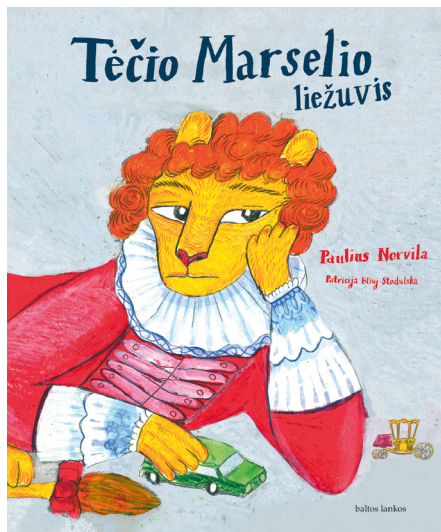




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Picture Books



Daddy Marcel's Tongue

By Paulius Norvila

illustrated by Patricija Bliuj-Stodulska

PICTURE BOOK

Published in 2024

42 pages; full English translation available

Age: 5-10 years (primary school age)

- Tackles emotional issues like the inability to clearly voice one's needs, as well as the necessity of being heard and accepted by one's family and friends
- Helps children to gain confidence needed to set boundaries and how to not get overwhelmed by the anxiety of everyday worries
- Richly illustrated with quirky and detailed illustrations



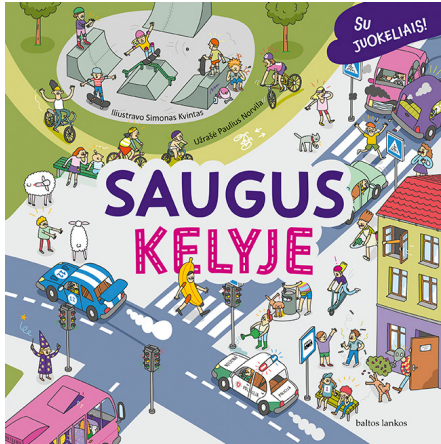
Daddy Marcel's day is full of worries and he can't seem to find a quiet moment to read his favourite magazine. Except it never occurs to him that you can always express your needs to your beloved family...

Who will win today – the magazine or the worries? Or perhaps the time spent with one's loved ones, which is way more important than both of these things?

This story will remind children and adults alike how important it is to openly share your feelings and how good it feels to be heard, seen and understood.

Paulius Norvila is a famous Lithuanian poet. According to him, "Daddy Marcel's Tongue" is a book born out of life's successes and failures. Most importantly, it was inspired by an experience that is recognisable to many parents who raise children and grow up with them.

Patricija Bliuj-Stodulska is a Polish author and illustrator. She studied and lived in Warsaw for a long time and now works in Vilnius. A mother of four children, Patricija completely identified with the main character of the story, dad Marcel, when creating the beautiful illustrations for this book.



Safe on the Street

By Paulius Norvila

illustrated by Simonas Kvintas

PICTURE BOOK

Published in 2024

56 pages; English summary available

Age: 5-10 years (primary school age)

Follow quirky characters in truly hilarious and laugh-out-loud situations, and you will learn:

- How to cross the street safely if there is no pedestrian crossing around?
- What are the basic rules for safe cycling or riding an electric scooter?
- Who can use the pedestrian, pedestrian and cyclist, cyclist-only paths?
- How to behave near railway tracks? Near cars or bus traffic?



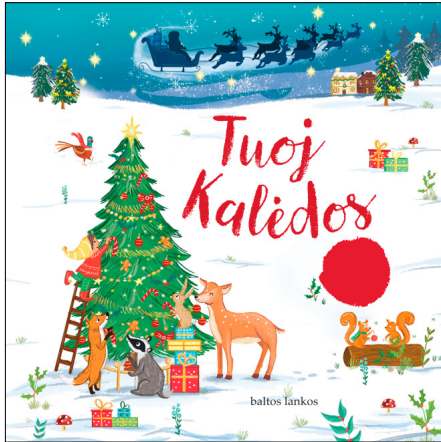
Developed in collaboration with police representatives and creatives, “Safe on the Street” is packed with important information and fun, exciting situations to help children remember traffic rules for pedestrians, cyclists and scooter-riders.

