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Kaisa Happonen & Anne Vasko

The Woodland Light

This beautiful new collection of ten calm and meaningful bedtime stories from the Nordic woodland follows the success of *The Woodland Night*; Dutch, Italian, Hungarian, Estonian, and Polish rights have already been sold!

Each story in this collection explores the theme of light in unique way, guiding readers and listeners on a journey through the forest alongside a bear cub, a moose, and other familiar woodland creatures. Sometimes, it's the faintest glimmer of light that manages to illuminate what truly matters, and at other times, we must wait for it to get dark before we can see the light.



'The Woodland Night is able to tell you how to gently guide your soul in difficult situations. Each story is cathartic.' – Ildikó Boldizsár, author, editor, fairy tale therapist, Hungary

'This volume of gentle, philosophical bedtime stories is a visual delight. The worlds of the stories are depicted with delectable colours and design language.' – Book Art Committee, Finland

Kaisa Happonen (b. 1974) is a Finnish children's and YA author whose lively spirit shines through in everything she does. **Anne Vasko** (b. 1973) is an award-winning author and illustrator whose work reflects her creativity, compassion, and open-mindedness. Anne loves Nordic nature and she often draws on her native Finland for inspiration. Together they have created the celebrated MUR series.



Rights sold

Dutch (De Eenhorn/option)
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Italian (DeAgostini)
Estonian (Koolibri)

Publication

Mur ja metsän valo
Tammi, 30 August 2024
Age 3+, c.136 pages
148mm x 210mm (portrait)
Colour-illustrated throughout

Series

First title Mur ja metsän ilta
3+, 120 pp

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The Woodland Night

Ten charming and wise bedtime stories that are seemingly small, yet so very big in sentiment and meaning.

As the daylight gives way to nightfall in the woods, a bear cub stops to wonder where the light goes. And when exactly does the evening end and the night begin? In all the book's ten little stories featuring different forest animals, the focus is on those seemingly small yet all important realisations in life. These stories in a beautiful forest setting are a joyous and meaningful exploration of human emotions and responses.

Kaisa Happonen once again conveys her wise, philosophical musings to the reader emphatically and playfully. Anne Vasko's gorgeous illustrations pay homage to nature and complete the stories beautifully.

A second title in the series, *The Woodland Light*, features 10 new wondrous stories and illustrations from the Nordic woodland. *The Woodland Light* will be published in August 2024 by Tammi.

'The Woodland Night - Bedtime Stories for Big and Small' by Kaisa Happonen and Anne Vasko is an atmospheric collection of stories for readers of all ages. These calm and reflective stories take both the reader and listener to the forest with a bear cub, moose, fox, wolf and other familiar forest animals. Text and illustrations create a unified entity that allows the reader to focus on the essential.

– *Statement of the Runeberg Prize Jury*

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Prizes

Runeberg Prize nominee, 2022
The Most Beautiful Book of the Year
Honorary diploma, 2022

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MUR AND THE RAINDROP

Mur knows one thing for sure: it's definitely possible to be far away. When a single raindrop falls onto Mur's snout, the lovely cub is inspired to imagine the most wonderful things. She wonders how the raindrop that falls onto her snout can possibly be made of water when the sea is so far away. How can both the raindrop and the sea be made of the same material? Can we be close together, yet simultaneously far apart?

Publication *Pisara kuonolla, Mur* **Publisher** Tammi, 2019 **Format** 40 pp **Age** 3+

Rights sold: **Armenian** (Paradigma) **German** (Midas), **Polish** Widnokrag. **Film and TV Rights:** Available **Material** English translation, Finnish edition.



MUR AND THE STAR

Mur, our little friend, is sitting with BIG and the other animals, quietly admiring the starlit sky. Looking at something so vast fills Mur's mind with important questions. The others keep telling her to "hush" but how will Mur ever find the answers she's looking for? Under the starlit sky, Mur learns about the circle of life.

Finnish title: *Mur ja tähti* **Publisher** Tammi, 2019 **Format** 40 pp **Age** 3+

Rights sold **Armenian** (Paradigma) **Polish** Widnokrag, **German** (Midas Verlag). **Film and TV Rights** Available **Material:** English translation, Finnish edition.



MUR AND THE BLUEBERRY

Mur struggles to understand how BIG can walk through the woods without paying any attention to all the wonderful things around him. Thankfully, at the end of a long walk, BIG turns around and notices the most important thing of all.

