



# CATALOGUE 2019

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# BABY BOOKS

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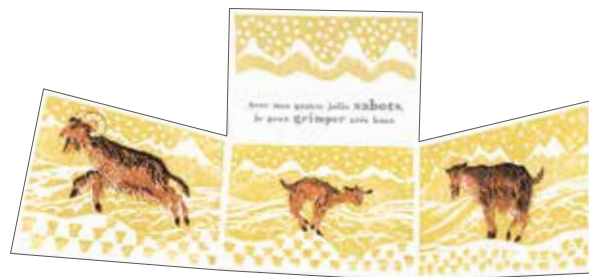




## ANIMAL RIDDLE

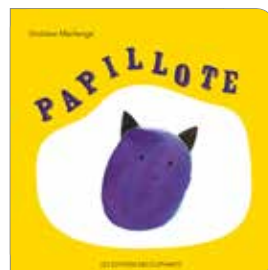
MAY ANGELI

2017 • novelty book •  
2 years and up •  
14 x 20 x 2,5 cm •  
24 pages with flaps •  
hardcover • 16€



*A cross between an art book and an animated book.*

Inside this picture book children will discover May Angeli's stunning woodcuts featuring 12 different families of farm animals. The French version of the book opens on a riddle teamed with a woodcut. The riddles aim to have the child and reader guess which animal will be revealed before lifting the flaps. The first of two flaps is lifted to reveal the illustrated answer to the riddle, the second to show images of animals from the same family composing triptych as shown above.



## PAPILLOTE

VIOLAINE MARLANGE

2016 •  
2 years and up •  
18 x 18 cm • 34 p. •  
boardbook • 12 €

*Follow Papillote in his baby steps.*

One day Papillote's parents loved each other so much that he came to be. Papillote goes through all childrens' first steps, onto emancipation and then on to explore the world!







### **CHILD OF THE EARTH**

FRANCE QUATROMME,  
SANDRINE BONINI

**2017 •**  
**2 years and up •**  
**20 x 22 cm • 32 p •**  
**hardcover • 14 €**

#### *Poetic and universal.*

Africa, Greenland, West Indies, China, Brazil or Australia, France Quatromme draws multiple inspirations for her beautiful lullaby rhymes from bedtime around the world. Each time she creates the familiar surroundings of the baby she is talking to by the pitch of the melody, the bark of a dog, a star shining bright. Indeed, for babies everywhere she has created a charming and universal picture book beyond compare.

# PICTURE BOOKS







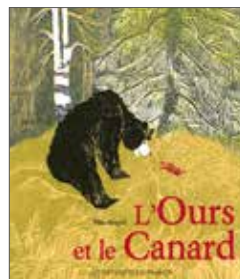
## WITH GIANT STRIDES

ANAÏS LAMBERT

2018 •  
3 years and up •  
21 x 30 cm • 48 p. •  
hardcover • 14 €

*A hymn to nature and to child's imagination;  
an invitation to live by leaps and bounds!*

A child puts on his boots and goes out into the world. He witnesses a fierce battle, then a crazy race. He catches biting monsters, spans rivers; flies over forests... These «giant steps» make us rediscover nature with the eyes of childhood. Every element of the garden is disproportionate by childish imagination. Bugs of chestnuts become biting monsters, the pond a river, the clouds, a bunch of wild animals... up until the moment when a giant, even bigger, arises...



## BEAR AND DUCK

MAY ANGELI

2019 • à partir de 4 ans •  
21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •  
relié • 14 €

*An ode to friendship.*

One morning, a terrible racket awakens the Bear from his winter sleep. He emerges from his den to find the Duck, injured after a nasty fall. The Bear gently moves him and decides to nurse him back to health. Little by little, a friendship forms between the vain duck and the grumpy Bear. When the first signs of winter appear, the Duck is all better and ready to migrate... The Bear feels abandoned, but when the new season comes around, his friend the Duck has not forgotten him! A story about loyalty, wonderfully portrayed by May Angeli, through these two endearing characters' search for friendship. Her breathtaking woodcuts vividly depict nature and the animals living within.





## THE PUDDLE

MAY ANGELI

2015 •  
3 years and up •  
21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •  
hardcover • 14 €

*A picturebook for toddlers with gorgeous woodcuts.*

The rain has stopped. In the puddle left on the path, a bee, a swallow, some sparrows, a turtle, and a few ducks in turn cool down. When a little girl arrives and says: « I too want to play with you! »; the ducks, waddle away. But playing alone is no fun! Luckily, a small pig arrives. The strength of this picture book resides in its simplicity: the artist turns a prosaic puddle into a real piece of art. Children will be filled with wonder to see nature come to life shortly after the rain, and the animals' parade to quench their thirst or to frolic in the water. *The Puddle* is an artist's book for toddlers.



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## RITA WANTS A BABY

MAY ANGELI

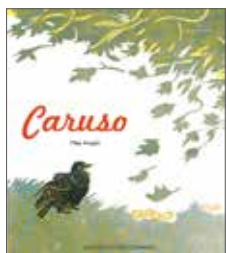
2016 • 3 years and up •  
21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •  
hardcover • 14 €



*A witty picturebook on a theme close to children's hearts: the arrival of a new baby.*

Rita wants a baby. The idea fills her with joy so as soon as she lays an egg she sings! Alluring Irma the farmer who then comes and collects her egg... Finally she decides to lay her egg quietly and out of Irma's way, not far from the cats playground. Beware she warns, both her beak and her claws are sharp. By day Rita keeps and eye on her egg but by night she must return to the hen house. There from her baby, she is filled with worry for its safety. On her next visit Rita finds only egg shells. Where is Rita's baby?





