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Illustrated by Kristiina Louhi

## When You Are Tiny

Hardcover | 245 x 225 mm | 112 pages |  
Full colour illustrations | 2010 | Original title: Kun on oikein pieni



*When you are tiny,  
you can fly on a feather,  
or sleep under heather,  
when you are tiny.*

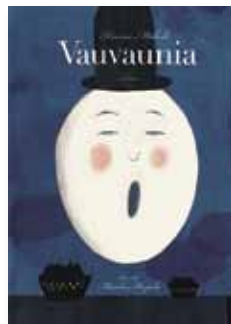
This baby book by two popular authors provides for a wonderful record of a childhood, and will amount to a treasure trove that will be a source of pleasure for life. It is a tender and beautiful gift book for babies and their parents; an empowering book for both.



Written by Hannu Mäkelä  
Illustrated by Marika Maijala

## Baby Dreams

Hardcover | 130 x 197 mm | 36 pages |  
Full colour illustrations | 2008 | Original title: Vauvaunia



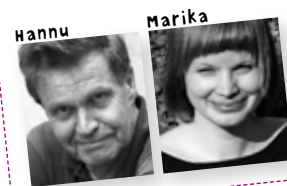
Rudolf Koivu Award of 2009

Nominated for H.C. Andersen medal 2010

HANNU MÄKELÄ'S *Baby Dreams* is about what babies dream, and what we can experience through them. The fine and unique illustrations are by MARIKA MAIJALA.

Every baby dreams, but what do they dream about? A mother can guess, and a father can listen. Because when a baby sleeps, its face, its voice, and sometimes the quick movements of its feet can tell you where the baby is journeying in its dreams.

*"Peesoo saa taa, saa beh ah caa, la la la loo, ba la la!"* The babylanguage dictionary hasn't been written yet, which is reason enough to trust this translation. *"I want pea soup in summertime and wild strawberries with ice cream. And I want to learn lullabies on the flute. And to love, and be loved, and love!"*



Niina Veittikoski

## Hertta BOOKS & ANIMATIONS

Hardcover | 210 x 210 mm | Extent: 32 pages |  
Full colour illustrations | 2010

Niina



Hertta – Brush Your Teeth! 2010



Hertta Wants a pet 2010

**Hertta** provides entertainment and play opportunities through a number of media! Her world is created by NIINA VEITTIKOSKI, a mother of two children, and it features animations, music CDs, soft toys and jigsaws.

Ilja Karsikas

## Anselmi BOOKS

Boardbook | 180 x 180 mm | Extent: 22 pages |  
Full colour illustrations | 2011

Ilja



Anselmi's Animals 2011



Anselmi's Numbers 2011

**The Anselmi books** represent the first picture-book series created by ILJA KARSIKAS. The figure of Anselmi is a charming encapsulation of a small child's experiences and playful way of perceiving the world.

**Mervi Lindman**

## Memmuli BOOKS

Hardcover | 195 x 260 mm | 32 pages | Full colour illustrations  
Original titles: Memmuli karkaa sirkukseen and Urhea pikku Memmuli

Mervi



**Memmuli Runs Away to the Circus** 2009



**Brave Little Memmuli** 2005

**Memmuli Runs Away to the Circus** is illustrated by Mervi Lindman's second picture book for children. Memmuli has been featured earlier in **Brave Little Memmuli**.

Rights sold:

Korea, Lithuania, Russia, Denmark

Sample translations:

English

Rosa



**Rosa Liksom**

## Jepata Nasta on the North Pole

Hardcover | 130 x 197 mm | 96 pages | Full colour illustrations | 2008 |  
Original title: Jepata Nasta pohjoisnavalla



Sample translations:

French

Have you ever met a princess who looks like an astronaut?

Rosa Liksom's second children's book is an unconventional odyssey to the North Pole with an environmental message.

The hilarious pictures were taken by the French photographer CHARLES FRÉGER.

ROSA LIKSOM IS A FINNISH ARTIST AND AUTHOR OF SEVERAL NOVELS AND SHORT STORIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO 14 LANGUAGES SO FAR.

