

# CATALOGUE



STRANGE FOREST PUBLISHING GROUP  
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# ABOUT STRANGE FOREST PUBLISHING GROUP

STRANGE FOREST PUBLISHING GROUP from Skopje, N. Macedonia, is a group of two publishing houses:

1. ID-CONCEPT / STRANGE FOREST
2. STRANGE FOREST JUNIOR

Our mission is to deliver high-quality books to Macedonian public, especially to children and youth, promoting the best children's authors and illustrators, renown writers and poets in the country and translating important books to Macedonian.

We aim to promote quality books, noted and recognized by the Macedonian public and the media. We have won numerous Macedonian book awards or we've been nominated/shortlisted for these awards (2 times finalists for Novel of the Year award, 3 times first prize for best children's book between two bookfairs, etc)., as well as international acknowledgements such as "White Ravens".

Many of the books by domestic authors are already translated in several languages. We focus on promoting Macedonian renown award-winning authors and illustrators, and we work with the best and award-winning translators in their fields.

In 2013, ID-Concept was established, as photography, illustration and design studio. In 2018 we started publishing our first titles.

In 2020 we established the first electronic magazine for children's literature in N. Macedonia – Strange Forest, that aims to promote reading habits.

In 2023, the StrangeForest bookstore was opened – a new, fresh hub for young and all readers, authors, illustrators, translators, literary critics and book bloggers.

In 2024, we founded the STRANGE FOREST publishing group by opening the smaller publishing house STRANGE FOREST JUNIOR, functioning as independed entity with separate editorial team, committed to publishing illustrated books, picture books and art books.

Later in 2024, the FineArt print studio STRANGE FOREST ART was founded.

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**ID-CONCEPT/STRANGE FOREST  
TITLES**







# THE SMALLEST ISLAND IN THE WORLD

Author: Biljana S. Crvenkovska  
Illustrator: Hana Tintor

A story about Alen and his sister Irma and one very unusual island. The smallest in the world. And completely empty! Or, it only just appears to be empty at first sight?

A story about the healing powers of imagination. A story about the love between brother and sister, love stronger than the highest seawaves and the most terrible storms. Love that can conquer all.

Themes: Imagination; Siblings love; Emotions;  
Dysfunctional families

**Rights reserved: Croatia**

Format: 190x230 mm;  
48 p. / color print/ hard cover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-93-4  
\*Full English translation available

## AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

- Best book for children  
between two book fairs in  
2025 (3rd prize)

4+

NEW!





## TALES FROM THE TINKLING SEA

AGE  
7+



**Author:** Biljana S. Crvenkovska  
**Illustrator:** Natalia Lukomska

Allen is a quiet, withdrawn boy. He loves reading books, dreaming of distant lands, and his greatest dream is to become a famous sailor.

However, when it comes to facing reality — most of which involves going to school — Allen has a big problem. And no, the problem is not studying, because Allen is an excellent student.

The biggest problem is David and his “crew,” who won’t leave him alone. Daily taunts, mockery, and bullying make going to school a living hell. But then, completely unexpectedly, Allen finds himself in the Tinkling Sea.

And from there begins a crazy adventure that completely changes Allen’s life... and Allen himself.

**Themes:** Bullying; Bravery; Self-confidence;  
Imagination; Nature; Ecology; Friendship

**Rights sold:** Croatia, Srebia  
**Rights reserved:** Germany

Format: B5;  
100 p. / color print/ soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-75-0  
\*English sample available

### AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

- REGIONAL SELECTION  
ŠTEFICA CVEK 2025

- Most creative edition  
between two book fairs in  
2025 (3rd prize)







# THE LAND OF TALES FORGOTTEN



**Author:** Biljana S. Crvenkovska  
**Illustrator:** Oliver Kolarevski

**NEW!**

**AGE**  
**7+**

An ecological fairytale or fantasy story, a genre-hybrid between drama play and illustrated novel, with part of the illustrations that are similar to comic or graphic novel. Simmilar to “Wizard of Oz”, “Alice in Wonderland” or “The Chronicles of Narnia”, the story starts when three children from our modern times of digital technology visit their grandmother Yagoda in the village called “Grannyville”, where there’s no internet or mobile phones or computers - a fact that makes them totally unhappy.

But, when Baba Yaga shows unexpectedly, they enter a magical world called The Land of Forgotten Tales and they learn many different truths, seeing that Baba Yaga is something completely different from what they expected. A story that sends a strong message about taking care of the world’s forests and the nature and about true life values.

**Themes:** Nature; Ecology; Friendship

Format: B5;  
120 p. / color print/ soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-56-9  
\*English sample available

## AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Macedonian Writer’s  
Association Award  
“Vančo Nikoleski”  
for best book for  
children and youth  
in 2023