Witty illustrations and chapters like “Did you know that...” and “Truth or Fiction?” help children concentrate when learning about serious topics, encourage critical thinking, and tickle their imagination.

The book answers these and many other key questions about staying safe on the street. It contains rules and situations that every child faces when travelling independently to school or home, on the bus or in the car, and even when having fun in a friend's backyard or in the park.

Paulius Norvila is a famous Lithuanian poet, translator, and laureate of various literary competitions. His poems and prose have been published in the national cultural press, printed in almanacs, and translated into several foreign languages like English and Italian.

Simonas Kvintas is a Lithuanian illustrator and author, specializing in children's literature. His illustrations are full of quirky characters and fun adventures.



Christmas is Just Around the Corner

By Gabjota Alūzaitė

illustrated by Philippa and Rachael Corcutt,
composer Eglė Gelažiūtė-Pranevičienė

**BOARD BOOK | POP-UP BOOK |
LIGHTS AND SOUNDS BOOK**

Forthcoming in 2024

10 pages; full English translation available

Age: 2+

Explore and listen as you turn the pages of the book, and you will learn:

- how people in the city look forward to Christmas;
- how animals in the forest decorate for the holidays;
- how Santa and his helpers prepare for the night of wonder.



A book full of longing for Christmas with various sounds, including a Christmas melody, and lights to help children get into the festive mood and get ready for the big winter celebrations.

Fold the special flaps (doors) on the page, prop it up on both sides, and the booklet becomes a magical, jingling, glowing Christmas story!

Gabjota Alūzaitė is a Lithuanian children's author.

Phillippa and Rachael Corcutt are twin sisters and illustrators who work together as an illustration collective, specialising in children's illustration. After graduating from the University of Derby with a First Class (hons) Degree in Illustration, they have gone on to illustrate for children's books, middle-grade books, educational material and public sculpture trails. They are represented by the Bright Agency.



100 First Words

By Austė Šaliamoraitė-Nasickė

PICTURE BOOK

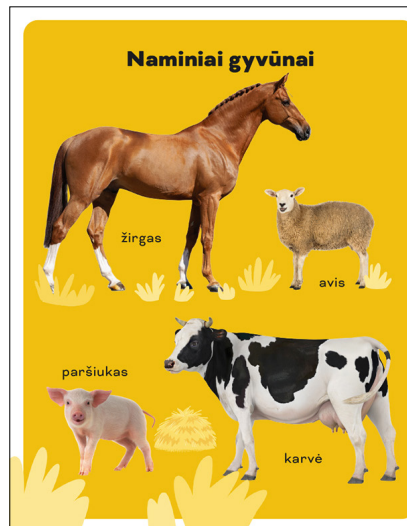
Published in 2024

24 pages; full English translation available

Age: 0+

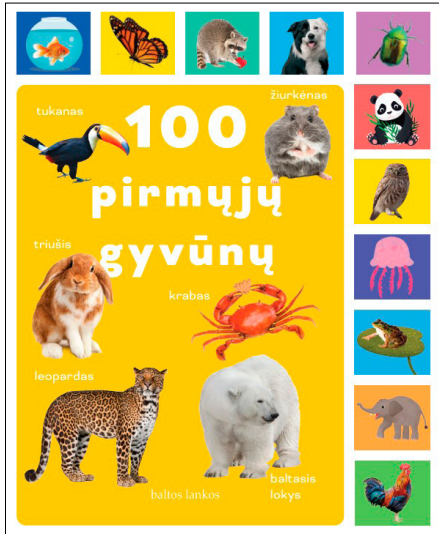
This educational book of first words will not only help parents have fun with their child, but also:

- develop their child's language skills;
- help children learn key words from their environment and daily routines;
- help children name their hobbies and recognise their emotions.



Cardboard book with foam padded covers, rounded corners; compact size, bright colours, high contrast.

Austė Šaliamoraitė-Nasickė is a Lithuanian children's author.