Written by Riitta Jalonen  
Illustrated by Kristiina Louhi

## Girl Under the Jackdaw Tree TRILOGY

Hardcover | 210 x 200 mm | 32 pages | Full colour illustrations



Girl Under the Jackdaw Tree 2004

Rights sold:

China, Korea, Poland,  
France, Germany,  
Finland (Swedish),  
Estonia, Lithuania

Sample  
translations:

English



Tundra Mouse Mountain 2005

Rights sold:

China, UK, Bangladesh,  
France, Finland (Swedish)



Northern Lights on Snow 2006

Rights sold:

China, France,  
Finland (Swedish)

Little girl's thoughts are brought to life in these three wonderful books with an ethereal atmosphere and mesmerising illustrations.

RIITTA AND KRISTIINA  
WON THE FINLANDIA  
JUNIOR AWARD FOR GIRL  
UNDER THE JACKDAW  
TREE IN 2004.

Riitta



Kristiina



## Aidan and Sophie

Hardcover | 210 x 210 mm | 40 pages | Full colour illustrations | 2010 | Original title: Aatos ja Sofia



A new enchanting picture book from the beloved and award-winning team  
**RIITTA JALONEN and KRISTIINA LOUHI!**

Aidan and Sophie are 8- and 9-year-old friends. This book is a sweet story of summer, closeness, games, adventures – and of first love, from a boy's perspective. Through small, delicate details RIITTA JALONEN communicates the strong emotions of childhood. KRISTIINA LOUHI's warm and inventive illustrations bring the magical realm of childhood handy.

*"Jalonen describes the child's private experiences with respect. Louhi's clear, beautiful illustrations draw the reader to the text."*  
– Helsingin Sanomat

Sample  
translations:

English

Written by Tove Appelgren  
Illustrated by Salla Savolainen

## Vesta-Linnea BOOKS

Hardcover | 210 x 290 mm | 32 pages | Full colour illustrations

The four existing books in this delightful series feature Vesta-Linnea and her family as they cope with situations and feelings which are very common in all families with children.

The successful storylines, as well as the inventive and colourful illustrations, appeal to readers around the world.



**Vesta-Linnea and Monster Mom** 2001

Both Vesta-Linnea and her Mom are having a bad day and they manage to argue over anything and everything. Surely no-one can be in a good mood all the time, everyday. Although it would be quite lovely.



**It's time to sleep now, Vesta-Linnea** 2003

Vesta-Linnea is having trouble going to sleep in the evenings, and nothings seems to work. She keeps having nightmares, and goes to sleep in Mom's bed, which in turn disrupts Mom's sleep. Something must be done soon!



**Vesta-Linnea and the Velvet-Nosed Puppy** 2005

Vesta-Linnea's dream comes true: she gets a dog of her own! Everyone in the family falls in love with the sweet, velvet-nosed puppy. So what could possibly go wrong?



**Vesta-Linnea's Darkest Thought** 2008

Vesta-Linnea feels like her mother always takes her little sister's side over hers, and she is suddenly very certain that no one in the family even really loves her. Will anything disperse her darkest thoughts?

TOVE WAS NOMINATED FOR  
2010 ASTRID LINDGREN  
MEMORIAL AWARD.

SALLA WAS  
NOMINATED FOR 2010  
H.C. ANDERSEN MEDAL.



Nominated for  
Finlandia Junior  
Award 2008

Vesta-Linnea books can be read in:

Finnish, German, Swedish, Danish, Russian,  
Polish, Estonian, Norwegian, Hindi, Urdu, Chinese

sample  
translations:  
English

## Maria Vuorio

# One Great Day

Hardcover | 125 x 205 mm | 100 pages | 2010 |  
Original title: Eräänä valtavana maanantaina



**One Great Day** consists of fourteen youth novels for all those looking for enchantment and great reads. The unexpected can happen any day!