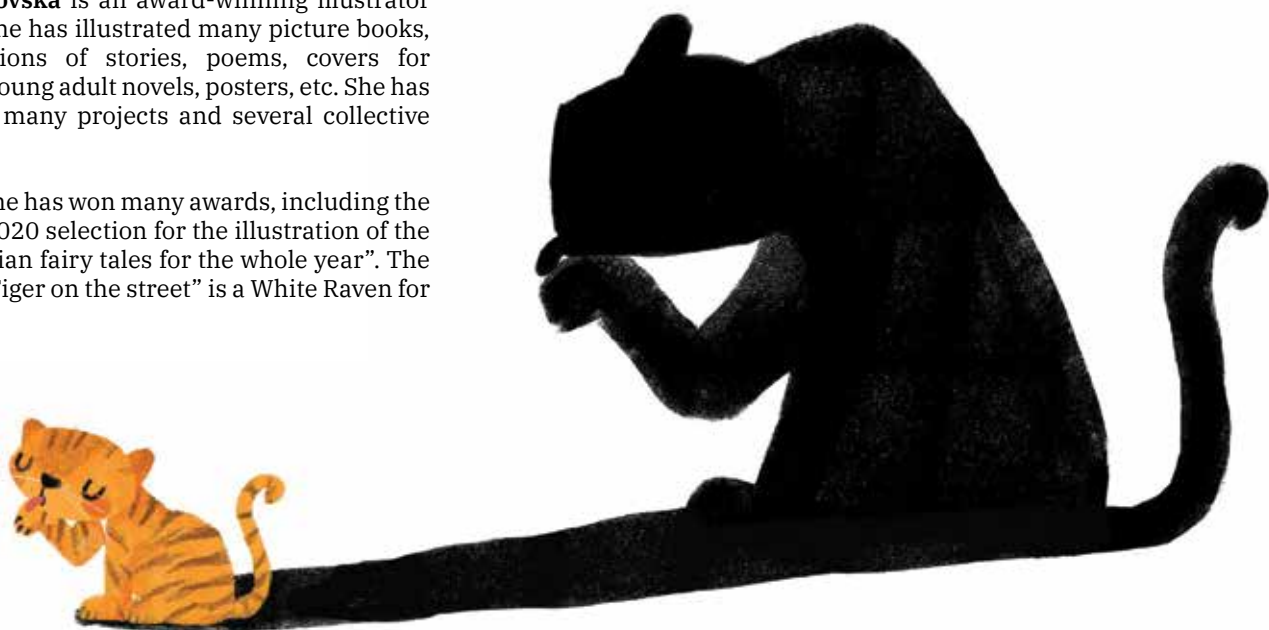
# TIGER ON THE STREET

Author (idea & concept): Biljana S. Crvenkovska  
Illustrator: Katerina Nikolovska

Text/poem/inspiration: Danil Kharms

**Katerina Nikolovska** is an award-winning illustrator and designer. She has illustrated many picture books, comics, collections of stories, poems, covers for children's and young adult novels, posters, etc. She has participated in many projects and several collective exhibitions.

For her books she has won many awards, including the White Ravens 2020 selection for the illustration of the book "Macedonian fairy tales for the whole year". The picture book "Tiger on the street" is a White Raven for 2023!







Inspired by the famous poem “Tiger on the street” by Danil Kharms, this picture book tells a story of its own – a story through pictures (and almost no word at all – except for the poem and some interactive instructions for children) – a story about bullying, about courage, about standing up for yourself and finding within you the tiger that lies deep inside.

Interactive instructions are intended to put the children “inside” the story and help them identify easily with the main character.

**Themes:** Bullying; Bravery; Self-confidence; Imagination



#### AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Most creative edition  
between two book fairs,  
an award given by the  
Macedonian Association  
of Publishers  
(Second prize, 2021)

AGE 4+

205 x 205 mm  
44 p. / color print / soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-13-2

Text available in English.



# THE INVISIBLE HOUSE

Author: Biljana S. Crvenkovska  
Illustrator: Vane Kosturanov

**Biljana Crvenkovska** is an award-winning author and scriptwriter, editor and translator. She writes for children, youth and adults: novels, picture books, poems, short stories and essays. As scriptwriter, she has written many screenplays for TV series for all ages, including the popular animated series "Bibi's World".

For her books for children and adults she won or was shortlisted for numerous awards, including the award "Vanco Nikoleski" for best children's book in 2020, awarded by the Macedonian Writer's Association. Her adaptation of fairy tales – "Macedonian fairy tales for the whole year" was included in the White Ravens selection for 2020, and the picture book "Tiger on the street" is a White Raven for 2023

**Vane Kosturanov** is a painter, award-winning illustrator and author of picture books.

He preferred expressing himself with drawings and pictures than with words ever since he was a little boy. He decided that he will be the one to fulfill his greatest wish - never to grow up, using the paintings and illustrations as a kind of a quickset edge from the world of the grown-ups.

He has shared his view of the world on a number of exhibitions, both in the country and abroad.

His picture books has won several awards, and his picture book "The Girl and the Bear" was included in The White Ravens 2019 selection.







Little girl Kala is forced to leave her home. Her granddad stays behind, and grandma, and her favorite toy - the rabbit. She leaves in a hurry with her mom and dad, on a very long, exhausting and scary voyage without end.

Kala doesn't understand what's happening, apart from some unpleasant words that the grownups are whispering. She only knows that she misses her home and loved ones, and she daydreams about her house.

A story how imagination can help coping with loss and sadness.

**Themes:** Migration; Sadness; Missing loved ones; Love; Loss; Imagination

**Rights sold:**

**Germany, Croatia, Slovenia, Turkey.**

225 x 225 mm  
44 p. / color print /  
Hardcover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-12-5

PDF available in English.

#### AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Best book for children and youth  
between two book fairs,  
an award given by the  
Macedonian Association  
of Publishers  
(First prize, 2021)





# THE PUP THAT MEOWED AND THE KITTY THAT BARKED

**Author:** Biljana S. Crvenkovska  
**Illustrator:** Sanja Simoska

Bo is a pup that meows. Mo is a kitten that barks. They are forced to leave their homes just because they're different. But what happens when they find each other?

*Bo looked at Momy.  
 Momy looked at Bo.  
 'Woof woof woof?'*  
*Meow meow meow?'*  
*Bo understood everything Momy said.  
 Momy understood everything Bo said.*

Story about acceptance, self-confidence and finding your own place where you feel at home. Story that teaches children about acceptance of those different than them, but with the same feelings, wishes and needs like all the children, only expressed differently. Story that passes several messages: 1. no matter how different, we're all beautiful in our own way; 2. we can always find someone alike; 3. we're not alone!

**Themes:** Different is good; Bullying; Learning to Love Yourself; Finding friends; Self-confidence

AGE 3+



**Rights sold:** Spanish  
 (worldwide)  
**Rights reserved:**  
 Serbia

225 x 225 mm  
 40 p. / colour print / hardcover  
 ISBN 978-608-66234-0-1

PDF available in English.





# MAEVE BRAVE AND THE SHAGGY STORM

Author: Biljana S. Crvenkovska  
Illustrator: Katerina Nikolovska

What to do? The shaggy storm was very unpleasant as, if you went outside, you couldn't see anything from all the hair. Maeve, however, was an imaginative girl. And she feared nothing, especially not shaggy storms. Otherwise, she wouldn't be called Maeve Brave, would she?

A funny fantasy story about a brave girl living on a wacky planet Z.

Themes: bravery, humour, hygiene

**Rights sold:**  
**Croatia, Slovenia.**

205 x 205 mm  
32 p. / colour print/ softcover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-39-2

PDF available in English.

NEW!

AGE  
3+





## ALL THE COLORS OF ISKRA

Kristina Nevistikj  
Oliver Kolarevski

When little Iskra wishes to draw a picture as a birthday gift for her grandmother, she realizes she's missing the most important color—the color of violets. How can she create the most beautiful drawing without that color? And who will help her make it?

Through the pages of this magical story, children will dive into the world of colors and imagination. They will get to know each color individually, learn which are primary and which are secondary colors, and discover how colors can be mixed to create—the color of violets!



NEW!

3+

205 x 205 mm  
52 p. / color print / hardcover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-68-2



## Пет приказни од целиот свет



## FIVE STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Author: Živko Grozdanoski  
Illustrator: Hari Dudeski

AGE 8+

„Five stories from around the world“ is imagined as a kind of “world anthology” of exceptional stories, that are traditionally created by the mysterious mechanisms of folktales. These stories not only “come from” different parts of the world, but they are written as they also belong to different time periods: the first one is a Macedonian legend from the early middle ages, the second is Argentinian folktale, the third is an Italian legend from the late middle ages, the fourth is imagined as an old Japanese legend, and the fifth - as an ancient Assyrian tale. These stories are written in a very appealing way to attract the young readership.

### AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Best book for children and youth  
between two book fairs,  
an award given by the  
Macedonian Association  
of Publishers  
(First prize, 2022)



## THE STORY ABOUT LITTLE UGH



**Irina Atanaskova**  
(Author and illustrator)

“The Story about little Ugh” is a gentle, emotional and beautifully illustrated story about being different and finding your place in the Universe.

The little Ugh, our main protagonist - is born different than the other Ughs on the Green Planet. Lonely and rejected, the little Ugh is searching for a friend that won't be afraid of him...

**Themes:** loneliness, acceptance of differences, inclusion, friendship

NEW!

AGE  
3+

225 x 225 mm; 44 p.color  
print/ hardcover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-37-8  
PDF available in English.





## STELLA DARK & THE CREATURES FROM SCARYTOWN

**Author:** Biljana S. Crvenkovska  
**Illustrator:** Nita Muča

This book is about a very special girl from a very special town. A lonesome orphan that gathers unwanted creatures, creatures that are always discriminated because of how they look: rats, bugs, spiders, black cats, bats... but also monsters and a very friendly ghost. But that's not all, because just across this town, called Scarytown, is Luckytown – a wonderful city where all the pretty creatures are, and is ruled by the beautiful princess Rose. But, not everything in life is as it seems at the first site.w

This book has two covers, but it is actually read from behind. And yes, there's a purpose to it, apart from being weird or fun. The reason is that sometimes we need to look at the things from different angle, in order to be able to understand them.

This illustrated novel is a fantasy story that tends to teach the children not to judge by the looks, to open their hearts to those that are different and to learn that goodness, friendship and bravery can be found in the most unlikely places.

**Themes:** Different is good; Bravery; Helping the others; Friendship; Prejudices in Life

AGE 7+

### AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Children's book of the year prize, awarded by the Macedonian Writer's Association (Shortlisted, 2019)

Best book for children and youth between two annual book fairs, prize awarded by the Macedonian Association of Publishers (Third place, 2020)

Most creative book between two annual book fairs, prize awarded by the Macedonian Association of Publishers (First place, 2020)

Best book for young people at the International Festival for Children's Literature and Illustration „Litera“ (2020)



B5; 88 p. / color print / soft cover  
 ISBN 978-608-66234-3-2

\*English sample available



# SWEETSAYINGS

**Author: Aleksandra Simova**  
**Illustrator: Irina Atanaskova**

A collection of poems for children and adults alike. Poems for everyone that loves sweets, especially sweets that are unusual and connected with different countries and traditions, from the French éclair to Pavlova and beloved by all - ice-Cream. Each poem has a deeper message that can be read by the adults in between lines: message about self-respect, against bullying and body-shaming. Poems that won't leave anyone indifferent.

