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Since 2006, the Frankfurter Buchmesse has been inviting German publishers to exhibit a selection of their books abroad in order to meet this great demand.

This spring, 13 renowned publishers and imprints will be part of the Children's Books on Tour collection. A total of 44 compelling titles will be displayed and promoted at around 13 foreign book fairs and at our foreign offices in China and Russia.

You'll find all the information about the books in this rights list.

Arena



Everything is Wonderful with You

Neele
Illustrated by Marta Balmaseda
pp. 32, 28 × 18 cm, Age 3+
€ 13.00, 978-3-401-71818-7
All rights available

Sometimes everything seems to be a chaotic mess. That is what is happening today. Nothing works! The children in Teddy Bear Street are fed up with their parents, and the parents keep yelling at their children.

Maybe other families are coping better? The children decide to find out ... and so begins a hilarious programme of parent-swapping. They actually try it! And some things work, but some things don't. In the end, though, everyone agrees that for better or worse, it doesn't matter – things can only be wonderful with YOU!

Neele was born in 1984 in Oldenburg. She studied design in Münster and has, since her graduation, worked as an illustrator and author for various publishing houses and agencies.

Marta Balmaseda was born in Gijón, Spain. After studying art at the University of Fine Arts in Seville, she has illustrated several children's books for various publishers.

Let's Smile – Get Happy My Creativity Journal with More Heart

Kat Krueger
Illustrated by Inga Knopp-Kilpert
pp. 96, 24 × 17 cm, Age 10+

€ 10.00, 978-3-401-71877-4
All rights available

This cool journal for girls is not 'all about me' – it's also about how we can regain an appreciation of each other. With lists to fill out and a personality test to take, plus space to record acts that have made you or others smile. And there are also craft instructions, recipe ideas and tips. Have you ever distributed Post-Its with kind messages? They're guaranteed to touch any heart!

Kat Krueger is a wordsmith by profession – wherever words can be found. Today, she lives with her family and her books in Berlin, where she doesn't attract attention if she occasionally walks like a penguin.

Inga Knopp-Kilpert likes to draw inspiration from nature. Apart from books, postcards and calendars, her floral illustrations also decorate many other products.

The Magical Academy

Book 1: Discovering New Talents

Anna Ruhe
Illustrated by Claudia Carls
pp. 296, 21.5 × 15.5 cm, Age 10+
€ 16.00, 978-3-401-60596-8
Rights sold to Belgium/the Netherlands and German audio book rights

Ella Fredericks has been waiting a long time for this day: she's about to start her studies at the Magical Academy, follow in the footsteps of Luzie Alvenstein and show how talented she is at creating magical scents. But a secret society is bent on ending the training of future perfumiers. Ella and her friends are the only ones who can stop them.

Anna Ruhe was born in Berlin in 1977. She has always had exciting stories in her head and started to write them down after her two children were born.

Claudia Carls kept announcing that when she grew up, she wanted to be either a writer or an artist before she decided to study book illustration. She lives in Hamburg, illustrating books and posters.

The Magical Pharmacy series was awarded the Leipzig Reading Compass 2018 for the age group 10–14 years.

In the Shadow of the Fox Moon

Antje Babendererde
pp. 400, 21.5 × 15.5 cm, Age 14+
€ 17.00, 978-3-401-60541-8
All rights available,
German audio book rights sold

Lia's time on the family's country estate is no longer the same as before – because of Finn. Lia cannot tear herself away from his mysterious personality, and she falls head over heels in love with him. When he returns her feelings, her summer seems perfect. But soon the shadows of the past descend on the wilderness of Badfearna. They shed light on Finn's past and leave no doubt: Lia has no place in his life. Can one run away from love – or from oneself?

Antje Babendererde grew up in Thuringia and used to be a therapist working with children. Since 1996, she has been an author with a special interest in the culture and history of Native Americans. Her novels for adults and young people on this topic are based on her intensive research and trips to the U.S., and are highly praised by reviewers.

Beltz & Gelberg



Fred and I

Lena Hach
pp. 94, 21.2 × 13.7 cm, Age 11+
€ 12.00, 978-3-407-75719-7
All rights available

The first time Anni and Fred see each other is in a café. The second time, just half an hour later, at a frozen lake in which Anni bathes secretly every morning. The very next morning Fred dives into the ice-cold water with her. Cautiously, they grow closer, and Anni finds out that Fred is "trans". All of a sudden new words are needed because the old ones can be either wrong or hurtful. A sensitive, life-affirming novel about first love in which everything feels new and wonderful.

Lena Hach, born in 1982, works as a freelance writer in Berlin. She has attended a school for clowns, studied literature and creative writing, and worked as a journalist. Her children's books published by Beltz & Gelberg include *Flo and Valentina*, *Hugo and Big Dschi* and *Uma and the Secret Power*.

