

Foreign Rights Catalogue

De Fontein Children Books



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Children's and Young Adult Books

We are very pleased to present our Foreign Rights Catalogue 2022.

At present, De Fontein is the number one children's book publisher in the Netherlands. Moreover, it is one of the most prestigious publishing houses, with a reputation for high quality.

A deep-rooted commitment to the best of publishing is reflected in the quality of our releases. With an affinity for innovation and a touch of the rebellious, we publish books for young people ranging from newborn to young adult: picture books, novelty books, gift books, graphic novels, adventurous titles and humorous titles, both fiction and non-fiction and popular as well as literary works.

In short, the entire gamut of books for children and young adults.

Jennifer Donnelly, Quentin Blake, Roald Dahl, Jonny Duddle, Oliver Jeffers, Jeff Kinney, L.D. Lapinski, E. Lockhart, Lincoln Peirce, Rachel Renée Russell and Dana Simpson are just some of the noteworthy authors we publish in translation.

In this catalogue, you will find outstanding new titles by leading Dutch authors: Eva Burgers, Jozua Douglas, Peter van Gestel, Cis Meijer, Marieke Nelissen, Niki Smit, Wouter Tulp, Tjibbe Veldkamp, Mel Wallis de Vries, Ineke Upperman, Emanuel Wiemans and Margje Woodrow.

The Dutch Foundation for Literature exists to promote interest in Dutch books abroad. Foreign publishers wishing to publish translations of Dutch children's and young adult literature are therefore encouraged to apply for a grant towards translation costs (www.letterenfonds.nl). Please note the glossary at the back of our catalogue.

We hope that you will be as enthusiastic about our titles as we are and that you will discover interesting new titles for your list.

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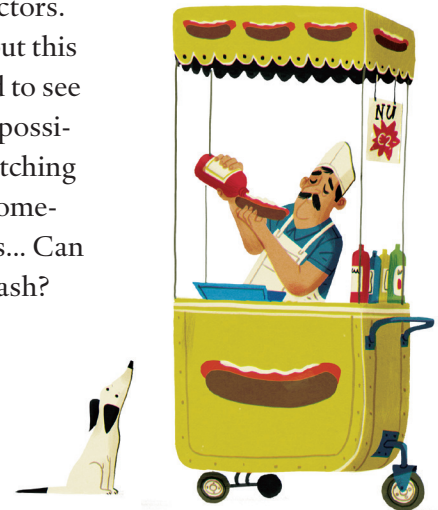
Ineke Upperman, Emanuel Wiemans

Off!

Fast-paced picture book about all the sights and sounds of Formula 1



Fred is crazy about racing cars. Today is a special day: he is going to watch the Formula 1 with his dad! Outside the race track Fred can already hear the cars doing their test laps. But once inside, Fred's dad gives him a pair of ear protectors. Fred is embarrassed, but this makes him determined to see as much of the race as possible. And since he is watching so closely, he notices something nobody else does... Can Fred prevent a huge crash?



REVIEWS:

- 'This beautiful picture book tells a funny story about all the impressions you get on the racetrack where the 'senses' play a big part in the story.' – Kinderboekenjournaal.nl
- 'What an exciting and cool story! Out with dad, eating hot dogs and also avoiding a crash? Fred does have quite an adventure in this story. The picture book *Off!* is a debut by writing talent Ineke Upperman. With large and colourful illustrations by Emanuel Wiemans, which complete the story.' – Stoerleesvoer.nl
- 'The book contains a lot of suspense and humour. The illustrations are very expressive and capture the atmosphere of a circuit well.' – Jufoni.nl

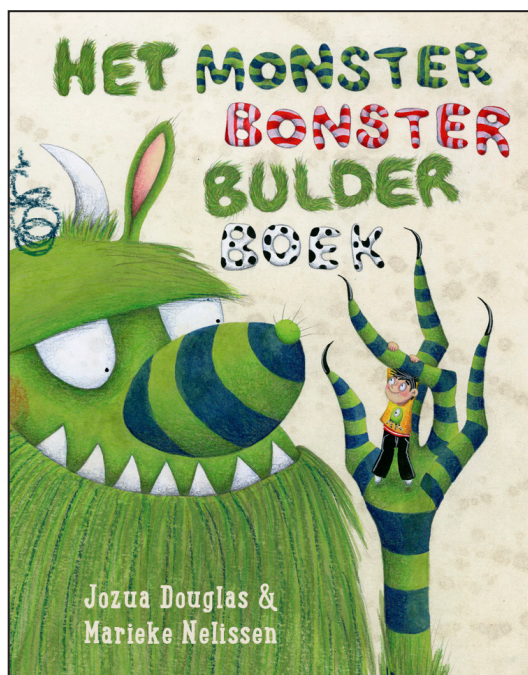
UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Stimulating debut from writing talent Ineke Upperman
- Illustrator Emanuel Wiemans is known for *Tim the Little Forester* and *Pinkie*
- Striking picture book about senses and racing cars
- Beautiful illustrations full of details to discover

Jozua Douglas & Marieke Nelissen

Monster Bouncing Booming Book

Monstrously beautiful



Bruno magically turns his parents into monsters. But living with crazy monster parents isn't nearly as nice as he thought it would be. They are too noisy and too messy. Will Bruno be able to change his monster parents back to normal?



REVIEWS:

- 'Wonderful picture book, in which the detailed drawings stand out well' – Libris.nl
- 'A gripping and colourful story, richly filled with expressive monster drawings. Very suitable for little monsters' – Pluizuit.be
- 'A beautiful story to read to toddlers and preschoolers' – Leespluim, jury report

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Jozua Douglas was awarded two Feather in the Cap awards by the Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury
- Beautiful illustrations by award winning illustrator Marieke Nelissen:
 - Longlisted for the Jan Wolkers Prize 2021
 - Flag and Pennant in 2020
 - Silver Independent Publisher Book Award for Children's Picture Book 2018
 - Won the 2015 Worldwide Picture Book Competition

Age: 3+ | 36 pages

Sold to: China (Simplified Characters, Beijing Hu Yang Culture Communication), Hong Kong (Complex Characters, Cotton Tree Publishing House)
English translation available

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Jozua Douglas & Loes Riphagen

Kiss-Kiss Crocodile

The perfect bedtime story



Tim can't sleep. Strange noises are keeping him awake. There are animals hiding in his bedroom: Pig-O-Tales, Tuck-Me-In Tiger and Cuddalo-Buffalo. These special animals help Tim feel sleepy. Still, it takes a goodnight kiss from the Kiss-Kiss Crocodile for him to sleep soundly.