## CARUSO

MAY ANGELI

2018 •

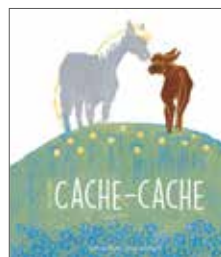
4 years and up •

21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €

*When the outcast becomes a hero.*

One morning, the wind blows so hard that a raven falls from its nest. John the factor passes by and collects it, which is not to please Jeanne, his wife. The crow, now named Caruso, has gained strength, learnt to fly and to talk... But he uses this new talent to make fun of Jeanne and the people of the village, and therefore is hated by everyone! Soon, he has to leave the village. He becomes the town's outcast, until one night, a barn catches fire and it is Caruso who warns the firemen... Caruso will please the little ones because it represents as the bird dares to say aloud what everyone thinks in a whisper. Rejected because of his outspokenness, he will eventually be rehabilitated despite his taunts: the inhabitants are grateful to him for saving their village.



## HIDE AND SEEK

MAY ANGELI

2017 •

3 years and up •

21 x 24 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €

*When Grey suggests a game of hide and seek, all the animals come to play.*

Brown, is afraid of everything, never wants to set foot anywhere. At the slightest breath of wind, the small brown donkey jumps and hides behind her friend, Grey. Today Grey is in a mood. But, after nibbling plenty of fresh grass, watching the train go by and saying hello to Blanchette in the field next door, boredom starts to set in... So Grey suggests a game of hide and seek. They start to play but once again it's soon no fun at all; the first attempt fails because Brown cries out where she's hiding, second, despite the help of cat and bird, her ears and hooves can be seen...

Then dog comes along and he knows an excellent place to hide...



## THE SPLASH

GUILLAUME OLIVE,  
HE ZHIHONG

**2015 • 3 years and up •  
16,5 x 28 cm • 32 p. •  
hardcover • 14 €**

*A traditional tale that brings to light the dangers of spreading rumours, and of the importance of questioning the information one receives.*

Playing on the riverbank, rabbit hears a terrific «SPLASH». Terrified he flees through the forest, spreading the news, "Beware the SPLASH is coming after us". Soon all the animals are running in panic. That is till they meet a wise tiger, who is the first to inquire as to what exactly is this SPLASH they are all running from? This tale exists in various cultures; here it is accompanied by paintings on rice paper.



## THE ANIMALS OF THE ZODIAC

GUILLAUME OLIVE, HE ZHIHONG

**2019 • à partir de 4 ans • 28 x 16,5 cm • 32 p. • relié • 14 €**

*A traditional tale explaining the origins of the Chinese zodiac signs and of the feud between the mouse and the cat.*

Back when people didn't know how to count the years, the Emperor of the Sky organised a big race. The twelve winners would each represent a year. The cat and the mouse were good friends and helped each other, until the mouse betrayed his friend... Ever since that day, the cat no longer appears amongst the Chinese zodiac animals, and harbours eternal hatred for the mouse! The tale of the mouse's cunning and malice will shock the youngest readers and make the older ones smile!

## THE TAIL OF THE RABBIT

GUILLAUME OLIVE, HE ZHIHONG

**2016 • 3 years and up • 16,5 x 28 cm •  
32 p. • hardcover • 14 €**

*Find out how the rabbit got his little round tail.*

Back in the day, when rabbits had beautiful bushy tails, a rabbit and his mate were on the riverbank and wished to cross to the other side of the river where the grass seemed greener. While as they were trying to find a way across, mama turtle came swimming down the river. Spotting her, the rabbits think they can trick her into helping them cross the river. Their ruse will not go unpunished...







## THE FOX AND THE TIGER

GUILLAUME OLIVE, HE ZHIHONG

**2017 • 4 years and up • 16,5 x 28 cm • 32 p. • hardcover • 14 €**

### *The triumph of intelligence over force!*

On a beautiful sunny morning, Fox decides to go for a walk. But suddenly, here is the tiger! Happy to have found his future breakfast, Tiger licks his lips. But the cunning Fox asks for freedom; he claims that he has been appointed master of the wood by the Emperor himself. As a proof, he asks Tiger to accompany him through the forest, so that he can see with his own eyes how respected he is. Indeed, as they drew near, all animals scamper...