Publication *Mur ja mustikka* **Publisher** Tammi, 2018 **Format** 40 pp, **Age** 3+

Rights sold: **Armenian** (Paradigma), **Croatian** Ibis Grafika, **German** Midas, **Polish** Widnokrag, **Slovenian:** Sodobnost. **Film and TV Rights** Available. **Material** English translation set in lay-out, Finnish edition.



A BEAR CALLED MUR

Mur, the lovely little cub, keeps worrying that she's not a proper bear... until she finally realises that she doesn't need to follow the status quo.

Publication *Mur, eli karhu* **Publisher** Tammi, 2017 **Format** 40 pp **Age** 3+

Rights sold: **Armenian:** Paradigma **Chinese, simplified:** TB Publishing Limited, **Croatian:** Ibis Grafika, **Dutch:** Gottmer, **Estonian:** Post Factum, **Greek:** Diptyxo, **French:** Nathan, **German:** Midas, **Italian:** DeA Planeta Libri, **Japa-nese:** Seibundo Shinkosha, **Korean:** Borim Press, **Polish:** Widnokrag, **Slovakian:** Enigma Publishing, **Slovenian:** Sodobnost, **Spanish Catalan, Basque, Galician:** Planeta, **Thai:** Book Dance, **Turkish:** Epsilon.

Film and TV Rights: Available. **Material** English translation set in lay-out, Finnish edition.



Kati Närhi

The Stranger

A heartwarming picture book illustrates how an unexpected friendship can blossom when different worlds collide.

A little mouse, who cherishes solitude and prefers the small and quiet things in life, finds his peace disrupted by loud knocking at his door. The mouse chooses to pretend he's not home rather than opening the door to the stranger. The persistent stranger's attempts to forge a connection with the mouse cause an opposite reaction as he'd hoped. However, a brave and timely plot twist eventually makes the stranger turn into a friend instead.

Kati Närhi beautifully celebrates the value of diversity and the joy found in discovering common ground with others. Through a journey of heartwarming discovery, the story challenges our preconceptions about making friends and reminds us that every cherished friend was once a stranger.

Kati Närhi's first wordless children's picture book *Missing* won the Purple Island Prize in the Nami Island Concours (South Korea) in 2023 and several other international accolades. Kati has also previously won the prestigious Graphic Novel Finlandia Prize with *The Seventh Guest*. Närhi's graphic novels have been nominated for the prize three times, and published in French, Italian and Czech.

Prizewinning illustrator and graphic novel artist Kati Närhi (b. 1973) holds a BA from the University of Art and Design Helsinki (now part of Aalto University's School of Arts, Design and Architecture). She furthered her studies in Comparative Literature and Aesthetics at the University of Helsinki.



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Publication
Muukalainen
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English translation

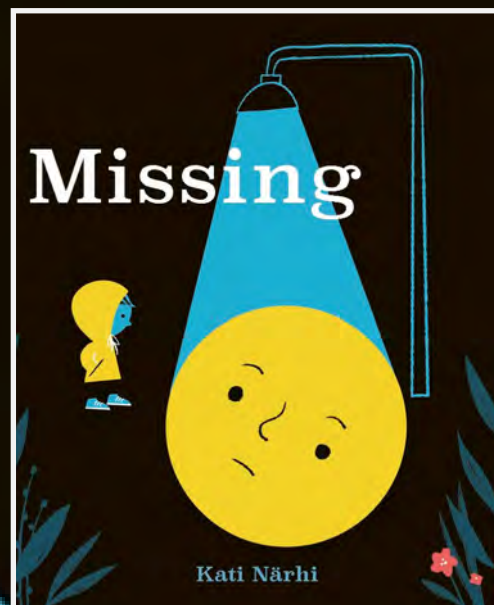
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Missing (you)

Multi-awarded, affectionate picture book about missing someone dear.

What is it like to lose a friend and to miss them? You might feel like the boy whose best friend moves away. Longing for his dear friend, the boy keeps seeing his friend's face everywhere: on a rainy street, in a shop, even in the egg-yolks and the moon. The world can certainly feel dull and grey without your friend. Yet, the sadness will not last for ever. For the boy in the story, a message from afar makes all the difference. As the sadness transforms into acceptance, the colours return, accompanied by hope and joy.



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Publication

Capuchina Kustannus, 2022
32 pages/210mm x 210mm/ 3+

Material

Finnish edition

'An intricately crafted piece of art.'

