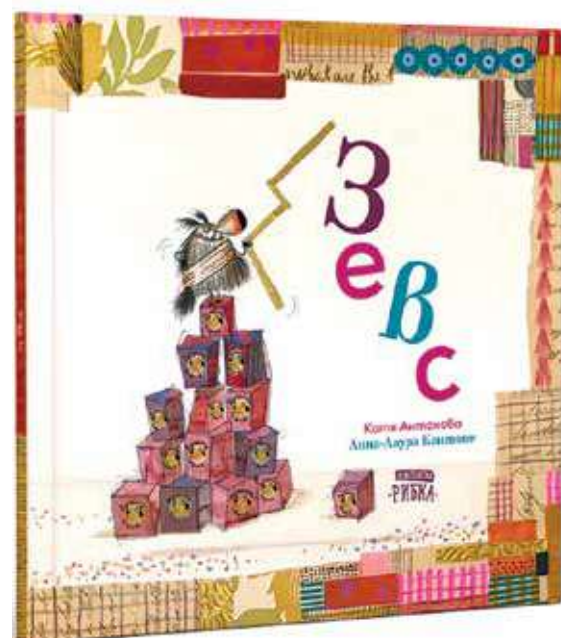
Yordan Radichkov (1929–2004) is one of the most prominent Bulgarian authors of all times. He is the author of collections of short stories, novels, travelogues, children's books, plays, and film scripts. He has been bestowed the highest honours for his contribution to literature in Bulgaria and with numerous awards from around the world, including the Hans Christian Andersen Award. The author's plays have been staged throughout Europe and beyond, and he is translated into over 45 languages.



Zeus

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Illustrator: Anna Laura Cantone
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The White Ravens, 2023

DESCRIPTION

Are you ready to meet the ugliest dog in the world? Are you ready for a funny-sad story that teaches us the importance of staying with those we love, regardless of their flaws? Zeus is a book about expectations, disappointments, responsibility, and... love.



ABOUT THE WRITER

Katya Antonova was born in Sofia in 1982. She has written throughout her professional life. In 2013, together with Milen Antiohov and Evgenia Nikolova, she founded the publishing house Ribka – an alternative publishing house for children's books for that time. Thanks to Ribka, books appeared in Bulgaria by some of the most talented contemporary authors in the world: Oliver Jeffers, Rébecca Dautremer, Jon Klassen, and others.

In addition to publishing, Katya Antonova is the author of some of the most beloved contemporary children's books: *The Fairy of the Sugar Bowl*, *The Two Kingdoms*, *Princess Stories*, *Fish*, and others.

A Boy or a Guinea Pig

Writer: Julia Spiridonova - Yulka
Illustrator: Miglena Papazova
Publisher: Marmot Books, 2023
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DESCRIPTION

Didi and Dodo are twins who never get along and constantly play pranks on each other – until one day, their jokes go too far. Who would have thought that a simple toothache could lead to Dodo's most incredible adventure? At the airport, just before the family takes off for a vacation to Stockholm, the ticket counter lady decides that Dodo is not a boy, but... a guinea pig. His sister Didi is thrilled, but then it turns out that Dodo will have to travel in the luggage compartment. And it's Didi who will come to his rescue. The book exhibits the writer Julia Spiridonova's typical sense of humour and is specially designed for reluctant readers. It is part of a series called *The Story Seekers Club*.

Диди обичаше га хрупа

моркови
орехи
маруля
ябълки
краставици
целина
бадеми.

Додо обичаше га мляска

торта
шокола
крем карамел
тирамису
сметаново руло
сладолег
бонбони.



ABOUT THE WRITER

Julia Spiridonova (a.k.a Yulka) has published over twenty children's and YA books.

She is the first Bulgarian author nominated for The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. She was nominated in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Julia Spiridonova is the annual laureate of the PEP Lor'Est Children's Choice Award in France 2023. She is a laureate of Bulgaria's highest literary honour: Hristo G. Danov 2023; Author of the Year of Sofia Library 2016; the Magic Pearl National Children's Choice Award 2016; the Quill Award winner, Children's Book of the Year category 2015; The P.R. Slaveykov – Contribution to Bulgarian Literature Award winner 2010; Konstantin Konstantinov Award winner, Author of the Year category 2010.

Her books are translated into French, Hungarian, Romanian, Macedonian, Czech, German, Ukrainian, and Farsi.

Since 2021 she has been living in the United Kingdom.