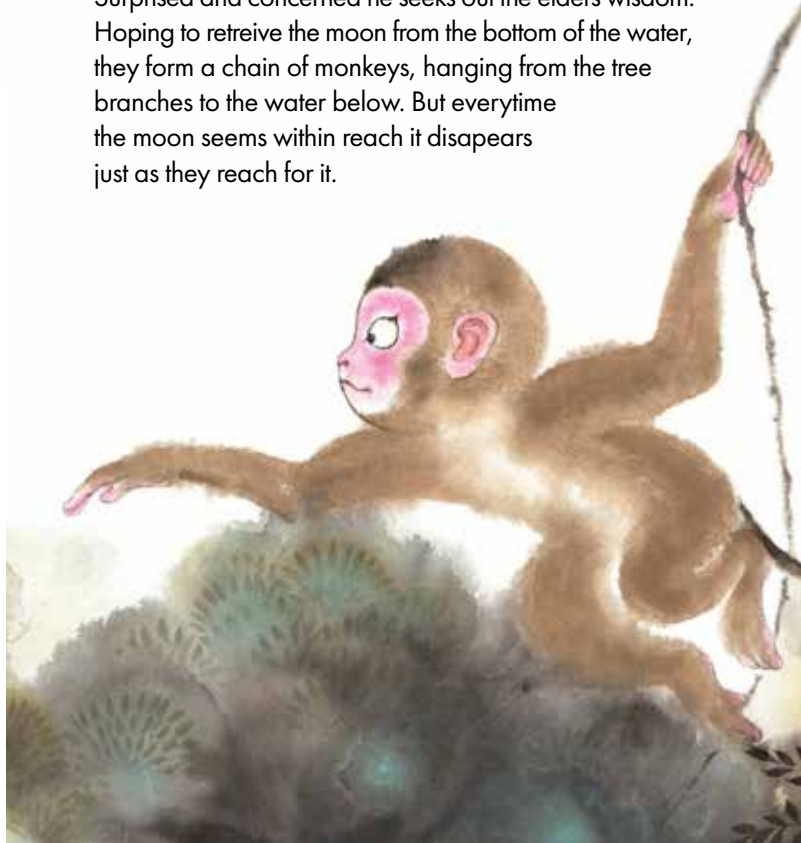
## THE MONKEYS AND THE MOON

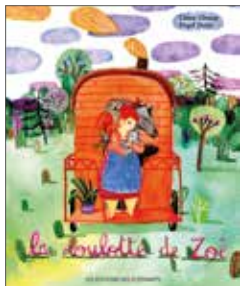
GUILLAUME OLIVE,  
HE ZHIHONG

**2018 • 4 years and up • 16,5 x 28 cm • 32 p. • hardcover • 14 €**

*When the finger points at the moon, the fool looks at the finger...*

In the far away mountains of China, there once lived a tribe of monkeys. They lived peacefully until one day a young monkey remarked that the moon had fallen into the lake. Surprised and concerned he seeks out the elders wisdom. Hoping to retrieve the moon from the bottom of the water, they form a chain of monkeys, hanging from the tree branches to the water below. But everytime the moon seems within reach it disappears just as they reach for it.





## ZOE'S CARAVAN

CLAUDE CLÉMENT,  
MAGALI DULAIN

2015 •

4 years and up •

22 x 28,5 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €

*Home is where the heart is...*

Once upon a time, there was a little farmer named Zoe. Having been evicted from her house, she creates a new cosy home in a wooden caravan. She lives there with only her young goat and her cat, until... a squirrel, a little hen, an owl, and an old horse... knock on her door. Each time, Zoe opens her heart and her home. With each new housmate, things get more snug and happier!... A beautiful fable on the meaning of solidarity and the value of a community.



## THE DOVE'S HOUSE

CLAUDE CLÉMENT,  
VIRGINIE BERGERET

2018 • 5 years and up •

22 x 28,5 cm • 32 p. •

hardcover • 14 €

*A legend from the middle ages where love saves the day.*

Gaël, a young sculptor, is working on the construction site of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame. Alone in Paris, two pet doves as only companions. That autumn, the rain is falling continuously, the river Seine is rising, so much so, that Gaël's shelter is destroyed and the doves are trapped in the ruins. But the birds love for each other will save them, from certain death.





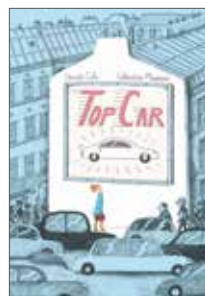
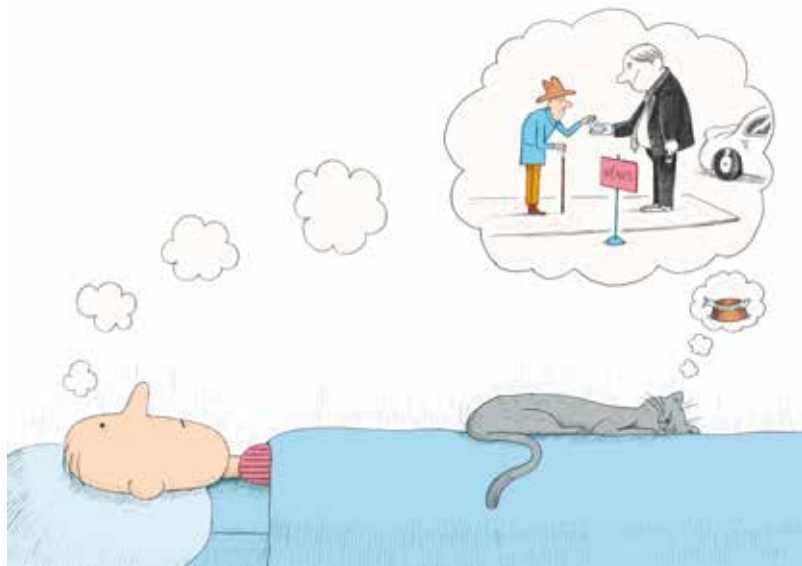
## NIGHT EXPLORERS

ANNE BROUILLARD

2015 • 4 years and up •  
23 x 30 cm • 32 p. •  
hardcover • 15 €

*An ode to imagination, nature, and the passing of time....*

In the deep dark forest Gaspar, his rabbit, and Mimi the cat have built a tree house before setting out to explore the world... The world, we soon discover stops at the edge of the garden. Indeed just beyond their deep dark jungle is the House and as night falls its glows reassuringly.



## TOP CAR

DAVIDE CALI,  
SÉBASTIEN MOURRAIN

2018 • 6 years and up •  
18 x 26 cm • 40 p. •  
hardcover • 14 €

*For all those who can't get any satisfaction!*

Jacques has a little car. It's not particularly pretty or fast but it does the job. Every day on his way to work Jacques drives past a billboard advertising the Venus the most beautiful and fastest car around. The kind of car that all the pretty girls like. Jacques starts dreaming about it at night. He can't afford it but he is determined to find a way to buy it. Through the story of banal Mr Jacques this book condemns the flaws in our consumer society that constantly creates new needs and desires to the point of absurdity in a funny and particularly effective manner...



