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THE ISLAND ADVENTURES

by Satu Kontinen & Satu Rämö

A new series set in Finland and Iceland begins!

The series gives a modern twist to the timeless and irresistible lure of thrilling mysteries that lead two girls into exciting holiday adventures.

The 10-year-old cousins and best friends Satu and Saga both live on an island—just not the same one: Satu lives in Lauttasaari, the urban island district of Helsinki in Finland, and Saga in the mystical landscapes of Iceland. On holidays they alternate visiting each other and their distinctive home islands offer atmospheric settings for their enticing holiday adventures.

SATU & SAGA
- BOUND BY BLOOD & UNITED IN ADVENTURE -

Satu Rämö (b.1980) is a bestselling and award-winning author of several fiction and non-fiction titles set in Iceland. Her most recent international success is with her crime series *Hildur*. She lives with her family in Ísafjörður in Iceland.

Satu Kontinen (b. 1976) is a Helsinki-based award-winning writer, illustrator and graphic designer. She is renowned for her whimsical picture books such as *Mo-ko-ma-ki* as well as her imagination-stirring illustrations.



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THE ISLAND ADVENTURES **1**

THE SECRET OF THE GROVE

Ten-year-old cousins Satu and Saga's first island adventure takes place in Lauttasaari, the urban island district of Helsinki in Finland where Satu lives. The girls find themselves drawn into a thrilling adventure once they get curious about the strange happenings at their grandfather's holiday cabin in the nearby grove.

When the summer holidays roll around, Saga flies from Iceland to visit Satu in Finland. There is some secrecy surrounding the girls' grandfather's little cabin at a nearby grove that seems curious. Furthermore, when the girls visit their grandfather at his cabin, he seems oddly distant, as if troubled by something. Adding to the mystery, the cabin becomes a target of vandalism, and a shadowy figure prowls in the woods. Driven by a mix of concern and an unquenchable curiosity, the girls vow to find out what troubles their grandfather, and who is behind the disturbances at the cabin. The girls, as well as their grandfather, shall find the secret of the grove to be more exciting than they could've ever imagined! Join the girls on their first island adventure!



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Helena Immonen

ANIMAGI OF THE MIST

1: The Caracal's Power

The beginning of a spellbinding and addictive new fantasy series set in the tribal lands of the Animagi, whose natural ability to shift at will between their human and animal forms adds the most exhilarating element to their adventurous saga.

On his twelfth birthday, Tommo embraces the Mist tribe's rite of passage by venturing into the mysterious, ever-shifting Purple Mist as a caracal, his newly revealed animal form. But adapting to his animal self is not easy and he reluctantly accepts the help of Aasa, a girl shunned by the tribe for lacking an animal form. The two join forces after they discover a threat to their tribe, putting the young animagi's courage and strength to the test. In this epic adventure series the fierce and the fearless come of age. *Animagi of the Mist* offers the perfect new realm to love for the adventure-loving readers of *Woodwalkers*, *Spirit Animals*, *Simon Thorn*, and *Warrior Cats*.



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Kokelaiden koitos
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Purppurausvan animaagit 3
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 Book trailer



Helena Immonen (b. 1986) is a renowned Finnish writer, journalist and communications professional specialising in security policy. She is also an officer in the Finnish reserve forces and a trained guerrilla radio operator.

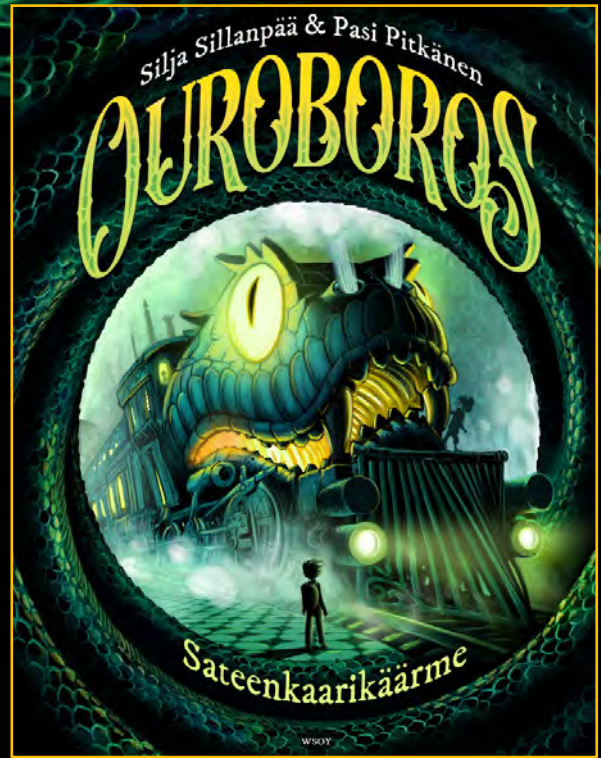
Silja Sillanpää & Pasi Pitkänen

Ouroboros 1

The Rainbow Snake

A new, abundant and exciting fantasy series begins! The young boy's search for his mother turns into a mesmerizing quest for the elusive truth that lies in the depths of the earth!

Twelve-year-old Rune bravely sets off on a quest to find his mother, who vanished years ago, seemingly swallowed by the earth. Rune, accompanied by his pet snake Niji, soon finds himself at a mysterious underground station boarding a strange, serpent-like train, scribed by ancient runes. Dia, a headstrong teenager, becomes Rune's self-appointed guide in his search of the train for his mother. The carriages that open only with the help of Niji, are filled with strange passengers ranging from escapists and visionaries to catastrophists. Rune struggles to make head or tail of all that he sees and hears. Should he even trust Dia? Is his mother even on this train? And who is driving the train, and what is its destination?



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Publication

Ouroboros: Sateenkaarikäärme
WSOY, May 2024
9+/ c.270 pages

In this subterranean mystery, the central challenge is to discern truth from deception. Yet, if the truth seems too much to bear, might we be excused for believing the lie?

Like a snake, this fantastic mystery series keeps shedding its skin to reveal new layers. Rune's odyssey serves as a poignant commentary on our times, urging young readers to ponder the nature of truth, and the necessity of hope as they navigate the complexities of our rapidly changing world.

Silja Sillanpää (b.1975) is a successful Finnish author and screenwriter. She has written for children for 20 years and is renowned for her television programs, books, textbooks, and plays.

Pasi Pitkänen (b.1984) is a versatile illustrator who has created many popular book series with Timo Parvela and Tuutikki Tolonen, among others. Pitkänen's illustrated books have been translated into numerous languages.