100 First Animals

By Gabjota Alūzaitė

PICTURE BOOK

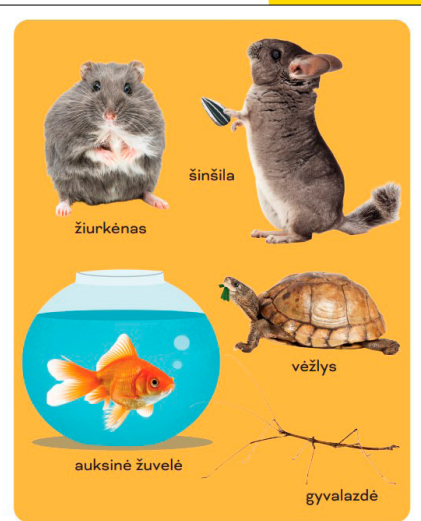
Published in 2024

24 pages; full English translation available

Age: 0+

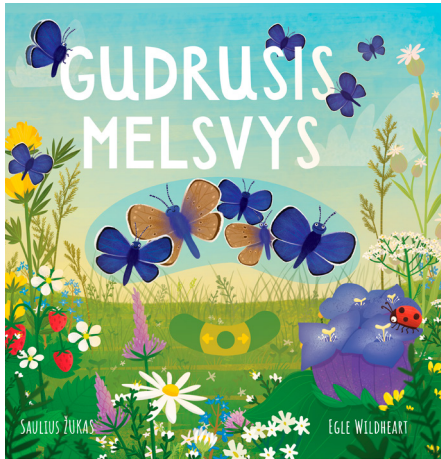
This educational book of first words will not only help parents have fun with their child, but also:

- develop their child's language skills;
- help children learn the names of animals, birds, and insects;
- help children learn which animals live in the house, in the water or in a tree, which animals fly or swim, have speckled feathers or striped fur.



Cardboard book with foam padded covers, rounded corners; compact size, bright colours, high contrast.

Gabjota Alūzaitė is a Lithuanian children's author.



The Clever Alcon Blue Butterfly

by **Saulius Žukas**

Illustrated by Eglė Wildheart

BOARD BOOK | POP-UP BOOK

8 pages; full English translation available
Forthcoming in 2025

Age: 2-5 years

- displays the development cycle of a butterfly and its close relationships with its surroundings;
- teaches children about endangered animals and their home;
- encourages empathy and curiosity about nature.



An informative and interactive board book illustrated in the style of semi-realism. Intended for curious children and their parents, the book emphasizes the importance of preserving nature. It reveals the special development of the Alcon blue butterfly and its life cycle, which heavily depends on a specific type of flower.

Saulius Žukas is a well-known Lithuanian literary scholar and critic. He has authored many exercise and course books for children, including the “Two Brothers” series.

Eglė Wildheart is a talented Lithuanian artist, painter, and interdisciplinary creator.





Two Brothers: An Adventure in a Forest (Book 1)

by Saulius Žukas

Illustrated by Finn Dean

PICTURE BOOK

32 pages; full English translation available

Published in 2022

Rights sold: Latvia "Zvaigzne ABC Publishers Ltd."

Age: 4–7 years

"Two brothers" is a series that not only encourages children to discover the natural world, explore the past and the future, but also helps them learn how to read and understand the text:

- every page has a reading exercise with words and phrases divided into syllables;
- at the end of the book, the readers will find an exercise asking them to recount and summarize the story, which will help in structuring their thoughts;
- the text is easy to read (short sentences, simple dialogues);
- emphasizes the importance of helping animals.



Action-packed story (first in the series!) about two curious brothers and their adventures in the natural world. Perfect for beginning readers as it includes reading exercises.

Ted and Vince go on an adventure in a dark forest where they meet wild animals and even do some good. Good deeds are always rewarded, so in their gratitude the forest animals gift the brothers a magical remote that can transport them to any place in the world, past

and future! The boys use it to save a little duck imprisoned by a witch living in a gingerbread house in the middle of the woods. Once saved, the little duck invites the brothers to visit her homeland by the sea – and that will be their next adventure (the second instalment in the series!)

Saulius Žukas: "Two things led me to start writing about Ted and Vince. First, I was observing my own grandsons: I saw how they behaved, what they talked about, and how much they enjoyed roleplaying. However, I was also thinking about the possible ways to encourage them to read. What if I came up with a story that was a literal page-turner? Now, you can tell if I succeeded. I am sure of one thing: if you want to interest a child, you have to talk about him, explore the ways in which he sees the world. You have to join the child in his dreams and patiently answer the hundreds of questions that they might have about the world."

