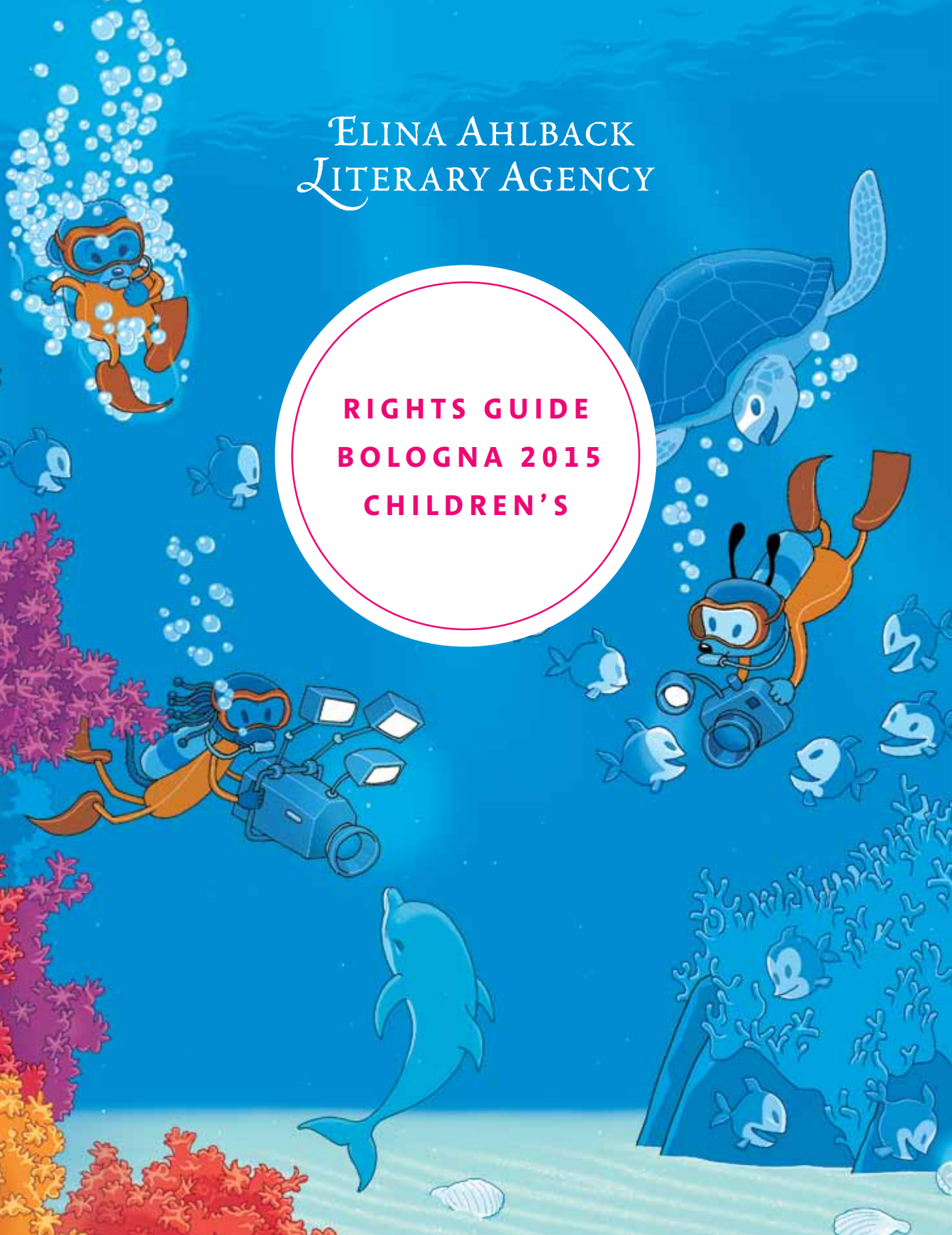


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LEARN AND DISCOVER WITH TEN LITTLE MOKOMAKIS



#1 MO-KO-MA-KI!