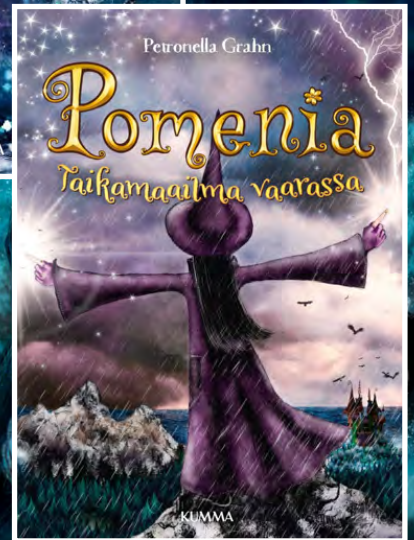
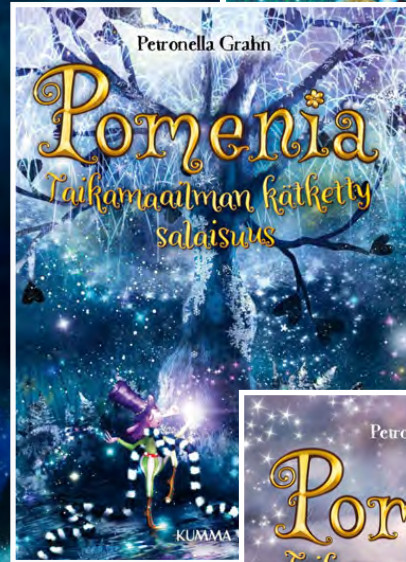
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Pomenia®

Enchanting fairytale adventure set in the magical world of Pomenia. An ordinary boy Theo is the key to saving all that is good and kind in the fairyworld.

Together with the friendly dragon Scarytale, Theo must take a stand against the warlock Spite McGnarly and his wicked plans.



Petronella Grah

The Dreamland of Pomenia

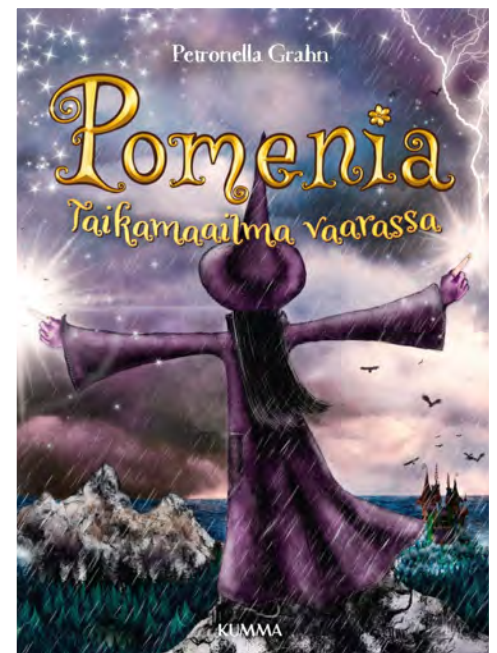
The embittered warlock Spite McGnarly just wants happiness and kindness in Pomenia to come to an end. To achieve this, Spite threatens the fairies who gather the magic fairy dust as it is the source of joy. But one brave fairy, Sinopia, ignores his threats and continues to deliver fairy dust to the Enchanted Castle for distribution. Spite makes true of his threat and captures Sinopia! A prophesy guides the Pomenians to seek help from the human world and a boy named Theo arrives, transforming upon entry into Teagan, a tangly-haired troll. Teagan and his new friend Scarytale, a dragon, embark on an exciting adventure to release Sinopia. But will they manage it before Teagan must return home and become Theo again?



Petronella Grah

Pomenia's Plight

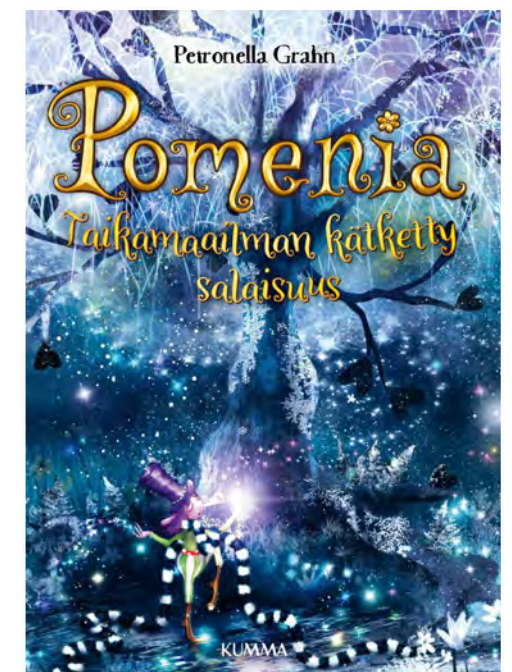
Spite McGnarly has had enough of his bothersome fairy prisoner, Sinopia, and has thrown her out. Theo returns to Pomenia as Teagan, and his little sister Tula joins the journey by accident. Tula turns out to be the second foretold from the Pomenian prophecy and everyone is elated. Spite's wicked Shadow is his only companion and he fuels Spite's irritation of Pomenians' jublations and merriment. To everyone's horror, Spite ends up destroying the magic fairydust reserves and locking up all the Pomenian fairies in a cage in the Backwoods Forest. Without the fairies, there is no more fairy dust! Thankfully Tula lives up to her prophesy and solves everything. But when Teagan is due to return home, The fairy dreamland is in danger. And so is Theo's sister.



Petronella Grah

Pomenia's Secret

Spite's hold over the Dreamland of Pomenia is stronger than ever. In the human world, Theo's sister Tula is lying ill in the hospital. Theo notices that the fairy dust from Pomenia is helping her recover and he returns to Pomenia to collect more. However, Pomenia's fairy dust has run out. Teagan, Scarytale and Sinopia embark upon a mission to save Teagan's sister and the fairies, and all of Pomenia. Even Spite comes to his senses, but does his realisation come too late to restore magic, light and joy in Pomenia.?



Sinikka Nopola & Tiina Nopola

Ruby & Ficelle: The Chicken

A winged pet plays havoc with the family pecking order in this favorite children's book series' latest title.

A funny yet poignant account of how jealousy pecks away at sisterhood...

Ruby is away at a summer camp and Ficelle is feeling lonely. Feeling sorry for her, the ladies next door give Ficelle a hen, Anita, for a week to look after.

Ficelle cheers up and manages to tame Anita, who even starts to sleep indoors and learns tricks. Ficelle dotes on Anita and pushes the hen around in a doll's pram.

But when Ruby returns home from camp, she's upset to find Anita asleep on her pillow! And she quickly grows bored of hearing Ficelle going on and on about how wonderful and smart Anita is.

Ruby is relieved when it's time for Anita to go home. But Anita has mysteriously disappeared! Ficelle proposes the hen must have run away but Ruby is not convinced that is the case.

Ruby & Ficelle: The Chicken is the latest addition to this much-loved series about two sisters and their hilarious adventures.

'While the book is hilarious and entertaining, it also tackles big, important emotions that are familiar to all children. The book deals with jealousy, squabbles between siblings, loneliness, feeling like an outsider and what it's like to feel too small. Salla Savolainen's joyful and expressive illustrations bring a fun energy to the book.'

-Satunurkka

Ruby & Ficelle series has sold over 1.2 million copies in Finland!



Sinikka Nopola (1953-2021) and **Tiina Nopola** (b. 1955) are among the most popular and celebrated children's authors in Finland. They have over 50 books, plays, musicals, and screenplays to their name. The sisters' many accolades include winning the State Award for Children's Culture and being nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Their work has been published in over 20 languages.

