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Fonfon is a children's book publisher guided by principles of sustainable development. We only publish picture books for children aged 3 to 11, and books designed specifically for early readers. All of them are magnificently illustrated and written to be read at the child's own level.

We offer free educational resources on our website for teachers to download and use in class alongside our books. In order to be innovative, the publishing house also produces audio versions of some albums as well as apps that allow the reader to further explore the universe of the books.



Picture books with this logo are also available as an audiobook. Please see our website for details.



Picture books with this logo have story worlds ready to explore in the Fonfon Creative Workshop.



# OUR COLLECTIONS



## **COURTEPOINTE** ..... 7

Original stories of different format and styles, that didn't fit in any of Fonfon's other collections but conquered our hearts!



## **STORIES FOR LAUGHING** ..... 11

A selection of really fun stories with interesting characters and beautiful illustrations.



## **STORIES FOR LIVING** ..... 29

Fiction books that tackle delicate themes like anxiety and learning difficulties.



## **STORIES FOR READING** ..... 47

A collection specialized for the first readers.



## **FONFON INTERACTIVE** ..... 55

Immersive and creative experiences in digital forms.

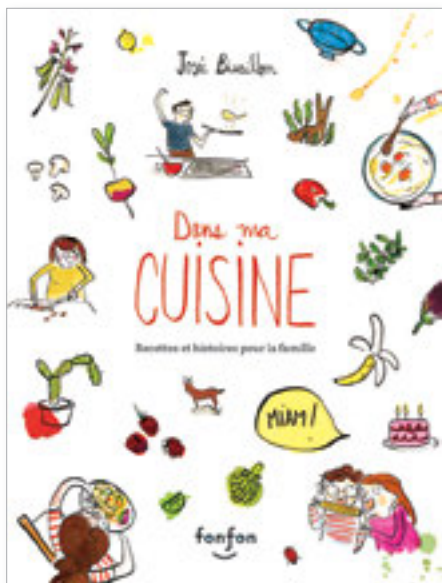




## COURTEPOINTE

*Courtepointe* started with an idea to publish outstanding original stories that weren't quite a fit for any of Fonfon's existing collections. There's something special about this patchwork of books that will touch, delight and inspire readers. Every one of these stories has a unique colour, format, content and style. Stitched together as a collection named after a patchwork quilt, they're just as cozy and comforting to curl up with as you'd expect.





2022

★ Shortlisted for the Taste Canada Awards, culinary narratives category

## IN MY KITCHEN, recipes and stories for all the family

Josée Bisailon

Both a recipe book and a collection of stories, *In My Kitchen* is a window into the culinary world for all the family. Filled with favourite recipes, funny stories and family memories, this easy-going book is an invitation for everyone to put their chef's apron on.

Welcome to Josée's kitchen, where the only rules are to tickle your taste buds and enjoy yourself.

6+ | 9" X 12" | Hardcover | 120 colour pages | 978-2-924984-73-4 | 29.95 CAD

"A fun, easy-reading graphic recipe book, illustrated in full colour with speech bubbles that will bring a peppy, personal touch of everyday life into our kitchens."

– Anne-Marie Aubin, *Journal Mobiles*







## STORIES FOR LAUGHING

This collection is all about enabling children to experience the sheer pleasure of diving headfirst into a great story.

It is a collection of beautifully illustrated picture books that dare families to dream, laugh, escape the ordinary and reframe their world. Once you discover these strong, creative, funny and likeable heroes, you'll want to keep coming back to read more!





FORTHCOMING  
APRIL 11!



## BREAKING NEWS: MR. HARE DEFEATED

Robert Soulières · Sans Cravate

Reporters have flocked to a forest clearing to cover an astonishing story: A tortoise has won a race against a hare! But how is that even possible?

Was the hare kidnapped along the way? Did he take a powerful sleeping pill and fall fast asleep? It's a mystery!

A modern retelling of Aesop's famous fable, with a few nods to classic fairytales!

4+ | 9" X 10,5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-925215-56-1 | 21.95 CAD





## THE FREAKY CUTE DRAWING

Roxane Brouillard · Cathon

Young Martin has an overactive imagination. And he's sitting in the most boring math class in the history of the universe. To pass the time, he decides to draw the cutest picture in the world. But Martin isn't prepared for what so much cuteness can do to those around him.

This is a wild and wacky story to keep reading as long as you like!



2024

\* Shortlisted for the Prix intercollégial de littérature jeunesse

\* Shortlisted for the Quebec Booksellers' Award, youth category

3+ | 9" X 10,5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-925215-40-0 | 21.95 CAD

Sal, c'est Martin.  
Martin est champion en dessin.



Et spécialement, les francs  
regardent tout plein.

Avec ses imaginations et son talent, il crée ce qu'il y a  
de plus chou : des petits cadeaux qui font des stars d'art,  
une licence en fait, un art-à-art qui claque.



Les autres personnes commencent à s'agiter de  
tout se railer. Ils s'approchent pour voir de leurs propres  
yeux ce qui se passe. Ils grommellent pas de, ce même  
les autres sont pas, ils rient et se chahutent.