(*Mo-ko-ma-ki!* Myllylahti February 2014, 24 pp.)

MOKOMAKI MOTHERS HAVE lost their little ones. Where could they be?

#2 MO-KO-MA-KI! PAINT IT!

(*Mo-ko-ma-ki! Taivaanrannan maalarit*, 24 pp.)

A PUZZLE AND DOODLING book in the inimitable Mokomaki style.

#3 MO-KO-MA-KI! WHO WAS IT?

(*Mo-ko-ma-ki! Kuka se oli?* Myllylahti October 2014, 24 pp.)

CAN YOU figure out which one of the Mokomakis has played a trick on the others?

CELEBRATE DISCOVERY AND IMAGINATION

THE MOKOMAKIS are ten little animals with quirky and distinctive qualities: the zebra's stripes tend to disappear, and the little lion loves a good sleep more than anything else. The series celebrates the discovery of small details and using one's imagination. For those who can read, the small owls provide extra fun with little clues.

SATU KONTINEN

Satu Kontinen (b. 1976) is a graphic designer and illustrator. She is known for using strong and bold colours and creating worlds that spark the imagination of kids and adults alike. In 2008 she was given an award for designing and illustrating one of the most beautiful book covers in Finland ("Vuoden kaunein kirja"), and in 2004 she was nominated for the Finlandia Junior Prize. She has quickly gained international recognition across Europe and Asia and recently illustrated a watch for Swatch's Me and My Pet collection. www.satukala.com



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THE MO-KO-MA-KI SERIES

Original publisher:
FINLAND, Myllylahti
CHINA, Bei Jing Northark Culture Media
FRANCE, Sarbacanne (Book I)
TAIWAN, Grimm Press
WORLD ENGLISH, POW!/powerHouse Books

PRIZES

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FINNISH BOOKS PRIZE 2008
 NOMINATED FOR THE FINLANDIA JUNIOR PRIZE 2004

READING MATERIAL

FULL ENGLISH TEXT OF BOOKS 1-3
 FULL FINNISH TEXT OF BOOKS 1-3



COMING IN 2015!

MO-KO-MA-KI!

WHAT A FEELING!



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MY LITTLE CREATURE

(*Min egen lilla liten*, Schildts & Söderströms 2014, 44 pp.)

LIVING INSIDE the dark mountain, hiding from the sun, the Creature longs for company and friendship. When she meets a stray ray of sunshine, everything changes -- if only for a day.

EVERYTHING

(*Allt det här*, Schildts & Söderströms 2012, 22 pp.)

WRITTEN IN RHYME, *Everything* is a creation story for children with an unquenchable appetite for observation. The universe is there for you to smell, taste, touch, imagine, see and listen to.

THE DICTATOR

(*Diktatorn*, Schildts & Söderströms 2010, 36 pp.)

DICTATORS only want to write "I, I, I." They think it's hard work to make all the decisions. They may be children of overindulgent parents or past rulers of the Soviet Union. But in the end they are all quite lonely.

“With its focus on the heartache and challenges of being different, along with the natural way in which we accept ourselves and others for who we are, *My Little Creature* reminds us in an unsentimental and uncompromising way of the sheer beauty, value, and “eternality” that a single day can possess.

- CLAUDIA BEDRICK, PUBLISHER, ENCHANTED LION BOOKS

ULF STARK & LINDA BONDESTAM

Linda Bondestam (b. 1977) is one of Finland's most beloved and acclaimed illustrators. Her accolades include an award from the Society of Swedish Literature in Finland, and nominations for the Finlandia Junior Prize and the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Ulf Stark (b. 1944) is a legendary Swedish author and screenwriter whose numerous honours include the Nordic Children's Book Prize. His latest collaboration with Bondestam, *My Little Creature* (Schildts & Söderströms 2014), was nominated for the Finlandia Junior Prize.