## THE GREAT FIRE

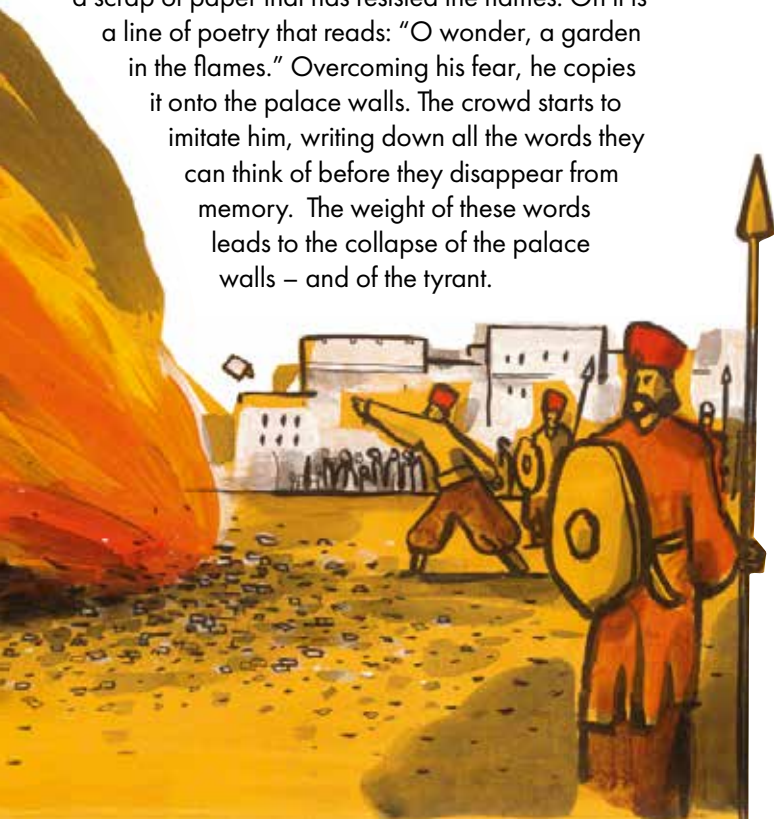
GILLES BAUM, BARROUX

2016 •  
7 years and up •  
24 x 29 cm • 32 p. •  
hardcover • 14 €

Published in partnership  
with Amnesty International.

*An ode to books, to freedom and the power of words.*

Black smoke is rising from the city centre. A fire has been raging for days, perhaps months. In his palace, the Sultan rejoices. One by one, his kingdom's books are being thrown into the flames and soon, all traces of the past will have disappeared. Only his own history will remain. When the fire finally goes out, a child sifts through the ashes and finds a scrap of paper that has resisted the flames. On it is a line of poetry that reads: "O wonder, a garden in the flames." Overcoming his fear, he copies it onto the palace walls. The crowd starts to imitate him, writing down all the words they can think of before they disappear from memory. The weight of these words leads to the collapse of the palace walls – and of the tyrant.



## THE INSIDE OUTSIDE GARDEN

CHIARA MEZZALAMA,  
RÉGIS LEJONC

2017 • 7 years and up •  
21 x 33 cm • 40 p. •  
hardcover • 15 €



National  
School  
Reading List,  
cycle 3

*A wartime friendship between two children  
living on different sides of a wall.*

When Chiara's father is sent to a faraway country for work, the whole family has to follow. One summer evening, Chiara packs her suitcase. Over there, she is not sure to find toys. Over there, there is an inside and an outside. Inside: the wild garden where princes and princesses used to walk. Outside: the black city, the monster city, soldiers with big boots and big beards, bombs. War. One day, a boy from outside climbs the wall of the garden. If he appears first as a threat, he soon becomes a friend for Chiara, the Persian prince with whom she escapes from her gilded prison... Inspired by the childhood of the author, whose father was appointed Italian ambassador to Tehran in 1980, this text is a beautiful evocation of a country struck by war, where friendship arises despite the rising walls.