**Rights sold**

\* English, China



**2024**

\* Shortlisted for the Prix de création Littéraire of the Salon international du livre de Québec and Quebec City, youth category

## JAJA IN THE NIGHT

**Valérie Boivin**

Albertine's sister is disturbing the peace with her snoring until their bedroom gets quiet... too quiet. Where did Jaja go? It's very dark around the house at night, but Albertine is determined to find her big sister. And she'll meet all kinds of interesting characters on her search!

A graphic novel with a surprising cast of characters, set in a world that wavers between dreamland and reality.

4+ | 6.5" X 8.5" | Hardcover | 56 colour pages | 978-2-925215-26-4 | 22.95 CAD





**Rights sold**

★ Catalan and Castilian, Spain



**2024**

★ Shortlisted for the Méléze Award, Picture Book category  
**2023**

★ The White Ravens selection

★ Winner of the Prix des passeurs culturels of the University of Sherbrooke

★ Shortlisted for the Libraries of Montreal Children's Book Award  
**2022**

★ Preliminary list for the Quebec Booksellers' Award, youth category

## ORBIE, DRAW ME A BILLIBUTTON

Frédéric Wolfe · Orbie

Things are not going well at all. Fred has been trying to draw a billibutton for the last three weeks and ten days. Running out of hope, he turns to Orbie the illustrator for help.

But what exactly is a billibutton? A sheep by the name of Billie? The more time goes by, the harder it becomes for Fred to explain what he wants to see, and the more stubborn he gets. It won't be easy for Orbie to keep her cool!

**With a wacky and highly original concept to test the illustrator's patience, this is a picture book for readers to cherish.**

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-925215-04-2 | 21.95 CAD



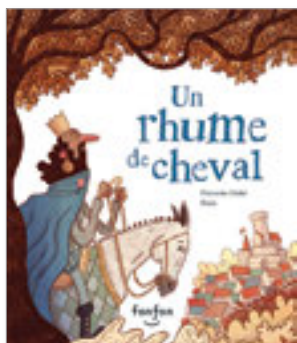


## SO PEOPLE SAY

Danielle Chaperon · Sandra Dumais

*So People Say* takes a fresh, cheeky look at some popular myths and fairy tales. Danielle Chaperon rhymes readers into the magical world of the tooth fairy, the legend of vampires and the mystery of how clouds are born in this fabulous book that explores popular beliefs and pays tribute to oral tradition.

3+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-924984-70-3 | 21.95 CAD  



## SICK AS A HORSE

Pierrette Dubé · Enzo

On Monday, Bucephalus, King Godfrey's horse, sneezed. Then, all of the royal court seemed to be struck by the mystery illness. People's ears are growing longer. Their feet are turning into hooves. They're feeling the urge to gallop... Could they be as sick as a horse? Oh no, anything but that!

With fearsome enemies closing in fast, the kingdom is in trouble. Can King Godfrey get his people out of this mess?




2023

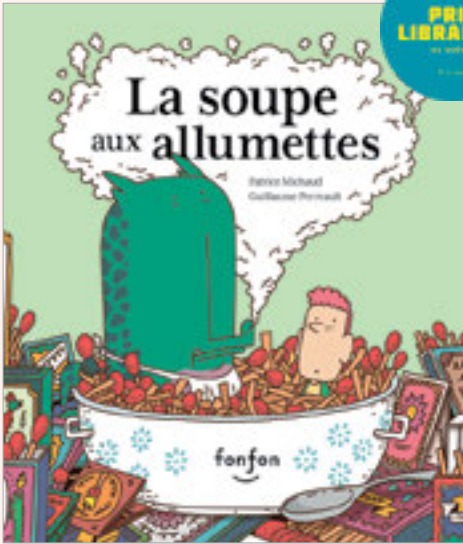
★ Winner of the Philippe-Béha Award

2022

★ Shortlisted for the Governor General's Award for Young People's Literature – Illustrated Books

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-924984-84-0 | 21.95 CAD 

15,000 copies  
sold since  
its release



**Rights sold**

- ★ Simplified Chinese, China
- ★ Spanish and Catalan, Spain



**2022**

- ★ Winner of the Quebec Booksellers' Award, youth category

**2021**

- ★ Shortlisted for the Suzanne-Pouliot – Antoine-Sirois Award

## THE MATCHSTICK SOUP

Patrice Michaud · Guillaume Perreault

Lolo looks like a very ordinary boy. But he's on a very important mission: to save the WHOLE world. And then he meets a dragon who's lost his fire! Lolo is going to help his new friend catch his breath, and he won't let anything stand in his way.

An amusing and cleverly-written story about a resourceful, caring child who goes on a thrilling adventure.

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 48 colour pages | 978-2-924984-55-0 | 21.95 CAD



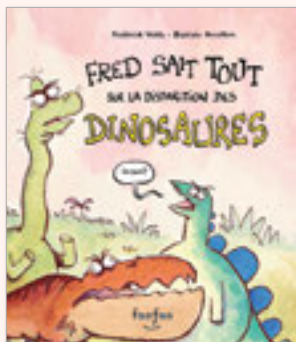


## TIMOTHY'S EPIC JOURNEY

Marie Hélène Poitras · Mathilde Corbeil  
and Francis-William

Tim often feels lonely, but he's not afraid of anything! High up in his hot air balloon, he sees the world a different way. In his world, he's the hero of his own adventure. At last, he's found a place where anything is possible!