The *Ruby & Ficelle* series is illustrated by **Salla Savolainen** (b. 1962). She is a celebrated children's book illustrator and author and has won the coveted illustrator's award Rudolf Koivu Prize.



Series rights sold

China: Hubei Children's Press

Denmark: Turbine

France: Didier Jeunesse

Germany: arsEdition

Hungary: Cerkabella

Latvia: Petergailis

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R&F and the Sassy Schoolgirl,

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Cristal Snow & Kati Vuorento

Penny Peanutheart

Tales from the Windnest Woods

Heart is wise when it's filled with stories! A mysterious journal fills Penny's heart with laughter, thrills and wisdom!

When fairy girl Penny's mother Annelie embarks on a journey, the lonely Penny finds the key to the most mysterious book in the Peanutheart household; her mother's special journal! Penny simply cannot resist the temptation and is soon immersed in reliving the entertaining tales from her own childhood through stories carefully recorded by her mother; of summer and everyday life, of wonderful moments of joy, intertwined with stories of sorrow and thrilling adventures. Reading the stories fills the little fairy's heart with emotion, and most importantly, the journal prepares Penny for the upcoming challenges—exactly as Annelie had hoped...

***Tales from the Windnest Woods* is the fourth book in the humorous yet most heartfelt six-part series about the life and adventures of Penny, a determined, brave, sweet, and adventurous little fairy girl growing up in the exciting fairy community of Windnest Woods.**

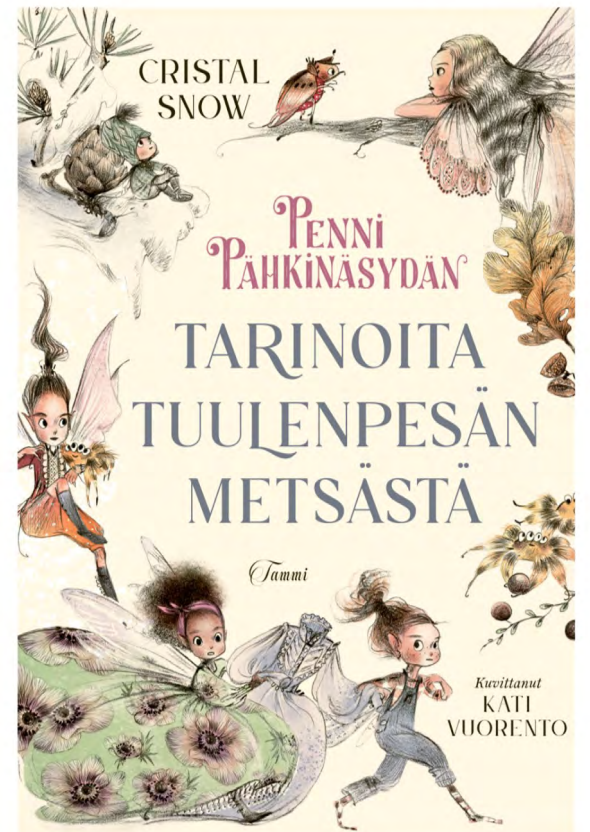
'A modern fairy tale that rejuvenates the fairy genre. Penny is just like us humans; fallible, imperfect, and constantly learning. She is also brave, skilled, boundary-breaking, and thought-provoking and represents the modern cast of characters in children's books, where it's okay to be human...'

– **Vakakoppa literary blog**

'Cristal Snow is a talented, versatile linguist. The book also includes a healthy dose of humour, as well as surprises. Like classic fairy tales, the book reminds us that although we can make mistakes in life, the most important thing is to learn from them.' – **Statement of the Runeberg Junior Prize Jury on Penny #1**

'The fairy world created by Snow is complete and believable. The characters are multi-dimensional personalities. In the fairy world, there are conflicts, jealousy, and other negative emotions...it doesn't just depict a syrupy-sweet life but also deals with difficult emotions.' —**Kirjakirjokansi literary blog**

Cristal Snow (b. 1975) is a children's book author and multitalented musician, director, actor, entertainer and presenter. **Kati Vuorento** (b. 1973) is a versatile illustrator, renowned for her expressive character illustrations.



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Czech (Albatros), book 1
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Publication

Book 4: Tales from the Windnest Woods
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Book 3: The Secret of Shivers Peak
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Book 2: The Outbreak of Brute Fever
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Book 1: Penny Peanutheart and the Wretched Banishment Cake
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 Black and white illustrations

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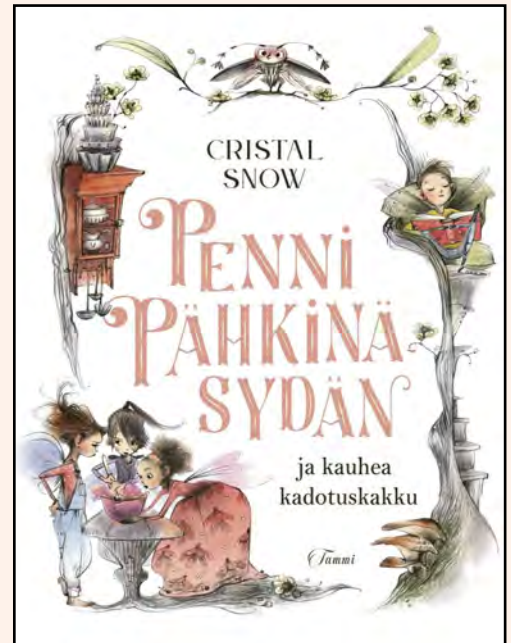
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Cristal Snow & Kati Vuorento

Penny Peanutheart #1 The Wretched Banishment Cake

A tender, warm, and humorous Penny Peanutheart series begins with a story that reminds Penny—and readers—that first impressions are not always the most accurate.

Penny's own embarrassment makes her dislike the fairy boy Sean when they first meet. Penny wastes no time to rope in her best friends the help to bake a special banishment cake to get rid of Sean. Penny's change of heart comes but too late. The magic of the cake is unstoppable and Penny's heart is left aching with regret.



Penny Peanutheart #2 The Curse of the Brute Fever

The second Penny book is an exciting story about compassion and acceptance of oneself and others. It highlights the consequences that come when grown ups do not talk honestly and openly about the things that matter.

The Windnest Woods community is in turmoil due to the return of the Brute Fever amongst their mist. Penny's beautiful classmate Hilda Honeydew is everyone's favourite fairy in the woods. And pretty may she be, and polite to others, but not to Penny: Hilda loves making fun of Penny and it is hurtful. Nonetheless, when brute fever hits Hilda hard, Penny cannot turn her back on her. With her trusted friends Liana and Vilina by her side, Penny makes it their mission to help Hilda the best they can. And the result? It's simply lovely - and little bit brutish.

