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TIMO PARVELA

Author of *Ella & Purdy* and *Barker*



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TIMO PARVELA (b. 1964) is the number one children's author in Finland. He is able to capture the child's mindset in situations familiar from home and school, and he always does it with a sense of humour and a touch of magic. Parvela's works are appreciated by literary critics and readers alike: his books are continuously on top of the bestseller lists.

Timo Parvela has been awarded the most important children's and youth literature prizes in Finland. Parvela's books can be regarded as universal children's literature – Translation rights in Parvela's books have been sold to over twenty languages. Parvela's international publishers include **Hanser, Nathan, Mangschou, Grupo SM, EneDueRabe, Nieko Rimto** and **Beijing Yuanliu Classic Culture**.

www.timoparvela.fi

NEW IN 2015:
Kepler 62 together with Bjørn Sortland

Ella Series

Ella and her class at school are perpetually stuck on first, and then second grade, with their beloved Teacher. The children adore their Teacher although they do find him odd at times, as does Teacher find them in return. Ella books are all filled with surprises, heart-warming and timeless humor and hilarious dialogue.



ELLA AND FRIENDS 1 (Ella ja kaverit 1)

Ella has great friends and a nice teacher. But recently the teacher has looked a bit drained. It must be all the travelling he has done lately: first he went on a honeymoon, then to the theatre, and then on a daytrip with the class. The class thinks his reaction is very peculiar since they all had such a good time.

Includes the three first Ella books: *Ella and the Blackmailer*, *Ella goes to the Theatre*, *Ella's Field Trip*.

ELLA AND FRIENDS 2 (Ella ja kaverit 2)

In *Ella and Friends 2*, the classmates venture off to summer camp, where who should turn up but their teacher – who was under the misimpression he was taking a de-stress vacation.

Contains the books *Ella and the Quitter*, *Ella and Pate*, *Ella and the Troublemaker* and *Ella at Night School*.

- Ella and the Blackmailer (Ella ja kiristäjä, Tammi 1995)
- Ella Goes to the Theatre (Ella teatterissa, Tammi 1996)
- Ella's Field Trip (Ella luokkaretellä, Tammi 1997)
- Ella and the Quitter (Ella ja lopettaja, Tammi 1998)
- Ella and Pate (Ella ja Pate, Tammi 1999)
- Ella and the Troublemaker (Ella ja Pukari, Tammi 2000)
- Ella at Night School (Ella yökoulussa, Tammi 2001)
- Ella in Lapland (Ella Lapissa, Tammi 2003)
- Ella and Paterock (Ella ja Paterock, Tammi 2004)
- Ella at Sea (Ella aalloilla, Tammi 2005)
- Ella – Watch Out for the Children! (Ella. Varokaa lapsia! Tammi 2006)
- Ella and Seven Sillies (Ella ja seitsemän törppöä, Tammi 2007)
- Ella's Ef One (Ella ja Äf Yksi, Tammi 2008)
- Ella Hits the Jackpot (Ella ja Jättipotti, Tammi 2009)
- Ella and the Dark Knights (Ella ja yön ritarit, Tammi 2010)
- Party Time for Ella and Friends (Ella ja kaverit juhlatuulella, Tammi 2010)
- Ella and the Labours of Sammy (Ella ja Sampan urotytöt, Tammi, 2011)
- Ella and the Missing Pointer (Ella ja kadonnut karttakeppi, Tammi, 2012)
- Ella and Friends Go Camping (Ella ja kaverit menevät metsään, Tammi, 2013)
- Ella and Friends and the Great Escape (Ella ja kaverit karkaavat koulusta, Tammi, 2014)



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Mervi Lindman

Prox. 120 pages
125 x 197 mm
Tammi

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Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary,
Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland,
Russia, Turkey, Slovenia, Spain

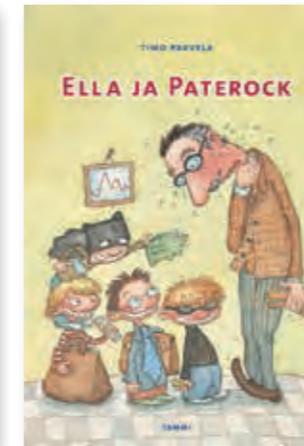
“The wordplay in the Ella books is clever, genuinely funny and just the right touch of moving. The fundamental message gets through without preaching.”

– SAVON SANOMAT NEWSPAPER



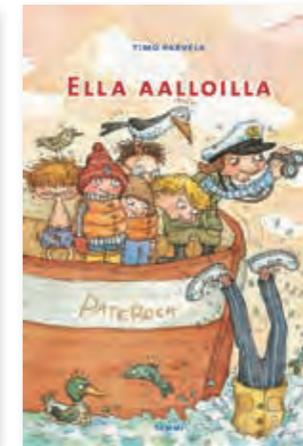
ELLA IN LAPLAND

Ella's class has won a trip abroad! But things do not go quite as planned and the competition winners end up in Lapland – without their luggage. More confusion soon follows.