When We Sleep

**About Human Beings,
Animals and Stars**

Andrea Böhnke, Sami Skalli
Illustrated by Signe Kjær
pp. 86, 28 × 21.3 cm, Age 6+
€ 18.00, 978-3-407-75692-3
All rights available

In short texts and brilliant illustrations, nocturnal phenomena are explained in a child-friendly way. Ranging from scientific aspects, such as processes in the body, nocturnal animals, stars and planets, to

fairy tales and myths, the book offers many facts on the subject of sleep.

Andrea Böhnke studied journalism at the Technical University of Dortmund. Today, she works as a freelance author for various print and online media, including *DIE ZEIT & ZEIT LEO*.

Sami Skalli is a science journalist and works as an online editor in the science editorial department of Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Cologne e.g. *Quarks & Planet Knowledge*.

Signe Kjær is a Danish illustrator. Her work appears in children's books, books for young people and magazines.

The Future in My Hand

Andreas Z. Simon
pp. 109, 20.7 × 14.6 cm, Age 10+
€ 11.00, 978-3-407-81308-4
All rights available

An app that can predict the future? What nonsense, thinks Jonas – but installs it all the same. Anything is better than having to write the essay on "Heroism". And the app actually works – awesome! Now Jonas can figure out how best to approach Lina. But his buddy Bäm interferes and the app suddenly demands something in return. Jonas tries to get a grip on the chaos and performs a really heroic deed. A fast-paced and funny "futuristic story" – even for children who are not yet confident readers.

Andreas Z. Simon was born in Frankfurt am Main and wrote and shot his own short films while he was still at school. Since the beginning of 2000, he has been working as a writer and director focusing on children's television. His most important project is the TV award-nominated

KiKA series *Your Song. The Future in My Hand* is his first children's book.

Down There And What Do You Call It?

Linu Lätitia Blatt, Noa Lovis Peifer
Illustrated by Yayo Kawamura
pp. 38, 27.5 × 21 cm, Age 4+
€ 16.00, 978-3-407-75711-1
All rights available

Down there, private parts, between your legs: Lo wants to know everything in detail. What is it actually called, that place between her legs? What is it for and what does it look like? And what else can you say about it? A linguistically creative picture book that offers an uninhibited approach to different bodies, genitals and genders in age-appropriate pictures and text. An empowering book, warm and cheeky at the same time, which focuses on self-determined access to one's own body.

Linu Lätitia Blatt and Noa Lovis Peifer are artists and educators with further training in sexual education. They have both been working with kindergarten and primary school children for a long time.

Yayo Kawamura grew up in Tokyo. She lives in Berlin with her family and her dog. Since 2001, Yayo has been a successful picture book artist. Her many books have been translated into 24 languages.

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Frog Goes BAA!

Christian Matzerath
Illustrated by Stephan Lomp
pp. 30, 23 × 11.5 cm, Age 2+
€ 16.00, 978-3-948877-29-3
All rights available

Cows go moo, sheep go baa and pigs go oink. But what do roosters, owls and crickets sound like? This colourful foldaway picture book invites children aged 2+ to discover the vast possibilities of sound in the animal kingdom. Countless combinations make for an interactive reading experience that never gets old.

Christian Matzerath has been working as a TV writer for cartoons, children's live-action series and quiz shows since training to become a primary school teacher. His curious and creative mind lends itself perfectly to the medium of children's books.

Stephan Lomp studied visual communication and has worked for print and web agencies, publishers and event marketing companies since 1996. Stephan appreciates the versatility of his job and has already illustrated numerous children's books, some of which he also authored.

Kick Up a Fuss, Nate Knottopus!

Julia Regett
Illustrated by Julia Regett
pp. 40, 32.5 × 25.5 cm, Age 4+
€ 20.00, 978-3-948877-24-8
All rights available

Nate is a near-sighted octopus. Because he's so shy, he barely ever leaves his cave – until the day he wakes up to find

his favorite arm has worked itself into a terrible knot! Nate ventures out into the open sea to look for help ... and soon encounters Shelly Shrimp. Along the way, anxious Nate learns a lot from other animals. In the process, he learns that life is an adventure to be experienced. This expressive picture book illustrates that nothing is impossible if we are brave enough to face our fears, show compassion and acceptance, and be true to our feelings.

Nothing makes Julia Regett happier than creating. In addition to illustrating books, she enjoys working in a shared studio space and designing her own postcards. *Kick Up a Fuss*, *Nate Knottopus!* is her second children's book with CalmeMara. Her debut title *Little By Little Goes a Long Way* is also available.