Helsingin Sanomat (newspaper)

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

**Nami Concours Purple Island Prize 2023
(South Korea)**

**Merit Award 2022 at 3x3 Professional Show nro19
(USA)**

**World Illustration Awards nominee 2022
(UK)**

**The Most Beautiful Book nominee 2022
(Finland)**

**IBBY Silent Books Exhibition (London) 2022
(International)**

**dPictus The Unpublished Picture Book Showcase (Bologna) 2020
(International)**

Kati Närhi is a multi-awarded illustrator, graphic novel artist and inventive storyteller. When travelling, she sometimes misses people and her dachshund.

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Roope Lipasti & Emiel Inkeri Nikula
CHOPPER TEAM T-RX SERIES

A thrilling new picture book series bursting with speed, danger, and fun—perfect for the adventure-loving followers of Paw Patrol, Fireman Sam and Octonauts! Chopper Team T-RX embodies the joy of teamwork with the excitement of daring rescue missions!

- ① Mountain Rescue ② Flood Rescue
- ③ Desert Rescue ④ City Rescue
- ⑤ Rainforest Rescue

Chopper Team T-RX are an animal hospital’s rescue team that is always ready to rescue those in distress even in the most difficult of situations. Join Foxtrot—the chopper pilot, Hugo—the vet, and Max—the mechanic, along with Hoot—the rescue team’s trusty call centre operator, as they embark on missions with their fantastic helicopter T-RX, a masterful blend of tyrannosaurus rex and a flying Tesla, that has a tendency to break down at the most critical moment...

Written by the witty and acclaimed **Roope Lipasti**, and vibrantly illustrated by **Emiel Nikula** whose background is in the gaming world, each CHOPPER TEAM T-RX book comes with a promise of 32 pages of non-stop excitement for all adventurers from the age of three and up!

From mountains to city and beyond, this fearless team faces each challenge head-on. Whether it is about saving a stranded goat, combatting a flood, dealing with a power outage, or navigating a sandstorm, they are always ready for action!



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Kopterijengi
WSOY, 2023-2024

280x215, 32 pages

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Finnish editions
English translation of 1&2

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CHOPPER TEAM T-RX SERIES

① **Mountain Rescue**

The first mission takes the team to the dangerous mountains, where a little goat and its mother are in grave trouble.

② **Flood Rescue**

Chopper Team's hometown is flooding. Who can possibly stop the water from flowing through the town, and help the injured? The infallible rescue team of course! But has the team bitten off more than they can chew this time? Fortunately, even the littlest ones can be of great help.

③ **City Rescue**

What happens when the town's power plant fails to work as it should? When rescuers investigate, they discover that a family of squirrels has made their nest in the power station's cavern. But alas: the rescue mission turns on its head when the Chopper Team causes a terrible short circuit and plunges the whole town into darkness. The ice cream vendor's freezer and all the traffic lights stop working, and chaos ensues. This rescue mission will not only be extremely dangerous, but it will also happen in pitch black darkness!

④ **Desert Rescue**

The team is on a summer holiday during a heatwave. But when an emergency call comes in the team abandon their ice-creams, ready for action. A little desert fox is lost and in need of help – but a sandstorm complicates the already challenging rescue mission. To make matters worse, the T-RX dinochopper runs out of fuel, leaving them in a serious predicament. Who will rescue the rescuers?

⑤ **Rainforest Rescue**

The chopper pilot Foxtrot's boastful cousin, who flies a large jumbo jet for a living, finds his bravado cut short when his plane is forced to make an emergency landing in a dense rainforest, while carrying toxic chemicals. Immediate assistance is needed to prevent the threat to the delicate ecosystem! Fortunately, a nimble helicopter can navigate through the thick vegetation. But is the task in the snake-infested depths of the rainforest too much even for them?