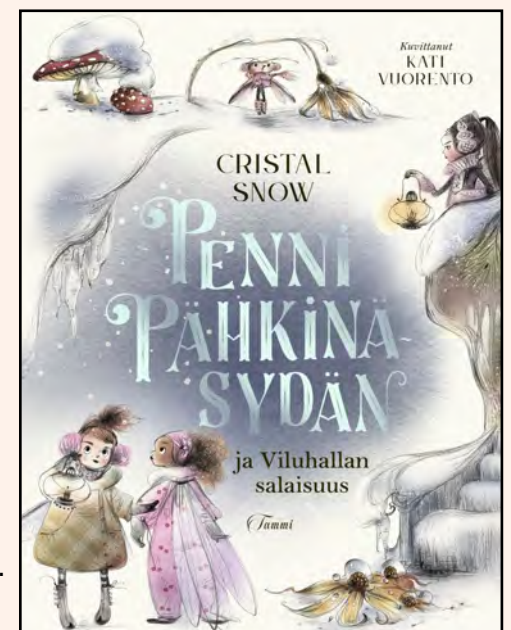


Penny Peanutheart #3 The Secret of Shivers Peak

The third part of this refreshingly original series takes Penny to face her worst fears, and once step closer of her destiny.

At Windnest Wood's fairy community a thief has made away with several pairs of the fairies' wings during a winter blizzard! Without their wings fairies are in danger of turning into elves, which is not a desired fate for any fairy. Penny and her friends spring enthusiastically into action to help the local constabulary to solve the case.

The girls' investigation leads them not only to the thief but also to Shivers Peak, a mysterious place they've only heard about in stories. Its secrets are there for the taking but only for those brave enough to enter. Penny must be braver than ever before to get through this adventure.



Bjørn Sortland, ill. Ketil Selnes

Johnny 777

Mission 1: Rio de Janeiro

A new, fully illustrated and award-winning book series packed with humor, action and excitement! Winner of Barnas bokpris Prize 2021 and a nominee for ARK Children's Book Prize 2022!

Film rights to Mission 1 have just been acquired by Mothership Entertainment!

Jon has recently moved to Indre Gnrutedal—an isolated small town in Norway that has no internet coverage to speak of—effectively a place where nothing ever happens. At least not to Jon. Until one day it does.

Kidnapped by an enigmatic organization T.S.O. (The Secret Organization), Jon finds himself facing an unexpected choice: to say 'yes' or 'yes', about becoming T.S.O.'s newest recruit, a secret agent, codenamed 'Johnny 777'. Jon gives his answer and is thrust into a whirlwind of madcap missions across the globe, starting with a weekend trip to Rio de Janeiro. His partner in adventure? The enigmatic and dangerous 'Ninja Princess'. But who is she really, and why was Jon chosen for this extraordinary role? And most importantly, will Johnny survive the dangerous first mission in Rio? He is expected to kidnap the president's beloved cat, Fidel Castrate, so that the T.S.O can pressure the president into abandoning certain belligerent plans...

Spoiler alert* Yes, Jon does survive! And thus readers get to enjoy Johnny 777's other exciting missions to Hong Kong, Moscow, Bergen and Los Angeles! The series won the

The coolest series of the year! Jørn Lier Horst meets Dav Pilkey and James Bond!

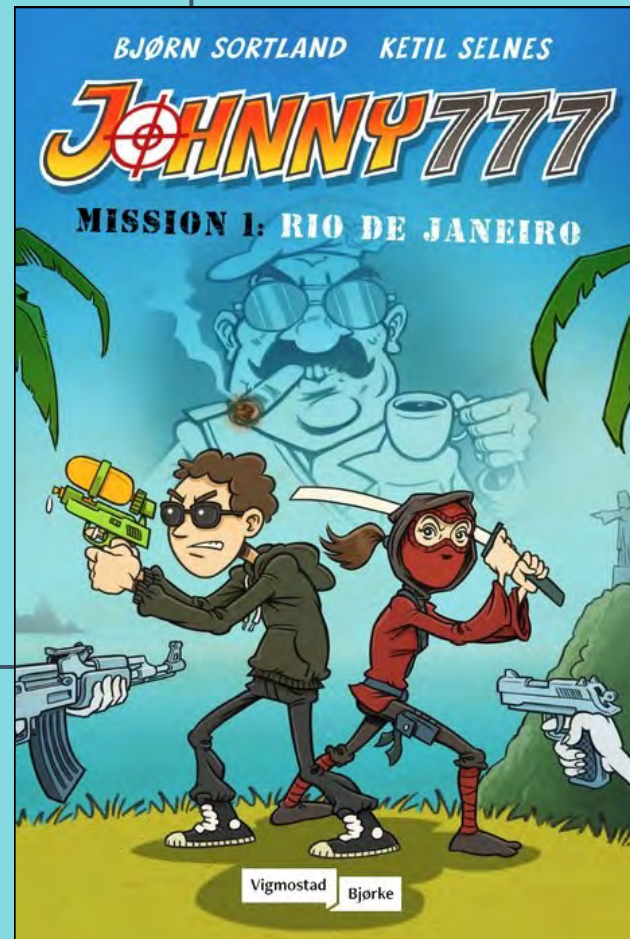
"Makes book reading cool." - Guri Fjeldberg, NRK Podcast

"Efficient entertainment, if you ask me." - Anne Cathrine Straume, NRK

"[A] gift to all librarians and parents searching for increasingly exciting books for young readers." - Barnebokkritikk.no

Bjørn Sortland (b. 1968) is a renowned Norwegian author of award-winning books for children, young adults and adults. He debuted as a writer in 1992. His bestselling series include The Art Detectives and Johnny777, and Kepler62 which he co-created with Timo Parvela and Pasi Pitkänen. Sortland is currently a Professor at The Norwegian Institute for Children's Books. He lives in Norway.

Ketil Selnes (b. 1974) is a popular children's book illustrator and graphic designer. He completed Graphic Design studies in Norway, and illustration studies in the UK. Selnes lives in Norway.



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Roope Lipasti

Children of the Burning City

The winner of Runeberg Junior Prize 2023

In 1830s an incredible adventure unfolds in a bustling city that is rapidly engulfed by life-threatening, out-of-control fire. Amidst the chaos, three courageous kids find themselves in peril as they embark, not only to get to safety but to complete an honorable mission born from a vow to a dying man.

It's early September 1827 and although Peter, Hilda and Jacob don't know it yet, they are about to embark on the most dangerous adventure of their lives. For now, the children are only preoccupied with their usual joys and woes. Merchant's son Peter's ambitious plan to make some extra money is particularly exciting to Jacob who needs it to continue his studies. Peter's little sister Hilda's dreams of studying don't look any more likely either.

The smell of smoke soon alerts everyone, including the children, that their city is on fire. The children flee with the crowd through the streets of the city. Yet the children cannot pass by when they meet those more vulnerable than themselves. They also end up giving a solemn vow to a dying man: to find a priceless book that is hidden in the Cathedral and to save it from the flames. The children's detour via the Cathedral takes them into the path of danger in a way that the raging fire alone would not. They must use every ounce of their courage and wits to succeed, and to reach safety.



'The book vividly portrays the diverse future plans of friends, the societal structure of the 19th century, and the extreme disaster from the perspective of children. With danger lurking around every corner, the atmosphere of the story is palpable and captivating.'

