Rights Guide
Spring list
2022
HALFWAY BETWEEN AN EARLY LEARNING AND ARTIST BOOK... A BEAUTIFUL “PROTO-BOOK” (B. MUNARI) TO START READING AS SOON AS YOU’RE BORN!

A cat that says hello, a happy tree, the smell of flowers, a gentle breeze... Everyone welcomes the baby into the world!

An accordion board book, illustrated in black paint with splashes of colour, to stimulate newborns’ eyesight and curiosity. It can be read page by page or placed around the baby. On one side of the book, are abstract or more figurative shapes that will interest and amuse little ones. And on the other side, a spectacular landscape with the same animals, elements from nature and characters. A future classic!

KEY POINTS:
• An artist book created by a renowned illustrator for his own baby.
• A perfect baby gift, made specially for little ones who can mainly see high-contrast objects.
• A sturdy accordion book that is the perfect size to place around babies.
Julien Baer’s photos are full of kindness and understanding towards animals, just like Ylla’s mythical Two Little Bears photo book, published by Harper & Brothers in New York in 1954. But the short and humorous texts invite the reader to look at animals in a new way, as equals. The dog’s owner feels so much love and tenderness towards him. Can Piloti really just be a miniature dachshund? “After much thought, here is my conclusion: Piloti is a dachshund being and I am a miniature human.”

Key points:
• An empathic book for adults (parents, teachers, etc.) and children, that encourages readers to share their feelings for (and those felt by?) animals.
• After Beau et bon, a photo book for children about sensations, Julien Baer explores feelings.
The Three Little Pigs

clémentine sourdaïs

A CLASSIC FAIRY TALE THAT VALUES KIDS’ RESOURCEFULNESS AND TOGETHERNESS BEAUTIFULLY TOLD WITH DELICATE DIECUTS.

While reading this popular, timeless story, little ones can observe the houses built by the little pigs, fear the wolf and even project the shadows of each miniature scene onto the wall. A book full of delicate details made out of paper, with embroidery-like die-cuts, that can also be unfolded.

Key points:
- Following the success of Le Petit Chaperon rouge, Le Chat Botté and La Barbe bleue, Clémentine Sourdais’ fourth accordion book is finally here!
- Carefully designed books that have become collector’s items.

From 3 up
Hardcover
12 pages • 20 x 16 cm / 7.8 x 6.5 inches
French retail price: 13.90€
Publication date: winter 2023

In the same series:

Le Petit Chaperon rouge
Le Chat botté
La Barbe bleue
One rainy day, a little girl finds an abandoned puppy. She brings him home and calls him Schubert. After all, he loves music... When she plays the piano, he taps the beat with his tail! The years go by, and the young teenager has less and less time for Schubert... So, one morning, the dog runs away. The girl panics and runs all over the city looking for him. When she finally finds him, sitting next to a piano, she promises to always find time to play with him. A warm and reassuring tale about loving, thinking and understanding.

Key points:
• A luminous, sparkling and beautiful picture book, by two dog lovers.
• A cheeky warning to all readers who want to adopt a pet!

A GOUACHE PICTURE BOOK, COMPOSED LIKE A SONG WITH A DOG MUSICIAN TAPPING THE BEAT.
One night, Betty finds a tiny tadpole by the pond. She calls him Burt and takes him back to her cave. He grows up quickly and turns into a beautiful green frog. At first the bat colony is intrigued, but they soon get tired of Burt croaking all day, which is actually their night...

Can Betty and Burt find a way to carry on living and playing together in the sky or in the water?

**Key points:**
- Tenderness and humour for little and big kids, in a picture book full of bubbles.
- A family of bright pink bats with names that all start with B, who go through a range of emotions and feelings…

Betty, the wackiest bat in the colony, meets a tiny animal called Burt. He’s so cute! Betty loves him. But the other bats aren’t so sure…

From 5 up
Hardcover
32 pages • 21 x 28cm / 8.2 x 11 inches
French retail price: 15.90€
Publication date: March 2022

English text available
Have you ever heard of Mireille Wackyus? A palaeontologist specialising in... dinosaurs. She made a groundbreaking discovery: a bone belonging to a dinosaur that nobody has ever heard of, Diplohairycus. This book includes all of Mireille Wackyus’s incredible discoveries, including Sickosaurus, Littlefartosaurus, Waxoraptor, Stinkybreathodon and lots more never-before-seen dinosaurs!