Finn Dean has been illustrating children's books for more than twenty years, in addition to creating maps and book covers. For the latter, he was even awarded the "Folio Society and House of Illustration Book Illustration" prize (for his cover of "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley) in 2013. Dean lives and works in Brighton, UK.



Two Brothers: A Sea Journey (Book 2)

by Saulius Žukas

Illustrated by Finn Dean

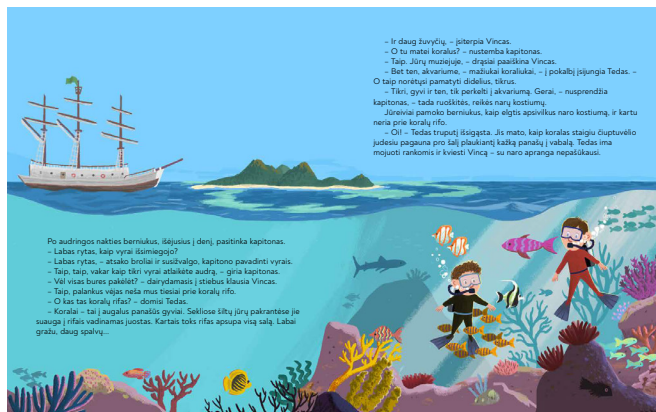
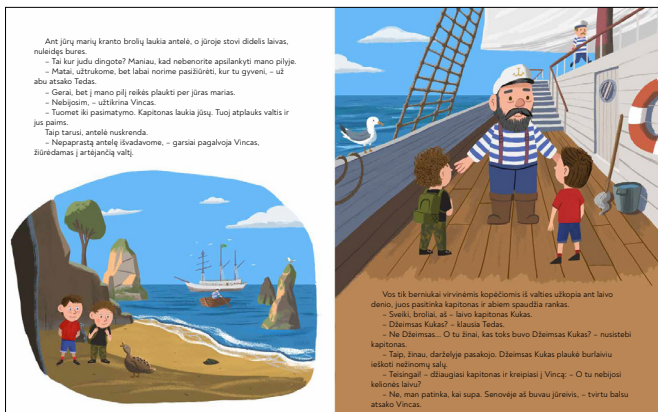
PICTURE BOOK

32 pages; full English translation available

Published in 2023

Age: 4–7 years

- reading exercises (words and phrases divided into syllables);
- an exercise asking the readers to answer illustrated true/false questions;
- very easy to read (short sentences, simple dialogues);
- emphasizes the importance of recycling and caring for the environment.



The second instalment in the exciting series about two brothers and their adventures in the natural world. Each page has reading exercises, so it's great for children just learning to read!

a big storm after which they meet a new friend Morta whose family's yacht got shipwrecked. They become fast friends and together decide to help wild sea turtles by cleaning their island which is filled with trash.

After having saved a little duck, the two brothers embark on a sea journey to visit her. Once aboard Captain Cook's ship, the boys get to watch sea creatures, such as whales and dolphins and even explore a coral reef. However, they also learn patience and courage during



Two Brothers: In the Ancient Town (Book 3)

by Saulius Žukas

Illustrated by Finn Dean

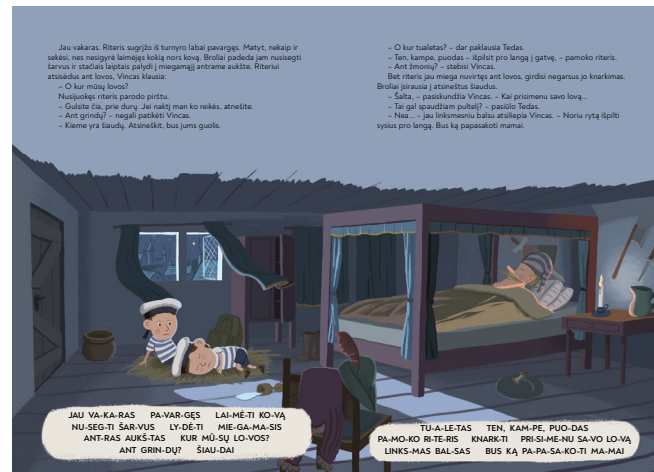
PICTURE BOOK

32 pages; full English translation available

Published in 2024

Age: 4–7 years

- reading exercises (words and phrases divided into syllables);
- an exercise asking the readers to answer illustrated true/false questions;
- very easy to read (short sentences, simple dialogues).