## SOLY, OR A LESSON IN HUMILITY

AMADOU HAMPATÉ BÂ,  
SARA QUOD

2019 • 10 ans years and up •  
26,5 x 30 cm • 40 p. •  
hardcover • 14 €

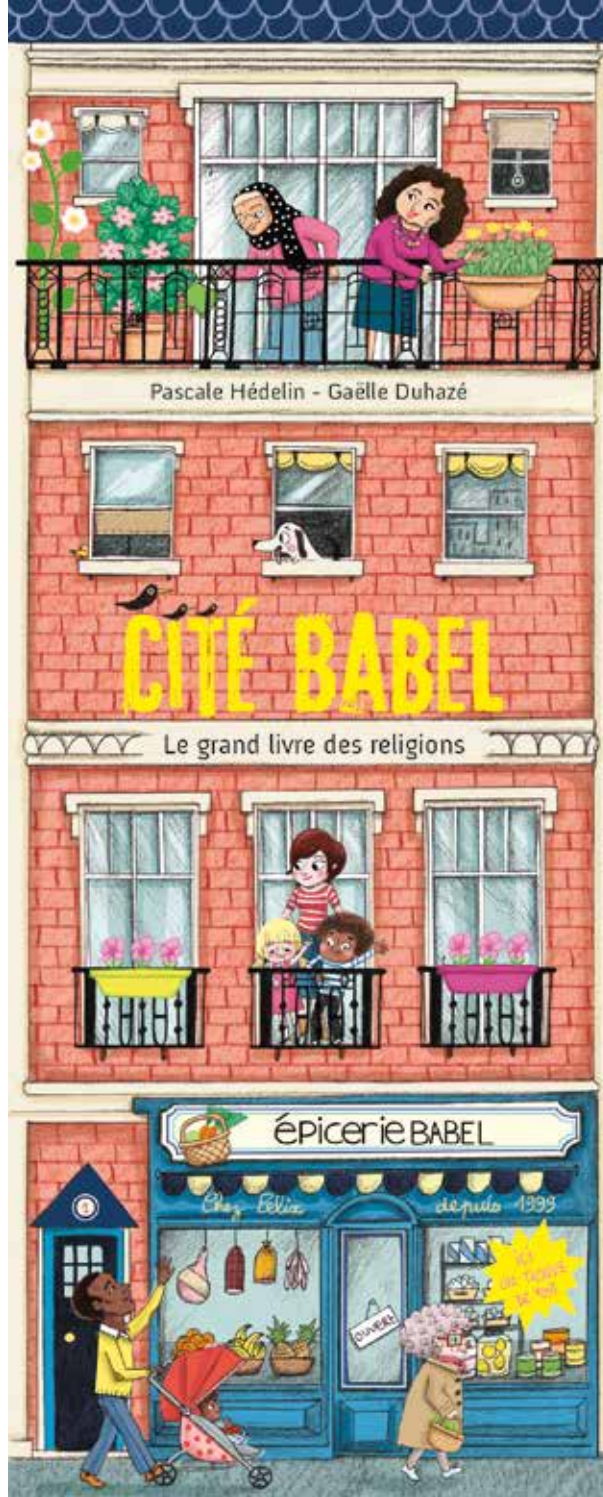


*When the rulers of this world get a taste of wisdom and humility... An African initiatory tale.*

In the Kingdom of Soulé, far away from everyone else, lives a hermit named Soly. When the King Seydou hears about him, he asks for him to be brought to the palace. The sovereign is overcome with respect for this humble man and decides to follow Soly's teachings. But after learning alongside the hermit, the King must face one final lesson in humility... A majestic initiatory tale by Malian author and ethnologist Amadou Hampaté Bâ, exceptionally illustrated by Sara Quod using gouache paints, in an urban and contemporary Africa.



# NON FICTION



## BABEL – The Big Book of Religions

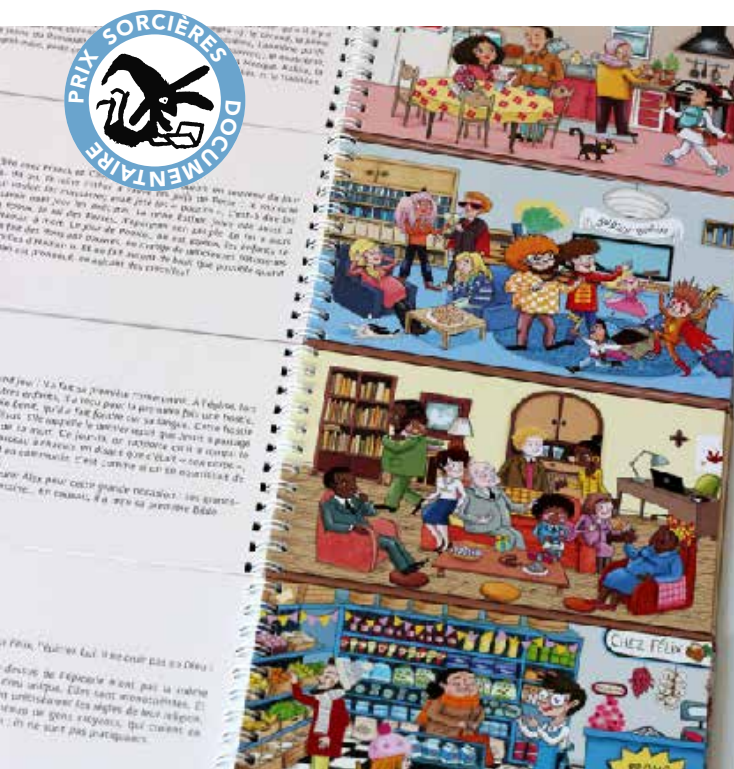
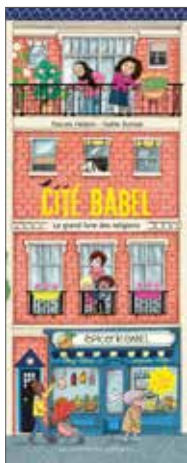
PASCALE HÉDELIN, GAËLLE DUHAZÉ

2015 • 7 years and up • 16 x 40 cm • 32 p. •

4 independently cut floors • spiral bound • 16,50 €

Using simple words to describe each religion, this book attempts to bring to light their common features instead of their differences and emphasizes the importance of living together.

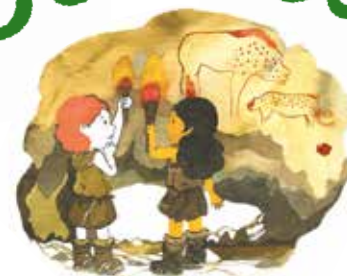
In the Babel building reside 3 families of different faiths : 1 Muslim, 1 Jewish and 1 Christian. Below, is Mister Felix's grocery store, he is atheist. 4 floors (like 4 mini books), 4 seasons during which we follow each family in their customs, celebrations, traditions, and diets. This book also briefly introduces religions such as Buddhism or Hinduism.