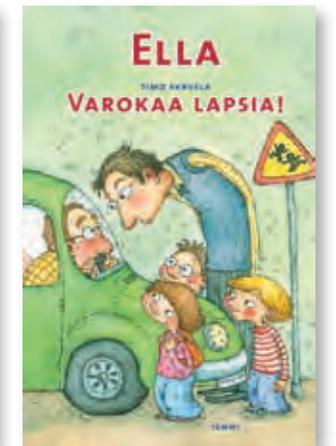
ELLA AND PATEROCK

The class has two problems on their hands: Pate might have to repeat a year at school and their wonderful teacher is facing eviction from his home. Thankfully Tuukka hatches a great plan. The whole class thinks Tuukka is a genius.



ELLA AT SEA

Ella's teacher takes the class on a sea trip. The children do some extraordinary bird-spotting, practise life-saving techniques and get scared of the harbour-monster. But what happens when the children learn that their beloved teacher is thinking of a career change?



ELLA – WATCH OUT FOR THE CHILDREN!

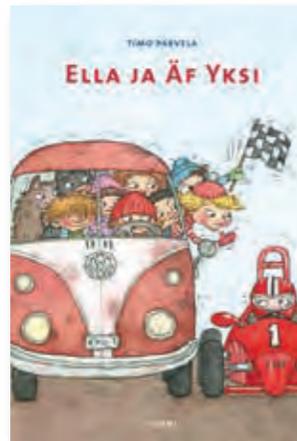
Ten minutes into the term and the children are already worried – about their teacher's health. They decide to find a cure for his ailments. All they need now is a quarantine, a school inspector, more school inspectors, an art exhibition and the light relief at the end of the evening news – and all is well again! Or is it?





ELLA AND THE SEVEN SILLIES

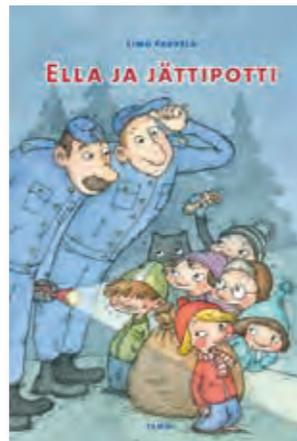
Ella and her friends have their adventure in the big city. They visit a fashion show, the group gets lost, then they get found. They get into trouble, then they are saved. In the end they take over a television station. Sounds like any other Saturday really.



ELLA AND THE EF ONE

Ella's school has been closed down and the class starts in a new school of 10,000 pupils. Their new friends include Ef One, a boy Who Must Not Be Touched, because his father wants him to become a formula one driver.

A movie based on the book premiered in Finland in 2012.



ELLA HITS THE JACKPOT

Ella and friends find a lottery ticket, lose it, look for an alibi, follow clues, empty the arts and crafts closet, and fill it again.

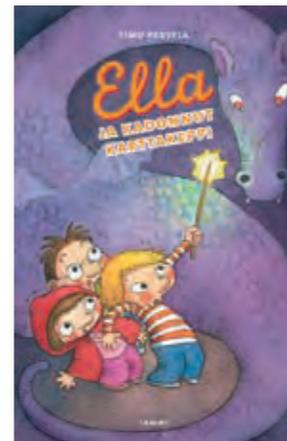
"The themes of Ella Hits the Jackpot are money and lack of it, but Parvela knows how to turn trivial topics into a comical detective novel that both girls and boys will appreciate."

— POHJOLAN SANOMAT



ELLA AND THE DARK KNIGHTS

In this book, Ella and her friends find an ice hockey team, get a sponsor, bid for players, and re-forged their teacher's legendary ice hockey stick: the Whip.



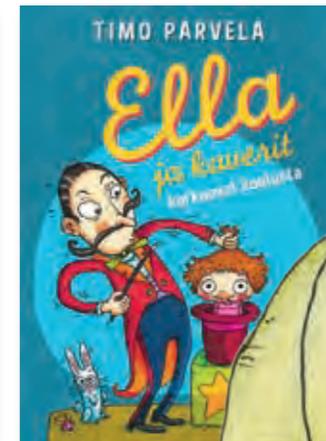
ELLA AND THE MISSING POINTER

Ella and friends are ready to graduate second grade but their teacher is supposed to teach them a few more things before that. But he can't teach, because his map pointer is missing. Like the teacher always says, a professional needs proper tools. Ella and friends only have two weeks to find the pointer or they are in big trouble.



ELLA AND FRIENDS GO CAMPING

Ella and her friends are on summer holiday. They go into the woods, because that's where their teacher has decided to set up a summer camp. Ella and Friends Go camping is a summertime nature trek with screwball situations and fun times galore.



ELLA AND FRIENDS AND THE GREAT ESCAPE

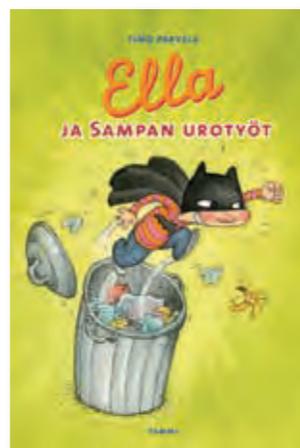
Ella and her friends finally make it out of the second grade! But to their surprise, their new class isn't third grade, it's only two-and-a-half. They decide to run away from school and find a new one, where they'd all have fun all the time... During their flight, the friends meet a mystical and slightly frightening magician, whose schemes threaten both the teacher's family as well as the future of the entire town.