My Favorite Animal Sanctuary Picture Book

Katharina Staar
Illustrated by Katharina Staar
pp. 16, 34 × 26 cm, Age 2+
€ 15.00, 978-3-948877-21-7
All rights available

Chatty hens pecking for food, happy pigs wallowing in the mud, and peaceful cows grazing in sunny pastures. This idyllic scene depicts the life every animal deserves. But the reality is often much harsher. The animal sanctuary Sentana Village in Bielefeld, Germany, is a place where former "working" livestock are allowed to retire and live out the rest of their lives in peace. The primary goal of this incredibly detailed picture book is to show that every living being – whether human or

animal – deserves respect. It is a colourful reminder to all of us of what animal welfare can and should look like. All without wagging a critical finger, of course.

Katharina Staar studied illustration and art education. Her work has been awarded the German Piepenbrock Art Funding Prize and the German Ravensburger illu 2017 prize. She also teaches art to children, young people and adults.

A Pig's Pursuit of Happiness

Dorothee Eva Herrmann
Illustrated by Dorothee Eva Herrmann
pp. 36, 20 × 20 cm, Age 4+
€ 14.95, 978-3-948877-15-6
All rights available

This lucky pig does not feel lucky at all. It always makes sure that everyone else finds their luck, but it never seems to be able to do that for itself. And so it wonders: what will it take to make myself happy? Ladybug, Lucky Fairy and Chimney Sweep are clueless, too. But then the Lucky Charms get lucky! When they meet little Felix, he shows them that happiness can be found in the smallest of clovers in the field. An artfully illustrated picture book with an important message: happiness looks different for each and every one of us. What makes you happy?

Dorothee Eva Herrmann, also known to her avid young fans as Fairy Doro, conjures up stories with her bundle of magic pens. Plenty in life makes her happy: her family, cat Lillie, fairy tales, a boundless imagination, dancing, colours, harp music, the scent of roses, and the sea.

Carl Hanser Verlag



Have Fun at Daycare, Piggy!

Katja Reider
Illustrated by Henrike Wilson
pp. 20, 17 × 17 cm, Age 2+
€ 10.00, 978-3-446-27434-1
All rights available

Piggy is off to daycare. How exciting! He hangs his backpack on the bear hook, washes his trotters, puts on his slippers and then it's time for breakfast. In the morning they sing refrains – in the land of dreams, they meet again. Thea looks after all the little ones running about everywhere! Piggy finds his way around: the climbing frame, the crafts corner – there's so much to discover! No doubt about it – Piggy is now ready for daycare. And he can't wait to come back tomorrow!

How Can I Be Richer Than My Parents? Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Money

Tobias Klostermann
Illustrated by Claire Lenkova
pp. 160, 24 × 19.5 cm, Age 14+
€ 20.00, 978-3-446-27497-6
Rights sold to China, Estonia, South Korea

The world of money – enjoyable, original and highly topical. You can plan how to get rich! How to go from your first 100 euros to your first million! Being good at saving pocket money isn't witchcraft if you know what to do and what not to do. Featuring investor portraits of Elon Musk and Jacob Fugger, among others.

The Little Wild Boar and the Crows

Franz Hohler
Illustrated by Kathrin Schärer
pp. 32, 21.7 × 21 cm, Age 3+
€ 16.00, 978-3-446-27600-0
All rights available

The little wild boar is nothing like his five siblings; while they root around in the earth, he gazes up at the sky, listening to the birds sing. Soon he joins the bird orchestra, where he grunts along with the crows. He even shares his corn on the cob with his feathered friends. His parents just shake their heads in dismay. Until, one day, he gets sick. Medicine doesn't help, not even birdsong. Only chestnuts from Paris can save him, says the wild boar doctor. But wild boars can't run that far. What a good thing he's got friends who can fly ...

Sounds Good 50 Instruments and How They Sound

Ole Könnecke (text),
Hans Könnecke (music)
Illustrated by Ole Könnecke
pp. 112, 27.7 × 21 cm, Age 5+
€ 20.00, 978-3-446-27435-8
Rights sold to Bulgaria, China, France, Italy, the Netherlands, South Korea, Sweden, UK, USA

50 instruments and how they sound.
What do a double bass, a bassoon and a sitar sound like? Which instrument has only one note? This amusing and

instructive picture book introduces 50 instruments from the accordion and the vibraphone to the balalaika and the ukulele. Along the way, children learn many interesting facts, practical tips and quirks about instruments and playing music. Illustrated beavers, ducks, goats and other animals set the tune. All 50 instruments can be heard via QR code in specially composed pieces.

Carlsen



Spider Plays Piano

Sounds To Join In With

Benjamin Gottwald
Illustrated by Benjamin Gottwald
pp. 160, 24.5 × 17.3 cm, Age 3+
€ 18.00, 978-3-551-52222-1
Rights sold to Italy, Slovakia, Korea

No words necessary – just by looking at the pictures, readers hear all kinds of sounds in their heads. And if they want, they can let the sounds out and roar like a lion, rumble like a washing machine or coo like a dove!