AGE  
6+



205 x 205 mm  
 44 p. / color print/ soft cover  
 ISBN 978-608-4938-18-7





# WHAT THE LADYBUG SAW?

**Author:** Rumena Bužarovska  
**Illustrator:** Jana Jakimovska

Rumena Buzharovska, born in 1981 in Skopje, is bestselling author and her books are translated in many languages. She's an author of three short story collections, a booklet of flash fiction, and a study on humour in contemporary American and Macedonian short fiction (What's Funny: Theories of Humor Applied to the Short Story, 2012). As a literary translator she has translated authors such as J.M Coetzee and Richard Gwyn. She is the 2017 winner of the regional Edo Budiša prize. She is the initiator and organizer of the PičPrič women's storytelling event and hosts a radio show under the same name. She is currently the prose editor of the literary magazine Blesok and an associate professor of American literature at the State University in Skopje.

One day the little ladybug decides to do something nice for herself and goes to a trip around the world. Walking through colorful landscapes, she is witnessing situations in which the protagonists are different animals. Sharks and pitons, lamas and sea stars – enter and discover the wondrous (and sometimes not s wondrous) world which the ladybug explores!

205 x 205 mm. / 32 p. / color print/ soft cover  
 ISBN 978-608-4938-21-7

AGE  
 6-106





# CHESS WITH BACH

Author: Vladimir Martinovski  
Illustrator: Zoran Kardula

Illustrated book of poems for children (and adults) who love (or are about to start loving) music. The poems are a good and humorous introduction for children into the world of music.

The poems in the book are divided into four cycles: instruments, composers, acoustic songs and listening to old records.

AGE 7+

## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Best illustrated book between two book fairs, an award given by the Macedonian Association of Publishers (Second prize, 2020)

Award for Social Responsibility given by the Macedonian Association of Publishers (Third place, 2020)

205 x 205 mm  
72 p. / color print / softcover  
ISBN 978-608-66234-8-7  
(e-book)  
ISBN 978-608-66234-8-7  
(printed book)







# CHOIR IN THE BACKYARD

**Author: Vladimir Martinovski**

**Illustrator: Zoran Kardula**

Vladimir Martinovski is an award-winning poet, short story writer, essayist and translator. He has written many poetry books, short stories collections, collections of essays and theoretical studies. His poetry has been translated in English, Albanian, Bulgarian, German, Greek, Japanese, Polish, Romanian, Slovenian, Serbian, French, Croatian and Czech languages. He has won number of awards, including the prestigious award of Struga Poetry Evenings Festival - "Brothers Miladinovci". His illustrated collections of poems for children include: "Dum spiro spero / As long as I breathe, I hope", the award winning "Chess with Bach" and the upcoming "Choir in the backyard".

Zoran Kardula is an award-winning illustrator, painter and designer. He has participated and won many competitions as illustrator. His works as painter were exhibited in number of solo and collective exhibitions.

The second book of the series, following "Chess with Bach" is intended for younger children. The poems tell stories about musical animals, like the musical cows, or the ball of the penguins, or the frog choir in the pond. All of them accompanied with another set of extraordinary illustrations.

205 x 205 mm  
64 p. / color print / soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-11-8

AGE 6+

## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Best book for children and youth  
between two book fairs,  
an award given by the  
Macedonian Association  
of Publishers  
(Third prize, 2021)







# THE TOWN ECIN AND NOJ'S QUEST

Author: Simona Jovanoska  
Illustrator: Aleksej Kostovski

A fantasy story about the little boy Noj (backwards from Jon), who lives in the small town of Ecin (backwards from Nice, of course). After he meets the mysterious magician Gam who lives in a teapot house, who gives Noj a blue balloon, everything changes. What is real and what's just a dream? An illustrated book full of imagination, humor and beautiful illustrations.

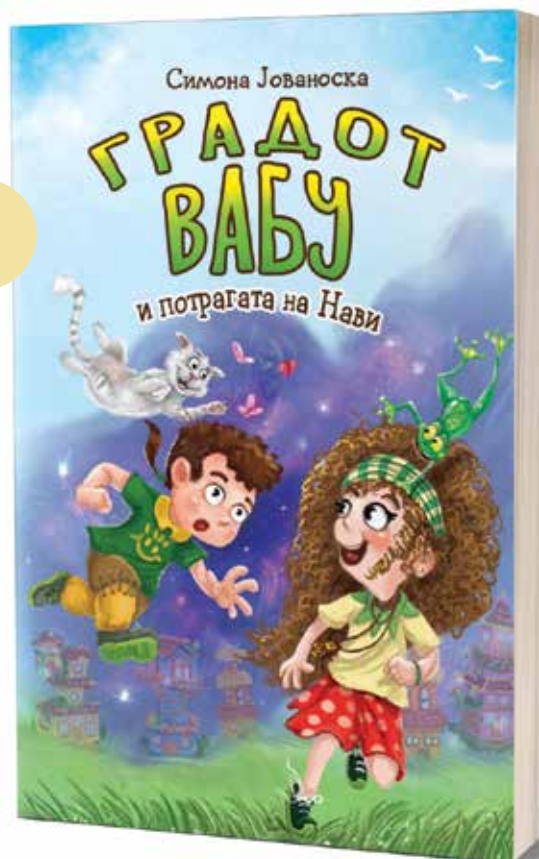
"While Noj was watching the balloon, the balloon gazed across Noj's room: small bed with two pillows, a small cabinet with three drawers, whatever hides there? Small bookshelf and another shelf with framed photos, a hanger, a globe and lots of toys!