Ella and Friends and the Great Escape's larger format, easy-to-read text, and Mervi Lindman's spirited drawings are perfect for readers of all ages.



PARTY TIME FOR ELLA AND FRIENDS

This high-spirited book contains three heart-warming Ella stories, full of action, adventure, and hijinks galore.



ELLA AND THE LABOURS OF SAMMY

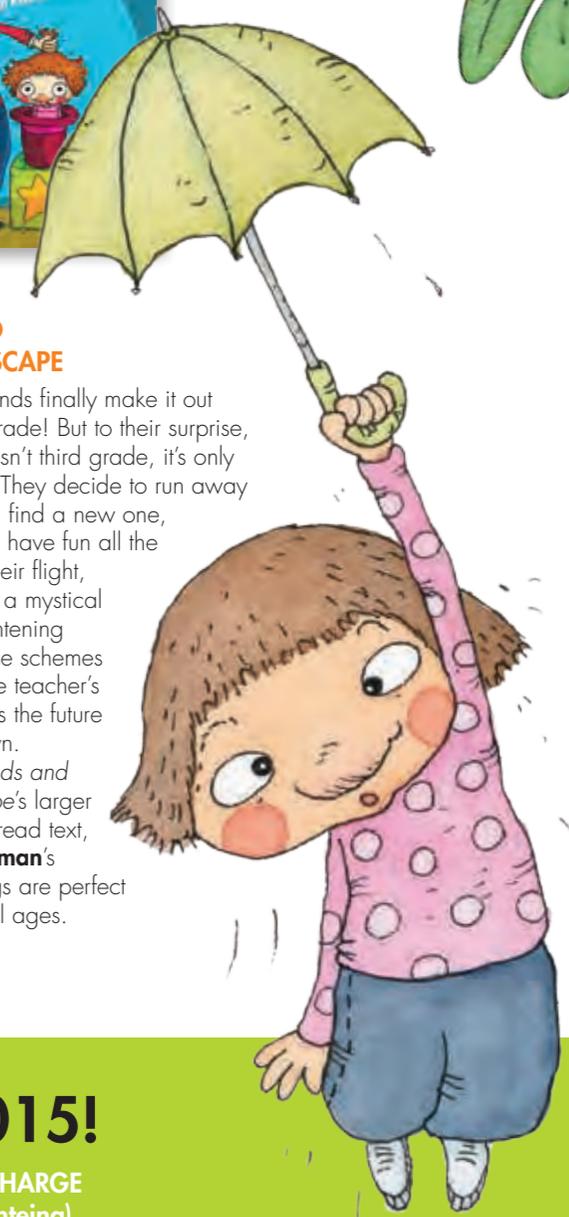
Like the ancient hero Hercules, Sammy has to complete twelve difficult tasks to get back into his Mum's favour and get permission to participate in the Batman meeting.



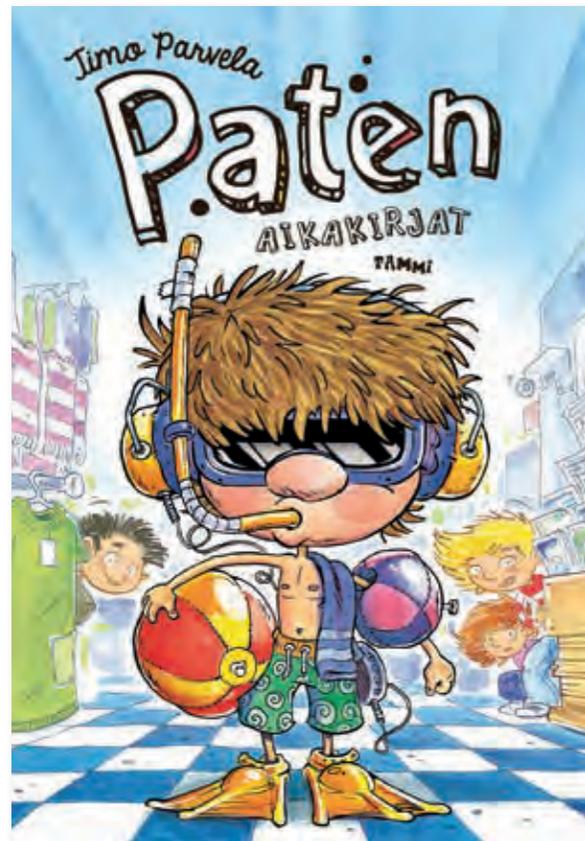
NEW in 2015!

ELLA AND FRIENDS IN CHARGE (Ella ja kaverit lapsenvahteina)

Their teacher thinks that a professional babysitter is in charge, but it's Ella and her friends who end up minding the children! Ella and her friends do the best they can, but things get a little trickier than they expected.