Head-Over-Heels Hoopie and the World of Abundance

Writer: Tanya Petkova
 Illustrator: Katrin Eftimova
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DESCRIPTION

Admit it – you often have to rummage for a long time in the cabinet with kitchen tools until you find the right utensil. Peelers, can openers, tongs and spoons, different in both size and purpose... there are so many! Who can handle all of that abundance? Even house-elves like the hero in this story have a heap of trouble tidying up at home.

This book will show you how the things we have forgotten in the corner of the window or dresser can be of benefit to someone in need. How giving is actually serious business, and that it's good to follow some simple but important rules.



ABOUT THE WRITER

Born and raised in Varna, where the sea and sky meet. She spent her childhood playing outside. She has a degree in Architectural Design as well as Communicative Design in Istanbul. While in the colorful city of Istanbul, she rediscovered painting. She currently lives and works in Vienna. She loves to illustrate stories that involve an intertwining reality and fantasy. She's a professional illustrator and graphic designer. When she's not painting, she likes to read, cook, and go on nature walks with her soul mate.

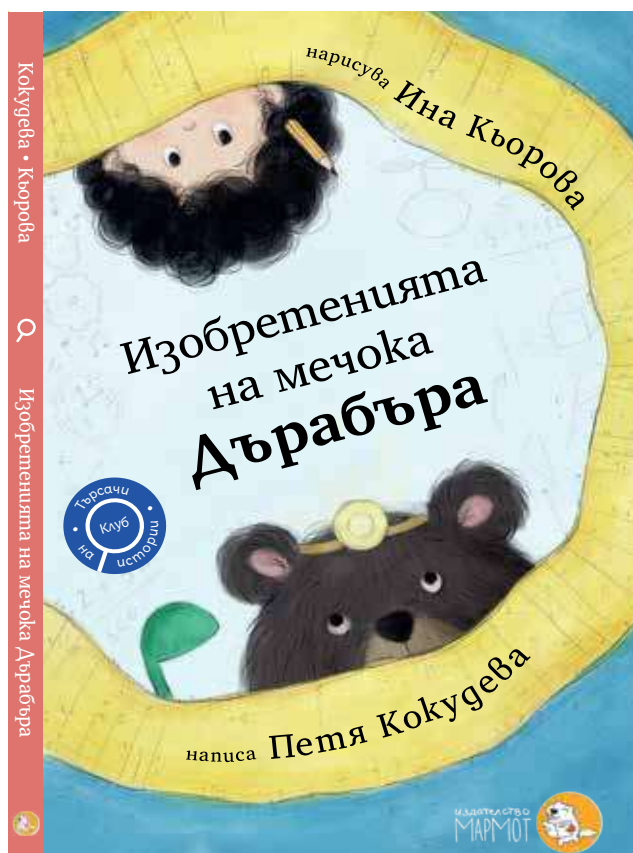


The Inventions of Chitter-Chatter the Bear

Writer: Petya Kokudeva
Illustrator: Ina Kyorova
Publisher: Marmot Books, 2023
ISBN: 9786197241549
Paperback, 130 x 197 mm, 80 pages
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DESCRIPTION

The Inventions of Chitter-Chatter the Bear is a story of little Betty, who dreams of being an inventor. One day she finds herself in an enormous sock – the workshop of a bear who is a peculiar mastermind who designs shoes for shy guys, an extendable Saturday, a jar for dads deprived of time to dream... In a world of rapidly developing technologies, this is a story about some other, invisible inventions. Instead of a display and a chip, they are made of cordiality, care, and understanding. This is a funny and tender book on communicating with others and with oneself in a most human and empathetic way. The book is part of the *Story Seekers Club* series for reluctant readers.



ABOUT THE WRITER

Petya Kokudeva (1982) is a children's author and a globe-trotter. She majored in journalism and obtained a master's degree in creative writing. Petya is a multi-winner of national literary awards for the best children's book. Some of her texts have been turned into songs; others are included in school textbooks. She has authored several educational books as well: a series of funny teaching aids, a collection of child refugee stories, and a book on respecting food and not wasting it. Some of her children's titles have been translated into German, Hungarian, and Croatian, and a Romanian translation is currently in the works. Petya often meets with children in Bulgaria and abroad, including Germany, Luxembourg, Ukraine, and Malta. She has also authored a non-fiction title that contains stories from her travels around the world.