- Oh, I'm just waisting my time, you're just an ordinary balloon! - thought Noj and went outside to play."



B5, 52 p. / color print/ soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-38-5

AGE  
7+







# BABA YAGA PRACTICES YOGA

**Author: Vančo Polazarevski**  
**Illustrator: Aleksej Kostovski**

Vančo Polazarevski is a poet, writer and journalist. He writes mainly for children, mostly humorous poetry. He's won the award for best poetry book for children at Struga Poetry Evenings.

Illustrated poetry book for children and adults alike, with funny verses, with animals or fantastic creatures as main protagonists, that associate real-life situations and will be interesting for all age groups.

AGE  
6-106



205 x 205 mm  
 64 p. / color print / soft cover  
 ISBN 978-608-4938-19-4

# OLLY OLLY, MILO FREE!

Vladimir Lukaš

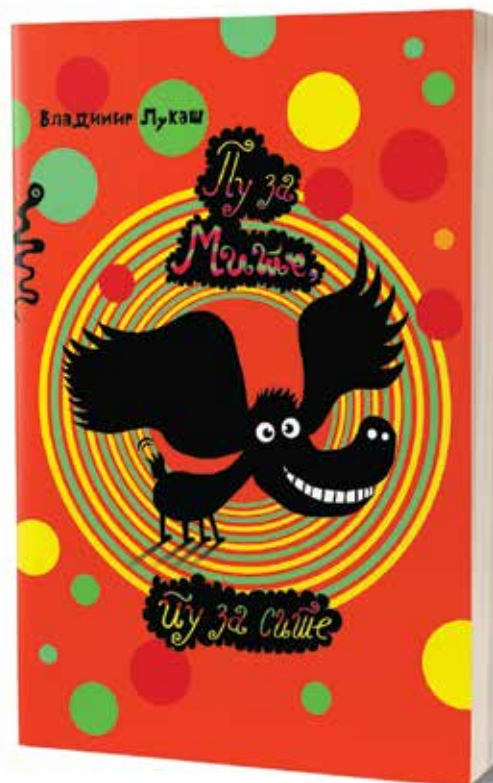
Witty verses about strange animals from the strange forest. The children will enjoy these funny verses, while the adults will recognise types of characters and situations from their daily lives - and enjoy and laugh as well. The book is also a flip-book!



A5 / 264 p. / soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-31-6

NEW!

AGE  
7-107



## CREATIVE JOURNAL NOT A DAY WITHOUT CREATION

Biljana S. Crvenkovska,  
Dorotej Nešovski

Creative activities for 365 days in the year

The creative journal is a journal for young creatives, but also for creative people of all ages. It's attended for those who want to express themselves creatively, to let go of their imagination, for those who like to express themselves with written word or any other form of art (drawing, painting etc.), for those that want to write down their thoughts and ideas, moods, inspiration, and for those that want to write a different kind of journal.

NEW!

AGE  
7-107



A5 / 200 p. / soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-35-4



# THE PINK PLANET



Author: Mirko Popov  
Illustrator: Nita Muča

„The Pink Planet“ is a picture book (it can be called even a comic-picture-book) telling a rhymed story of the little astronaut searching for the Pink Planet, where everything is pink, sweet and smells nice.

AGE  
4+

205 x 205 mm  
28 p. / color print/ soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-06-4

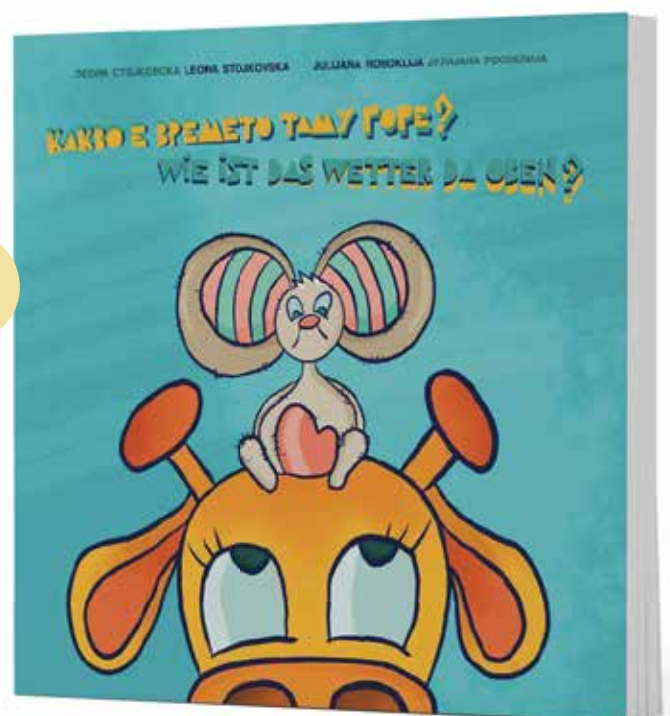
## HOW'S THE WEATHER UP THERE? WIE IST DAS WETTER DA OBEN?