READY, SET, GO! It's a new series!



PATE'S BLOG (Paten aikakirjat)

Pate's updates have pizzazz!

Pate, a favourite character from the popular Ella books, gets his very own series! Pate is a little out of it sometimes, but that's OK, everyone loves Pate. Now Pate's teacher has given him a summertime assignment: keep a journal. At first things don't go too smoothly, but the oddball uncle who stays for a visit changes things, and before long Pate is tapping away all the time.

The book features **Pasi Pitkänen's** vivacious illustrations. *Pate's Blog* starts the new series from Timo Parvela and Pasi Pitkänen.

Pasi Pitkänen



PATE'S BLOG

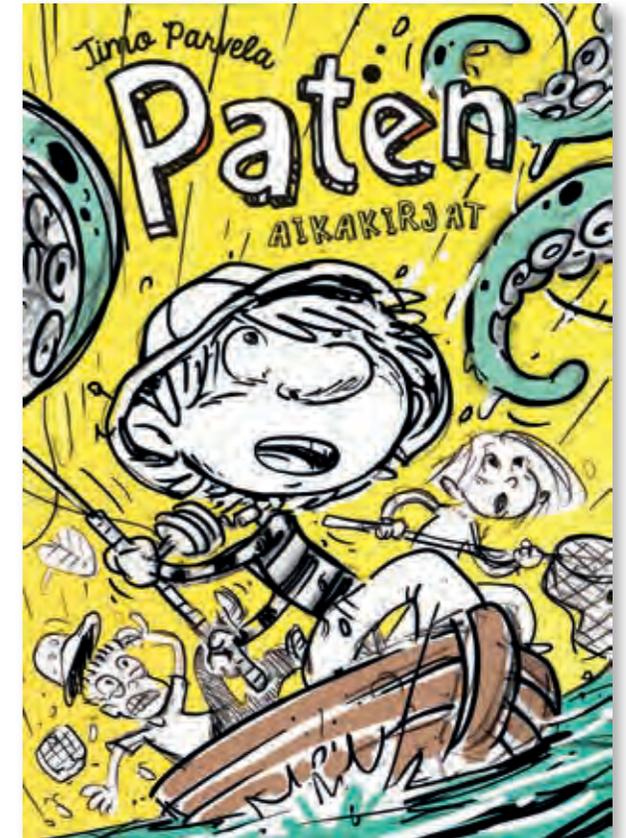
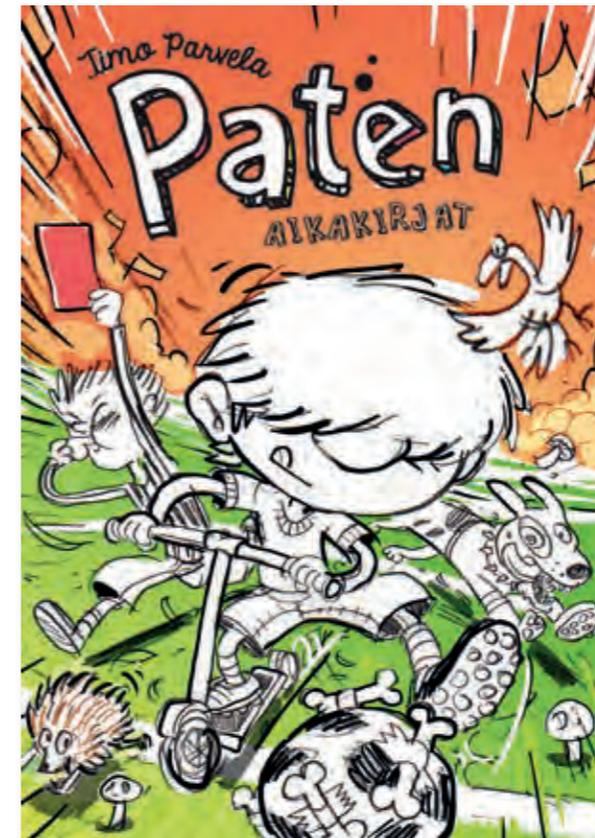
96 pages
148 x 210 mm
B&W illustrations
Tammi 2014

PATE'S FOOTBALL BOOK

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Coming in 2015

PATE'S FISHING BOOK

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Coming in 2016

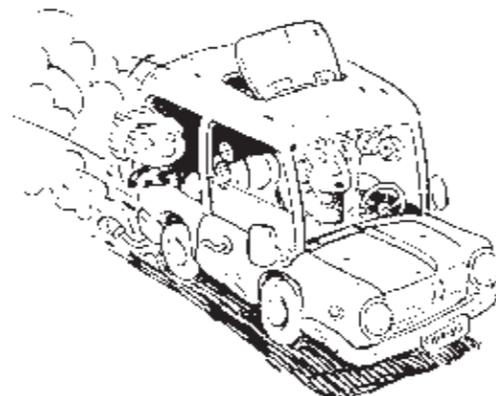


PATE'S FOOTBALL BOOK (Paten jalkapallokirja)