3+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-924984-56-7 | 19.95 CAD



## FRED KNOWS WHY ALL THE DINOSAURS DIED

Frédérick Wolfe · Baptiste Amsallem

Everyone knows that dinosaurs were amazing creatures. But no one really knows why they died out.

Luckily, Fred knows all about it. That's why he's gone to great lengths to share all his theories, so everyone will know the truth... or not.

This delightful picture book suggests 11 different theories to explain why dinosaurs died out, each more wacky and surprising than the last!



2021

- \* Shortlisted for the Concours Lancemot
- \* Preliminary list for the Quebec Booksellers' Award, youth category

5+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-924984-34-5 | 19.95 CAD







## A CHIP TOO FAR?

Chloé Varin · France Cormier

Gus the gull is king of the car park, where he guzzles his guts full of crispy chips morning, noon and night.

Alone by the riverside, his cousin Gullina gobbles fish down her gullet all day long.

Gus is desperate to go away on holiday, and Gullina can't stand to be alone a second longer. They set off on an adventure, but will they both find what they're looking for?

5+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-97-4 | 19.95 CAD  



## WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH OTTIE THE OTTER

Orbie

Ottie the otter is a sweet, playful and energetic character. And she LOVES to slide! The problem is, she loves to slide a little too much...

In her first venture as an author, illustrator Orbie delivers a work of art that's part picture book, part comic strip... and laugh-out-loud funny!



2019

- ★ Winner of the Lancemot Contest
- ★ Best Picture Book, Cécile Gagnon Award
- ★ Shortlisted for the Le livre préféré de Lancemot Award (awarded by children as part of a Quebec public libraries initiative)

2018

- ★ One of the Top 100 best Quebec books of 2018, according to Les Libraires booksellers



Rights sold

- ★ Simplified Chinese, China
- ★ English, China
- ★ French, Lebanon



3+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-74-5 | 19.95 CAD



#### Rights sold

- \* French, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Belgium
- \* Simplified Chinese, China



#### 2021

- \* Shortlisted for the Mélèze Award, Picture Book category

#### 2020

- \* Winner of the Governor's General Literary Awards for Young People's Literature – Illustrated Books


## PETE AND REPEAT: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

**Katia Canciani · Guillaume Perreault**

*Pete and Repeat went out in a boat. Pete fell out, so who was left? Repeat...  
Pete and Repeat went out in a boat. Pete fell out, so who was left? Repeat...*

Aren't you fed up of that childhood riddle that keeps going round and round in circles? At last, here's the story of what really happened!

Penned with author Katia Canciani's sharp wit and illustrator's Guillaume Perreault's keen eye for detail, the pages of this remarkably funny picture book turn themselves absurdly well.

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-924984-12-3 | 19.95 CAD 







## MY HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

Danielle Chaperon · Josée Bisaillon

Travel the world with an unlikely adventurer and find your own treasures!

This poetic picture book beckons readers to embark on a voyage of discovery to the Great Wall of China, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Grand Canyon, Machu Picchu and more magical places, and its exquisite word play and a treasure hunt of illustrations make it a story to remember!



2018

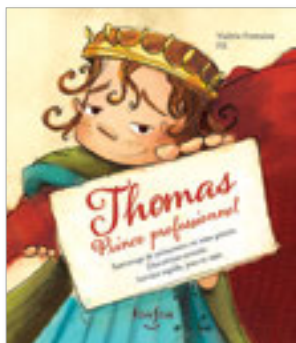
- ★ Winner of the Prix Illustration Jeunesse du Salon du livre de Trois-Rivières, Picture Book category
- ★ Shortlisted for the Peuplier Award, Picture Book category



Rights sold

- ★ English, North America
- ★ Simplified Chinese, China
- ★ Turkish, Turkey

3+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-43-1 | 19.95 CAD 



Rights sold

- ★ Russian, World



2014

- ★ Shortlisted for the Peuplier Award, Picture Book category

2012

- ★ Winner of the Best Children's Book award, Enfants Québec magazine
- ★ Preliminary list for the Quebec Booksellers' Award, youth category

## THOMAS, PROFESSIONAL PRINCE

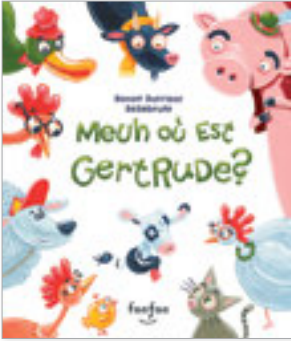
Valérie Fontaine · Fil

Thomas is a prince whose full-time job is to save princesses from untold dangers. After years of doing it, he has developed some very unusual methods.

Follow Thomas on his daring escapades and find out why the princesses never fall in love with him in the end. You've never seen a rescue mission like this before, but the charming Prince Thomas is sure to win your heart!