Author: Leona Stojkovska  
Julijana Rosoklija (illustrator)

Bilingual book of phrases that will help children learn those phrases through funny and interesting situations between two adorable characters - a mouse and a giraffe.

„How's the weather up there? / Wie ist das Wetter da oben?“ is Macedonian-German, or English-German book, but the two languages can be whatever you choose.

AGE  
5+



205 x 205 mm  
44 p. / colour print / softcover  
ISBN 978-608-4938-07-1  
Text available in English.

## NINE STORIES ABOUT MISS SITH

Author: Biljana S. Crvenkovska



Biljana Crvenkovska is an award-winning author and scriptwriter, editor and translator. She writes for children, youth and adults: novels, picture books, poems, short stories and essays. As scriptwriter, she has written many screenplays for TV series for all ages, including the popular animated series "Bibi's World". For her books for children and adults she won or was shortlisted for numerous awards, including the award "Vanco Nikoleski" for best children's book in 2020, awarded by the Macedonian Writer's Association. Her adaptation of fairy tales – "Macedonian fairy tales for the whole year" was included in the White Ravens selection for 2020, and the picture book "Tiger on the street" is a White Raven for 2023.

### AWARDS & HONOURS

Finalist for the prize  
Novel of the Year  
for 2019 awarded by  
the Foundation  
„Slavko Janevski“

She silently moves on the edge of the shadows, where they barely carries with the moonlight spots. And then, she quietly purrs stories at the border between reality and fantasy, where the dream and awake touch and kiss. Women's stories, deep and sad, sometimes stories about love, quiet or loud, gentle or powerful...

Nine stories about Miss Sith" by Biljana S. Crvenkovska is well thought-of and carefully structured novel. It functions as a collection of stories as well as a novel made of one frame-story, that contains another nine stories, through which several joint light motives prevail. The quiet steps of the cat - the real one, the imagined one, the symbolic one - but also her unexpected appearances are putting together in a tight composition the strings from the narrative moon phases and fugas. In the stories there are situations in which all female protagonists find themselves at crossroads, situations in which they need to bring a serious decision. Each of the stories goes deep into one woman's story, and the themes vary from domestic abuse, freedom, loss, migration, abortion, sexuality, gender...

A5 / 152 p. / soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-66234-4-9

Full English translation available.

**Rights sold:**  
**Germany,**  
**Ukraine,**  
**Serbia.**



# FICTION

## HOUSE ABOVE THE WAVES

Author: Biljana S. Crvenkovska

### AWARDS & HONOURS

Finalist for the prize  
Novel of the Year  
for 2020 awarded by  
the Foundation  
„Slavko Janevski“

**Rights sold:**  
**Germany.**

A5 / 160 p. / soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-49380-3-3

English sample available.



A dying world. House above the waves, on a lonely island in the middle of the Ocean. Memories for the past long-gone, thousands of years-old secrets, hope for a new beginning... and love, in the shadow of the Black sun.

„The child within me does not allow me to be a pessimist more than five minutes. That is why I managed to stay sane at the moment when the world let out it's last breath. Now, in the desolation, the pessimism becomes pointless, like everything else, really.“

„My grandfather often claimed that his stories aren't just words on paper, but that they have taste and smell and melody and shape. Later, when he was reading them to me, I was trying to imagine them - how they look, how they sound, how they smell... and weather they are sweet, salty, sour, hot or bitter. And suddenly they would've appeared before me, those grotesque children of my unstoppable imagination. They were incredibly funny and unimaginably terrible – at the same time! And once they were there, they stayed in this house forever: they were making mishaps, they were stealing socks, they opened the jars in the cupboard, they hid in the closets, in coffins and under the beds, they lurked in the shadows and they haunted my dreams...“

And now, after all those years, they're still here, alive and untamable as ever, horrible as ever, not aged a day, not tired at all...“

A genre-bending (post)apocalyptic and philosophical novel about love, loss, end of the world and the human existence.

# POETRY



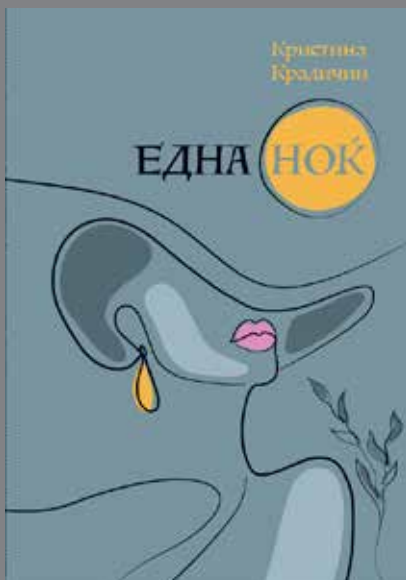
“NOW YOU’RE BECOMING ME”  
D. A. LORI



“WHILE YOU ARE SLEEPING”  
BILJANA STOJANOVSKA



“YOUNG VERSES OF THE OLD POET”  
GETO RUDI



“ONE NIGHT”  
KRISTINA KRALIČIN



“ON THE WRONG SIDE”  
and  
“B&B”  
PAJO AVIROVIC



# NOVEL SERIES

Author: Kristina Kraličin

A series of novels from the author Kristina Kraličin.