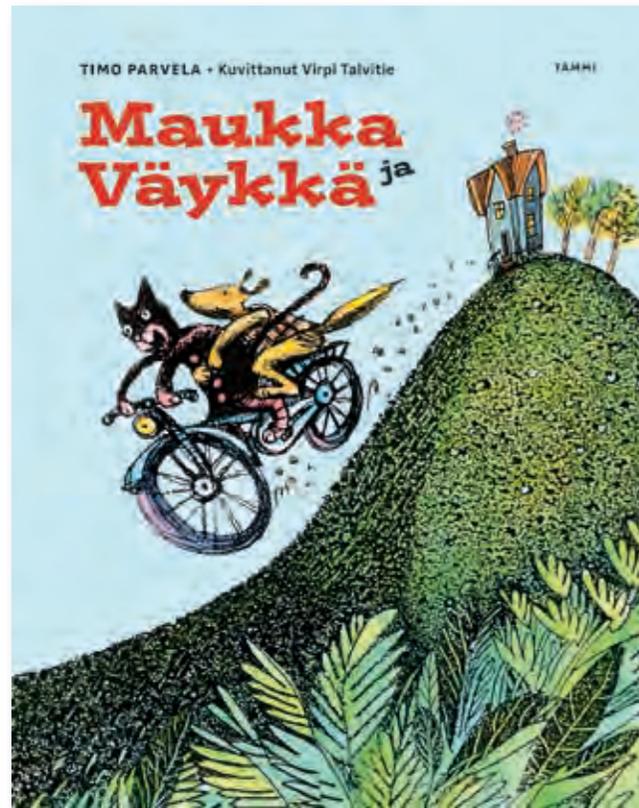
Pate wants to play in a football tournament that's being held in town, so he decides to found a football club. However, putting a team together proves more difficult than he thought.

PATE'S FISHING BOOK (Paten kalastuskirja)

Pate heads off to Norway on a fishing trip with his father, his father's friend, and his father's friend's daughter. Needless to say, the waters get a little choppy...



Purdy and Barker Series



"Parvela is the master of muted situational comedy. The stories are naive yet profound, and the style will speak to all sorts of readers. – KESKISUOMALAINEN

"Virpi Talvitie's illustrations are gorgeous." – HELSINGIN SANOMAT

PURDY AND BARKER

Purdy is a cat and Barker is a dog. They live together on a sky-blue house on a hill. At the foot of the hill there's a pond, and next to it a village that is home to their friends Chicken von Cluck, Cow Mooston, Horse Neighborly and others.

The first book in the *Purdy and Barker* series contains 20 silly, serious stories.

prox. 130 pages
160 x 203 mm
4-colour illustrations
Tammi

RIGHTS SOLD:
English, German,
Hungarian, Japanese



Purdy and Barker (Maukka ja Väykkä, 2007, 2009)

Purdy, Barker and the Giant Snowball (Maukka ja Väykkä ja mieletön lumipallo, Tammi 2009)

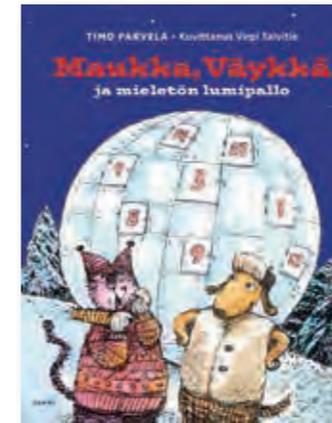
Purdy ja Barker Build a House (Maukka ja Väykkä rakentavat talon, Tammi 2010)

Purdy, Barker and the Big Adventure (Maukka, Väykkä ja suuri seikkailu, Tammi 2011)

Purdy, Barker and Bear Growler (Maukka, Väykkä ja Karhu Murhinen, Tammi, 2012)

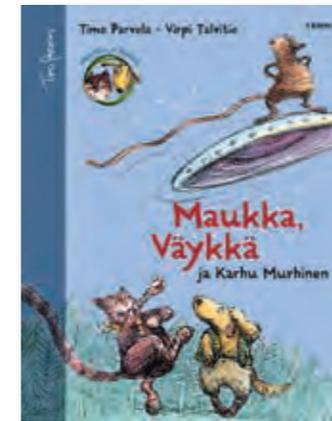
Purdy and Barker's Story Book (Maukan ja Väykän satukirja, Tammi, 2013)

Purdy and Barker's Snout Book (Maukan ja Väykän naamakirja, TAMMI, 2014)



PURDY, BARKER AND THE GIANT SNOWBALL

Imagine if you woke up one day and found the biggest advent calendar in the world out in your yard. *Purdy, Barker and the Giant Snowball* is a story full of surprises, friendship, greediness, selflessness, and the meaning of Christmas. And of course it ends with a miracle.