A joyfulness of expression spread over 160 pages.

Benjamin Gottwald not only illustrates for magazines and (award-winning) picture books: he also creates wooden figures and does animation.

Hamburger Bilderbuchpreis 2022,
Special Mention in the BolognaRagazzi
Awards in the category Fiction 2023.

"A hands-on book that makes me make funny noises when I read it?! Is it really fun? Oh yes, it is!"

Stiftung Lesen

Stockhausen

The Man Who Came from Sirius

Thomas von Steinaecker
Illustrated by David von Bassewitz
pp. 392, 26.5 × 19.8 cm, Age 12+
€ 44.00, 978-3-551-73366-5
Rights sold to France

Karlheinz Stockhausen is known as one of the most important composers of the 20th century. His radical innovations

and compositions radiated far beyond Germany's borders.

The biography of this controversial pioneer of electronic music takes an approach to Stockhausen that is every bit as personal as it is knowledgeable. A multi-layered portrait of Stockhausen and his music is the result.

In addition to his celebrated books, Thomas von Steinaecker also creates successful films. He and Stockhausen were friends for many years.

David von Bassewitz is a prize-winning illustrator, whose *Vasmer's Brother* was published by Carlsen in 2014. His illustrations have appeared worldwide in various magazines.

Finalist for the Comic Book Prize of the Leibinger Foundation 2021.

"A tremendous pull emanates from this book."

Süddeutsche Zeitung

ScAlry

Book 1: Give Up the Ghost – No Way!

Ruth Rahlff
Illustrated by Timo Grubing
pp. 320, 21 × 14.8 cm, Age 10+
€ 12.00, 978-3-551-65521-9
Rights sold to Greece, Russia

Robert is just a normal boy. If it weren't for the fact that he's part of a family of ghosts. Which, of course, no one is supposed to know. But then Robert has to deal with a power-hungry artificial intelligence who will stop at nothing to find out information about his family. Together with Isabella, a computer specialist, he takes up the fight against AI!

Ruth Rahlff was introduced to books at an early age: she rearranged her father's tomes, tried out her sales talent in a bookstore, completed training in publisher's sales, worked for very big and very small publishers, and is now a freelance author and editor.

Timo Grubing works for various agencies and magazines, always with a focus on illustrations for children and young adults.

"An exciting adventure series full of absurd scenes that combines ghost stories and everything to do with artificial intelligence, AI – hence the title 'ScAlry'. It also appeals to reluctant readers."

NDR Mikado

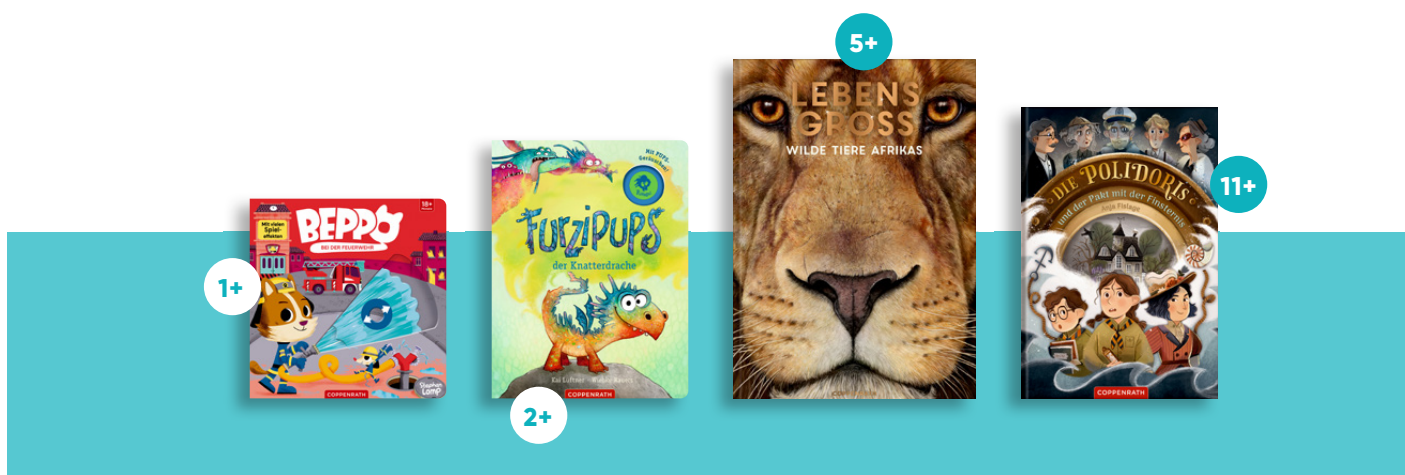
BECAUSE.