-Statement of the Runeberg Prize Jury

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Award-winning author **Roope Lipasti** (b. 1970) has written over 30 novels for both children and adults, and received several accolades and won numerous literary prizes for his works.

TIMO PARVELA shortlisted for the Hans Christian Andersen Award 2024



Timo Parvela, illustr. Anni Nykänen

THIRD GRADERS (Ella & Friends)

Bestselling author Timo Parvela, shortlisted for Hans Christian Andersen Award 2024, wrote the first ELLA & FRIENDS book in 1995. The series has since found millions of readers around the world in over twenty languages. Now, what must be the world's most famous primary school class, is also moving up in their own world as they have finally started the Third Grade after three decades on lower classes! The children are now that little bit older, possibly even wiser, yet the best thing is that the books are still full of heart and hilarity!

Fans who grew up on the series will love seeing their favorite characters reaching such a pinnacle, yet new readers need not have any prior knowledge of the children's previous adventures to join in on the fun!

The new Third Graders— Ella, Pete, Thomas, Sam, Tina and Bruiser, and their Teacher— also look fantastic! The series' illustrator Anni Nykänen adds a wonderful new layer into Par-

'Filled with classic Parvela fun and mischief, and the fast-paced narrative is enhanced by Anni Nykänen's cartoon-like illustrations.'

– Maaseudun tulevaisuus newspaper

Timo Parvela (b. 1964) is an award-winning and bestselling Finnish author of over hundred works. *Ella & Friends*, *Kepler62* and *Purdy & Barker* are among some of his most successful series. Parvela's works have been translated into more than 30 languages to date.



- THIRD GRADERS (Ella & Friends)
- #1. FINALLY IN THE THIRD GRADE!
 - #2. ON A POOP TRAIL
 - #3. REMOTE SCHOOLING
 - #4. ROLE REVERSAL
 - #5. ON A DESERT ISLAND
 - #6. BEACONS OF HOPE
 - #7. RAIDERS OF THE LOST STORY
 - #8. SMARTER THAN THE AI

Two-tone illustrations throughout



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Finally in the Third Grade

Ella and her friends shake off the dust from second (-and-a-half) grade, where they've been stuck for what feels like (and is) ages. They've finally made it to third grade! And now that they're old and wise, they have big plans for their future; Ella decides she'll become a writer, Thomas a professor, and Tina a business woman. Sam is still being Batman. Yet Pete trumps everyone's plans by announcing he's getting married! Ella finds the idea most unsettling, and gradually it dawns that being a third grader is much harder than any of them thought—including their Teacher. He battles on valiantly in the throes of a raging midlife crisis. The story also offers a mind-blowing alternative account of the origins of the Ella&Friends series.

On a Poop Trail

Happy birthday, dear Teacher! The children prepare for their teacher's birthday by getting him a present they know he'll love! The children did overhear a conversation between their Teacher and the Principal that gave them a great tip:

'A goat would be a good gift. Or a cow. A well is also a great gift, but it might be a bit more expensive', the principal said. 'Something like this could really be an asset to our school. Those are all lovely suggestions', Teacher admitted.

Since their Teacher likes goats he should definitely have one of his own. After all, the children wish to gift him something he'd really like. But this particular present proves to be trickier to obtain and handle than the children ever thought possible.

Remote Schooling

Everyone has been excitedly waiting for the school holiday but suddenly everyone's holiday plans are altered. After a full week of not going to a hockey tournament, Paris, scout camp, water park, Mom-and-Batman camp, nor seeing Grandma, the children also learn that they won't be going back to school either. The school they know and love has now been replaced with remote schooling. The class and their beloved Teacher tackle the new ways of schooling together. And somehow being far away from each other suddenly makes the world seem surprisingly small. With all the worrying things happening in the world, shared joy and friends become more important than ever.



Role Reversal

The children are beyond excited to hear the news; they're to become teachers for a week! And the grown-ups will be their pupils. As soon as the third graders become the decision-makers at school, they have some great ideas.

"I propose we extend break time by an hour," Hannah proposed. "I propose that my mother should do all my homework," Tina suggested. "My mum already does all my homework," declared Sam. "Remember that we won't have any homework! We are now the ones who set the homework," Tuukka reminds everyone."

Soon the children realise that they'll also have to teach. But what? Fortunately, there's one thing they know better than grown-ups: Being a child. It's a lesson to behold!

On a Desert Island

The third graders' trip to an island turns into a survival adventure when flood sweeps away the bridge to the mainland. With no phones nor jungle drums to help, the children's ingenuity is put to the test.

'The stranded begin to worry if they'll get back to school before

a) the end of the school day, b) before the summer holidays, or c) before their graduation.

Teacher declares he has some good news, and some bad news to share with the children:

-Rationing our lunches would be helpful. We'd be just fine until tomorrow if need be, Teacher said. -And although we are unable to reach anyone on the mainland, we have each other! Let's take this adversity as a welcome opportunity to learn something new about ourselves and the world we live in.

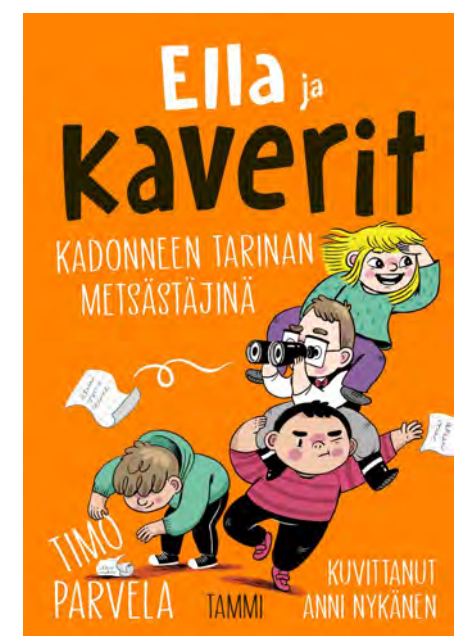
-What about the good news? Pate asked. -That was the good news, the teacher replied.

-What about the bad news then? I asked.

-I forgot the lunch bags to the school.'

Raiders of the Lost Story

Everyone has been excitedly waiting for the school holiday but suddenly everyone's holiday plans are altered. After a full week of not going to a hockey tournament, Paris, scout camp, water park, Mom-and-Batman camp, nor seeing Grandma, the children also learn that they won't be going back to school either. The school they know and love has now been replaced with remote schooling. The class and their beloved Teacher tackle the new ways of schooling to-



Timo Parvela & Pasi Pitkänen

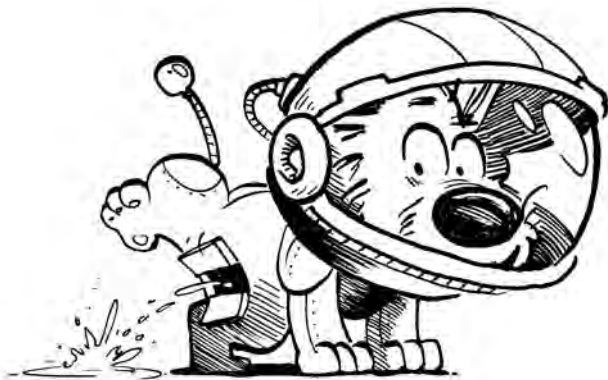
Pete and the Space Games

It could only ever happen to Pete! In a cosmic twist of fate, Pete, Senja and Totti-the-Dog find themselves further from home than ever; in space!