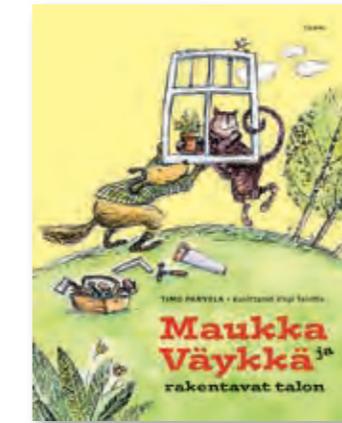


PURDY, BARKER AND BEAR GROWLER

Friends Purdy and Barker have found a new companion. A tiny shrew with a big name has moved in with them. The life of a shrew might be short, but it is also enviously intense.

"Did I find a gem of Finnish literature? Absolutely." – LUKUHETKET BLOG

"Once again, Purdy, Barker and Bear Growler can be counted among the best of Finnish children's literature." – YHTEISHYVÄ



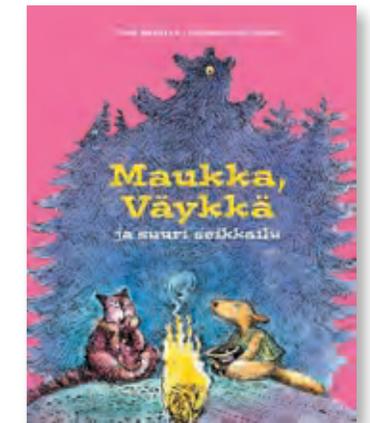
PURDY JA BARKER BUILD A HOUSE

As a result of a Christmas storm, Purdy and Barker's house is sliding off the hill. Living in a tilted house is tough, because coffee cups won't stay on the table and you have to nail the rugs to the floor. And so the friends decide to relocate the house back to its proper place at the top of the hill but it's not as easy as it sounds...



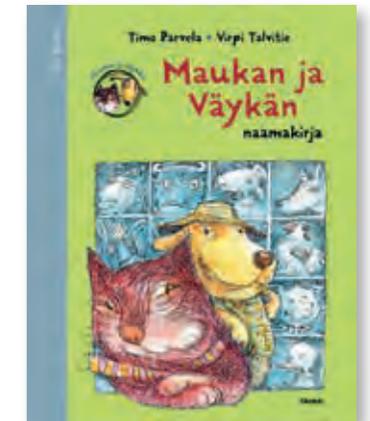
PURDY AND BARKER'S BOOK OF STORIES

A collection of sixteen silly and touching stories.



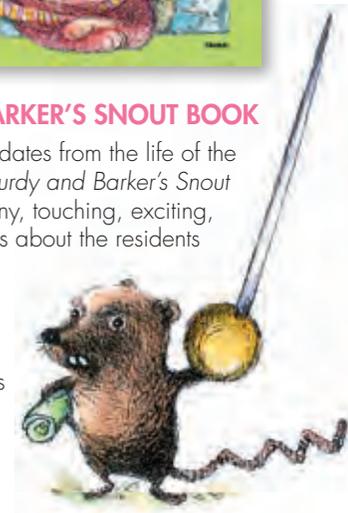
PURDY, BARKER AND THE BIG ADVENTURE

Purdy wants an adventure but all Barker wants is a moment of peace. And how can such a huge adventure grow from such a tiny hole in the driveway anyway? You'll find out with *Purdy, Barker and the Big Adventure*, where the friends meet Bear Growler, go on a dragon hunt and save a maiden in distress. Just like you're supposed to during big adventures.



PURDY AND BARKER'S SNOUT BOOK

Read the latest updates from the life of the village animals! *Purdy and Barker's Snout Book* contains funny, touching, exciting, and strange stories about the residents of this tiny town. We also hear a wilder-than-wild story about how Purdy and Barker's unlikely friendship came about.

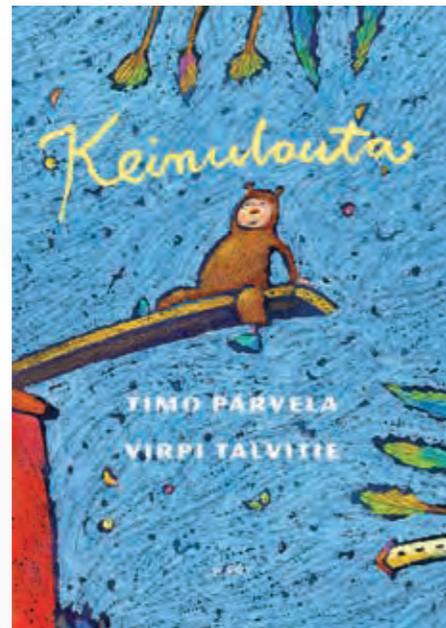


The Seesaw Series



"Timo Parvela's Seesaw reminds me of *The Little Prince*. Heartwarming!"
– BUCHKULTUR (GERMANY)

"The Seesaw has the makings of a children's classic." – STATEMENT OF THE FINLANDIA JUNIOR PRIZE JURY (FINLAND)



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prox. 78 pages
Size: 174 x 246 mm
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Timo Parvela & Virpi Talvitie

THE SEESAW (Keinulauta)

The other end of the seesaw is empty. On the other end, Pi is waiting for a friend to seesaw with, in vain. Pi is scribbling in his notebook: "You can't seesaw when there's no one on the other end". When a huge tree crashes on the seesaw, the little bear Pi is propelled into space. Pi grabs the crescent of moon and is told that Moon and Sun always seesaw together.