Martin Muser
pp. 128, 22 × 13.8 cm, Age 14+
€ 13.00, 978-3-551-58493-9
All rights available

Five teenagers drive to a house out in the country in order to study for their final exams. On the way, they pick up a young hitchhiker who infuriates them so much that they desert him at the gas station and throw his bag out the window. A fateful mistake. Because next morning, the hitchhiker is standing at the front door – accompanied by two young men. They force their way into the house and start terrorising the teenagers.

Martin Muser is an author, dramatic adviser and lecturer who lives in Berlin. In addition to scripts for German television, he particularly enjoys writing children's books. His highly acclaimed debut (which later became a trilogy) *Can't Be True – Sometimes You Have to Duck Out* was published by Carlsen in 2018, and won several awards.

Coppenrath



Beppo in the Fire Brigade

Illustrated by Stephan Lomp
pp. 14, 18.5 × 18.5 cm, Age 1+

€ 10.00, 978-3-649-63999-2

Rights sold to Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Spain (Catalan, Spanish)

Engage the pump! Beppo helps the fire brigade. He drives the emergency vehicle and puts out the fire. Large sliders and flaps invite even little ones to join in. And who can spot the firefighter mouse on each page? A lovely book for all fire brigade fans big and small! Featuring lots of interactive effects and illustrations with a wealth of detail to prompt storytelling.

International bestseller! More than 180,000 copies sold worldwide.

Fartypops, the Rattle-Dragon

Kai Lüftner

Illustrated by Wiebke Rauers

pp. 28, 21 × 16 cm, Age 2+

€ 13.00, 978-3-649-64001-1

All rights available

Whenever Fartypops tries to spit fire, there is a great rattling, tooting and parping. It's especially annoying when he's trying to keep up with the other dragons. Fartypops tries everything to tease a little flame from his throat. But finally he comes up with a very different solution. A superb rhyming dragon adventure that will have you laughing, farting and reading again and again!

Kai Lüftner was born in Berlin in 1975. He works as a musician, audio-book

adapter, director and author of children's books. He is the father of two sons and lives on the Danish island of Bornholm.

Wiebke Rauers was born in 1986 and studied design communications in Düsseldorf. After spending several years working as a character designer for an animated film studio, she went freelance in 2015.

More than 375,000 copies of the picture and board books sold!

Life-Size Wild Animals of Africa

Holger Haag

Illustrated by Lars Baus

pp. 56, 34.7 × 24.8 cm, Age 5+

€ 20.00, 978-3-649-63790-5

Rights sold to China (Simplified), Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Russia

Fancy coming face to face with a lion? Looking deep into the eyes of a crocodile? In this book, we get very close to the animals of Africa. They look straight at us, eye to eye. First-class illustrations with selected details show us 15 wild animals, as large as they really are. Life-size! Find out more about *Woodland Animals*, *Dinosaurs* and *The Deep Sea* in this successful series with over 81,000 copies sold worldwide.

Holger Haag inspires children to take an interest in local flora and fauna both in his work at a care centre for school-children and in his many books for young naturalists.

Lars Baus illustrates children's books and non-fiction books and draws for children's museums and nature conservation associations.

EMYS award for *Woodland Animals*.

The Polidoris

Book 1: The Pact with the Darkness

Anja Fislage

Illustrated by Verena Wugeditsch

pp. 392, 21 × 14.2 cm, Age 11+

€ 16.00, 978-3-649-64430-9

All rights available

Ever since their parents went missing on a deep-sea expedition in the southern Atlantic, Petronella Polidori and her siblings have been living with their eccentric grandparents in the "Polidorium", a dilapidated villa by the sea. They quickly realise that many mysteries are hidden within the "wandering walls". When her horrible classmate Marie-Hedwig claims to know her family secret, Petronella decides to overcome her fear and get to the bottom of it all.

Anja Fislage studied literature before working as an editor for various publishers. *The Polidoris* is her children's book debut.

Anja Fislage has been awarded the State of Lower Saxony Stipend.

Finken



LOGICO PRIMO – Board Learning Game

Richard Schneider

pp. 2, 28.4 × 23.2 cm, Age 3+

€ 19.50, Art-no. 3201

Rights sold to Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine, USA

LOGICO PRIMO is a learning game with self-checking for children aged 3 to 6 for learning in kindergarten, at preschool and at home. The LOGICO PRIMO board with 6 handy moveable buttons is designed for children aged 3 to 6. Using the LOGICO PRIMO learning cards, children practise concentration & perception, logical thinking, colours & shapes, numeracy, Reading Readiness, sequencing, sorting and classifying, and language development.

1994 Worlddidac Award, 2006 Teachers' Choice Award (USA), 2006 Innovative Product ECWN (Poland).

LOGICO PRIMO – First Maths in Pictures

Britta Vorbach

Illustrated by Nadine Bougie

pp. 32, 24.5 × 17 cm, Age 5+

€ 17.90, Art-no. 3256

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Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine, USA

With LOGICO PRIMO, children will enjoy learning and practising basic skills.