Winner of Arvid Lydecken  
Children's Book Award 2006

Rights sold:

Japan



Written by Maria Vuorio  
Illustrated by Mika Launis  
**Squirrel and Swallow**

Hardcover | 130 x 197 mm |  
96 pages | B&W line drawings |  
2007

Squirrel and Swallow is a story about love and about the woodland life in the winter. But most of all it is a story of true friendship.



Written by Maria Vuorio  
Illustrated by Mika Launis  
**Happy Hare**

Hardcover | 130 x 197 mm |  
96 pages | B&W line drawings |  
2006

Hare is a helpful and curious participant in the woodland life and a Happy Hare is a chain of stories about him and his hops from task to task.

Maria



MARIA WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS FINLAND PRIZE FOR HER AUTHORSHIP IN 2009.

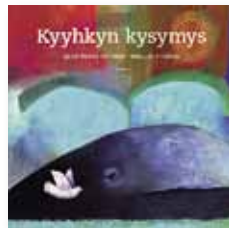
Esko-Pekka Nikolai



Written by Esko-Pekka Tiitinen  
Illustrated by Nikolai Tiitinen

## The Drops of Life

Hardcover | 195 x 224 mm | 32 pages | Full colour illustrations | 2010 | Original title: Kyyhkyn kysymys



ALSO AVAILABLE:



E-P Tiitinen  
N. Tiitinen  
**The Woolheads**

Hardcover |  
124 x 200 mm |  
134 pages |  
2008 |  
Villapäät

Finlandia Junior  
Award Winner  
2008

Rights sold:  
Norway

The story was originally a school play by **ESKO-PEKKA TIITINEN** that has been performed already in 70 different countries after its premiere in 2007. The play was created for the **ENO Programme** that organises a tree planting day on the international day for peace in September. So far **the school children have planted four million trees in over 150 countries!**

A little dove asks an owl to fly with her to Africa. At the destination they are shocked: sand has taken over the land, and even the dove's hometree is gone.

A teamwork of animals, people, the sun and the wind is needed before a new tree seed is successfully planted. A very strong green plant emerges out of the little seed, and when the plant grows into a tree, its seeds will help forests grow all over the world.

Sample translations:

English

[www.enoprogramme.org](http://www.enoprogramme.org)

Hannu Hirvonen

## Moths of Hades

Hardcover | 130 x 197 mm | 123 pages | 2010 |  
Original title: Tuonenkehräjät | Series: The Dark Line



*In the beginning everything seems like an exciting dream to Mii. She sees a beautiful little city rising out of nothing. Mii sets off to look at the city. There are people standing around in every alley and on every street corner. The feeling is like in a ship terminal – lots of people waiting to leave for a trip. Little by little everything new and exciting becomes somehow sad and oppressive. What has happened to Mii's parents? What has happened to Mii herself? And who are the black figures everyone is avoiding?*

**The Dark Line Series** introduces nail-biting thrillers and horror stories for young people. We dare you to step into the Dark Line!

ALSO AVAILABLE:

**Kari Levola** *Cheap Asphalt*

Hardcover | 130 x 197 mm | 96 pages | 2010 |  
Original title: Halpaa asfalttia



Hannu



Tapani Bagge

## The Mystery of the Screaming Skull

Hardcover | 124 x 200 mm | 200 pages | 2010 |  
Original title: Kirkuvan kallon arvoitus | Series: The Black Dog gang



The detective agency's adventure begins mysteriously in a flea market. Deborah purchases a skull pendant, which is immediately stolen from her. Deborah, Sisko, Veli, and Osku track the thief across the city and find clues about a big jewel heist. But Inspector Migraine, who is investigating the incident, doesn't have time for the youngsters. However, the thieves take them perfectly seriously!

TAPANI BAGGE weaves humour into his fast-paced plot. He leads the reader to extraordinary places where even the skulls scream. **The Black Dog gang** solves its third spine-tingling mystery in the streets and catacombs of Paris. Addictive excitement for children nine and up.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

**The Mystery of the Flaming Lizard**

Hardcover | 124 x 200 mm | 203 pages | 2009 |  
Original title: Liekehtivän liskon arvoitus



Tapani

TAPANI HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL PRIZES FOR HIS CHILDREN'S AND FICTION BOOKS.