Courage Forage, Havesome Halva, and Crispin Cheesy in the Kingdom of Auberginia

Writer: Ivan Radenkov
Illustrator: Antonia Mechkueva
Publisher: Enthusiast, 2023
ISBN: 9786191645275
Hardcover, 165 x 235 mm, 184 pages
Age: 7+
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DESCRIPTION

This story is written with a huge smile and love for the work *Little Onion* by Gianni Rodari. This story is not just about the battle between good and evil. And it does not just tell about the very best music band, Barabas, or about love and whether it's worth fighting for it. Because it is about all of that, but also a lot of other cool things as well.



ABOUT THE WRITER

Ivan Radenkov has been a children's writer since he became a father in 2012. His two sons inspired him to write, and they make him live his second childhood every day, as they make mischief and create stories together. Each of their adventures is an inspiration for new stories with pictures and sometimes music. Because Ivan is also a musician, we often read lyrics in his other books, and in the enclosed CDs we hear music with guitars and drums, which the children like. Ivan Radenkov's unadulterated, sincere, and funny stories are already being studied by Bulgarian children in third grade.

Rinty the Dragon and the War of the Orders

Writer: Donika Rizova

Illustrator: Mira Miroslavova

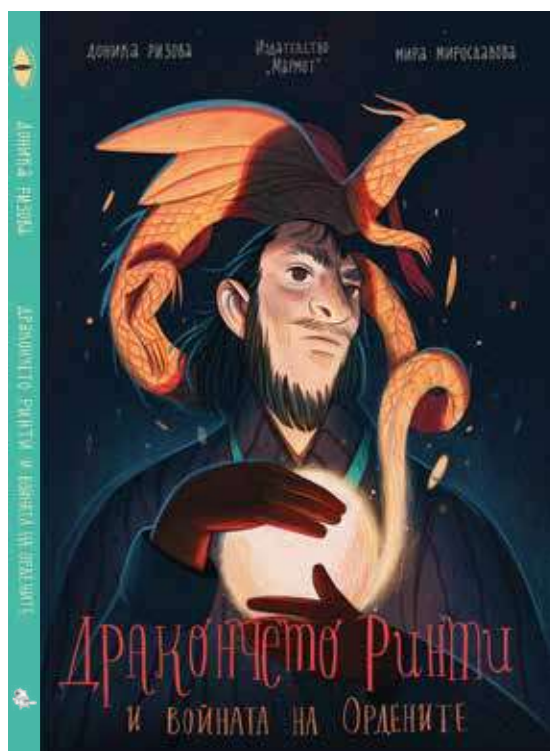
Publisher: Marmot Books, 2023

ISBN: 9786197241525

Paperback, 230 x 160 mm, 168 pages

Age: 8+

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DESCRIPTION

Greg's Easter holiday unexpectedly turns into a mission to save dragon eggs far away, on the other side of the world. The Knights of the Order of Kings and the Order of the Dragons engage in a mad race for supremacy, and the war between them enters a decisive phase.

On the threshold of a carefree summer, two friends, Rinty and Greg, will have to solve complex puzzles, make difficult decisions, and temper their friendship in battles and adventures.

In this third book of the story of the friendship between a boy and a dragon, you will meet new characters and real personalities from the TV news, who fly in their dreams and, in their waking hours, never take their eyes off the stars.

Or do they?

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ABOUT THE WRITER

Donika Rizova (1975) is a writer, journalist, communications expert, and active travel blogger. She graduated with a major in Public Relations and has won numerous awards, including the Golden Pen from the Union of Bulgarian Journalists, the St. Vlas for television journalism, as well as a nomination for Woman of the Year. She actively supports charitable and educational causes related to children at risk, those with special educational needs, and promoting reading. She is a frequent guest on television formats discussing important societal issues.

She debuted as a children's author with the fantasy trilogy about the dragon Rinty. She is also the author of children's books as part of a project supporting endangered species, and lately she has been writing for adults as well. Donika travels around the country to meet children of all ages, igniting a love for books in young readers.