Each LOGICO PRIMO set features 16 cards with motivating assignments appropriate for the child's age.

Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – preschool children solve these tasks daily while playing and in everyday life. With the learning cards, children practise basic mathematical operations in a playful way. They learn to solve mathematical questions in their everyday lives.

All tasks and solutions are shown in pictures. This allows for an early introduction to basic arithmetic, even before children have learned to read the numbers.

LOGICO PRIMO – Sorting and Classifying

Liza Neunzerling

Illustrated by Manu König

pp. 32, 24.5 × 17 cm, Age 5+

€ 17.90, Art-no. 3266

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When solving these tasks, children develop skills in sorting and classifying, which involve visual perception (sorting by colour, shape and pattern) and logical thinking (categorising, classifying and finding the odd one out in groups of objects).

When sorting and classifying items, children group them according to certain characteristics or attributes (e.g. colour, shape, size) and find similarities and differences between objects.

The learning cards *Sorting and Classifying* help children to develop a range of thinking skills and build the foundations for later problem-solving.

LOGICO PRIMO – Learn About Vehicles

Lisa Neunzerling

Illustrated by Alexa Riemann

pp. 32, 24.5 × 17 cm, Age 4+

€ 17.90, Art-no. 3257

Rights sold to Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine, USA

In everyday life, children see all kinds of vehicles – out and about or in children's books or on TV.

With the learning cards of *Learn About Vehicles*, children practise logical thinking, classifying, recognising similarities and differences and then-now relations. They learn that there are different types of vehicles with specific functions and properties.

While answering the questions children learn about over 60 different vehicles. They identify features of different vehicles and key components of vehicles used in different situations (e.g. construction, emergency services, transport).

Fischer Kinder- und Jugendbuchverlag



The Birthday Gang

On Your Marks, Get Set, Party!

Claudia Schaumann
Illustrated by Simona Ceccarelli
pp. 192, 21.5 × 14 cm, Age 8+
€ 13.00, 978-3-7373-4295-7
All rights available

One birthday celebration per year doesn't seem enough. Lu and her friends Pelle and Rio decide to attend every birthday party in the vicinity from now on – without being invited but with presents in tow. Not everyone is delighted at first ... The first book in a funny new realistic series.

Claudia Schaumann started writing stories when she was a child. She lives in Hamburg with her five men (four sons plus one husband) and the real Chickaletta. Claudia writes a very successful family blog.

Simona Ceccarelli grew up in Italy, studied illustration in San Francisco, and now lives in Switzerland with her family.

Dark Sigils

What the Magic Demands

Anna Benning
pp. 496, 21.5 × 14 cm, Age 14+
€ 19.00, 978-3-7373-6200-9
Rights sold to Spain, Ukraine

Life has changed a lot since the "Mirror" appeared in the sky above London: it's a parallel world reflecting a magical version of the city. Since then, mysterious, addictive blue liquids have become available, and the powers they lend to users carrying special artefacts, the "Sigils", are of a dark and dangerous kind. Orphaned Rayne

knows this better than anyone. Using these powers to fight is her only chance of survival in today's London, however.

But then she loses control of the magic. There is only one person who can save her, the young reigning lord of the Mirror. He gives her a choice: either the magic that is flowing in Rayne's veins will kill her – or she must bind her life to the Dark Sigils, the seven artefacts of the Mirror's ruling dynasties. The first book in a trilogy.

Anna Benning, born in 1988, completed her Masters in Literary Studies and Literary Education in Bamberg while working in the book trade and for newspapers and magazines. She currently works as an editor in a publishing house. Her debut *Vortex* became an immediate bestseller in 2020; translation rights were sold to France, Poland, Russia and Ukraine.

The Wishozzle

Wishes Taste Like Fizzy Candy

Annette Brahms
Illustrated by Heidi Förster
pp. 80, 22 × 14.8 cm, Age 5+
€ 10.00, 978-3-7373-5981-8
All rights available

After moving to a new town, Theo is nervous about his first day at the new school. He is lying awake when he hears a muffled munching noise in his room. He finds a fluffy creature with a mole's nose and bats' ears sitting on his bed: the creature tells him that he is a Wishozzle, and that he can sniff out the wishes of children. A particularly deliciously smelling wish has led him to Theo. But Theo has no idea what this wish could have been! A new t-shirt, lots of ice cream? The Wishozzle fulfills all Theo's wishes, but that big delicious one remains a mystery. And the

more wishes Theo gets granted, the more chaos breaks out ...

Annette Brahms studied German and Art History and worked for several years as an editor for a children's book publisher, before becoming an author.