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-924984-72-7 | 19.95 CAD

10,000 copies  
sold since  
its release



## HAS ANYONE SEEN COWLEEN?

**Benoit Dutrizac · Bellebrute**

A little calf who lives on a farm in the country is upset. His mother is nowhere to be found. Whatever will he do until she comes back? The other barnyard animals come up with some riddles to put a smile back on his face. This quirky story is guaranteed to put you in a good mooood!



2015

\* Shortlisted for the Peuplier Award, Picture Book category

3+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-45-5 | 19.95 CAD



## MOO'S IN THERE?

**Benoit Dutrizac · Bellebrute**

All the farm animals are sound asleep... until something starts making a deafening racket! Someone is trapped in the barn... but who could it be? This is a story of new friendships, surprising encounters and a soccer tournament to remember. Cowleen and her friends are back in a brand new adventure!

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-44-8 | 19.95 CAD

"The story is a pretext to explore expressions around animals, and there are many of them! It's clever and funny, it's 100% produced in Quebec."


– Catherine Trudeau, *Plus on est de fous, plus on lit*,  
Radio-Canada Première



## OPERATION SUNSHINE

Valérie Fontaine · Tommy Doyle

Summer is finally here! Ah, the smell of freshly mown grass, the baking sun and no school for weeks! It's Antoine's favourite season and he can't wait to get outside, soak up the sun and swim... so long as it doesn't get too hot to enjoy all that summer fun. On your marks, get set, go! Operation Sunshine has begun!


4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Softcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-15-8 | 14.95 CAD 



## OPERATION WINDSTORM

Valérie Fontaine · Tommy Doyle

The leaves are starting to fall, carried off by an unforgiving breeze. Is autumn really here? Antoine quickly gathers his friends and, together, they come up with some crazy ideas to hold on to summer. Get swept up in the fun of Operation Windstorm!


4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Softcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-16-5 | 14.95 CAD 



## OPERATION SNOWFLAKE

Valérie Fontaine · Tommy Doyle

Antoine is fed up with perpetually frozen feet and sopping wet mittens. He is bound and determined to find some cool ways to get rid of the snow that is messing up his yard – and his life. Follow in his footprints he puts Operation Snowflake into action!


4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Softcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-01-1 | 14.95 CAD 



## OPERATION MUD

Valérie Fontaine · Tommy Doyle

Spring isn't always everything it's cracked up to be. The ground is muddy, the wind is chilly and the air smells horrible! Antoine has just wrapped up Operation Snowflake, but he's got lots of new ideas in mind to make the transition to summer a little smoother.

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Softcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-18-9 | 14.95 CAD 



## QUEEN QUICK-QUICK

Caroline Allard · Guillaume Perreault

Set sail with Queen Quick-Quick and her dilly-dallying deckhands as they hit the high seas for a rollicking rescue. Along the way, our hot-tempered heroine encounters a scary sea monster, pokey pirates, mesmerising mermaids and whacks of wonderful words that are guaranteed to get grins, giggles and guffaws galore!

A picture book that masterfully combines the rich language of Caroline Allard and the modern illustrations of Guillaume Perreault!

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-60-8 | 19.95 CAD



## THE BAD HAIR DAY

Dominique de Loppinot · Bach

Something quite out of the ordinary is happening to Juliette this morning. It's as though her fringe has taken on a life of its own! No matter how many times she combs or sticks each hair in the right place, they simply will not stay put. Will she ever tame that unruly mane? Find out how Juliette attempts to untangle one of life's greatest mysteries: the **bad hair day**.

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Softcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-14-1 | 14.95 CAD






## THE MAGIC TELEPHONE

Valérie Fontaine · Josée Masse

While she's rooting around in her grandmother's attic, Alexe finds a strange-looking telephone. She makes sure nobody else is around and then presses one of the buttons. But who's on the other end of the line? Pick up this book to find out more about the fun characters Alexe meets as she searches for the answer!

3+ | 9" X 10.5" | Softcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-06-6 | 14.95 CAD 



## TREASURE HUNTERS

Alain M. Bergeron · Julie Cossette

Jade and Samuel are two young explorers with a taste for adventure. One day, a simple walk in the woods turns into an all-out treasure hunt. Follow in their footsteps and get swept up in the wild and wonderful stories inspired by their surprising discoveries.



2014

\* Shortlisted for the Peuplier Award, Picture Book category

3+ | 9" X 10.5" | Softcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-923813-04-2 | 14.95 CAD





## STORIES FOR LIVING

A collection of picture books for children that tackle sensitive topics or address thought-provoking themes – these are the kinds of books every good bookstore needs!

It is a compelling collection tackling the sensitive topics that tend to leave us lost for words. These picture books are designed to embrace, comfort and help children who are struggling to come to terms with challenging events, by helping them and their parents to talk about the emotions involved.





NEW!