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The Mice Go to the Opera

Writer: Maria Doneva

Illustrator: Kiril Zlatkov

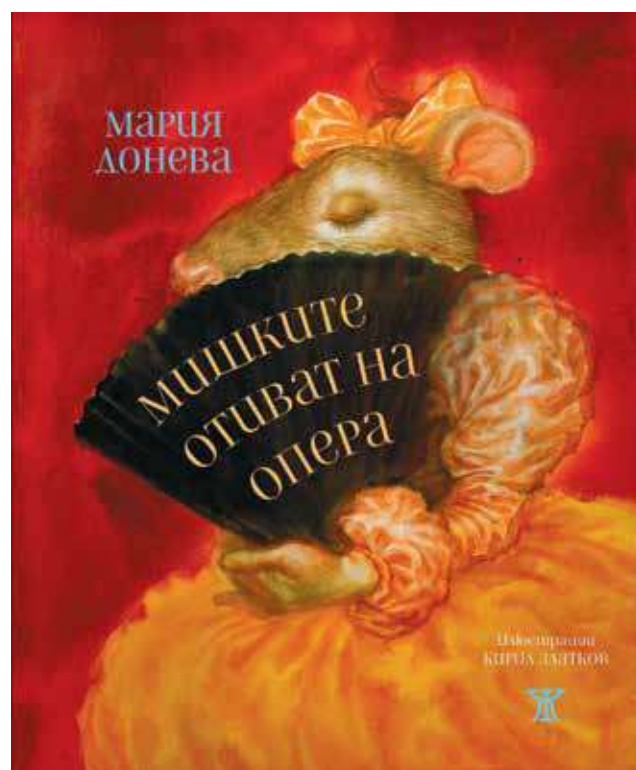
Publisher: Janet 45, 2022

ISBN: 9786191867929

Hardcover, 205 x 240 mm, 32 pages

Age: 4+

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DESCRIPTION

The Mice Go to the Opera is a richly illustrated book that includes etiquette for attending the opera and a poem about the experiences of a group of music-loving mice who go to see Carmen. The joy of stepping onto the stage fills them with dreams because “opera is an art for everyone.” The book is intended for readers of all ages.

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ABOUT THE WRITER:

Maria Doneva writes poems for children and adults, as well as plays and song lyrics. She translates children's books in verse from English. She is a playwright at the Geo Milev Drama Theatre in the city of Stara Zagora. She has a books column in Sega magazine and a literature podcast on Radio Stara Zagora. She participates in various literary music projects related to classical music and jazz. Maria Doneva is a Knight of the Book, has won the Stara Zagora, Veselin Hanchov, and Rashko Sugarev awards, and has been nominated for the Hristo G. Danov, Peroto, and Konstantin Konstantinov awards. She frequently travels for reader meetings, especially with children, and enthusiastically engages in initiatives to promote reading.

The Story of Tiny and His Mother, Who Fit in His Pocket

Writer: Lilyana Dvoryanova
 Illustrator: Lilyana Dvoryanova
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Nominated
 for Peroto
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DESCRIPTION

Lea and Theo are astronauts. Theo pilots the spacecraft, while Lea takes photos and recounts all noteworthy events. They are about to embark on a journey to a distant planet, one so small that they have to be shrunk first, when they find out they're going to be a mom and dad... But Daddy Theo still has to go. To help him not be so sad, mommy Lea promised to take pictures and describe everything important as the baby grows into a little boy. A beautiful story about children and parents, in which the little ones are big and the big ones are small, but one thing remains unchanged – their love for each other.



ABOUT THE WRITER

Lilyana Dvoryanova was born in Sofia in 1978. She works in various fields of visual art – painting, digital graphics, photography, conceptual art, and illustrations. She has had 10 solo exhibitions, as well as more than 20 participations in joint exhibitions of contemporary art in Bulgaria and abroad. She is an author and illustrator of children's books and fine arts textbooks for primary school. She has an MA degree in Philosophy and a PhD in Pedagogy. She is the mother of two sons.



The Shadow of the Cricket

Writer: Julia Spiridonova – Yulka
Illustrator: Kapka Kaneva
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Papervover, 130 x 197 mm, 240 pages
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DESCRIPTION

A teen novel on a timely and very painful topic – the threats lying in wait for teenagers on the Internet. With her typical lightness, contagious sense of humour, and touching friendly tone, Julia Spiridonova tells them a funny and sad, dangerous and unpredictable story about the threats that lurk on the Internet that can even threaten their lives. Mona is fifteen, lacking in friends, talent, and good looks. But she does have an eccentric mother, a perpetually busy father, an unbearable half-sister and a step-sister who's a beauty vlogger. To impress her new classmates, Mona declares herself the youngest detective in a fictional French association. To top it all off, her first criminal case puts her (literally) on a collision course with her first love.

ABOUT THE WRITER

Julia Spiridonova is the author of over 15 books for children and teenagers, and her books have been translated into French, German, Hungarian, Romanian, Macedonian, Czech, and Farsi. She is the winner of a number of awards and has been repeatedly nominated for the world's biggest prize for children's literature, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