Heidi Förster, born in 1982, has been drawing for as long as she can remember. A few years ago she discovered a passion for digital art: she designs her loveable children's books, characters and illustrations on her drawing tablets.

There's a Whale in My Bed!

Angelika Glitz
Illustrated by Nikolai Renger
pp. 32, 30 × 23 cm, Age 4+
€ 15.00, 978-3-7373-5874-3
Rights sold to China

Today, Knuti has to go to bed all on his own. Mum has her friends over. "What do you mean – on my own?" Knuti complains. Cuddle on his own? Rub his own back?

Mum offers him tickets to see his favourite football team as a reward. Now he's determined to succeed. He does his teeth, puts on his PJs ... but what's that? There's a whale in Knuti's bed! It's taking up all the space, and cannot be persuaded to move. Now time is running out ... will Knuti solve this (big) problem?

Angelika Glitz, born in Hanover in 1966, worked in marketing for several years before starting to write children's books. She lives near Frankfurt with her family and writes for TV, radio and film.

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Kosmos



Do You Know These Birds?

My First Nature Guide

Lea Hille

Illustrated by Steffen Walentowitz,
Paschalis Dougalis

pp. 36, 18.9 × 13.1 cm, Age 4+

€ 12.00, 978-3-440-17718-1

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This nature guide presents birds which can already be identified and observed by children at kindergarten and pre-school age. The non-fiction picture book provides an introduction to various species, with large-format illustrations. The detailed drawings make it easy for children to recognise animals when they flutter through the garden, walk across a meadow, or swim on the pond.

Andor Junior Fight for Riet Castle

Jens Baumeister

Illustrated by Michael Menzel

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the Netherlands

By chance, Thorn, Eara, Chada and Kram discover a skral child in the cellar of Riet Castle, a feared monster who is supposed to be working as a spy for the magician Varkur. But the skral child wants to bring about peace instead, and to become

friends with the young heroes. Meanwhile, Varkur gathers an army of dark creatures and monsters for another attack. Will the heroes succeed in saving Riet Castle?

The brave warrior Thorn, the determined magician Eara, the intelligent keeper Chada, and the clever dwarf Kram are complete opposites. Only by sticking together can they save the land of Andor.

TKKG Junior / Book Heroes The Chocolate Thieves

Kirsten Vogel

Illustrated by COMICON S.L. /
Beroy + San Julian

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TKKG – that's Tim, Karl, Klößchen (Dumpling) and Gaby. The four friends courageously solve every case and plunge into exciting adventures. Their dog Oskar is always at their side, of course. The chocolate factory is throwing a party. TKKG are there and have a lot of fun – until they meet a mysterious fortune teller. She predicts that someone will break into the factory that evening! The four detectives have to prevent this at all costs. Learning to read is hard? Not with this exciting story, which even young readers from Grade 1 onwards can easily master. Illustrations and a reading puzzle at the end of each chapter add variety, ensure reading success and increase reading motivation.

Lina Knut Pupil, Gamer, World Saviour

Franz Zwerschina

Illustrated by Sandra Pavlovski

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14-year-old Lina is entirely in her element when she is gaming on her PC. Her *Let's Play* videos about the game "Aarona" are eagerly awaited by her loyal online community. When Lina is the first girl chosen to play the Add-On, she wants to present her fans with the best *Let's Play* of all time. But Lina's virtual career leaves her no time for her best friend Mia. Lina comes to realise that true friendship is not a game ... A comic novel, developed together with *Let's Players* and gamers.

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From Here to There – Adventures with Maps, Compasses & Co.

Martin Verg

Illustrated by Lucie Göpfert
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How do modern navigation systems work? How can you find the right direction in the wild using your surroundings? From sundials and needle compasses to length determination via similar triangles, all the important facts about navigation, orientation and map systems are clearly illustrated here. In addition to many intriguing facts, this book is packed with experiments, games and tricks for kids to try out on their own, with the help of the attached cut-out sheet and detailed instructions. Readers will learn how to figure out the cardinal points using the stars, plants or the direction of the sun; also, they will learn how GPS works, what magnetic fields are and what satellites are for. This book also traces the history of navigation, all explained in a child-friendly way. A wonderful book for curious adventurers who are ready to get out into nature, and a must-have for the next hiking tour!

The Superpowers of Plants

Anne Scheller

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Plants are the true superheroes! They can break rocks, burn like fire, render themselves (almost) invisible, and grow older than any other living creatures on Earth. *The Superpowers of Plants* unveils the most amazing abilities of various trees, roots and leaves from all over the world, all explained in a child-friendly way. Exciting facts, lively illustrations and wonderful photos conjure up a mesmerising experience for readers to marvel at and learn from at the same time.

In addition to showing various flora heroes, this book features numerous hands-on activities, experiments and recipes. It also shares tips on how to decorate kids' bedrooms with plants, protect our natural world, and harness the powers of plants. From poisonous and explosive to fragrant and healing plants, impressive heroes of nature can be admired here.