## Igor et Souky

Text  
SIGRID  
BAFFERT

Illustrations  
SANDRINE  
BONINI

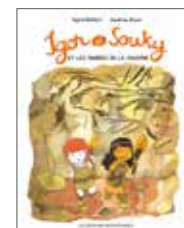


17 x 22 cm • 40 / 56 p. • hardcover • 11/13 € • 5-9 years old

Intended for readers 5-9 years old, these books all tell the story of Igor and Souky's visit of a well known landmark. Lots of facts and a fun story.

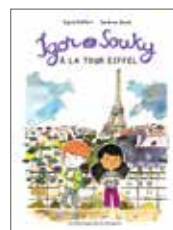
### IGOR & SOUKY AND THE SHADOWS OF THE CAVE

Igor and Souky are off for a weekend. Yann Igor's uncle takes them to explore the replica of a prehistoric cave, and soon it is as if they are traveling back in time.



### IGOR & SOUKY AT THE EIFFEL TOWER

Today, Igor and his dad are going up the Eiffel tower to meet dad's girlfriend and her daughter Souky. This is a thorough and captivating guide to the beloved monument.





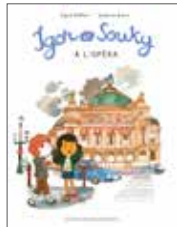


## IGOR & SOUKY AT THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

It's Souky's birthday and her mother Jaya has gone all out and planed a treasure hunt within the palace of Versailles.

## IGOR & SOUKY AT THE PARIS OPERA

Souky knows the Opera house inside out, her mother works there! So when Igor comes to visit she takes him on a private tour, but running away from a scary witch was never part of her plan...

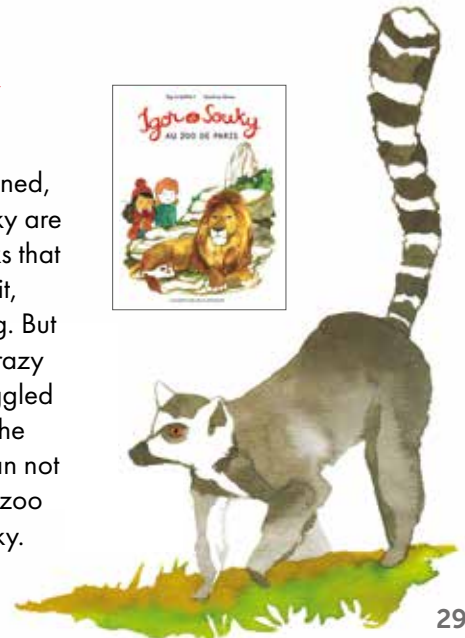
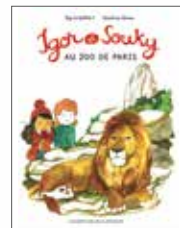


## IGOR & SOUKY VISIT THE CENTRE POMPIDOU

Souky's dad, Paavan, is coming to Paris for the afternoon to see her. Vincent and Igor go drop Souky off, but when they learn that Paavan's train is running two hours late they all head off to visit the Centre Pomidou while they wait. Follow them around this modern art museum.

## IGOR & SOUKY AT THE ZOO

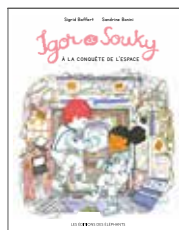
The zoo has reopened, and Igor and Souky are going! Souky thinks that Olaf, her pet rabbit, should come along. But things get a little crazy when having smuggled Olaf into the zoo, he breaks free and can not be found. Visit the zoo with Igor and Souky.