Brothers Ted and Vince visit a princess of a faraway land and get to spend a whole day in the ancient town where they witness an exciting tournament, befriending a real knight, and go on a royal hunt!

Includes reading and comprehension exercises; perfect for beginning readers!



An Extraordinary Day in Balloonville

by **Reda Puodžiukė**

Illustrated by Tania Rex

PICTURE BOOK

36 pages; full English translation available

Published in 2021

**Rights sold: Italy "MIM Edizioni srl,"
Turkey "Cosmos Yayincilik Ticaret Ltd. Şti."**

Age: 4–9 years

- contains several storylines;
- has bright illustrations with lots of original details to look for and find;
- teaches children to express their wishes and fulfil their dreams;
- perfect for beginning readers (simple, short sentences).



An inspiring story about people's dreams, which are very easily fulfilled in the town of Balloonville: all you have to do is reach to the sky and catch your dream balloon. However, the adults in the town rarely try to catch them anymore, thinking it's impossible. But Juna, a little girl whose father always seems to be busy with work, embarks on a journey to catch her balloon. Then her wish that the phrase "not now" – so often uttered by her dad – would forever disappear might come true...

An inspiring book that encourages everyone to pursue their dreams. A special call to those always-in-a-rush parents to take a closer look at how their children long to spend more time with them.

Reda Puodžiukė began her career in children's literature as a talented translator, which inspired her to create her own stories for children, including "Father Star". "An Extraordinary Day in Balloonville" was her debut in Lithuania.

Tania Rex is a dynamic and distinguished Lithuanian illustrator. Tania has already illustrated books for some of bestselling authors and publishing houses in Lithuania, as well as "USBORNE", "Beaming books".



Father Star

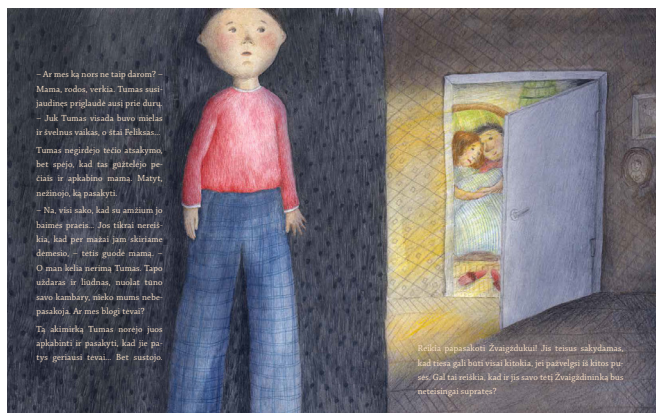
by Reda Puodžiukė

Illustrated by Agnė Nananai

PICTURE BOOK

66 pages; English summary available

Published in 2023



A charming, sensitive, and highly engaging story about the biggest wish of any child – to be loved by their parents. To be loved very much. Not more nor less than their sibling.

Nine-year-old Tumas has a special friend – a shining Little Star that has just run away from his home in the endless universe, where his Father looks after billions of his children Stars, the Little Star's brothers and sisters. One day, Tumas complains to the Little Star: “My mom used to laugh at all my jokes until my Little Broth-

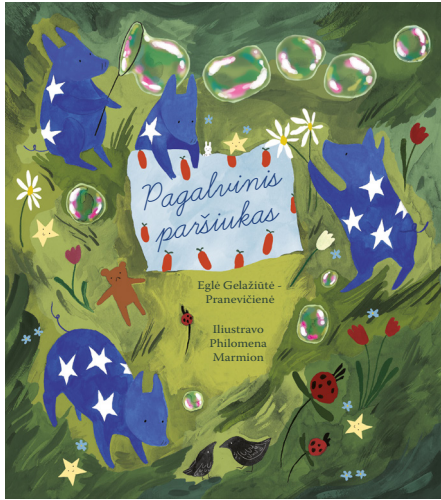
er came along. I used to be able to measure the exact feeling of my dad's embrace and my mom's touch. But now... My brother has taken everything from me. I got this room instead, in addition to a myriad of constant reminders that I'm “a big boy already” and I “should know better”, requests like “bring me this” or “pass me that”, orders to “wait a bit longer”...”