1. "The Bottom of My Sky" is the first novel in the series, set in Slovenia, on lake Bled, in which an unknown writer starts writing series of novels, provoked from uncertain times in her life - both in her carrier and her love life. Set as a psychological drama or motivational romance, the first novel sets the ground for the series.

2. "The Day before the Dark" is an adventurous psychological drama set at the Italian seashore, where the main character is struggling to get together the pieces of his life and finds new motivation in surfing the waves.

3. "Last Chance for a Second Shot" is a psychological drama thriller, where a screenwriter struggles to return his memory after a fatal car crash.





# **STRANGE FOREST JUNIOR TITLES**





## THE FORBIDDEN ROOM

**Author:** Aleksandra Simova  
**Illustrator:** Hari Dudeski

Nine scary stories about ghosts, vampires, hidden rooms, dragons, secret diaries, ancient paintings and many, many other scary things. What's the best way to handle your fears than to look straight into their eyes.

The children that like scary stories will enjoy this wondrous collection of stories and the accompanying illustrations, but they will be equally enjoyed by the grown-ups as well.

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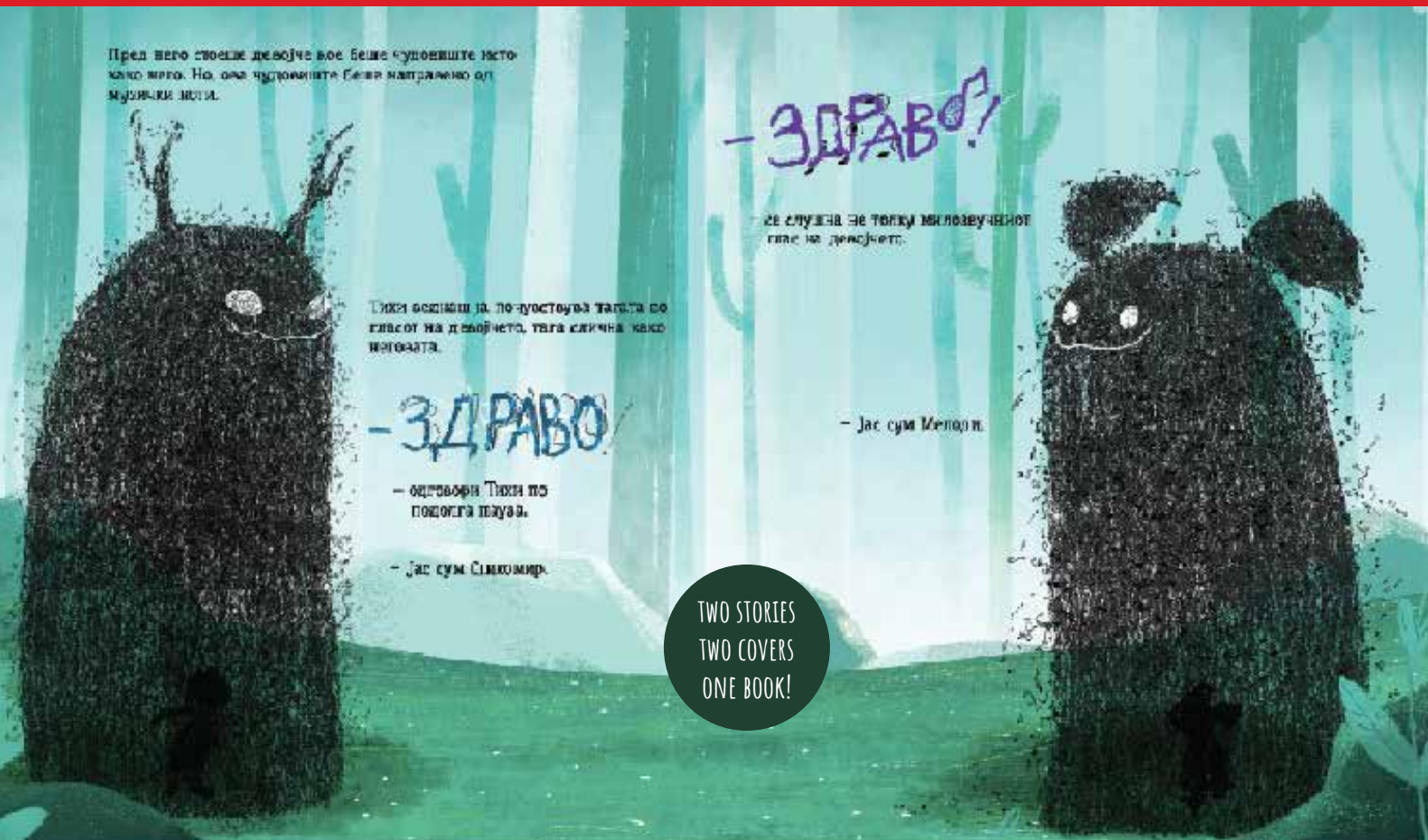
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# HIGHLIGHTS



## THE BOY MADE OF WORDS/ THE GIRL MADE OF NOTES

Katerina Nikolovska  
(author and illustrator)

A wonderful picture book where two separate stories (each begins from different end of the book, thus two covers) join into one beautiful ending in the middle of the book. Two strong stories about boy that cannot handle the freight from reciting a poem and the words he cannot handle turn him into a monster, as well as one girl whose stage fright when playing in front of a large audience capture her inside a monster made of notes.