REVIEWS:

- 'The plot, illustrations and words form a sophisticated and balanced whole.' – *De Leeswelp*
- 'A wonderful book that you close with a smile' – *Leestafel.info*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Picture book by two award-winning authors
- Jozua Douglas is the author of the 2018 Children's Book Week gift book, with a print run of 355,000 copies
- Great bedtime story for children who refuse to go to sleep
- Nominated for Picture Book of the Year 2018

Tjibbe Veldkamp & Wouter Tulp

Take My Hand?

Very funny book about a girl who knows how to get her own way



Anne wants to visit the apes, but her father wants to go home. Then she meets a boy whose father is going to the zoo. They swap fathers. Anne keeps swapping fathers until she reaches the apes.



REVIEWS OF VELDKAMP'S AND TULP'S WORK:

- 'Veldkamp's name on the cover of a picture book makes it a guaranteed success.' – *de Volkskrant*
- 'Phenomenal read aloud book' – *Dagblad van het Noorden*
- 'A hilarious adventure, filled with colour and striking illustrations' – *Trouw*
- 'The drawings really pop, ready to step off the page.' – *Livre*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Winner of the prestigious Silver Slate Pencil 2018
- Books by Tjibbe Veldkamp are already available in twelve languages
- A subtle reference to many adults' smartphone and tablet addiction

Age: 3+ | 32 pages

Sold to: Korea (Kookminbooks), Taiwan (Complex Characters, Grimm Press), China (Simplified Characters, Hangzhou Zhuochuang Cultural Media), Italy (MIM Edizioni Srl)

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Jozua Douglas

Jozua Douglas started his career writing poetry and won several prizes for it. He has since been writing for children for years. His books are incredibly funny and extremely popular. For *The Gruesome General*, part 1 in the Costa Banana series, and for *The Incredible Ravi Ravioli*, Costa Banana part 2, Jozua received the Feather in the Cap from the Dutch Children's Jury. Moreover, both books were chosen by the children's book panel of *De Wereld Draait Door* (the highest-rated television programme in the Netherlands at the time) as one of the best children's books of the year. With *The Nasty Swim Coach* Jozua won the Hotze de Roos prize. In 2018, Jozua wrote the Children's Book Week gift *The Island Feud* part 5 in the Costa Banana series.

Jozua Douglas' books have been translated into eleven languages

Film rights to Costa Banana have been sold to Phantavision and film rights to *The Nasty Swim Coach* sold to Room for Film

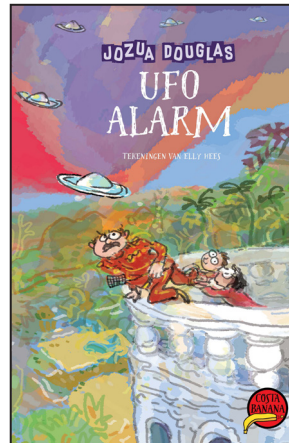
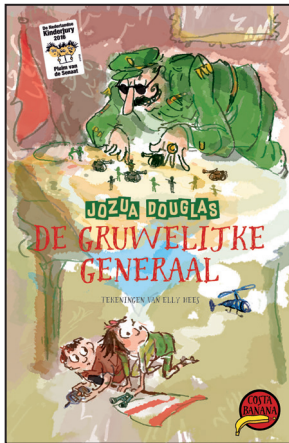
Over 300,000 copies sold of Jozua Douglas' books in The Netherlands

PRAISE FOR JOZUA DOUGLAS:

- 'Jozua Douglas is the Dutch Roald Dahl!' – Arno Koek, bookseller
- 'Packed with humour and crazy, action-filled adventures' – *Trouw*
- 'A hilarious, exciting book for children who love stories with a good dose of humour' – *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'A cheerful book that you'll enjoy reading again and again' – Pluizuit.be
- 'Jozua Douglas is a master storyteller.' – *Overblijfmagazine*
- 'Closely resembles books by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake in writing style and illustrations' – CooleSuggesties.nl

Jozua Douglas

Costa Banana series



The Costa Banana books by Jozua Douglas are extremely popular among children! In this funny series you go on an adventure with Rosa and Fico, the children of the crazy president of Costa Banana, Pablo Fernando. He invents the craziest laws and that leads to many hilarious events!

REVIEWS OF THE COSTA BANANA SERIES:

- ‘Packed with humour and crazy, action-filled adventures’ – *Trouw*
- ‘The fact that Douglas seems to have an inexhaustible source of fantasy becomes more than clear in *The Island Feud*. [...] A beautiful book about stubbornness, prejudice and friendship.’ – *De Telegraaf*

USP'S

- First two parts have received the Feather in the Cap from the Dutch Children's Jury.
- Over 150,000 copies sold of the Costa Banana series
- Each instalment can be read separately
- The fifth instalment, *The Island Feud*, was the 2018 Children's Book Week gift book, with a print run of 355,000 copies
- Packed with humorous illustrations by Elly Hees

Age: 9+ | 176 to 264 pages

Sold to: Australia/World English (Affirm Press),
Germany (Fischer Verlag), Italy (Il Castoro),
Turkey (Can Yayinlari)

Film rights sold to: Phanta Basta

English sample translation available

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.

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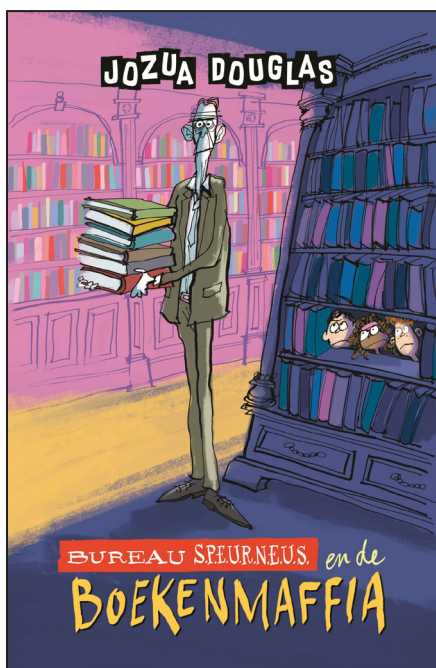
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Jozua Douglas

The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau and the Book Mafia

New series from Jozua Douglas full of humour, excitement and adventure



Mr De Bruin still believes that his son has a special talent. When he reads about a crime committed in the library, he thinks Lev should solve it. After all, Lev previously unmasked 'the nasty swim coach'. According to Mr De Bruin, the accused librarian cannot possibly be the culprit. While trying to prove this, he himself accidentally becomes the police's main suspect. Lev is then forced to take action, whether he likes it or not.