Age: 4–9 years

- contains several storylines;
- tackles problems common to the relationships between siblings, helps to better understand the issue of an elder child who feels being abandoned once a younger sibling is born;
- richly illustrated with authentic, highly artistic pictures;
- a perfect choice for a beginning reader (short, simple sentences);
- helps children recognize and deal with uncomfortable feelings and emotions (anxiety, anger, sadness, sorrow, longing, remorse), teaches compassion.

Reda Puodžiukė began her career in children's literature as a talented translator who worked on the Lithuanian translation of several books by the well-known Scottish author Debi Gliori. Her translation work eventually inspired her to write her own stories. Additionally, working as a professional violin teacher, Reda is keenly aware of contemporary children's needs, and her stories flow as smoothly as music. “Father Star” is Reda's second book to be published in Lithuania.

Agnė Nananai is a well-known, talented, and award-winning illustrator in Lithuania. Agnė has already illustrated books for some of the bestselling authors and publishing houses in Lithuania.



A Pillow Piglet

by Eglė Gelažiūtė-Pranevičienė

Illustrated by Philomena Marmion

PICTURE BOOK

36 pages; full English translation available

Published in 2023

Age: 3–5 years

- helps children calm down before going to sleep;
- encourages children to explore their imagination;
- contains colourful, detailed illustrations.



A marvellous book that helps children to gently fall asleep at night and enter the kingdom of their imagination where their dreams are inspired and guarded by special pillow piglets. These creatures have a very important task: they are responsible for the smooth flow of children's dreams, whispering a word or a melody into a child's ear and warding off any nightmares.

Eglė Gelažiūtė-Pranevičienė is a folk musician, creating songs for both adults and children. Her narrative is characterized by an authentic rhythm which lulls a child and evokes warm, cosy feelings.

Philomena Marmion is a talented young illustrator from Lithuania. She graduated from Edinburgh College of Art with a BA degree in illustration. Her work is atmospheric, narrative-driven, and experimental.



A Home for Mimi the Spider

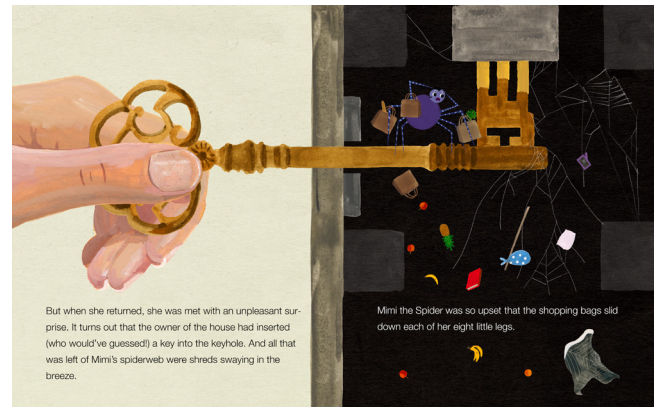
by **Dominykas Norkūnas and Greta Ambrazaitė**

Illustrated by Gordy Wright

PICTURE BOOK

32 pages; full English translation available

Published in 2024



A quirky story about a curious and friendly little spider called Mimi. When her housemates Mite and Termite prove to be too loud, Mimi sets out on a journey to find a new home where she can spin her beautiful webs. Unfortunately, Mimi finds the task to be very difficult: it seems that no one likes spiders... After getting