RIGHTS SOLD

MY LITTLE CREATURE
Original publisher:
FINLAND, Schildts & Söderströms

FINLAND, Teos Publishers (Finnish)
GERMANY, Fischer
SWEDEN, Berghs
WORLD ENGLISH, Enchanted Lion Books

EVERYTHING

Original publisher:
FINLAND, Schildts & Söderströms
SWEDISH, Berghs

THE DICTATOR

Original publisher:
FINLAND, Schildts & Söderströms

ARABIC, Dar Al Saqi
BELARUSIAN, I.P. Lohvinau
DANISH, Forlaget Buster
FINLAND, Teos Publishers (Finnish)
LATVIAN, Liels un Mazs
NORWEGIAN, Aschehoug
SERBIAN, Fabrika Knjiga
TURKISH, Altin Kitaplar

PRIZES

NOMINATED FOR THE FINLANDIA JUNIOR PRIZE 2014

READING MATERIAL

ALL BOOKS:
 FULL ENGLISH TEXT
 SWEDISH EDITION

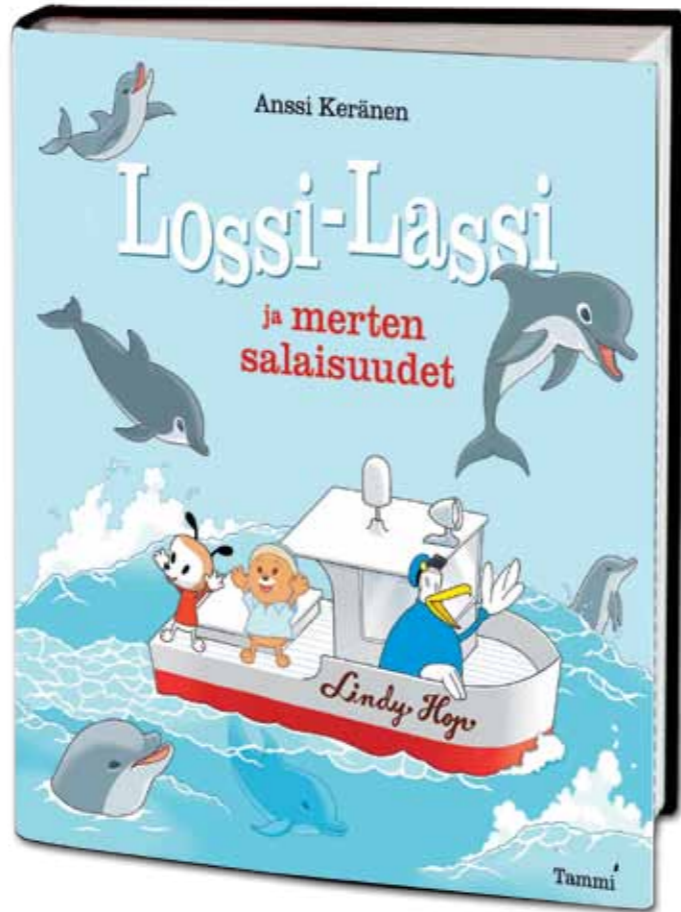


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FEARLESS EXPLORERS TAKE TO THE SEAS!

CAPTAIN CODY AND THE SECRETS OF THE SEA

(*Lossi-Lassi ja merten salaisuudet*, Tammi August 2015, 45 pp.)
SEASONED CAPTAIN CODY, a seagull, explores the hidden corners of the ocean on his trusted little ship, Lindy Hop, with his friends Vince and James in tow. Early in their journey a friendly dolphin pack introduces them to Tautou, a monkey who has lost his home island to rising sea levels. DURING THEIR oceanic adventure the group helps gather up trash from a beach and cleans up an oil spill. Finally they journey deep underneath the surface of the water to explore a rich underwater world. Here they meet the grandest creature in the animal kingdom: the blue whale.