On his journey, Pi meets all kinds of creatures and finds out that in life, too, you go up and down. Every child has a lonely bear inside, so it's easy to relate to Pi's story. With a delicate touch, Timo Parvela brings up familiar feelings. The lovely illustrations of **Virpi Talvitie** support the story and feed the reader's imagination.

The Seesaw was awarded the national Finlandia Junior Prize for the best children's title in Finland in 2006.

The series is complemented by Virpi Talvitie's delicate, dreamlike illustrations.

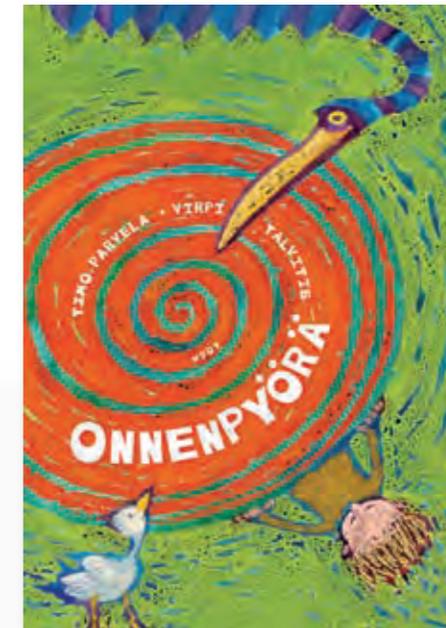


THE MERRY-GO-ROUND (Karuselli)

The merry-go-round isn't spinning. Time isn't passing. The little poofies sit up straight on the animals' backs and wait for the music to start, for the spinning and the fun to begin. Kettle, the littlest poofie of all, the one who never gets to ride on the merry-go-round, sighs and waits.

"I wish time would pass more quickly. How I wish I was already big..."

The Merry-go-round measures time as children experience it, and as friends experience it: "Time is different with friends. With a friend, a second flies by, and you don't even notice it. A day passes, and evening comes too quickly. In a week's time, you can wonder many times over at the fact that you've found a friend. In a month, there's time to get into a fight and make up again."



THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE (Onnenpyörä)

"Luck, come see me. I have a surprise for you. – Kettle". The message in the bottle sent by Kettle is touchingly brief: Kettle is both looking for happiness and hoping to make his friend happy.

But will Galoot notice the bottle floating by? Will Gragle be brave enough to carry the bottle in its beak to the shore? Does a child have the faith to pursue a dream that seems unlikely to come true?

The light of friendship illuminates Parvela's philosophical story. Once again, the author presents important themes we all must face in life: pursuit of happiness, sorrow, loneliness, and giving and receiving.

TARO Series



46 pages
236 x 247 mm
WSOY 2010



32 pages
236 x 247 mm
WSOY 2011



32 pages
236 x 247 mm
WSOY 2012

THE SERIES IS ILLUSTRATED BY GRAPHIC NOVEL FINLANDIA-WINNING ILLUSTRATOR JUSSI KAAKINEN.

TARO AT THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (Taro maan ytimessä)

The incredible journey to the centre of the Earth by a little boy and a bear is a delightfully illustrated story about friendship and bravery that will appeal to all those who are adventurous at heart.

TARO AND THE RULERS OF THE SKY (Taro ja taivaan vallat)

Taro's friend, a big strong bear, has vanished. A strange work of art also disappeared from the yard at the same time. When Taro comes across a user's manual for a spaceship, he realizes that his friend is in trouble! Taro has to get his bear buddy back from outer space. The mission is not the easiest imaginable, but sometimes friendship is worth a little effort.

TARO AND THE PRISONERS OF TIME (Taro hirmuliskojen ajassa)

Taro wonders if his grandpa was ever a child, too. Luckily one of his best friends is a wise bear, who knows how to solve problems but sometimes causes them, too. Taro and Bear embark on an astounding journey into the past, travelling backwards through time to the era of the dinosaurs.

TARO'S BIG LITTLE ADVENTURE (Taron suuri pieni seikkailu)

Taro would love to be in the circus, but Mom and Dad think he's too young. Then Bear comes up with a great idea: it would be easy to make parents do what you wanted if only you could read their thoughts. And so the two friends conjure up a machine that shrinks both boy and bear until they're minuscule enough to make the journey to the command center inside Taro's folks' heads.