But, when two different children meet, they immediately recognize each others differences.

Themes: Friendship; Bullying;  
Self-confidence; Acceptance of differences;

### AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

- Most creative edition between two book fairs in 2024 (1st prize)
- Best book for children between two book fairs in 2024 (2nd prize)



AGE  
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# LILLY



**Author:** Teona Conevska  
**Illustrator:** Irina Atanaskova

Lily is a plant that lives in a beautiful flower garden. As the time comes for a certain plant to bloom, so it gets its flower. One by one, all the plants in the garden bloom... All but Lily. And so, she patiently waits to bloom... as the garden shines in a variety of colors every year. Will Lily get a flower or will she remain just a simple green petal?

**NEW!**

AGE  
3+

**Themes:** Acceptance of differences; Nature; Friendship

Format: A4;  
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 English translation available



# THE COLORS OF THE RAINBOW

**Author:** Elena Gramatikova  
**Illustrator:** Irina Atanaskova

If you stand under a tree while it drizzles, you can hear the whisper of its leaves. Listen carefully, as they will surely tell you a story.

One spring day, while the wind was gently blowing and the rain shyly falling, Kalin accidentally found himself under the canopy of a cherry tree. With the unveiling of spring's colors, the cherries also revealed the story that Kalin heard.

The story was about a beautiful rainbow that lives within each of us. In the colors of the rainbow dwell beings without whom it wouldn't be so magical and colorful.

Gentle story about colors and their connection with specific emotions. The children will also learn about emotions and how to cope with some of them.

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NEW!

AGE  
4+





# LEFTY AND RIGHTY HAVE FOUND A HOME



Author: Nataša Dukoska  
Illustrator: Hari Dudeski

Lefty and Righty lived in a children's clothing store waiting for a child to buy them and wear them. Lefty is the white blouse and the pants are Righty.

Mimi is 5 years old and very curious. He likes to dress comfortably, run fast and sing loudly.

What will happen after Mimi takes Lefty and Righty home?

AGE  
4+

205 x 205 mm  
24 p. / color print/ soft cover  
ISBN 978-608-5012-05-3

First book of the series.

# LEFTY AND RIGHTY ARE SAVING THE SWEATER WOOLLY



Author: Nataša Dukoska  
Illustrator: Hari Dudeski

The second part of "Stories About Clothes", featuring your favorite characters Lefty and Righty, is here!

Mimi has to go to kindergarten, but since the weather outside is colder, along with Lefty and Righty, she takes the small and cozy sweater, Woolly, with her.

And what happens when Mimi, along with Lefty, Righty, and Woolly, gets on the bus? You'll find out in this cheerful and educational story.

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Second book of the series.

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## A SEARCH FOR COURAGE

Author: Biljana Stojanovska  
Illustrator: Vladimir Lukaš

The little swallow Verka is the last of the swallows in the nest who still hasn't learned to fly. After her mother tells her that she needs to find the courage in order to take flight, Verka sets off on a search. A search for courage.

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## COLORFUL, CLEAR WORLD

Author: Jelena Nikodinoska Čapovska  
Illustrator: Ivanka NiBa

In "A Colorful, Clear World", the main protagonist is Jana, a small, bright girl who sees the world — blurrily. But when she starts wearing glasses to see clearly, her friend from kindergarten teases and ridicules her. And this is where the main challenge is posed on two levels: how do we help the one who doesn't see well, not only with their eyes, but also with their heart?...

...A picture book with wide-open eyes toward a very important, contemporary, and almost common phenomenon today. A child with glasses. A child who wants to see the world clearly and distinctly, as the heart dictates. And the one who sees with their heart, that one has already seen everything.

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11 MYTHS FROM  
THE ANCIENT GREEK  
MYTHOLOGY  
- RETOLD



## ANCIENT TALES ABOUT HEROES, WONDERS, CREATURES AND MONSTERS



Author: Vančo Polazarevski  
Illustrator: Nataša Kostovska

Twelve Ancient Myths, Twelve Very Famous Stories: The Myth of Sisyphus, The Torments of Tantalus, Pandora's Box, Odysseus and His Voyages, Orpheus and Eurydice, Daedalus and Icarus, Perseus and Medusa, The Labors of Hercules... and several others, retold and adapted for school age by children's writer Vancho Polazarevski, complemented by excellent illustrations by Natasa Kostovska.

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# THE STONE MAIDEN

Elena Stojkova  
(author and illustrator)

An illustrated YA fantasy novel.

Somewhere in the lush beauty of Velmir, among the hills and valleys where no towns or villages could be seen nearby, lived a wizard who tried to forget everything, even his own name. Broken and abandoned by the greatest love of his life, Lenora - who disappeared without a trace or a voice and no one knows if she is even alive, the wizard spends his days reading books and talking to a very atypical interlocutor - a stone statue.

Until one day when he realizes that he must change his life and decides to once again deal with the already forgotten art of casting spells... to bring the stone girl back to life.

AGE  
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