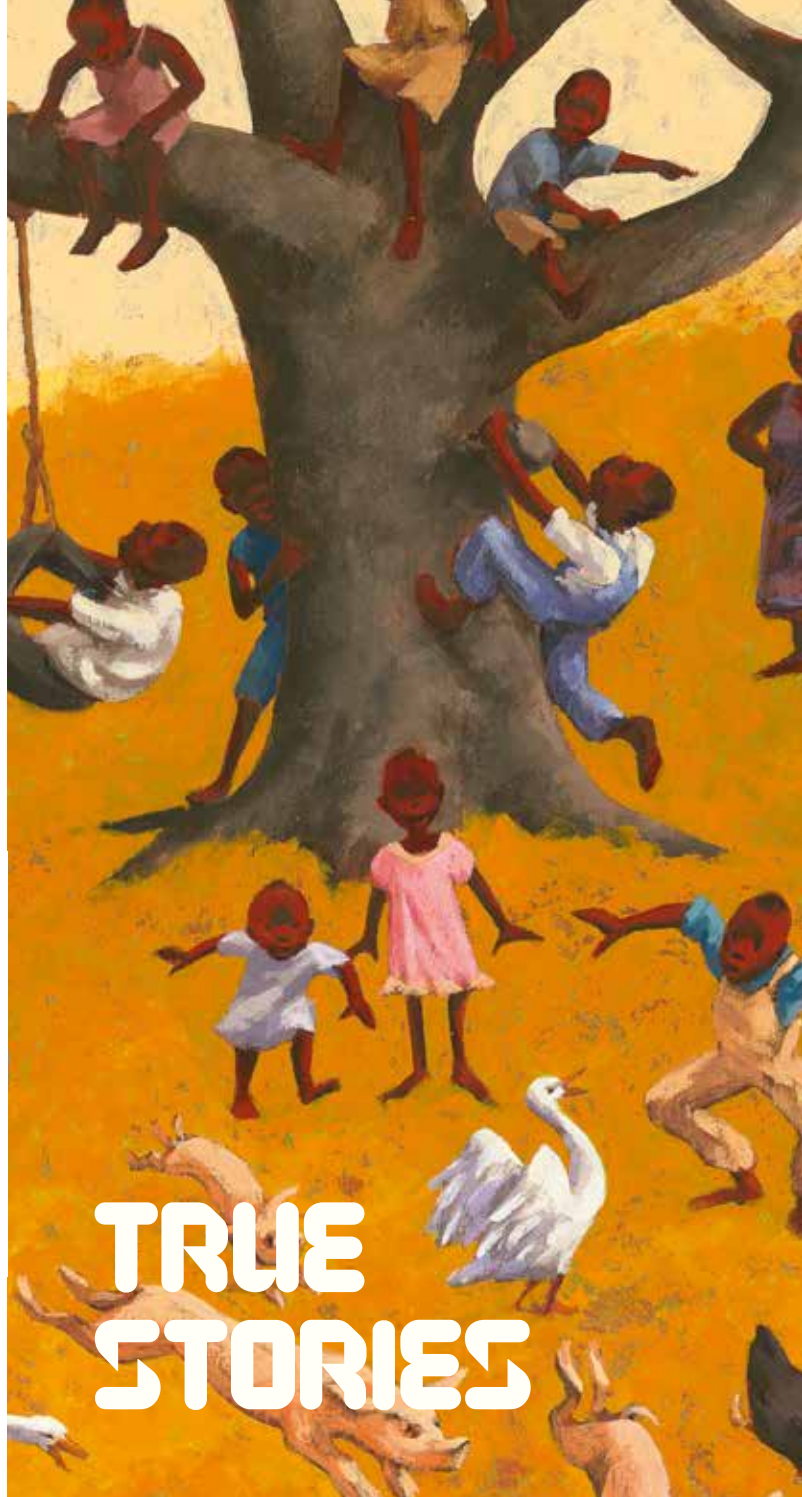
## IGOR & SOUKY VISIT THE PARIS SEWERS

Igor has sent a message in a bottle in the sewers. Now he desperately wants to get his bottle back so Souky and he go down into the sewer to hunt for it. In the process they are taught a thing or two about the way they work...



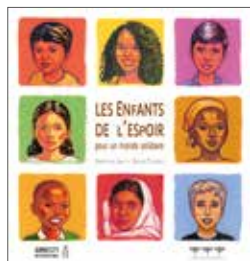
## IGOR & SOUKY EXPLORE SPACE

Mémé Victoire, Igor's great-grandmother is turning a hundred and two, the whole family is going down to Toulouse to celebrate. An opportunity to visit the space museum and to find out thrilling facts on outerspace.



# TRUE STORIES





## THE CHILDREN OF HOPE

ANNICK DE GIRY,  
BRUNO PILORGET

2016 • 9 years and up •  
22 x 24 cm • 64 p. •  
hardcover • 15 €

*The journey of 8 of today's children to change their world.*

They live in the Philippines, Pakistan, Colombia, India and Brazil. Despite experiencing the worst, they never once thought they were too weak, too young or too alone to fight injustice. Their strength of character helped them change things for themselves and other children. The text and images in this book tell the story of these battles, creating hope and setting examples for other young people..

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National  
School  
Reading List,  
cycle 3



## RUBY - HEAD HELD HIGH

IRÈNE COHEN-JANCA,  
MARC DANIAU

2017 • 9 years and up • 24 x 33 cm •  
40 p. • hardcover • 15 €

*Louisiana 1960s, Whites and Blacks do not mix. But times are changing...*

Ruby cannot study at school close to home, reserved for Whites - she has to go to another school, far away. But segregation is living its last few hours. When she is 6 years old, Ruby enters the school William Frantz, hitherto reserved for the Whites. The population is highly hostile. Upon arriving in the classroom, Ruby is the only student... This is the beginning of a terrible year that will mark her life. Ruby Bridges has become a symbol, notably by becoming the subject of Norman Rockwell's famous painting, *The Problem We All Live With*, where she is seen on the way to school escorted by 4 federal agents.

Published in partnership with Amnesty



# TALES AND FICTION



## **TALES OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE**

GUILLAUME OLIVE, HE ZHIHONG

**2016 • 7 years and up • 17 x 24,5 cm • 96 p. •  
clothbound • 16,90 €**

*Seven wonderful traditional chinese tales.*

The characters in this book are as varied and as interesting as the people who invented them: an old man with a green beard, a dog that was born in an ear, a flea-infested ogress, a child who walked all his life to find the sun. Each of these stories reflects a different tradition. The authors, who love popular myths and customs, collected these tales from minorities living in China's distant south-west mountains. Each ethnic group is portrayed in a painting on silk. The stories themselves are illustrated with paintings on rice paper.