Your Mission: Save the Dragon!

Anja Dreier-Brückner
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These stories need rescuing!

Little witch Simsala meets her best friend Bim for tea, as she does every Wednesday. She doesn't notice that strange clouds are brewing. Just as they are enjoying the cosy picnic, Bim suddenly disappears! With the reader's help, can she save the missing little dragon and restore peace in her town? Step by step, one mission after another, the reader will solve puzzles or colour in objects on each page to move the story

forward. The pencil turns into a magic wand; book pages are now a magic mountain and breadcrumbs are shown to the hidden villains. Sit down, grab a pencil, and dive into the rescue mission with Simsala! Enjoy puzzling through this story full of excitement, laughter and roller-coaster-like surprises.

The *Your Mission* series is the latest innovation conceived by game author Anja Dreier-Brückner. Also in the series: *Your Mission: Catch the Colour Thief*.

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Anita van Saan
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Welcome to the world of chemistry!

If it hisses and pops and cracks, then there is chemistry behind it! In this card deck, 75 experiments introduce children to this exciting STEM subject for the first time – without any expensive materials. They can dye T-shirts with turmeric, make their own drain cleaner, cook home-made marmalade, and make their own indicator paper. Chemistry is all around us in our everyday life!

"PhänoMINT" stands for phenomenal STEM experiments tailored to young scientists and curious researchers of school age.

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Little Major Tom, Book 16: Error in the System

Bernd Flessner

Illustrated by Stefan Lohr

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Whether it's dangerous sandstorms on Mars, black holes in space or comet alarms: little Major Tom, young astronaut Stella and clever robot cat Plutichen set off from the space station Space Camp 1 to have exciting adventures in space. As a strong team, the three friends master every challenge and learn all about fascinating scientific phenomena involving space and its planets.

In the latest book the crew need to have their spaceship repaired at the moon base. But strange things are happening there ... Is there an explanation?

Bernd Flessner is a famous children's author, media scientist and futurologist. He teaches at the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

Stefan Lohr studied communication design and provides illustrations for many children's and young adult books.

WAS IST WAS First Reading, Book 20: Wolves

Christina Braun

Illustrated by Ruth Koch

pp. 64, 24.5 × 17.5 cm, Age 7+

€ 8.95, 978-3-7886-7676-6

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What do wolves eat and how do they hunt their prey? And why is the wolf related to the dog? With this book from the WAS IST WAS First Reading series, first-time readers will be on the trail of impressive predators. Photos of the animals' physique, information about wolf packs and astonishing facts about life in the wild show whether they really are as dangerous as their reputation. The familiar primer font from school and well-portioned text sections make it easy for beginner readers to read independently. At the end of each chapter and at the end of the book, children can check their understanding of the text with reading quizzes.

Christina Braun loves reading up on new things and then explaining them to others. After working in various publishing houses, she became an author of children's non-fiction books.

From Mammoth to Moon Landing

An Amazing Journey Through the History of the World

Andrea Schaller

Illustrated by Marie Gerstner

pp. 192, 27.8 × 23 cm, Age 8+

€ 26.00, 978-3-7886-7629-2

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Who was Cleopatra? And did Stone Age people really eat popcorn? With this book, curious readers can embark on an exciting journey through time. The Bronze Age and the Roaring Twenties, the discovery of America and the Cold War: easy-to-read texts, photos and humorous illustrations provide astonishing insights into the 38 most important epochs of world history from the first humans to the 21st century.

This book answers all children's questions about food and drink, faith and religion, everyday objects and buildings. For fact fans, there is a timeline for each era with the most important historical dates.

Andrea Schaller studied art history, history and German studies and has worked in several museums and publishing houses. Her favourite things to write about are the Middle Ages and the Stone Age, and she has authored several WAS IST WAS volumes.

WAS IST WAS My World, Book 6: I'm Going to the Toilet!

Andrea Weller-Essers

Illustrated by Iris Hardt

pp. 16, 19.6 × 17 cm, Age 2+

€ 9.95, 978-3-7886-4383-6

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Mia observes her older brother Theo on the toilet: now she wants to use the toilet too, instead of wearing a nappy! Mum gives her a colourful toilet attachment. It doesn't work at first, but that doesn't matter. Then Mia pees in the toilet! And later, she manages to do a poo in the toilet too. Finally, Mia sleeps her first night without a nappy! The series WAS IST WAS My World gives children aged 2+ a gentle explanation of their everyday world. With easy-to-understand texts, lovely illustrations and exciting flaps to lift.

Andrea Weller-Essers almost became a teacher of German and philosophy but changed her mind at the last minute and became an author. She enjoys working with digital learning media and mostly writes for children and young people, but sometimes also for curious adults.

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