## Sari Peltoniemi

# The Servant of Dusk

Hardcover | 124 x 200 mm | 218 pages | 2009 |  
Original title: Hämärän renki



*Kaarina didn't hesitate when Valeri asked her: – Will you come with me? I'm going to leave everything behind and start a new life.*

**The Servant of Dusk** takes place in a world familiar from SARI PELTONIEMI'S earlier fantasy novel, **The Scale**. Kaarina's and Valeri's ballad-like love story is intertwined with a fascinating alternative history and the timeless charm of fantasy – and with Jesse, whose game has turned into reality.

SARI PELTONIEMI HAS BEEN NOMINATED TWICE FOR THE FINLANDIA PRIZE.



ALSO AVAILABLE:  
**The Scale**

Hardcover | 124 x 200 mm | 223 pages | 2007 |  
Original title: Suomi

sample translations:

English

Sari



## Lauri Törhönen

# The Counterpoint and the Winning Goal

Hardcover | 200+ pages | 2011 | Original title: Kontrapunkti ja voittomaali



While **Cello & Ball** ends before Aino's and Mikael's first kiss, the sequel, **The Counterpoint and the Winning Goal**, begins with this first kiss – that crazy, euphoric sensation that, when you are young, nearly swallows you whole. The sequel concentrates on young love, its joys and mishaps, its intoxication and the threats that lie in wait. These threats are as eternal as love itself.

The world is their oyster, and the young people are faced with a truly serious dilemma. How to step onto a path that may lead to the stars and beyond, but may also lead into infernal depths? Alone or together?

ALSO AVAILABLE:  
**Cello & Ball**

Hardcover | 124 x 200 mm | 222 pages | 2009 |  
Original title: Sello & pallo

sample translations:

English

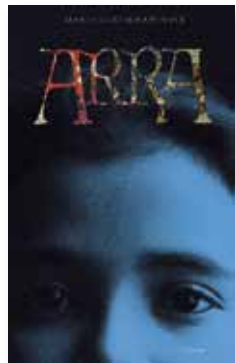
Lauri



## Maria Turtschaninoff

### Arra

Hardcover | 134 x 213 mm | 256 pages | 2010 | Original title: Arra



The fairy-tale world of this bold fantasy novel will enchant lovers of adventure and romance alike.

MARIA TURTSCHANINOFF'S novel tells the story of a girl called Arra, who is unwanted and rejected and despised by her family from birth.

**Arra** is a thrilling fantasy adventure with strong fairy-tale elements. The book's world is reminiscent of medieval society but provides a wholly original background for a story that casts a spell on the reader.

An extract from the Finlandia Junior Prize jury's report: "*Arra is a fantastic work of art with integrity and lyrical beauty. It draws the reader into its magic world. The story is engaging and shows the storytelling tradition is alive and kicking.*"

Society of Swedish Literature Prize 2010

Nominated for Finlandia Junior Prize 2009

Sample translations:

Swedish

Maria



## Marja-Leena Tiainen

### Seeing the Forest for the Trees

Hardcover | 124 x 280 mm | 300 pages | 2010 | Original title: Päin mäntyä



Once again award-winning MARJA-LEENA TIAINEN produces a genuine, touching portrait of young people whose development and emotions are at their most frenzied.

16-year-old Miro is beginning studies in a forestry school, even though he doesn't think that he'll ever become a professional forester. Behind this defiant decision is a desire to get away from an increasingly dangerous circle of friends and his father's authority. Miro, a passionate snowboarding enthusiast, is also drawn to Kontio by the posh slopes at the Kalla ski centre... There to listen to the fiery speeches is also Aava. Miro falls head-over-heels for the girl, for whom environmental protection is a matter of the heart.

MARJA-LEENA TIAINEN HAS BEEN AWARDED E.G. SAVONIA AND TOPELIUS PRIZES FOR HER YOUTH NOVELS, WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO SEVERAL LANGUAGES.

Marja-Leena



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