# NTANGU

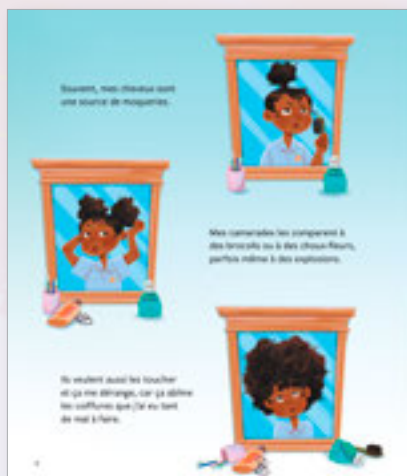
Malika Tirolien · Kiara Thompson

My name is Ntangu, and every morning I make a mental list of my stings. But I'm not talking about wasp or mosquito stings! That's just the word I came up with to mean all the hurtful comments I get about my skin, my hair, or my origins. I don't know if people realize how much they upset me.

**An important book about subtle racism.**

5+ | 9" X 10,5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-925215-59-2 | 21.95 CAD

Subtle racism





## BEATRICE IN THE MIST

Chloé Varin · Rémi Allen

It can take years of practice for a magician to learn how to disappear. But disappearing is something that comes naturally to me. I'm invisible, but not because I want to be. I'm Beatrice (in the mist)! People look right through me, like I'm not there.

This is an enveloping story about standing up for yourself.



2024

★ Shortlisted for the Prix intercollégial de littérature jeunesse

★ Shortlisted for the Espiègle Award

5+ | 9" X 10,5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-925215-42-4 | 21.95 CAD

Standing up for yourself



Quand vient le temps d'aller au lit,  
il n'y a personne pour me rassurer devant  
les murs. Choufou est la première à me rassurer.

Je me réveille avec un cœur dans la main et petit matin,  
Choufou a dormi deux nuits là, et sans parler d'une révolte.



Pas de doute! Je suis mieux que ce chien.  
Puis, je suis mieux que rien.



D'habitude, madame Mireille ne croise rien comme une louge,  
aujourd'hui, elle me regarde d'enfer le bleu des nuages.

D'ordinaire, elle se lève avec un regard, mais ce matin,  
je m'assois de ma place face à la page. Je n'ai qu'une envie:  
devenir amie avec celle qui me voit telle que je suis.



## HENRY HA-HA

Émilie Perreault · Josée Bisailon

Hi, I'm Henry, and people laugh at me a lot. Sometimes Mum worries that they're making fun of me, but I don't care. I love making people laugh. Laughing is contagious. Anyone can catch it. I learned that a long time ago!

**A gleeful tale about the power of laughing out loud.**

4+ | 9" X 10,5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-925215-06-6 | 21.95 CAD

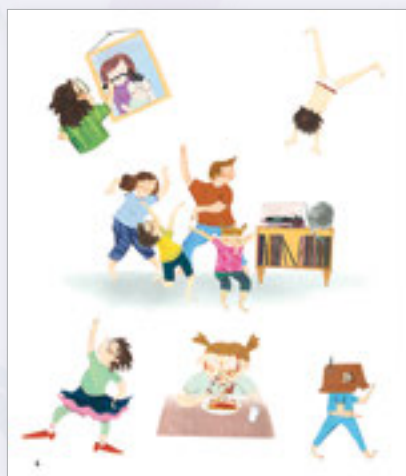


The power of laughing out loud

The ability to laugh at ourselves









**Rights sold**

\* Italian, World



**2024**

\* Preliminary list for the Quebec Booksellers' Award, youth category

## WHERE DID GRANDPA'S HAIR GO?

Martina Djogo · Agathe Bray-Bourret

When he was young, Milo's grandpa had a lot of hair! He used to have a real tangle of curls! Then came the war and the move to another country. Now grandpa's head is shiny and bald. So where did grandpa's hair go?

A sweet, light-hearted story to give children a glimpse into the life of an immigrant family.

5+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-925215-33-2 | 21.95 CAD

Immigration







Rights sold

★ Arabe, Monde



2024

★ Véronique Lambert, lauréate du Prix Cécile-Gagnon pour un premier album

★ Winner of the Quebec Booksellers' Award, youth category

★ Shortlisted for the Peuplier Award, Picture Book category

2023

★ Shortlisted for the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award

★ Shortlisted for the Prix intercollégial de littérature jeunesse

## IN OLIVER'S SHOES

Véronique Lambert · Éléna Comte

Oliver is a shoemaker like no other. Every day, he repairs lots and lots of shoes. But something very magical happens in the nighttime. When he steps into a pair of shoes, he is carried away to a whole new place. The more he travels, the more different realities he discovers.

A story to encourage children to try and see things the way others do.

4+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-925215-05-9 | 21.95 CAD



Empathy





#### Rights sold

- ★ English, North America
- ★ Spanish, World
- ★ Turkish, Turkey

#### 2023

- ★ Winner of the Plume de Paon's Audiobook Grand Prize, category Youth
- ★ Shortlisted for the Plume de Paon's Audience Award, category Youth

#### 2021

- ★ Shortlisted for the Governor General's Award for Young People's Literature – Illustrated Books
- ★ Winner of the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award
- ★ Winner for the Harry Black Award, Picture Book category

## THE HOUSE IN MY HEAD

Vigg

*It's a harsh landing, and it's left me shaken, but I still have to walk up to the blackboard. Everyone is looking at me. I open my mouth. Nothing comes out. Nothing at all. The story I could recite from memory barely an hour ago is gone. There's not a single syllable left.*

When he gets back from the movie theatre, Vincent can tell his mom exactly what happened in the film, right down to the tiniest detail. But when he has to get up in front of the class and recite a story he has learned by heart, his mind goes blank. The house in his head is just so big, he tends to get lost in there!