REVIEWS:

- 'Jozua Douglas' books are always full of goofy and weird words. The biggest library rascal glues the pages of the most beautiful children's books shut with glue or smears them full of nasal mucus. If you find that funny, you'll have fun with this book.' – *Kidsweek*
- 'All children love Jozua Douglas. A bouncy ball full of funny ideas, he posts hilarious videos on YouTube. *The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau and the Book Mafia* is equally humorous, both in text and drawings by Geert Gratama. A book that keeps you reading, for all ages.' – *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'The author once again provides a wonderfully relaxed and splendid story which will have you grinning from ear-to-ear.' – NBD Biblion

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- A new adventure featuring Lev de Bruin and his father, previously seen in *The Nasty Swim Coach* for which Jozua Douglas received the Hotze de Roos Prize and for which film rights have been sold.
- Start of a new series: The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau
- Packed with humorous illustrations by Geert Gratama
- Experience the funniest adventures with Jozua Douglas!

Jozua Douglas

The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau and the Jungle Gang

Latest instalment in the D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau series



Mr De Bruin sees an advert: Arie de Haan is looking for detectives to find his missing brother, Cor. It is no ordinary assignment, but an event in which a number of amateur detectives compete against each other. Mr De Bruin signs up, but Lev has a funny feeling about it. His friends Daiza, Hugo and Yara decide to join too and keep an eye on Mr De Bruin. Then the children discover that, just as they suspected, something is not right. Cor is not missing at all...

REVIEWS:

- 'Just like part one, this is another wonderfully exciting and adventurous story. It is fluently written with lots of humour and funny puns. The chapters are not too long and everything is described so evocatively that you can see the whole adventure unfolding before you in all its colourful details!' – Hebban.nl
- 'Jozua Douglas has written another exciting and humorous book. There is a lot of interaction in the story that allows you to empathise with the characters. Arie's language is really fantastic! This will get all the children laughing.' – Soullie.nl

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Jozua Douglas' books have been translated into eleven languages
- Film rights to Costa Banana have been sold to Phantavision and film rights to *The Nasty Swim Coach* sold to Room for Film
- Over 300,000 copies sold of Jozua Douglas' books in The Netherlands
- Stand-alone sequel

Age: 8+ | 283 pages

Rights available: worldwide

English sample translation available

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.

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Niki Smit

Niki Smit is a highly acclaimed writer and illustrator. She started her writing career with *100% Nina*, which was immediately awarded the Hotze de Roosprijs in 2006. Ten other books from the 100% series were nominated for the Prize of the Dutch Children's Jury in the category 10-12 years, and in 2014 Niki Smit won this prize with *100% Coco*. In 2015 she received the Feather in the Cap for *100% Coco Paris*. The 100% series is incredibly popular among girls!

Niki's books *100% Coco* and *100% Coco New York* have successfully been adapted for the screen. The film *100% Coco* won the Cinekid Leeuw Public Award for best Dutch family film and the Kinderfilmfest Audience Award 2018 at Filmfest München. It was also broadcast in Germany, Poland, Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium and France.

Over 365,000 copies of Niki Smit's books have been sold in the Netherlands

PRAISE FOR NIKI SMIT:

- 'Girls are massively crazy about the creator of the 100% series.' – *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'The popular 100% series is eaten up by girls aged eleven and older' – NBD Biblion
- 'Jury members thought this book [*100% Coco*] was the best written of all nominated books. It is plausible, it matches with their own experiences, and it has even taught the jury members a thing or two.' – Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury

Niki Smit

Oh La La Mila

For fans of *Emily in Paris*



Mila lives with her father in Hotel Costes in Paris. She is madly in love with her boyfriend Nino, a singer in a popular band. However, her romantic #summergoals are shattered when Nino confesses that he is joining the new season of dating show *The Bachelor Junior*. Suddenly, her own boyfriend is the hottest 'single' guy in Paris. #stresses!

But Mila is determined to come up with new goals for the summer. Like designing a red-carpet dress for a world-famous star... #OHLALA!

Do you want to know how Nino and Mila fell in love? Then read *100% Mila* first. *Oh La La Mila* is the sequel but both books can be read separately.



REVIEWS OF NIKI SMIT'S WORK:

- 'Niki Smit's exuberant writing style flows off the page.' – Chicklit.nl
- 'Girls are massively crazy about the creator of the 100% series.' – *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'Are you crazy about fashion? Then this book is for you!' – *MEIDENmagazine*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 365,000 copies sold of Niki Smit's books!
- *Emily in Paris* for teenagers
- With bookmark ribbon and eye-catching illustrations by Heather Lafleur, totally fresh and modern!
- For *100% Coco* Niki Smit won the Dutch Children's Jury Award
- The 100% Coco films have been a huge success, including on streaming services Netflix and Videoland

Age: 10+ | 192 pages
Rights available: worldwide
English sample translation available

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.
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Niki Smit

100% Coco Tokyo

The Style Tiger goes to 東京, Tokyo!