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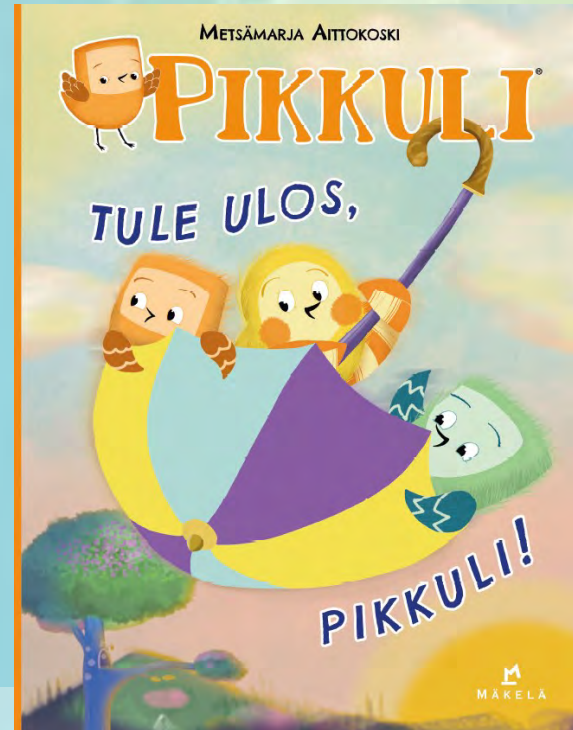
Metsämarja Aittokoski

Come out, Pikkuli!

A delightful picture book series with SEL at its core. *Come out, Pikkuli* is the perfect book with which to launch the series, and join the exciting PIKKULI brand. The book addresses the fear of new situations and prejudices. Pikkuli's imagination creates images of the outside world that are wilder than reality. Eventually, with some help Pikkuli faces its fear and learns to overcome it.

The Byrd family reminisces about the day Pikkuli hatched. The world outside had sounded terribly scary for little Pikkuli from the safety of its egg and Pikkuli was almost too fearful to hatch at all. Later, Pikkuli faced the same fear when it came to venturing out of the nest for the first time. Thankfully, Pikkuli learned to overcome its fear with encouragement from the whole family.

PIKKULI picture books feature a Social and Emotional Learning activity corner to help parents discuss the SEL aspects of the story further with a child.



PIKKULI is an adorable children's character who already features in its own animated TV series, books, early-education materials and Apps, and soon also on the big screen. PIKKULI brand has social-emotional learning (SEL) at its core. • Winter 2025/26 *Pikkuli and The Starlight Reindeer*/ 70' Animated feature film for the whole family 3D/ CGI • 2 seasons of 13 x 7 min animated TV series/ Season 1 distributed already worldwide, currently held back to support release of feature film, Season 2 is in development and shall be based on the feature film with confirmed distribution for both the film and series in certain territories, including the Nordics (NRK, STV and DR). • Pikkuli Pedagogy and kindergarten curriculum with research proven results in social &-emotional learning (in Finland +a pilot scheme operating in China).

9 Pikkuli picture books
Target age: 3-6
Format: 32 pages/230x300

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An adorable children's character from Finland, features in TV series, books and APPs and supports social & emotional learning.



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Sanna Sofia Vuori & Nadja Sarell

#1 Mai's Horribly Terrible Day

#2 Mai's Horribly Achy Arm

Kindergartner Mai's emotions first came to life with the metaphorical tigers, and in the second book the unicorns appear! Mai books provide children with tangible and recognizable representation of feelings, which helps them to identify and articulate their own.

In the first Mai book, little Mai's day is filled with disappointments. The tigers growl and multiply in synch with her upsets. However, a nice surprise turns Mai's day around and - and remarkably, Mai's tigers also begin to resemble ordinary cats — signalling the shift in her emotions.

In the second Mai book, little Mai hurts her arm and ends up in hospital. While there, the unicorns come out to play. Of course they stay until Mai feels more like herself again. And once that happens, Mai's arm also feels much better—it's like magic!

"From the illustrations, a child reads Mai's emotions, mirrors them with their own, and is also given the words to be able to better articulate their own thoughts."

@turusenkassu Literary Blog

Author **Sanna Sofia Vuori** (b. 1981) is a multi-talented figure in the children's cultural scene in Finland. Among her many accomplishments, she has been nominated for the Finlandia C&YA Prize, and she is the creator of Estrid, a digital book club.

Nadja Sarell is internationally famed children's book illustrator, artist and pattern designer. @nadjasarell



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Main kamalan kipeä käsi
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Maaret Kallio & Susanna Ruuhilahti
Illustrated by Julia Savtchenko
Adventures with Antsy



Welcome
to the enchanting world of Antsy,
where emotions run high, friendships are forged,
and the excitement of discovery awaits on every page.

Adventures with Antsy and his friends are expertly designed
to provide children with the tools to recognize and cope with
their emotions, and to enhance their friendship skills.

Join Antsy and his friends in thrilling adventures
across all four seasons!