It could only ever happen to Pete! When the world is held ransom, its fate falls into the nervous, excited and somewhat dirty paws and hands of Pete, Senja, and Totti-the-Dog. Our favourite trio of the most unlikely heroes of all has so far managed to foil many threats to nature and animals (both real and previously- thought-mythical), in many corners of the world. But space?! It's the furthest they've ever ventured, but Senja does love an adventure so why not?!

But forget intergalactic weapons as the secret weapon of choice on this mission might just be the good old children's games... And somewhat unexpectedly the "Tag! You're it!" -shouts reverberating through cosmos give rise not only giggles, but also to hope!

Pete books are fun and exciting adventures of primary school pupil Pete who has an uncanny ability to end up on the most exciting adventures. Pete and his friend Senja, and his dog Totti, always stand on the side of all that is fair and just in the world. Their adventures mostly take place in faraway places and often feature animals and ancient myths and natural treasures of our world, while proceeding to expose and foil the terrible plans of one very wicked pirate. In Pete books kindness, compassion and friendship always triumph!



Timo Parvela is a bestselling and celebrated author. He is the Finnish nominee for Hans Christian Andersen Prize 2024. His collaboration with renowned illustrator **Pasi Pitkänen** has resulted in several bestselling children's book series such as **Pete**, **Shadows Trilogy** and the 13-part **Kepler62**, co-written by Bjørn Sortland, which has just been launched in the USA.



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MISSION NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE

#1 The Marked Child

#2 Up In Smoke

#3 Master of the Web



12-year-old Elias knows nothing of his real family until a photo and a text message, on a stranger's phone, raises his hopes of finding out his true identity.

Scrolling through the phone he's just found at the landfill, 12-year-old Elias comes across a photo of a couple with a baby. The tiniest pixel detail captures his attention; the baby has a little black mark on its ankle —identical to the tattoo Elias has on his. Convinced that he is the baby in the picture, Elias is hopeful of finally learning more about his past. Life with Aunt Paula has more downs than ups and her story about having found him as a baby at the landfill has always sounded strange. What kind of parents would throw their baby out with the rubbish? Cruel ones? Stupid? Absent-minded? Or desperate? Also, what kind of parents would tattoo their baby? Maybe he's finally able to get some answers!

A sudden ping makes Elias jump: a text message! It asks the recipient to find someone. When Elias asks for more information the sender remains silent. Elias decides he must complete the mission to get into the sender's good books. And how difficult could it really be to track someone down? Elias springs into action, and ropes in his less enthusiastic and doubtful best friend Mino. The two are soon joined by the feisty Molly who seems to be receiving strange messages too. Their missing person search soon turns into a dangerous mission—one that seems to scare even hard-as-nails Aunt Paula.

Elias, Mino and Molly have a further two missions to solve before Elias learns the stranger-than-fiction answer to his question: Who is he, really?

The first three books in the series shall gradually lead the children to learn the incredible truth about Elias's identity. And once the truth is out, the series expands to new mysteries for the children to solve.

Timo Parvela (b. 1964) is an award-winning Finnish author of over hundred works. His works have been translated into more than 30 languages. **Mari Luoma** is an illustrator, graphic designer and graphic novel artist.



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Mission Nearly Impossible 4

Castor's Heart

Elias and his crew embark on their fourth thrilling and action-packed yet humour-filled mission and adventure!

With revelations about his past now in the open, Elias cannot help feeling like he's on top of the world, with superhuman powers! However, this euphoria quickly fades when Molly comes across a chilling discovery in an abandoned part of town, thrusting Elias, Molly and Mino into the middle of a dangerous feud between street gangs.

Their new mission—to unravel the mystery of a missing policeman's son—multiplies the dangers they face, yet Elias's newly found family member just might be able to tilt the scales in their favour...

The fourth installment in Timo Parvela's excruciatingly thrilling series, spiced with Roald Dahl-esque humor, is an standalone adventure and a puzzle.

Books 1-3 in Timo Parvela's mystery series introduced the readers to 12-year-old Elias who knew nothing of his real family until a photo and a text message, on a stranger's phone, raised his hopes of finding out his true identity.

Books 1-3 gradually led the children to learn the incredible truth about Elias's identity and form the first cycle of the story. Once the truth is out, the series expands to new mysteries for the children to solve. Books 4-6 are standalone titles.

Reading material

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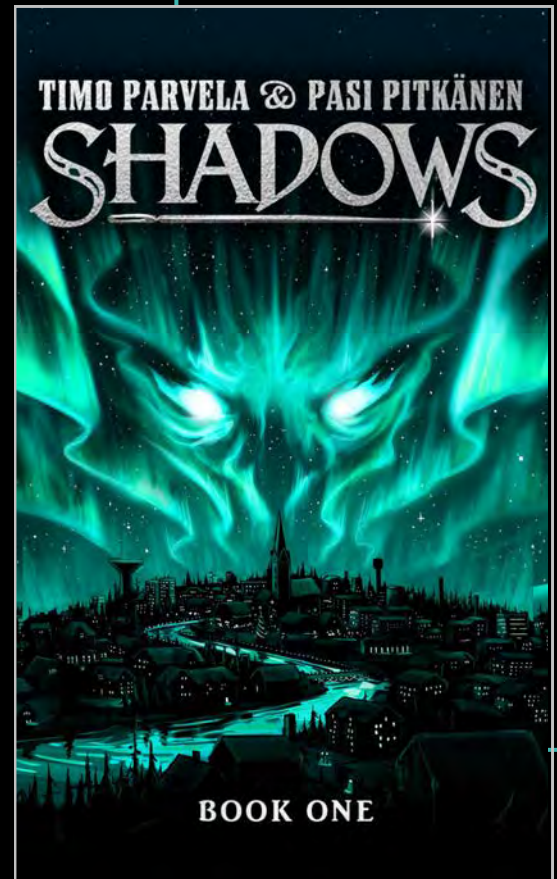
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Shadows Trilogy

THE JINGLE BELL - AURORIA - KRAMPUS

The Shadows Trilogy weaves a dense web of darkness around the most iconic of the Northern myths; the Santa Claus. Kindness is at the very heart of the story but a menacing force threatens to erase all goodness from the world. 13-year-old Pete and his friend Sara become embroiled in the adventure and bravely venture up North to join a battle of their lives and save the world from darkness.

The coolest Northern adventure thriller for 10+ readers!
In March 2023 *The Jingle Bell* got listed among the Best Children's Books in Estonia!



In Shadows Trilogy, Timo Parvela taps onto the most renowned myth of the North and takes readers on the most exciting adventure. Pasi Pitkänen adds to the thrill of the story with his stunning illustrations.