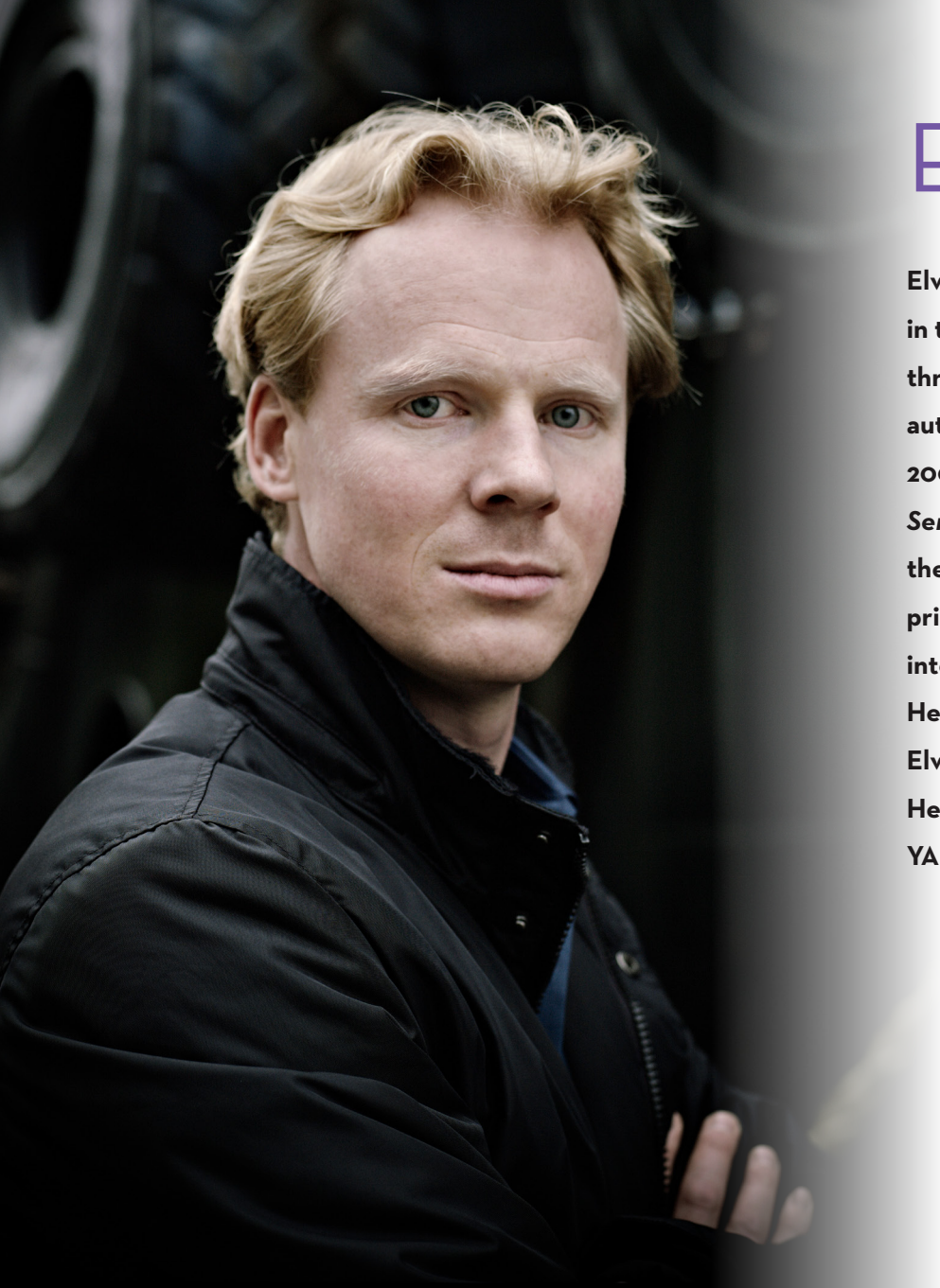
Coco travels to Japan to participate in the Big Kawaii Show! On this TV show, five candidates compete for the title of ‘cutest outfit designer’. Together with her new fashion friend Colette, Coco plunges into the world of kimonos, unicorns, Harajuku Girls and, of course, sushi. She soon develops a crush on Japanese boy Yuki. But is Yuki as cute as he looks? Or is Bruno still her great love? And is Bruno still 100% committed to Coco?

REVIEWS OF NIKI SMIT'S WORK:

- ‘Jury members thought this book was the best written of all nominated books. It is plausible, it matches with their own experiences, and it has even taught the jury members a thing or two.’ – Senate of the Dutch Children’s Jury, jury’s report.
- ‘Are you crazy about fashion? Then this book is for you!’ – *MEIDEN* magazine

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 350,000 copies of the series sold
- *100% Coco* was awarded the Dutch Children’s Jury Award
- *100% Coco Paris* and *100% Coco New York* have been successfully adapted for film
- *100% Coco* the film was broadcast in Germany, Poland, Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium and France
- Named Recommended Read by the Dutch Children’s Jury 2021



Elvin Post

Elvin Post has made a name for himself in the Netherlands as an extraordinary thriller author. He was the first debut author to win the Golden Noose in 2004 for *Green Friday* and for *Room Service* he received the Diamond Bullet, the most prestigious Flemish thriller prize. His work has been translated into German, French, Spanish, Turkish, Hebrew and Indonesian. *No Way Back* is Elvin Post's first YA thriller.

He is currently working on his second YA thriller *Catch*

PRAISE FOR ELVIN POST'S PREVIOUS WORK:

- 'The cinematic style makes Elvin Post one of the most original Dutch thriller writers.' – *Trouw*
- 'The best Dutch speaking thriller writer.' – *NRC Handelsblad*
- 'He's the crème de la crème of thriller writers.' – *De Telegraaf*
- 'It is remarkable how quickly Post manages to establish all the characters involved. [...] The murderer's identity remains a mystery until the very end.' – *VN Detective & Thriller Gids 2021 on The Course*
- 'The dialogues are sharp and natural, the writing is smooth and fluent, and the narrative arc is skillfully constructed. This is a writer with international allure. In America, they'd be shouting: Elvin Post for President!' – *Hebban.nl*

Elvin Post

No Way Back

What would you do if you found a bag containing 80,000 Euros?



While cycling home in the middle of the night, Eva and her friends come across a car parked on the road with its door open. Next to the car, two men are lying dead in a large pool of blood. Just as Eva is about to call the police, Fleur sees a bag of money in the vehicle. Although Eva has a bad feeling about it, her friends take the bag with them. It then turns out that one of the men has survived. And he belongs to a group of dangerous criminals...

A cold shiver runs through my body whenever I think of the man with the scar. I see his piercing eyes again before me, staring at the students in the schoolyard like caged hyenas at the zoo leer at the visitors behind the fence. Ready to tear them to pieces as soon as they get the chance. I then see the following image: Anna, with a bullet hole in her forehead on the ground in a stuffy room, followed by a flash of Fleur, Kim and myself lying in a vacant lot with petrol doused over us.

REVIEWS:

- The story reads very nicely and smoothly and is compelling the entire time, I couldn't stop reading, my attention never waned for a moment. And the story is really super exciting! – Biepmiepje.nl
- 'The story is exciting, well-crafted and surprising at the end.' – Youngadults.nl
- 'Post proves with *No Way Back* that the young adult genre also suits him just fine. Hopefully, this is not a one-off outing.' – Vrouwenthillers.nl

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Elvin Post: a successful and award-winning thriller author
- First print run already sold out before publication
- Author turns his pen to books for younger readers in addition to adult thrillers

Mel Wallis de Vries



Mel Wallis de Vries is the most successful YA-thriller author of the moment: with *False*, Mel won the prize for the Best Women's Thriller in 2010, and in 2011 the book was awarded the Best Crimezone YA Thriller. With *Cruel* she also won the Hebban Award for best YA-thriller in 2014 and with *Shock*, Mel won the Hebban Award for best Dutch-language YA book in 2015. With her thrillers *False*, *Stuck*, *Cruel*, *Shock*, *Blame*, *Pain* and *Wild* she won the Young Jury Award in 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. It's an unparalleled achievement to have won the Young Jury Award seven times! In 2019, Mel chose to stop submitting her books for the award and to become the first Young Jury Ambassador ever. Her books have been adapted for theatre and film.