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Richard Scarry meets Finding Nemo in an energetic environmental adventure set in a Jacques Costeau-inspired world

ANSSI KERÄNEN

Author and illustrator Anssi Keränen (b. 1967) has a master's degree in graphic design from the University of Art and Design Helsinki (now part of Aalto University), and has provided graphic design services for some of Finland's largest corporations. He has also worked as an illustrator for Finnish magazines since 1999. Keränen is known for his humorous style that is at once classic and innovative. In *Captain Cody and the Secrets of the Sea* (Tammi 2015), Keränen tells an eco-positive story from a fresh and relatable angle.



Photo © Tammi



Captain Cody, an explorer, is the fearless captain of Lindy Hop. He says he can understand the language of dolphins.

Vince the dog and James the bear are Captain Cody's best friends. They are inseparable, and always ready for new adventures – including this sea exploration. They think Cody is a great captain, but are a bit suspicious about whether or not he actually speaks dolphin.

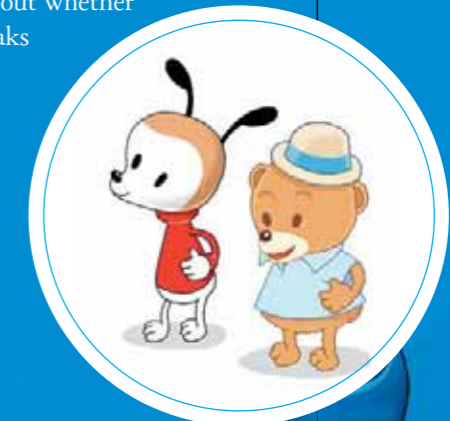
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Original publisher:
FINLAND, Tammi

READING MATERIAL
FINNISH EDITION
ENGLISH SAMPLE



Tautou lost his home island under rising sea levels. But he is tenacious: "My home is where my heart is – and where my friends are. All I have to do is find new friends," he says.



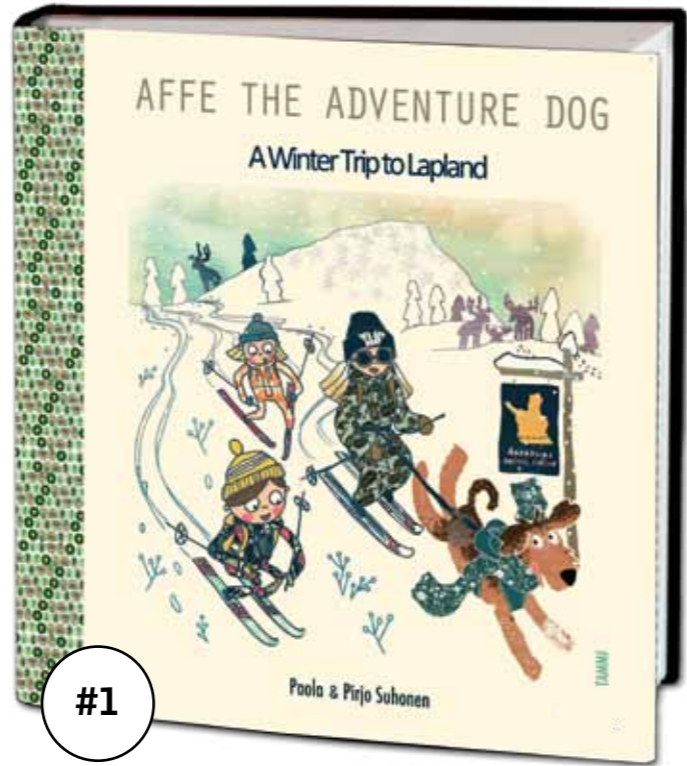
DASH THROUGH THE SEASONS WITH AFFE!

AFFE THE ADVENTURE DOG: A WINTER TRIP TO LAPLAND

(Erikoiskoiria Affe: Talviseikkailu Lapissa, Tammi October 2015, 32 pp.)

TWIN SIBLINGS Arttu, a boy, and Kerttu, a girl, are observant and imaginative four-year-olds: Kerttu loves remote controls, playing the recorder and splashing in puddles. Arttu loves to blow bubbles, play memory games and knit.