Timo Parvela (b. 1964) is one of Finland's most successful and translated authors whose works have been translated into more than thirty languages, and more than six million copies have been sold worldwide. Pasi Pitkänen (b.1984) is a talented and versatile illustrator whose collaboration with Parvela began over 10 years ago and has already resulted in three bestselling series. Now the brilliant duo has combined their skills again!



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Shadows

WRITTEN BY TIMO PARVELA

ILLUSTRATIONS BY PASI PITKÄNEN

'I'm really in love with Shadows! It's such a thrilling, powerful, suspenseful story and the illustrations are just brilliant, too! I love how Timo interweaves traditional folk tales and literary motifs to a modern story with recent cultural references. The illustrations are beautiful and wonderful, too. Scary and wonderful! These are the kind of books that make me feel proud to work in children's publishing, really!

- Katharina Braun, Publisher, Ars Edition



'We love everything about SHADOWS: the theme of trading your shadow, the swift storytelling and the fantastic illustrations. A chilling must read for 10+!'

- Emile op de Coul, Publisher, Condor (WPG Kindermedia)

Shadows Trilogy by Timo Parvela & Pasi Pitkänen

Rights sold: Estonian (Helios), Danish (Straarup & Co.), German (arsEdition), Lithuanian (Alma Littera), Polish (Dwukropek)

Shadows 1: The Jingle Bell

Pete is thirteen years old and feeling desperate. His best friend Sara is dying of an illness that has no cure. In a last act of sheer desperation, Pete finds himself lining up with kindergartners in the de-partment store to whisper a wish in the fake Santa's ear. He feels like a fool for doing it. Yet, that night, he is offered a chance to have his wish realised. But only if he gives something in return; his shadow. A gift for a gift - nothing apparently to do with being good like he'd thought. Pete only hesitates for a second, for in exchange for Sara's life, Pete would give anything. And it is only a shadow, it's not like he even pays that much attention to it.

With his shadow gone, Pete realises he has lost a vital part of himself. As Pete learns more about the world's most guarded secret, it becomes chillingly clear to him that the warmth of Christmas will soon become nothing more than a distant memory. He is back to being utterly desperate and ready to do anything, this time to regain the part of himself he's given away. "Anything" seems to involve travelling up North with some strange new acquaintances.

Finnish title: *Varjot 1: Helähdys* Published by: Tammi 2022 Pages: 190 pp Age: 10+



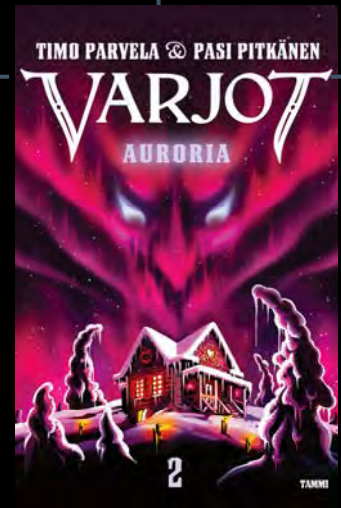
Shadows 2: Auroria

Pete and Sara, together with their guides Boris and Isabella, finally find the gateway to Auroria, the world of Santa Claus. Imagine a village of elves with cute little cottages with ice frosting on the win-dows, twinkling lights and reindeers pulling sledges, and the sound of laughter and jingle of bells. And then forget all of it. For that's just a fairy tale. The harsh reality of the place is a far cry from our usual visions of Santa's world for Auroria has plunged into dark times. Its people; elves, imps and other creatures, are in open conflict with each other and Santa Claus has disappeared and a dange-rous, power-hungry creature has taken his place; Krampus. His plans are dark and ominous, for both Auroria, and our world.

To have any chance of surviving Pete and Sara need friends in this hostile place. But who can they trust? Shadow-mender Oodit must also make tough decisions if she is to have any future in Kram-pus run Auroria. Oodit finds important guidance in Santa's old notebook.

The second part of the exciting Shadows takes its readers deep into the land of Santa to witness its darkest hour.

Finnish title: *Varjot 1: Auroria* Published by: Tammi 2022 Pages: 168 pp. Age: 10+



Shadows 3: Krampus

Already the war against Krampus has claimed countless Aurorian lives, and many have made the desperate journey into the human world, seeking safety. Pete and Sara also make their way back home, together with Oodit, for they must find Santa's successor with the help of the mysterious jingle bells. He is the only one who can defeat Krampus. The world has changed during their ab-sence. It's now a world filled with cold and selfish people, courtesy of Krampus. People are hostile towards the refugees from Auroria who have been imprisoned in camps. Krampus, in human form, is after the children, but the children struggle to identify him. In Auroria, the defending troops sum-mon all they have to a final battle but everyone's hopes are waning.

The fate of both worlds seems to rest on the children completing their task —but they are running out of time.

Finnish title: *Varjot 1: Auroria* Published by: Tammi November 2022 Pages: 190 pp. Age: 10+



Bjørn Sortland - Timo Parvela - Pasi Pitkänen

KEPLER62

This award-winning series for 10+ readers follows a group of children on a mission to save the mankind. Their astonishing journey to the outer reaches of our solar system, and back again, is told in this cinematic, colour illustrated series that spans over 13 titles. The series is split into three Seasons: **Kepler62** (6 titles), **Kepler62 - New World** (5 titles), and **Kepler62 - Terra** (2 titles).

PRAISE FOR KEPLER62

"Exciting, fantasy-filled and aesthetically-pleasing! An all-round recommendation!"
EVA MAUS, BOYSANDBOOKS.DE BLOG, Germany

"Pasi Pitkänen's graphic novel-style illustrations are mostly rendered in a dark palette and at times run across several pages. They are an ingenious addition to the exciting stories with their numerous references to the world of comics and sci-fi."
BN BIBLIOTHEKSNACHTENTEN, Germany

"I suddenly realised I was slowing down in a desperate attempt to make the book last longer. 'Riveting' describes this well."
KESKIPOHJANMAA NEWSPAPER, Finland

"This is a truly gripping adventure story with sensational illustrations included. Suitable for everyone, this is the kind of book to take with you on the train and then feverishly wait for the next book."
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Timo Parvela (b. 1964) is the bestselling and multi-awarded number one children's author in Finland.

Pasi Pitkänen (b. 1984) is a renowned illustrator, graphic designer and author from Finland.

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SEASON 1 - KEPLER62

KEPLER62 : BOOK 1 : INVITATION

Overpopulation has caused earth's natural resources to diminish and people are struggling to survive. Thirteen-year-old Ari is looking after his little brother Joni, who has fallen ill with a mysterious virus. The boys manage to get hold of a copy of Kepler62, the newest computer game that everyone's talking about and which is supposed to be almost impossible to complete. Working together, the brothers manage the impossible and they soon discover that Kepler62 is more than just a game. It's an invitation – on an adventure.

Publication: *Kutsu*, WSOY 2015, 128 pp

KEPLER62: BOOK 2: COUNTDOWN

Children from all over the world are trying to complete the game. Marie, the fourteen-year-old daughter of a wealthy arms manufacturer in Norway, uses unorthodox methods to win. But what is her prize? Marie is flown to Area 51 in Nevada, where she's recruited into a select group of children who are leaving earth to investigate and settle on a faraway planet believed to be capable of supporting life. Marie is advised not to partake on the mission but it's no longer a matter of choice.