Mel Wallis de Vries' books are hugely popular and always rank high on bestseller lists. The stories are fluent, realistic, and always exciting until the very last page.

Over 500,000 copies of Mel Wallis de Vries' books have been sold

Her books have been translated into German (Bastei Lübbe) and Hungarian (Scolar)

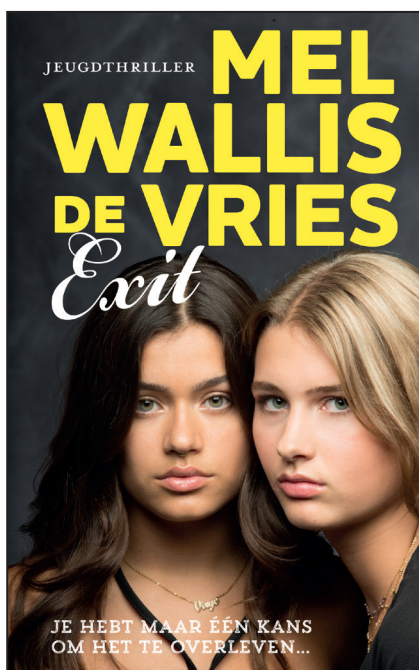
PRAISE FOR MEL WALLIS DE VRIES

- 'The Nicci French of Dutch Youth Literature' – NBD Biblion
- 'These truly are books that you will want to devour over and over again.' – BezetenBoeken.nl
- 'Mel is by far the best YA writer in the Netherlands.' – Chicklit.nl
- 'Frighteningly exciting until the very last page' – *Fancy*

Mel Wallis de Vries

Exit

Victim and perpetrator. You will be both...



They did nothing wrong, They are innocent. Yet they pay a terrible price.

An accident, a disappearance, a fatal fall. Have you ever wondered what lies behind all these news reports? They tell a story. Our story. A story that you will never forget. You forward the message mindlessly thinking that is was nothing important. But you are wrong... You have just killed someone.

PRAISE FOR MEL WALLIS DE VRIES:

- ‘The Nicci French of Dutch YA literature’ – *NBD Biblion*
- ‘These are books that you will want to devour over and over again.’ – *BezetenBoeken.nl*
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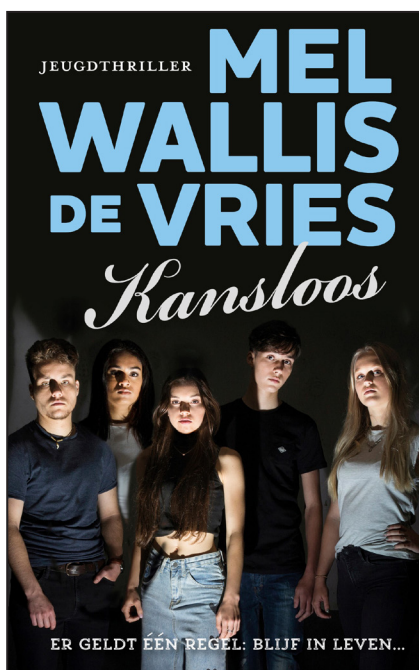
UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Attractive design
- Book trailer available
- Over 500,000 copies sold of Mel Wallis de Vries’ work!

Mel Wallis de Vries

No Way Out

Exciting thriller from seven-time winner of the Young Jury Award



Six teenagers are staying in a holiday home. Out of the blue, they receive a message. The anonymous sender warns them that they must remain inside in order to survive.

Never go out, always tell the truth, and stay alive.

It seems like a sick joke, but it soon becomes clear that they will have to fight for their lives in a world of fear and isolation. They must reveal everything about themselves, including their secrets... There is only one rule in the house: stay alive!

REVIEWS:

- ‘Wallis de Vries manages not only to tell the story in a cinematic manner, but also to let emotion shine through in her sentences. [...] With *No Way Out*, Mel Wallis de Vries has written a story that is not only exciting, but that will also stay with the reader for a long time. Highly recommended for both young and old.’ – Vrouwenthrillers.nl
- ‘What I always really like about Mel’s books is that it doesn’t matter whether you belong to the target group (from 13 onwards) or (like me) are a lot older, the stories remain exciting and you can recognise yourself in them and understand things as if you were going through them yourself.’ – Bezetenboeken.nl
- ‘A blood-curdling story about a group of teenagers trapped in a house.’ – Boekiewoogie.nl

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Attractive design
- Book trailer available
- Over 500,000 copies sold of Mel Wallis de Vries’ work!

Age: 13+ | 260 pages
Rights available: worldwide

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A portrait of Margje Woodrow, a woman with long, wavy blonde hair, smiling and looking slightly to the right. She is wearing a bright yellow long-sleeved top and a thin necklace. The background is a dark brick wall.

Margje Woodrow

Margje Woodrow worked as an 8th grade teacher for many years. She now dedicates herself full time to writing and gives lectures and workshops in high schools. For her book *Fake Trip* she was awarded Young Jury Award in 2021. She had previously been a finalist with *Snitch*.

***Ruined* has been translated into German (Bastei Lübbe)**

Over 55,000 copies sold of Margje Woodrow's books in The Netherlands

PRAISE FOR MARGJE WOODROW:

- 'Overwhelmingly thrilling' – Young Jury Award, jury report
- 'A blood-curdling YA thriller. Woodrow knows what will keep teens hooked.' ***** – Lees.bol.com
- 'Nail-bitingly exciting' – Dutch Children's Jury
- 'Brilliantly written and full of suspense' – mustreadsornot.com
- 'A signature of Margje Woodrow's books is that, as a reader, you continuously have a different suspect in mind but through various twists and turns she ensures that you only find out at the very last minute who the real perpetrator is.' **** – Vrouwenthrillers.nl

Margje Woodrow

Hangover

New YA thriller by the winner of the Young Jury Award



How could this party get so out of control? When the family she nannies for goes on holiday, 16-year-old Teddy gets to look after their house for a fortnight. Her friend from hockey Chloë persuades her to throw a big party. The day after, everyone is hungover - from the booze, but also from the havoc they wreaked. Then comes the terrible news that Chloe's body has been found. Who had it in for Chloë, and why? Slowly it becomes clear that the hockey friends cannot trust anyone - not even each other.