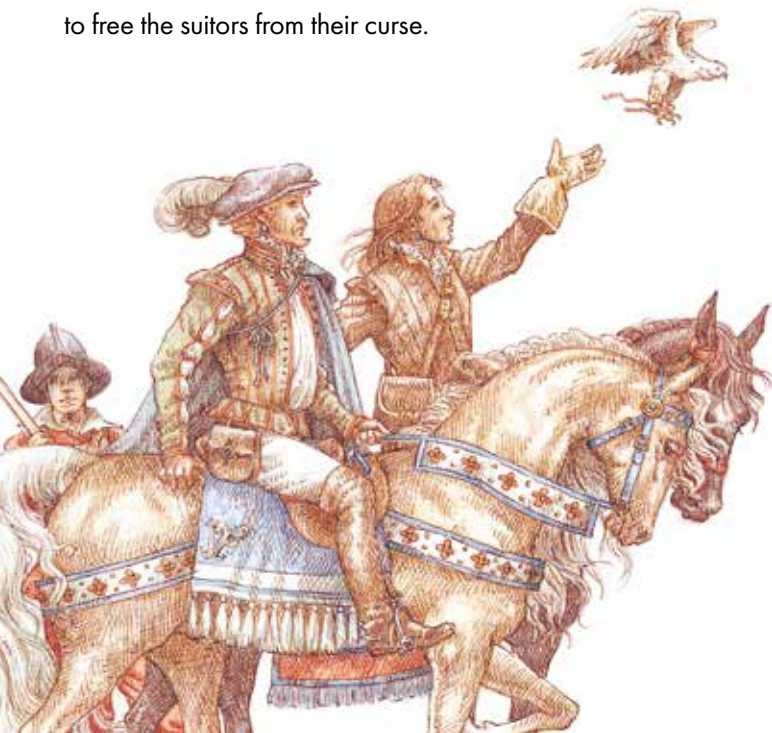
## THE NECKLACE OF PRINCESS FLORIMONDE

MARY DE MORGAN,  
YVONNE GILBERT

2015 • 9 years up •  
17 x 24,5 cm • 64 p. •  
clothbound • 18 €

*A traditional fairy tale in which women take their destiny into their own hands, are strong and independent.*

Once upon a time there was a wicked princess named Fiorimonde. With the help of a witch, she uses black magic to maintain her beauty. When her father demands she marry, Fiorimonde, not wishing her suitors to discover her secret, transforms them into beautiful beads strung upon an enchanted necklace. Her maid Yolande, and a friend of one of the suitors, learns of the Princess's true nature and decides to free the suitors from their curse.



## MASKIME AND THE LITTLE THINGS

NICOLAS DELEAU, IRÈNE BONACINA

2019 • 8 years and up •  
17 x 24,5 cm • 56 p. •  
hardcover • 12,50 €



*A precious little book of finely crafted words, Bonacina's illustrations are reminiscent of Sempé or Quentin Blake...*

Maskime likes little things. Unfortunately, everything around him is too big. His town, his school, even his bedroom... So, he spends his time observing all the little things. The spider sleeping on the ceiling in his building's stairwell, the little green shoot sprouting out of the concrete pavement... Then one day, while he is concentrating on the infinitely small, the infinitely big erupts in the form of a sneeze. It belongs to Barouf, the elephant. He's kind and funny, but also very big... Leading Maskime to wonder how on earth he will fit his new friend into his world of little things!



MARCEL AYMÉ, MAY ANGELI

**2018 & 2019 • 7 years up • 20 x 29 cm • 48 p. • clothbound • 15 €**

*These tales are timeless classic of French children's literature which will delight readers with Marcel Ayme's creativity and sense of humour. They are now illustrated by May Angeli.*



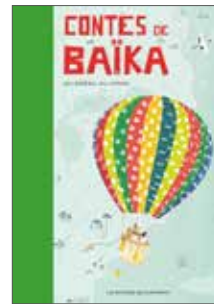
### THE MAGIC PICTURES

Uncle Alfred has given Delphine and Marinette paint boxes, but the parents won't hear of letting the girls paint when there are beans to be picked... Things are looking up, when the farm animals decide to help with the chores, so that the girls can paint them. But when the donkey discovers his portrait,

he gets upset, his ears are too big and he's missing two legs! Things get worse as the animals appearance becomes that of their portrait, the donkey can't stand up, the oxen have nearly disappeared... To top it all the parents will be back any moment...

### THE ELEPHANT

The girls and the farm animals are pretending to be in Noa's Ark, but they are an elephant short! A small hen offers herself for the role, soon things take a rather unusual turn...



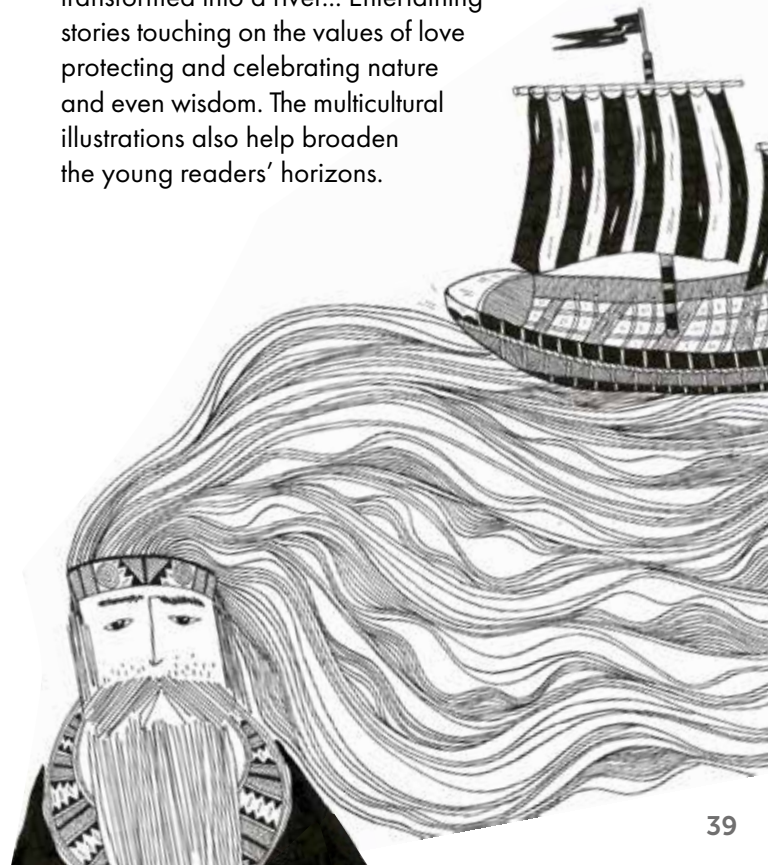
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