Publication: *Lähtölaskenta*, WSOY 2015, 160pp

KEPLER62 : BOOK 3: VOYAGE

'It's time. Please be a credit to the human race.' Old General Livingstone bids farewell to the children who're about to be launched into outer space to look for new worlds that may support life. A shuttle transports the young travellers to a launching pad, where three space crafts await: the Niña, the Pinta and the Santa María. Olivia, a young doctor, is in charge of the expedition. But Ari suspects they haven't been told the full truth about the tasks that await them. Their long voyage to the unknown begins.

Publication: *Matka*, WSOY 2016, 168pp

KEPLER62: BOOK 4: PIONEERS

Only two of vessels reach their final destination. The lush, green planet that they land on is more suitable for life than anyone could have imagined. It's like a paradise compared to the barren earth they left behind. Once the children start building their base camp they find traces of other forms of life. Will they be friendly or hostile? Meanwhile, Ari and Marie are becoming increasingly disillusioned by Olivia's secrecy surrounding the mission. And when Joni falls ill, the children look for help elsewhere – with disastrous results.

Publication: *Pioneerit*, WSOY 2016, 131pp

KEPLER62: BOOK 5: VIRUS

Olivia finally reveals the truth to others, and it's terrifying. Back on earth, computers are gaining power and they're already unstoppable. They're capturing people, their main competition when it comes to energy consumption, and killing them. In order to survive, a viable number of people must escape earth - and Kepler62 is their destination of choice. Unfortunately, the Whisperers are deemed too powerful to exist alongside humans, which means they need to be eliminated before any more people arrive. Joni, who is carrying a virus that shall wipe them out, is chosen to complete the task. But Joni goes into hiding. Meanwhile Ari and Marie also discover that the extra travel capsule on their space craft is now open and empty. Whoever travelled in it is now awake and on Kepler62...

Publication: *Virus*, WSOY 2017, 192pp

KEPLER62: BOOK 6: SECRET

Everyone at the basecamp is consumed by panic. The weapons cabinet is empty and the virus antidotes have gone missing. It's clear that the extra passenger is to blame, but who is it? It's not long before the children find out that they've been used as nothing but a means to an end. Now they must take flight and fight for their survival. Just as all seems lost, a surprise hero emerges with an army in tow.

Publication: *Salaisuus*, WSOY 2017, 160pp



SEASON 2 - NEW WORLD

NEW WORLD 1 : TWO TRIBES

Joni, the youngest member of the original Kepler62 expedition, has been appointed the camp's leader. It's a big responsibility and he's struggling. They are facing grave difficulties: someone is out to sabotage everything they do and they keep leaving threatening notes. The crops have also started to disappear. The pests on this alien planet are ravenous and they eat everything the children manage to plant. Joni is at a loss until X, a streetwise girl, comes to his aid. X, who'd been homeless on earth, seems to feel strangely at home on Kepler62.

Publication: *Kaksi heimoa*, WSOY 2018, 251pp



NEW WORLD 2: ISLAND

Marie's group would nothing more than for Vallvik to lead them which means that Marie – Vallvik's daughter – faces pressure to take the helm in his absence. Marie is surprised to find that she rather enjoys being looked up to. Is there more of her father in her than she'd like to believe? But soon Olivia starts questioning Marie's decisions and their relationship becomes fraught. Olivia still seems to be keeping secrets from Marie – secrets that involve their father. Marie is convinced that her father is a threat to them all and feels it's her responsibility to stop him. She tracks him down to a strange island and journeys to confront him regardless of the danger that might await for her there.

Publication: *Saari*, WSOY 2019



NEW WORLD 3: WHISPERERS' LAIR

Joni has left the settlement in order to find his brother, Ari. He's relieved to have X and one of the shadow-lions for company on the arduous journey he is embarking upon. Travelling in the previously unexplored parts of an alien planet is filled with surprises, and the travellers witness extreme beauty as well as ugliness - on big scale. And what's the real truth about the powerful Whisperers? Are they gods?

Publication: *Kuiskaajien kaupunki*, WSOY 2019



NEW WORLD 4: CAVE

Vallvik's terrifying plans make life on Kepler62 unsafe for all of the children. It falls upon Marie to rescue them and first she must confront her father, who is hiding in an underground cave beneath a volcano. Alone but utterly determined, Marie descends into the heart of darkness to face countless dangers in the depths of the cave. On Kepler62 her father is certainly not the only dangerous being but he is likely to be the most dangerous. Marie's journey into the deep is also an inner journey into herself as she recalls the happier memories from her childhood.

Publication: *Luola*, WSOY 2020



NEW WORLD 5: GAIA

The life on Kepler62 has calmed down and Joni, Ari and X are feeling more settled. But they are all worried about the children back home, on Earth. Their worry drives them to reach a decision to return! The plan is harder to put in action than they'd hoped as the spacecraft is bust. To get it operational they need all the help they can get. But once again the children realise that someone is out to sabotage them...

While the preparations for their journey back keeps their hands busy, the children's minds are free to whirl around the all-important question: What will be waiting for them back home?

Publication: *Gaia*, WSOY 2020



SEASON 1 /OMNIBUS EDITIONS



BOOKS 1+2



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SEASON 3 - TERRA

Season 3 of Kepler62 TERRA comprises of two titles: THE CLONES and HEART. TERRA is the magnificent end play that awaits the young Kepler62 settlers as they return back home on Earth which has, in their absence, been taken over by Artificial Intelligence. Only pockets of resistance remain. The children have been through so much that they are not ready to give up their hope for the survival of mankind.

TERRA 1: THE CLONES

The spacecraft Gaia has landed on Earth, and the return is tougher than the young travellers could have imagined. Vegetation is withering away, and the despotic artificial intelligence that dominates the planet has driven humanity to the brink of extinction. The friends also wish to learn the fate of X's father and cloned siblings. Joni's new skills are beginning to blossom and that gives the children some renewed hope. But can one wonderboy truly save the world singlehanded?

Publication: **TERRA 1: KLOONIT**, WSOY 2021, 185pp

Finlandia Prize nominee for the Best C&YA Title of 2021

'A captivating reading experience based on the masterful interplay of text and image. Together, the unique world of illustrations and strong, skilfully crafted strranteed to delight. Inspired by the gaming world, the narrative hooks the reader in quickly. The jury is particularly impressed by the skilled creators' ability to come up with new twists for the series.'

– Statement of the Prize Jury



TERRA 2: HEART, WSOY

Return to Earth is a shock to Marie. She decides to head for her childhood home, alone. Her home is a fort where she should be able to live in safety for the rest of her life. But the heart-shaped pendant on her neck seems to hold a secret that could help to defeat their opponent, the AI. But using the pendant her mother gave requires sacrifices. Is Marie - once more - willing to risk everything or is all hope lost forever?

Publication: **TERRA 2: SYDÄN**, WSOY 2022, 192pp

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