REVIEWS OF MARGJE WOODROW'S WORK:

- 'Spine-chilling suspense to the very last letter' – *Hebban*
- 'Margje Woodrow excels at strong characterisation' – *Leesmeemetmij*
- 'What a wonderful YA thriller' – Valeries (Reader from Boekenwereld)
- 'Woodrow knows what makes teenagers tick.' – *Lees.bol.com*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- A podcast based on this title will be published in Autumn 2022
- Over 55,000 copies sold of Margje Woodrow's books
- Perfect for both girls and boys
- Author is the winner of the Young Jury Prize 2021

Age 13+ | Summer 2023

Rights available: worldwide

English sample translation available

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.

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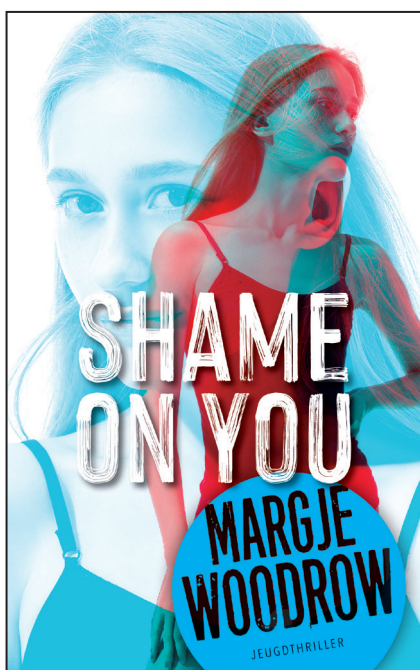
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Margje Woodrow

Shame on You

Exciting thriller about a vacation turned nightmare



A group of friends book a last-minute break in a lodge at Center Parcs. But their chill weekend soon turns into a nightmare. Somebody thinks the group should be ashamed of themselves. Why? For what? They have no idea. What does become clear is that they will have to pay one way or another. And there is no escape.

REVIEWS:

- ‘*Shame on You* gobbles up the reader from page one and won’t let go until the culprit is found. Another fine youth thriller by Margje Woodrow.’ – Vrouwenthrillers.nl
- ‘*Shame on You* is another rock-solid youth thriller with a message. The book possesses enough suspense that you read it smoothly and has a fun, interactive reading style that will definitely be appreciated.’ – Youngadults.nl
- ‘Apart from being an exciting youth thriller, Margje Woodrow has also dealt with themes that affect adolescents. And these are not the least: bullying, fatshaming, grieving, illness. Falling in love is also covered, as is heartbreak. Woodrow has subtly incorporated these themes into the story. Everything together forms a fitting whole, but the main focus is the suspense and finding the culprit.’ – Chicklit.nl

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Eva Burgers

Eva Burgers worked as a major crime detective for years. In her YA thrillers she combines her professional expertise with her writing talents. Alongside fiction, Eva also conceives ideas and writes for TV programmes. Her latest thriller *Despair* was nominated for the Young Jury Award.

30,000 copies sold of Eva Burgers' books in The Netherlands

PRAISE FOR EVA BURGERS:

- 'Eva Burgers knows how to write an exciting story. A thriller you will want to read in one sitting.' – VrouwenThrillers.nl
- 'You can tell throughout that not only was author Eva Burgers once a detective, but she also works for television. Her action-packed thriller reads like a charm.' – NBD Biblion
- 'Even a seasoned reader will get stuck on at least two suspects.' – *De Telegraaf*
- 'Burgers has taken her place among the heroines of youth thrillers.' – *Boekenkrant*

Eva Burgers

Despair

Former detective Eva Burgers knows how to write an exciting thriller



Olivia has doubts about her relationship with Roan, and to his despair she decides to go off to Paris for six months. By the time she finds a job at the Shakespeare and Company bookshop in Paris and becomes friends with Susan and Lizzy, she has almost forgotten him. That is until she starts receiving anonymous threatening messages. When someone follows her home one night, she no longer feels safe. Has Roan followed her to Paris? Just as the police decide to take action, Olivia disappears without a trace.

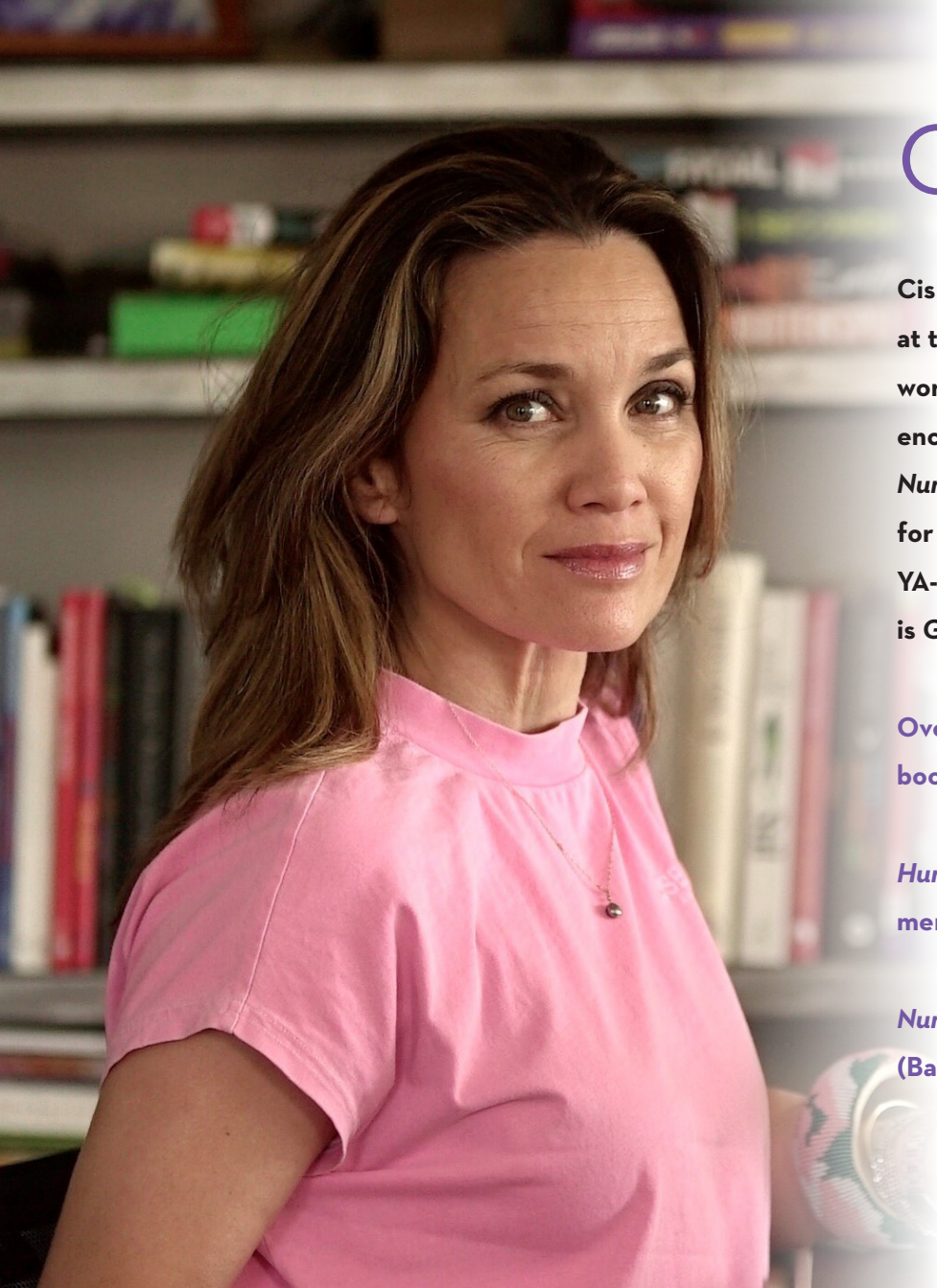
A gentle rain started falling as Olivia neared her home. A harsh gust of wind put her senses on edge. Slowly, she pushed open the door. She considered locking it immediately, but if there was someone there she wanted to keep an escape route open. She would lock it later, if it turned out that nothing was amiss. The garden was dark, but the light by the front door was on. Olivia walked a few steps and stopped in her tracks. Hadn't she turned the outside light off?