6+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 72 colour pages | 978-2-924984-37-6 | 22.95 CAD 🎵

Attention deficit disorder

*"Until recently, I couldn't quite grasp the challenges of someone living with Attention Deficit Disorder. That was until I discovered Vigg's new album [...]. Using strong, simple, yet powerful imagery, and child-level, heartfelt and touching text, Vigg targets the essential with sensitivity and intelligence."*

– Chantal Fontaine, *Librairie Moderne (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu)*

13,000 copies  
sold since  
its release



2021

★ Shortlisted for the  
Alvine-Bélisle Award

## OUR TRUE COLOURS

Simon Boulerice · Paule Thibault

*I only have one arm: the right one. I like to tell my friends I was in a terrible car crash and lived to tell the tale, but they had to cut my arm off. Ha, ha! That's not true, though. I was born this way. I've been special since the day I came into the world!*

This picture book paints a portrait of 14 beautiful and perfectly atypical children. They may be young, but they're not afraid to show their true colours and be proud of who they are.

**Our True Colours is a celebration of childhood and being unique.**

5+ | 9" X 10.5" | Hardcover | 32 colour pages | 978-2-924984-33-8 | 19.95 CAD

Being unique

"In this album, the author drew on the students he has met during his career to write fictional portraits of very unique children. We meet atypical, unique young people there, bubbling with life, in the process of building their identity. The whole is accompanied by portraits illustrated by Paule Thibault, giving this book an aspect of a work of art on which to ponder."

– Les Libraires

12,000 copies  
sold since  
its release



#### Rights sold

- ★ English, North America
- ★ German, Germany
- ★ Turkish, Turkey




#### 2020

- ★ Winner of Quebec Booksellers' Award, youth category
- ★ Shortlisted for the Libraries of Montreal Children's Book Award

## THEA AND HER THORNS

Maude Nepveu-Villeneuve · Sandra Dumais

Thea has her own bike with two wheels, a pair of red shoes with stars on them and a super-soft stuffed lion. And she has thorns: lots of spiky branches that grow in her tummy and stop her from doing anything when she's worried or scared. Thea is desperate to tame her thorns, but how can she go about it?

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Anxiety





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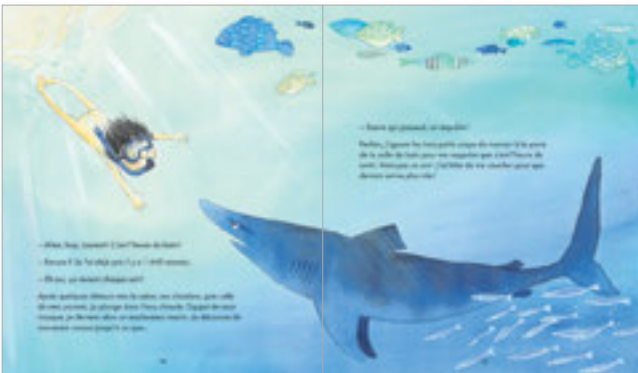
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Loss and grief



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2016

★ Shortlisted for the Lancemot Contest

2015

★ Winner of the Prix Illustration Jeunesse du Salon du livre de Trois-Rivières, Picture Book category

★ Winner of the grand prize at the Montérégie children's book awards



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Daily routines

Being happy as you are



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Alice feels sad and lonely. Her parents are always arguing. She can't stand all the bickering at home, so she picks up pebbles and confides to them what is breaking her little heart. But soon, all the pebbles will be too heavy for her to carry. Will Alice find a way to ease her worries and get rid of the pebbles in her pockets that are weighing her down?



2018

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Dealing with emotions



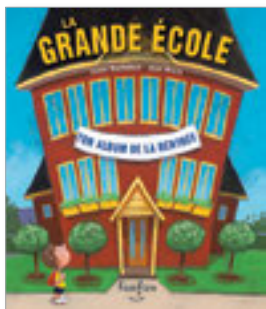
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Jannick Lachapelle · PisHier