'Emotional skills cannot be simply acquired through performance; instead, they are continually learned in everyday life. Stories can serve as powerful tools in this regard. With Antsy books, we don't set out to teach about feelings, but rather, we rely on the power of storytelling. Stories can have a profound impact on individuals of all ages, as they connect with our inner selves in a way that mere knowledge or intellectual approaches cannot. Stories evoke emotions, trigger recognition of shared experiences, memories, and imagery, and ignite our imagination.'

— Maaret Kallio —

Maaret Kallio (b. 1977) is Finland's leading cognitive analytic psychotherapist and the author behind nine non-fiction books ranging from self-compassion to early childhood development and sexuality. Her non-fiction titles have been translated into Dutch (A.W. Bruna), Estonian (Varrak) and Hungarian (HGV).

Susanna Ruuhilahti is a sexual health expert, logotherapist (LIF®), and a non-fiction writer. Maaret and Susanna originally met through their work at Väestöliitto, a non-governmental organisation that aims to improve people's well-being through research, advocacy and services for citizens. The organisation has been part of building the Finnish welfare state system in many ways.

Julia Savchenko is a celebrated Helsinki-based illustrator and artist. @juliasavtchenko

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color-illustrated, 4+

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ANTSY: THE DARK AND STORMY NIGHT

AUTUMN/ FEAR AND ANXIETY

A fierce autumn storm rages in the woods and Antsy and his friend Dainty find themselves suddenly in the dark without electricity. While candles could provide some light and a touch of warmth, the absence of matches compels the friends to venture out into the stormy night, heading towards a neighbour's house. Sensitive Dainty is terrified, and Antsy does everything in his power to quell their fear.

However, imagination can play powerful tricks on anyone, even Antsy, and especially in the dark.

Murkens ja hirmuinen syysmyrsky WSOY 2022 /40pp / 200x266mm



ANTSY: A MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

SUMMER/ TRUST AND SECURITY

A lovely summer's day on the beach turns into an adventure when Antsy spots a bottle with a message inside floating in the sea! He can hardly contain his excitement! It must be ancient and brimming with secrets! But how on earth can he get his hands on it? Antsy cannot do it on his own and needs several trusted friends, each with their unique skill, to fish the bottle ashore, and even to unveil the thrilling mystery of the message. The story revolves around the trust we place in our friends and the sense of safety and security that comes from such bonds.

Murkens: Pullopostia mereltä WSOY 2023 40pp / 200x266mm



ANTSY: THE SNOWBALL FIGHT

WINTER/ ANGER AND UPSET

It's time for the friends to learn how to manage their feelings of upset and anger when frolicking in the snow. Snappy, known for her incredibly short fuse, has once again lost her cool. The little millipede, with a thousand or so shoes to put on, is struggling to cope in her frantic hurry to join the others outdoors. And when an accidental mishap shatters the snow castle painstakingly built by the group, Antsy gets angry. What follows is a spirited snowball fight as Antsy vents his frustration. But the intensity of the fight becomes overwhelming for the sensitive Dainty...

Murkens: Luminen nujakka WSOY 2023 40pp /200x266mm



ANTSY: PARTY OF THE YEAR

SPRING/ LOVE AND JOY

Antsy lets out his joyous springtime shout filled with excitement! It's time for the friends to organize the annual spring festivities! Before the party even starts, all sorts of peculiar things happen: Antsy falls in love, Lolly and Dainty vanish as if by magic, and Snappy panics when she is left on her own. How will the long-awaited party turn out? The friends are all different, yet they all find joy in their mutual friendships and enjoy doing things together.

Murkens: Kaikkien aikojen juhla WSOY April 2024 40pp / 200x266mm



Kaija Pannula & Netta Lehtola

Trading Tails

The stand-alone sequel to the Finlandia Prize nominated picture book *Fox Tails* is a heartfelt story about the ebb and flow of time — and of life.

A trio of delightful stories featuring an aging Fox combine into a subtle framework of life. Change is in the air, and moving on is also about letting go.

Fox is growing old, and keeping the summer shop has started to lose its luster. Fox decides to hire a young badger to help around the shop. But much to Fox's bafflement, Badger instigates changes. Yet as the summer unfolds, a common thread emerges between the two, weaving together the wisdom of age and the curiosity of youth. Fox moves on to artistic endeavor to make a film and allowing all members of the forest community to have a role. Even Fox makes a meaningful appearance.

Trading Tails offers comforting reassurance about the ever-turning wheel of time as our lives unfold. Through the three seemingly simple yet delightful tales about a Fox, Kaija Pannula and Netta Lehtola allow the readers a view of the bigger picture.