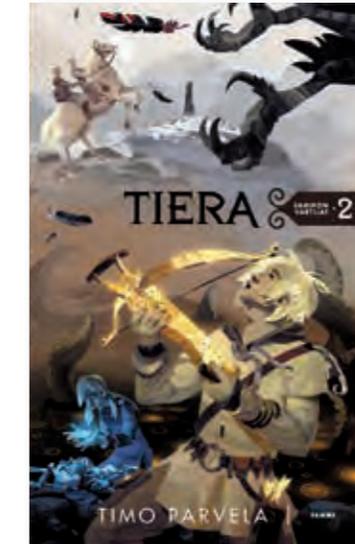
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January 2014



Guardians of the Sampo Trilogy



227 pages
Tammi 2007
Topelius prize
in 2007



271 pages
Tammi 2008



327 pages
Tammi 2009

GUARDIANS OF THE SAMPO 1: FIREBLADE (Sammon vartiijat 1: Tuliterä)

In the Finnish national epic *the Kalevala*, the hero Väinämöinen and the witch Louhi fight over the magical device the Sampo, and their struggle ends in the talisman's destruction. The shards of the Sampo scatter, and Väinämöinen hides the two largest pieces in order to spread prosperity across the entire world. All is well, until...

Fifth-graders Ilmari and Ahti are performing at their primary school graduation. Ahti is playing an instrument Ilmari has tuned: an electric kantele, based on the ancient Finnish instrument. As Ahti starts to play, strange things begin to happen. There is something magical about the kantele, and before long everyone wants to get their hands on it.

But Ilmari and Ahti aren't your average fifth-grade boys. To their surprise, the boys are heirs to an important role passed down from their fathers: they are guardians of the Sampo. It is their duty to protect the Sampo from the forces of evil. And it is no surprise that Louhi, the powerful witch of the North, yearns to claim the Sampo for herself, threatening the entire world.

GUARDIANS OF THE SAMPO 2: TIERA (Sammon vartiijat 2: Tiera)

After having lost their first battle, the battered band of the Guardians of the Sampo make their way northwards. One of the shards of the Sampo that Väinämöinen has hidden is still missing, and the race is on to recover it. The stakes are high: whoever finds it first will rule the world. The journey is a perilous one, as Louhi's lackeys are nipping at the party's heels. The little band nevertheless receives a surprising reinforcement: Tiera, a skilled and loyal soldier.

Things aren't made any easier by the fact that Ilmari's best friend Ahti is still being held prisoner in Tuonela, the land of the dead, by the wicked enchantress Loviatar. To save him, the band must face the greatest of sages, the terrifying Antero Vipunen...

"Searingly timely in its ideas, the work is a suspenseful fantasy for young people, exceptionally aptly constructed and imaginatively stimulating." – LAPSEN MAAILMA

GUARDIANS OF THE SAMPO 3: THE WITCH OF THE NORTH (Sammon vartiijat 3: Louhi)

The party seeks out the mystical, hidden realm of the north: Pohjola. Their mission is to destroy the Sampo, the wondrous machine that the witch of the Pohjola is constructing to claim all of the world's wealth and natural resources for herself. The brave band knows that in order to reach Pohjola, they must cross the river of fire, pass by the giant eagle, wolf, and bear that guard it, as well as scale an iron fence that reaches up to the heavens. But where does this hidden kingdom of frost exist?

The third book in the trilogy peels back the surface of the earth, revealing a cave in the depths of which lies the Sampo, which blows away the adventurers – and readers, too.

SELECTED WORKS BY TIMO PARVELA

The Boy 1989
The Talking Dog 1990
The Little Brothers and the Magic Key 1993
Thin, High Clouds 1994
Ella and the Blackmailer 1995
Ella Goes to the Theatre 1996
My Dad is Superman 1996
Ella's Field Trip 1997
Ella and the Quitter 1998
Ella and Pate Tammi 1999
Ansa and Oiva 1999
Ella and the Troublemaker 2000
A Strange Tale 2000
Anna and Antti's Busy Morning 2000
Ansa and Oiva in the Big City 2000
Anna and Antti: A Rustling in the Night 2001
Ella at Night School 2001
Dad Says 2001
Anna and Antti – Not Allowed! 2002
What Do You Say to That, Daddy? 2002
Ella in Lapland 2003
Anna and Antti: The Nuisance 2003
Hilma and the Perfect Pet 2004
Ella and Paterock 2004
Ella at Sea 2005
Hilma and the Great Hobby 2005
The Seesaw 2006
Ella - Watch Out for the Children! 2006

Purdy and Barker 2007, 2009
Ella and Seven Sillies 2007
Guardians of the Sampo 1: Fireblade 2007
Ella and the Ef One 2008
Guardians of the Sampo 2: Tiera 2008
The Merry-Go-Round 2008
Will Grandpa Ever Come Back? 2009
Guardians of the Sampo 3: The Witch of the North 2009
Ella Hits the Jackpot 2009
Purdy, Barker and the Giant Snowball 2009
Purdy and Barker Build a House 2010
Ella and the Dark Knights 2010
Taro at the Centre of the World 2010
Party Time for Ella and Friends 2010
The Wheel of Fortune 2010
Purdy, Barker and the Big Adventure 2011
Ella and the Labours of Sammy 2011
Taro and the Rulers of the Sky 2011
Purdy, Barker and Bear Growler 2012
Ella and the Missing Pointer 2012
Taro and the Prisoners of Time 2012
Good Night Stories 2012
Ella and Friends Go Camping 2013
Purdy and Barker's Book of Stories 2013
Taro's Big Little Adventure 2014
Pate's Blog 2014
Ella and Friends and the Great Escape 2014
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