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UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Nominated for the Young Jury Award
- Ex-detective Eva Burgers knows what she's writing about
- Tense psychological thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat
- Burgers has already sold 25,000 YA thriller books



Cis Meijer

Cis Meijer studied film and television at the University of Amsterdam and works as a film editor. Her experience as a model inspired her to write *Numb*, for which she was nominated for the Hebban Award for best (Dutch) YA-thriller in 2014. Her eight YA thriller is *Game On*.

Over 85,000 copies sold of Cis Meijer's books in The Netherlands

Hunt by Cis Meijer named Recommended Read by the Young Jury 2021

Numb has been translated into German (Bastei Lübbe)

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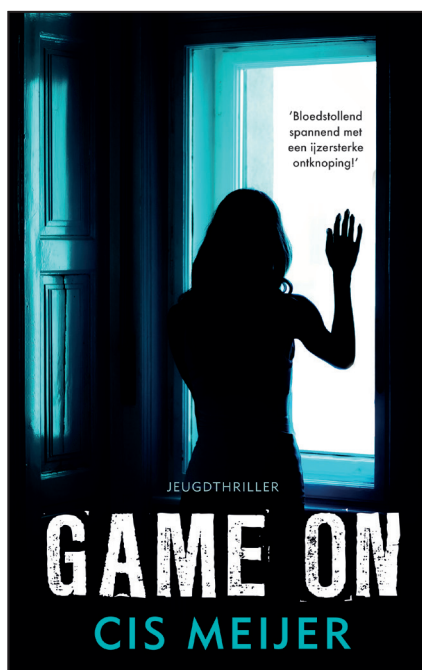
PRAISE FOR CIS MEIJER:

- 'Teenagers will lap up this story.' – Boekenbijlage.nl
- 'A very convincing YA thriller. Packed with suspense to the very last page.' – Pluizer.be
- 'Once again, Cis Meijer has managed to write an extremely suspenseful YA thriller in which emotions run high.' – Vrouwenthillers.nl
- 'The unravelling of the plot is literally horribly exciting.' – NBD Biblion

Cis Meijer

Game On

How far will you go for your friends?



Five friends receive a mysterious invitation to take part in a game: pretty Eline, curious Noor, ambitious sociable Daan and sporty Jordi. The final will be held in a remote country house. Game on!

But the invitation turns out to be the start of a macabre game: when Shanna disappears without a trace, the other four have no choice but to participate to save their friend. How far are they willing to go for her? Who is out to get them, and why?

No fear. No limits. No excuses...

REVIEWS:

- ‘The writing style is fluent, there are recognisable themes and the tension is built up well. This makes *Game On* a fine, exciting youth thriller, but also great reading for the adult lover of youth thrillers!’ – Hebban.nl
- ‘The book reads very nicely, there is a lot of speed in the story and the constant tension makes you want to keep reading. It’s a book to read in one sitting.’ – Wendyblogt.nl

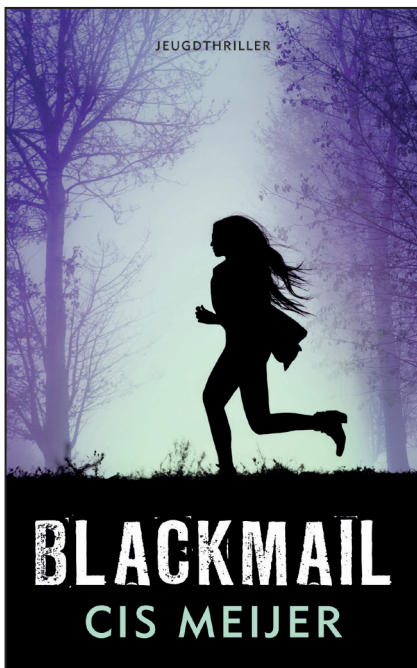
UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- 85.000 copies sold of Cis Meijer’s books
- Also suitable for boys
- Video trailer and study pack available
- *Hunt* by Cis Meijer named Recommended Read by the Young Jury 2021

Cis Meijer

Blackmail

Gripping teen thriller with topical theme by successful YA author



Gossip queen Jade makes podcasts featuring juicy stories about her schoolmates and teachers. She is both loved and hated. One night she dies in a tragic accident. Months later, when her friend Tess finds an unfinished podcast of Jade's, she is shocked by an emotional revelation. Tess is determined to uncover the secrets Jade took to her grave. Was her death really an accident? And what if the killer still walks among them?