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Illness



## GOING TO BIG SCHOOL

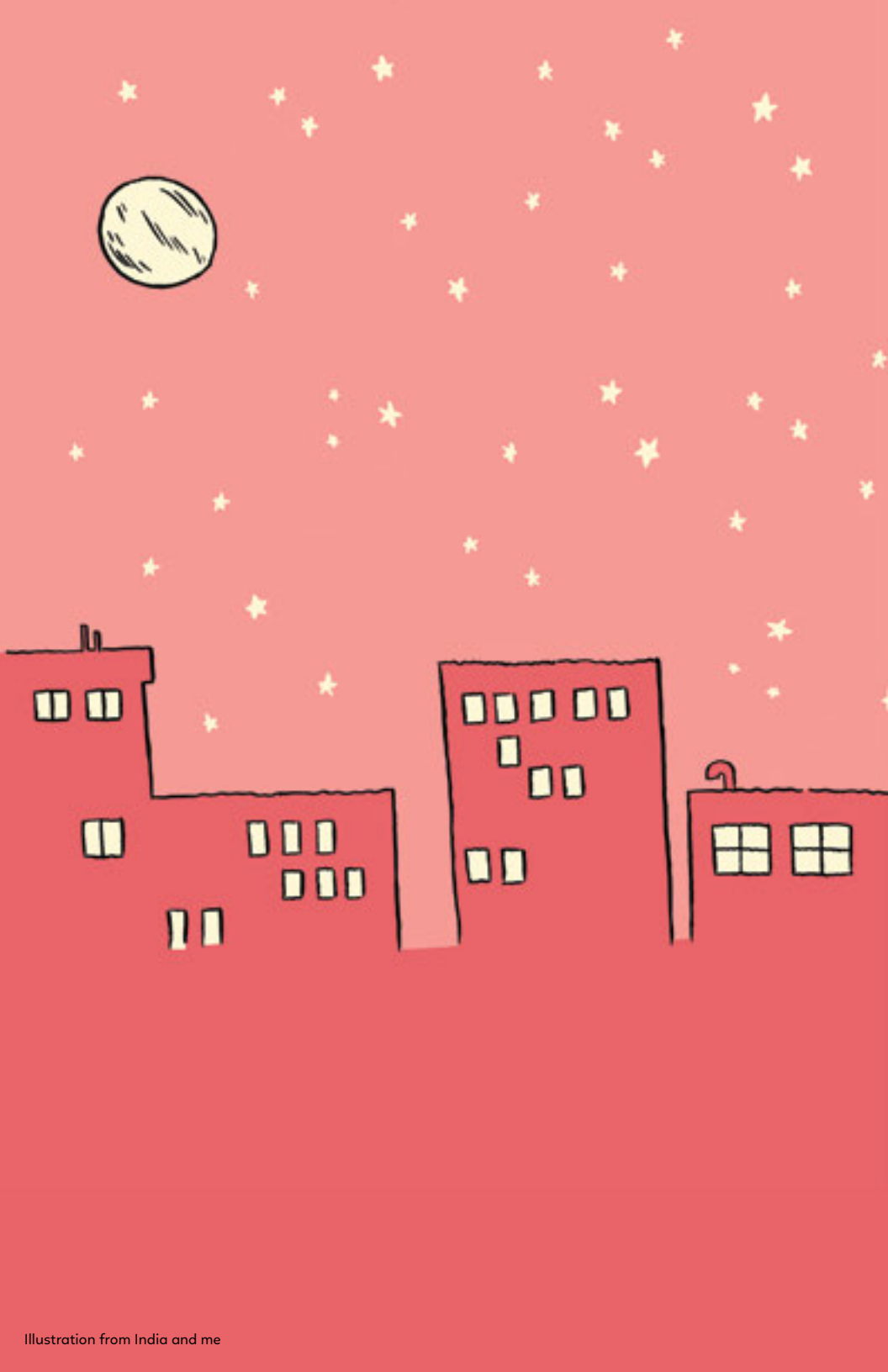
Josée Rochefort · Jean Morin

Evan will be starting kindergarten soon. Everyone around him tries to tell him what to expect. But his imagination begins to run wild. Will it be anything like what he thinks? Take a big step forward with Evan to see the world from his unique perspective and find out how his first day at school turns out.

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Fear of the unknown





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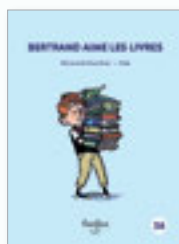
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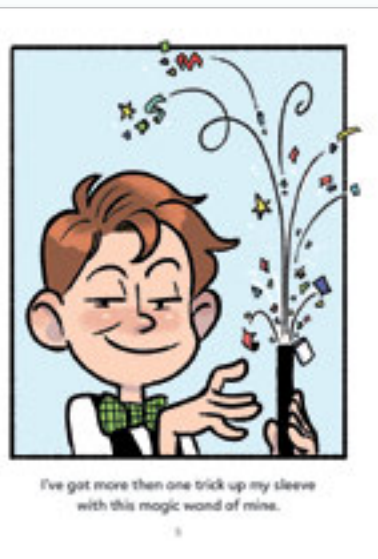
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Simon Boulerice · Guillaume Perreault