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English translation set in layout



Praise for *Fox Tails*

'Fox Tails combines charming stories about growing up, friendship and how to cope with sadness, It deals with the fragility of life, but also its richness and joy. This book's pictures and story perfectly complement one another. Set in a peaceful and colourful world, this picture book combines traditional illustration techniques with the illustrator's own, unprejudiced worldview beautifully, resulting in a truly touching story.'

– *Finlandia C&YA Prize Jury*

'A sensitive story about friendship and realizing one's true calling.'

– *Maaseudun tulevaisuus newspaper*

Kaija Pannula (b. 1970) is the Finlandia C&YA Prize-nominated author of *Fox Tails* and *Trading Tails*. Both works have been illustrated by graphic designer and celebrated illustrator Netta Lehtola (b. 1996), who has also been nominated for the Runeberg Junior and Arvid Lydecken Prizes. @timjammi

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Toddler Days Picture Books

All toddlers learn something new every day and Ollie is no exception. New concepts from opposites to colours and shapes are part of Ollie's happy days of learning-on-the-go.

Meet Ollie, a curious little learner in the happy days of discovery! Through light-hearted storylines and the cutest illustrations, familiar toddler situations blend effortlessly with exciting new concepts of mastering opposites to learning what to wear, exploring colours, and understanding shapes.

Join the light-hearted and fun days of discovery with Ollie! Ollie's blue cuddly toy cat also sneaks into the scenes, adding an extra layer of excitement for all little readers.



Toddler Days 1: Where's the Cat?

Toddler Days 2: What to wear today?



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Omppu osaa. Missä on kissa?

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24 pp, Age 0+

Omppu osaa. Puetaanko jo?

Otava, March 2024.

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Toddler Days 1 Where's the Cat?

All toddlers learn something new every day and Ollie is no exception. New concepts from opposites blend effortlessly into Ollie's happy days of learning-on-the-go.

Accompany the cheerful Ollie through the day while unraveling the mysteries of opposites. But there's more to the story—Ollie's playful toy cat frolics on the pages, inviting young readers to join the search. Where's the Cat, Ollie?

*Ollie peeks at the morning.
Daddy is awake.
Mum is asleep.
But where is the cat?*

*Join the light-hearted and happy days of discovery with Ollie!
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Ompu osaa. Missä on kissa?
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Ompu kurkistaa aamua.
Isä on hereillä.
Äiti nukkuu.
Mutta missä on kissa?

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Toddler Days 2 What to wear today?

All toddlers learn something new every day and Ollie is no exception. Different clothes go with different weather. What should Ollie wear today?

Ollie has many clothes; sweaters and snowsuits, wellies and raincoats, a swimsuit and more. The possibilities of what to wear are as varied as the weather outside.

Join the light-hearted and happy days of discovery with Ollie! Ollie's blue cuddly toy cat also sneaks into the scenes, adding an extra layer of excitement for all little readers.



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Two Aunts Called Vera

The Bothnia Award winners' new picture book is a heart-warming exploration of diversity and family bonds.

Esther and William's parents surprise them with a weekend getaway at their Aunt Vera's. However, since both parents have sisters named Vera, a double booking occurs! Despite sharing the same first name, the aunts differ significantly in character and lifestyle. The narrative and illustrations vividly portray these distinctions, which the children also reflect against their own life at home. The cleverly built gentle story explores diversity and plurality, showing how differences enrich our lives. And as close relatives mirror each other, a heart-warming family narrative unfolds, emphasizing the significance of their relationships.

'The picture book casually and unapologetically illustrates the richness that diversity and plurality bring to one's life.'

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Forrest Moves Away

Each of us has the power to make a difference! A sympathetic and transformative adventure inspires young readers to take action and nurture empathy for nature.

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Taking a bus is tricky, and Forrest resorts to floating down the river towards its new life by the seaside. But the stream lulls Forrest fast asleep and it drifts past its destination and far out to sea. When Forrest finally awakes it learns that the sea is as littered as the city. Forrest finally docks ashore on the coast of Africa. As it explores the new surroundings, a realization dawns: a move is not the answer. Nature is struggling here too. Forrest returns home. The best thing is that people have realized how much they've missed it, and what they need to do to keep their urban forest.

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'The sensitively illustrated story reminds us, in addition to respecting nature, of the importance of water. And Forrest (nature) is not one to hold a grudge. Once people recognize its value, Forrest greets them with forgiveness.'

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