**Key points:**

- Dinosaurs that you’ve never seen before – lucky for you!
- A book to enjoy with family and friends as dinosaurs are trending again (Jurassic World 3 release).

**A WACKY BOOK FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY... GUARANTEED GIGGLES!**

From 5 up
Hardcover
64 pages • 18 x 24.5 / 7 x 9.6 inches
French retail price: 14.90€
Publication date: April 2022

English text available
A wind of peace travels the Earth, through the ages, to watch over mankind. But over time, all it sees is violence and war... It feels sad and wishes that humans would fight the only battle worth winning, the one that gives nature its rights back and allows the children of the world to live in peace and joy. When that day comes, he promises to never leave them again.

At the end of the book, a timeline briefly explains the historical and mythical conflicts depicted from the Trojan War to the Hundred Years’ War, or the Battle of Red Cliffs.

**Key points:**
- A short and powerful text that spans all the continents: from China to Europe, Japan to North America, Africa to South America.
- An ambitious project, with illustrations full of details and movement: battles as though you were there.

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From 6 up
Hardcover
40 pages • 22 x 34 / 8.6 x 13.3 inches
French retail price: 15.90€
Publication date: September 2022

**A FRESCO-PICTURE BOOK ABOUT WAR AND HISTORY’S GREAT CONFLICTS.**
MOLE AND FIELD MOUSE ARE BACK FOR ANOTHER SEASON! THREE STORIES TO READ TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY.

1st story: After a nice meal at Field Mouse’s house, Mole finds a baby maggot on the floor fallen out of his nest! He takes the surprising but brave decision to adopt it and brings it up as his child. Of course, his friend Field Mouse is right by his side to help.

2nd story: Bridinette has grown up and turned into an almost independent fly. One day, while they’re having a picnic, she disappears! Mole, Field Mouse and their friends finally find her fast asleep in Mole’s hat, um… soup bowl he wears on his head.

3rd story: The time has come for Bridinette to fly away, leaving Mole feeling sad and worried. Will she manage by herself? Or maybe she’s the one who taught Mole to spread his own wings…

KEY POINTS:
- A very inventive and funny book, with a new season of Mole & Field Mouse’s adventures.
- 48,000 copies of the series sold in France and already translated into 6 languages. A series that has already been optioned for TV adaptation.
**Miss Cat 2**
*The Case of the Green Elf*

text by Jean-Luc Fromental and illustrations by Joëlle Jolivet

**A THRILLING INVESTIGATION BEHIND THE SCENES OF A FAMOUS PUBLISHING HOUSE...**

Ah Pook, the green elf, comes to see Miss Cat. He had a dream. But not just any dream... a premonition. Heavy rain flooded the city and submerged Planø Alto. And that’s not all! A pirate, White Whale, and his crew attacked the city while it was underwater and seized power. The green-dyed elf has a simple and well-paid mission for Miss Cat: to stop this prophecy from coming true. Not knowing where to start, she goes to Pølp’z, her favourite milk bar. Ole, her good friend the octopus, has an exciting lead for her – White Whale is a fictional pirate created by the famous author, Jo Batø. But it’s impossible to meet him... What are Miss Madsen, the deer in high heels, and Pufi, the puppy, hiding?

**Key points:**
- Miss Cat, who thinks she's a feline and hides under a big hoodie with cat ears, is the perfect new heroine for early readers!
- A Scandinavian atmosphere, Joëlle Jolivet’s sharp strokes that add movement to the images, a breath-taking plot and Jean-Luc Fromental’s talent as an animation and comic book scriptwriter...

Kids will want more, right now!

**english text available**
A WARM, UPLIFTING AND FAST-PACED EARLY READING BOOK, ILLUSTRATED IN TWO COLOURS, FOR ANYONE WHO DOESN’T LIKE WINTER!

What do you do when you're a bird and you missed the Great Migration? When it starts raining and all you can think about is your friends having a party on a golden beach in the south? Sad and all alone, Otto wanders through the city and meets Basil the cat. He promises to take him to the Hot Country in exchange for a large sum of money. Otto would do anything to join his friends, so he falls into the scammer's trap and gives him his most precious object - his clarinet.

Everything is lost. Unless... a guidebook left for him by a passer-by in a yellow raincoat can make him change his mind. From anonymous invitations to happy coincidences, Otto searches the city for its mysterious owner!

KEY POINTS:
• A charming adventure, with endearing animal-heroes.
• A subtle portrait of a foreigner in a city, between disillusion and new dreams.