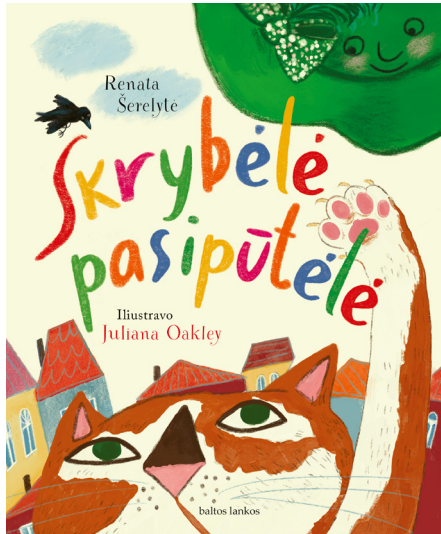
a piece of advice from a wise crow, Mimi decides to become friends with a little girl named Ula who has been having terrible nightmares lately. How fortunate is it that spider webs can catch all the bad dreams of children?

Age: 3–5 years

- helps young readers overcome the common fear of spiders;
- encourages children's curiosity about the smallest inhabitants of nature;
- teaches empathy, self-awareness, understanding one's feelings and developing critical thinking;
- subtle illustrations of subdued colours help to hone in the skill of concentration;
- many cosy, easy-to-relate-to characters.

Dominykas Norkūnas and **Greta Ambrazaitė** are well-known Lithuanian poets who have been awarded several national independent poetry awards. This is the couple's first children's book.

Gordy Wright is an illustrator from Bristol, UK. He graduated with a first-class degree in illustration from the University of the West of England (UWE). Gordy's clients include "Aquila Magazine", "Art Angels Publishing", "Frances Lincoln", "The Lancet", "Words & Pictures Books" and many more.



The Puffed-Up Hat

by **Renata Šerelytė**

Illustrated by Juliana Oakley

PICTURE BOOK

36 pages; full English translation available

Published in 2024

Age: 3–5 years

- encourages children to spot pride, arrogance, and teaches them that beauty is not the most important value: friendship and love are way more important;
- many colourful illustrations invite attentiveness, curiosity, and the wish to find new things in the pictures;
- teaches self-awareness, understanding one's feelings, empathy, critical thinking.

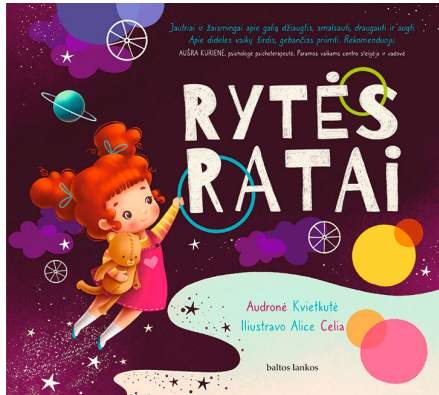


Most would agree that it's unpleasant to talk to an arrogant person. But what if it's not a person but a hat, a very prideful one, who thinks she's too pretty to be worn by grandma Leokadija? However, one day the wind takes the hat away from the old lady, which leads the hat to experience many misfortunes... Eventually,

even without its pretty bow and peacock's feather, the hat is still lovely to Leokadija, and the Puffed-Up Hat learns a lesson about friendship and humility.

Renata Šerelytė is a famous Lithuanian author whose work spans fiction, poetry, playwriting and literary criticism. She has been awarded with many significant literary awards, and her novellas have already been translated into English, French, Swedish, Russian, Georgian, Polish.

Juliana Oakley is an illustrator from Latvia based in Bahrain. Her work is contemporary in style but with a bit of nostalgia, often childlike, with a touch of humour and mystery. Her illustrations often get a start as pencil sketches and are then finished digitally.



All the Round Things

by **Audronė Kvietkutė**

Illustrated by Alice Celia

PICTURE BOOK

32 pages; English summary available

Published in 2021

Age: 2–5 years

- helps children learn empathy and acceptance of both themselves and others;
- encourages discussing important social issues and inclusivity with children;
- serves as an inspiration for a game of spotting all the round things around us.



A vivid rhyming picture book that draws attention to important social issues and inclusivity through its playful story about a little girl Rytė, who seems to be obsessed with wheels, circles, and all the round things that surround her. Eventually the reader finds out that her fixation is due to the fact that Rytė is in a wheelchair. However, this doesn't stop her from being curious about and open to the world.

Audronė Kvietkutė is a Lithuanian translator and writer based in the United Kingdom. "All the Round Things" is her debut children's book.