REVIEWS:

- '*Blackmail* is a thrilling book that is very close to home. It could easily take place at your school, which makes it so realistic. It deals with several topical themes, such as sextortion, dealing, coming-out and cheating. [...] Thrilling chases, a lurking danger make it a real page-turner.' – Coolesuggesties.nl
- 'In an accessible and engaging writing style, Meijer works towards a plot that is completely unexpected. [...] A nice mix of suspense, unpredictability and topical themes.' – Vrouwenthrillers.nl

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

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- Suspenseful thriller with topical theme: sexting
- Also suitable for boys
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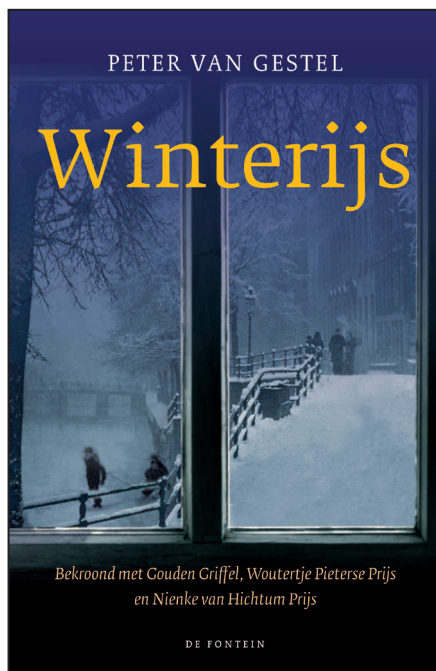
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Peter van Gestel

Winter Ice

Multiple award-winning literary young adult novel



Post-war Amsterdam, 1947. During a long, hot summer, 10-year-old Thomas wanders through the city all by himself. He looks back on the coldest and longest winter ever. His mother has died; his father is an artist who can barely make a living. Then Thomas befriends a Jewish boy called Zwaan and Zwaan's cousin. Thomas gradually discovers the scars the war has left on their lives, which considerably changes his own life.

The expressive detail and the constant changes in time and place create a three-dimensional map of post-war Amsterdam, including the smells and colours of a crowded classroom, the solid cold snow on the canals, the slippery ice of the river Amstel and the double bed in which Thomas and Zwaan sleep. The underlying emotions are timeless: children like Thomas are still bullied because they are different. Children and adults alike still suffer in silence, unable to share their emotions. This tale of a child who is physically and emotionally neglected deserves a place amongst the great classics.

REVIEWS:

- 'A masterpiece' – *NRC Handelsblad*
- 'A beautiful story about two friends growing up' – *De Limburger*
- 'A beautiful story about friendship and love' – *de Volkskrant*

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 50,000 copies of *Winter Ice* sold
- *Winter Ice* is a three-time award winner:
 - 2002 Golden Slate Pencil: most prestigious children's book prize in the Netherlands
 - Winner of the 2002 Woutertje Pieterse Award: Dutch literary critics award
 - Winner of the 2003 Nienke van Hichtum Award: for 13+ literature

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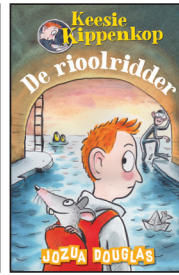
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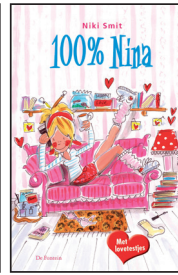
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Jozua Douglas *The Terrible Twins*



Jozua Douglas *Knight of the Sewers*



Niki Smit *100% Series*



Koos Meinderts *May She Live Happily Ever After*



Koos Meinderts *Seeing the Sea*



Bette Westera & Naomi Tieman *I'd Never Do That!*



Marcel van Driel *Superheroes.nl Series*



Eva Burgers *Conspiracy*



Eva Burgers *Fatal*



Cis Meijer *Dark Mind*



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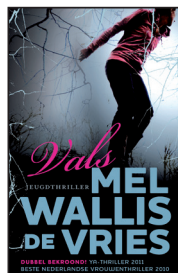
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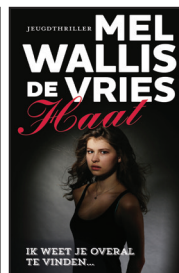
Mel Wallis de Vries *Cursed*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Escape*



Mel Wallis de Vries *False*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Hatred*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Pain*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Shock*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Silence*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Stuck*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Trapped*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Wild*



Margje Woodrow *Fake trip*



Margje Woodrow *Off Side*



Margje Woodrow *Ruined*



Margje Woodrow *Smash*



Margje Woodrow *Snitch*

Glossary

BOOK LION (Boekenleeuw) is a major Belgian prize awarded annually for the best book of the year.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK (Kinderboekenweek) is an annual ten-day event held every October in the Netherlands to promote children's books. It is organised by the Foundation for the Collective Promotion of the Dutch Book (CPNB). A reading list with featured titles is compiled based on a theme that changes yearly.

CHILDREN'S BOOKSTORE AWARD (Kinderboekwinkelprijs) is awarded annually by children's bookstores in the Netherlands to the best children's book that has not already received other awards.

DIORAPHTE LITERATOUR PRIZE is awarded annually to the best literary young adult novel.

DUTCH CHILDREN'S JURY AWARD (Prijs van de Nederlandse Kinderjury) is awarded annually. Dutch children between the ages of six and twelve may vote for their favourite book of the year.

FEATHER IN THE CAP (Pluim van de Senaat) is an honourable mention by the Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury. The Senate chooses their favourite book from the shortlist for the Dutch Children's Jury Award.

FLAG & PENNANT (Vlag & Wimpel) is an honourable mention for children's literature given by the Golden Paintbrush jury for illustrations and the Golden Slate Pencil jury for writing. Books translated into Dutch and foreign illustrators are eligible.

FLEMISH CHILDREN'S JURY AWARD (Kinderen Jeugdjury Vlaanderen) is awarded annually. Flemish children between the ages of four and sixteen may vote for their favourite book of the year.

GOLDEN PAINTBRUSH (Gouden Penseel) is awarded annually by the CPNB to the best illustrated Dutch children's book of the year. Two **SILVER PAINTBRUSHES** (Zilveren Penselen) are also awarded to the best illustrated children's books published in the Netherlands.

GOLDEN SLATE PENCIL (Gouden Griffel) is a major prize awarded annually during Children's Book Week (Kinderboekenweek) by the CPNB for the best book of the year. Only books originally written in Dutch are eligible. Translated works are eligible for a

SILVER SLATE PENCIL (Zilveren Griffel) which is awarded annually.

HEBBAN CRIMEZONE YA THRILLER AWARD is awarded annually, to the best YA thriller. Readers can vote for their favourite book of the year.

HEBBAN YOUNG ADULT AWARD is awarded annually, to the best YA book. Readers may vote for their favourite book of the year.

HOTZE DE ROOS PRIZE is awarded annually to a first-time children's author for his or her debut.

NIENKE VAN HICHTUM AWARD is a biannual literary prize for books written for children age thirteen and over.

WOUTERTJE PIETERSE AWARD is awarded annually, by the Dutch Foundation of the same name, to the best Dutch children's book released in the previous year. The jury is comprised of literary critics.

YOUNG JURY AWARD (Prijs van de Jonge Jury) is awarded annually. Dutch young people between the ages of twelve and sixteen may vote for their favourite book of the year.

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