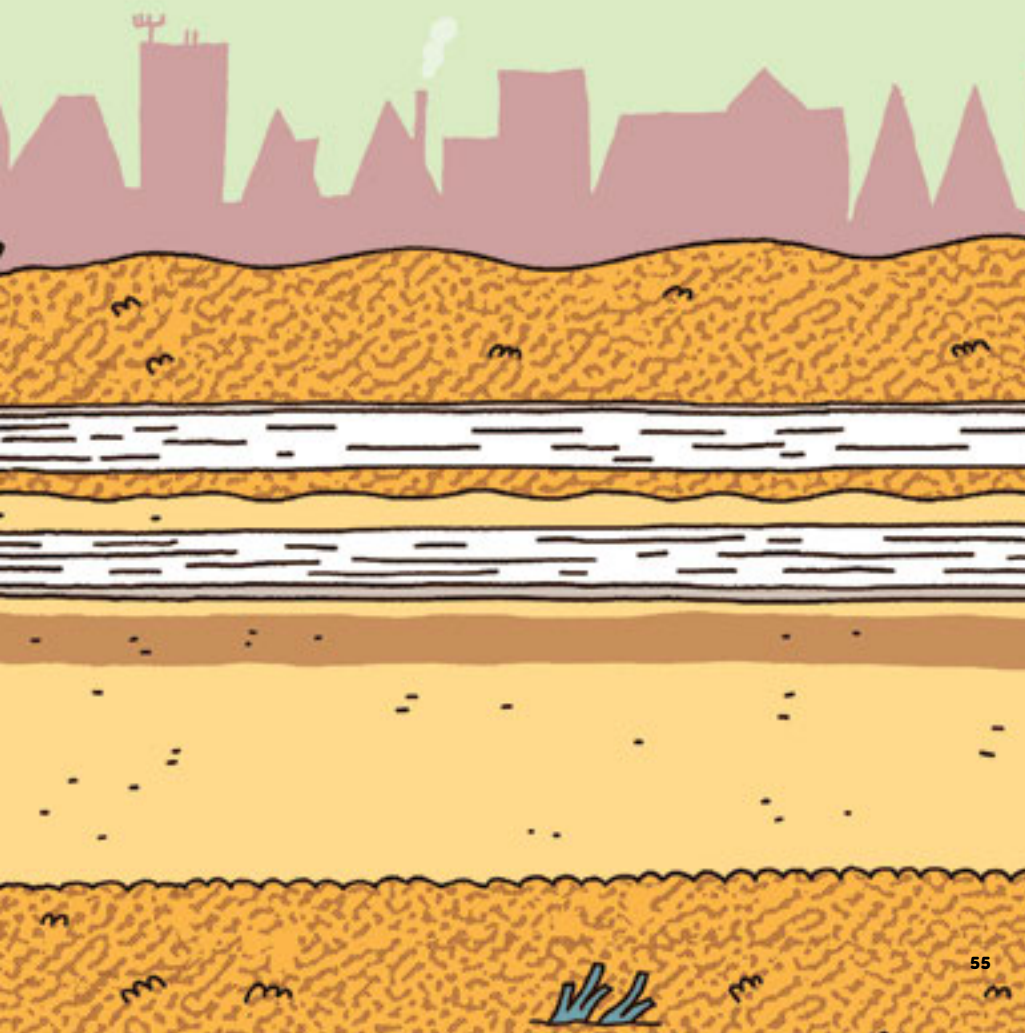






## FONFON INTERACTIVE

These interactive applications are a gateway for young readers into the world of their favourite characters and a platform for them to create stories of their own!



## FONFON APP

These tablet applications immerse children in a story and empower them to try their hand at being an author themselves.



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**Benoit Dutrizac · Bellebrute**

3-8 years old | Narration by Normand D'Amour and Anthony Imperioli  
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2016

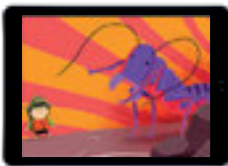
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A new digital project that's completely free to play with!

The Fonfon Creative Workshop is an online platform for children aged 4 to 11 to create their own stories based on the visual worlds in our picture books! It's all about giving them tools to make screen time rewarding and ignite their imagination.

The Workshop features video capsules with authors and illustrators explaining their different creative processes to give young creative writers support and inspiration. Educators will also find a wide range of resources and materials in a dedicated teachers' area. Look no further for stimulating activities to try at home or in the classroom!

## Features of the Fonfon Creative Workshop include:



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Add text



Record audio



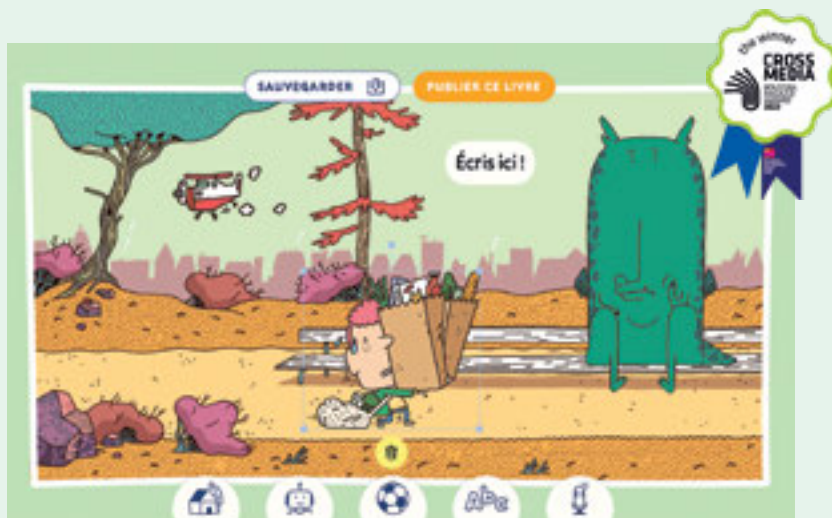
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Publish a story



Share your creation



2023

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- ★ Shortlisted for the Prix Numix Award, category Web and game – Web production – Youth and family

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