Alice Celia is an Italian illustrator, graphic designer who loves drawing sweet and playful characters in watercolour.



From Morning Till Evening

by **Gabjota Alūzaitė**

Illustrated by Agnė Nananai

BOARD BOOK | HIDDEN PICTURE BOOK

36 pages; full English translation available

Published in 2021

Age: 2-5 years

- contains several storylines;
- has important and relevant topics for discussion: everyday vegetables, sports, kindergarten and school, animals and pets, various modes of transport such as electric vehicles, solar power, etc.;
- abounds in tiny illustrations with lots of original details.



A large-format board book with detailed illustrations of the daily lives of modern town-dwellers and countryside farmers. The book includes questions and tasks which will foster children's observation skills by encouraging them to search, find, and count hidden cats, dogs, frisky squirrels, and rabbits.

Gabjota Alūzaitė is a Lithuanian children's author.

Agnė Nananai is a well-known artist and illustrator of children's books who works with some of Lithuania's bestselling authors. Drawn with highly aesthetic and technically artistic techniques, her illustrations stimulate children to develop a taste for art by enjoying the harmony created by colours and discovering attractive details every time they open the book.

Sound Books



Džyru Džyru Christmas:

by **Aušra Žičkienė**

Illustrated by Eglė Wildheart,
composer Vytautas Leistrumas

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2024

10 pages; full English translation available



This festive book is for everyone who wants to learn Lithuanian Christmas songs and melodies.



Aušra Žičkienė holds a doctorate degree in humanities and works as the head of research on folk songs at the Lithuanian Literature and Folklore Institute.



Lullabies for the Little Ones

by Aistė Smilgevičiūtė and Rokas Radzevičius

Illustrated by Dovydas Čiuplys

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2024

12 pages; full English translation available



Calm lullabies and cheerful pictures will make it easier for children to settle in for a sweet dream.



Aistė Smilgevičiūtė and Rokas Radzevičius are members of the Lithuanian band "Skylė", which was founded in Vilnius in 1991. The basic principles formulated in its origins – the dissemination of alternative musical and poetic thought based on philosophy, mythology and history – have remained unchanged to this day.

Dovydas Čiuplys is a Lithuanian creative artist and illustrator of children's books and board games.



Džyru Džyru Music: by Aušra Žičkienė

Illustrated by Dovydas Čiuplys
Composer Vytautas Leistrumas

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2019

28 pages; English summary available



The Little Rooster and the Old Lord

Illustrated by Dovydas Čiuplys,
composer Vytautas Leistrumas

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2022

24 pages; full English translation available



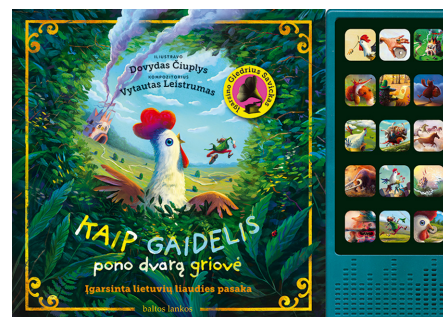
Songs of Wild Animals, Birds and Bees by Aušra Žičkienė

Illustrated by Tel Coelho
composer Vytautas Leistrumas

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2024

26 pages; full English translation available



The Straw, the Coal and the Bean by Ramutė Skučaitė

Illustrated by Dovydas Čiuplys
Composer Vytautas Leistrumas

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2023

36 pages; full English translation available



The National Anthem

by Vincas Kudirka

Illustrated by Dovydas Čiuplys
Composer Vytautas Leistrumas

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2024

20 pages; full English translation available



Coulourful Tales About Numbers

by Ramutė Skučaitė

Illustrated by Inga Dagilė

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2019

48 pages; full English translation available



The Fun Alphabet

by Gabjota Alūzaitė

Illustrated by Živilė Adomaitytė
composer Eglė Gelažiūtė-Pranevičienė

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2024

34 pages; full English translation available



The Little Homes of the Letters

by Ramutė Skučaitė

Illustrated by Inga Dagilė
Composer Vytautas Leistrumas

SOUND BOOK

Published in 2017

60 pages; full English translation available