TOGETHER WITH AFFE, a rescue dog with thick fur who loves Manchego cheese and walks in the rain, Arttu and Kerttu take a reader on seasonal adventures set in a familiar world. In the opening entry to a four-part series, Arttu, Kerttu, Affe and their bohemian aunt Pirkko head to the northernmost and sparsely inhabited part of Finland, above the Arctic Circle.



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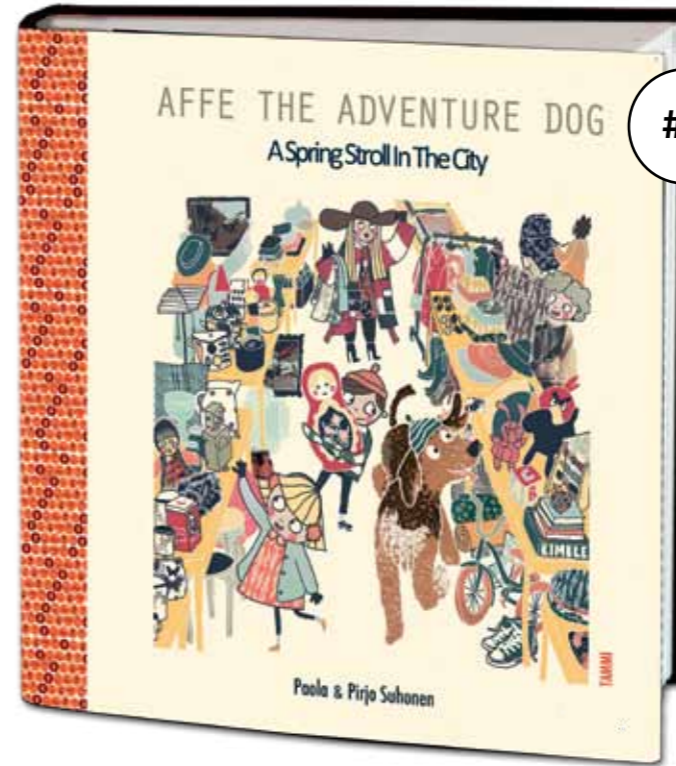
Finland's best-known names in fashion take a timeless and modern look at our world through a child's eyes

PAOLA AND PIRJO SUHONEN

Paola and Pirjo Suhonen are internationally known for the Ivana Helsinki fashion brand, a trailblazer in contemporary Finnish fashion that has been included on the official calendars of both the New York and Paris fashion weeks. Designer Paola Suhonen is an expert in creating versatile prints, and her designs have appeared on products around the world. Paola's sister Pirjo Suhonen is an expert in branding and marketing creative ideas. She loves telling stories to her three-year-old daughter, and the Affe series spun from her desire to document real-life events through an imaginative lens. www.ivanahelsinki.com



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#2

AFFE THE ADVENTURE DOG: A SPRING STROLL IN THE CITY

(Erikoiskoiria Affe: Kevätretki kaupungilla, Tammi October 2015, Ca. 32 pp.)

ARTTU AND KERTTU'S MOM brings the twins to visit aunt Pirkko in Helsinki. She lives in an apartment built into an old pharmacy that has large windows (perfect for watching people pass by) and a wood sauna in the basement. Arttu, Kerttu, Affe and Pirkko ride the tram to the flea market to look for treasures; Pirkko is a true bargain hunter and finds a bagful of new outfits. The day takes an unexpected turn when the group sits down for a lunch of spinach soup and beetroot patties: a strange woman approaches them and claims Affe to be her dog!



ILLUSTRATOR MAIJA MERO, 25, has a degree in clothing design and is currently pursuing her master's degree in fashion at Aalto University in Helsinki. She has created illustrations for the Affe books in collaboration with Paola Suhonen, who works as art director for the series.



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Original publisher: FINLAND, Tammi

READING MATERIAL FINNISH EDITION ENGLISH SAMPLE

FORTHCOMING

#3

AFFE THE ADVENTURE DOG: A SUMMER ADVENTURE

#4

AFFE THE ADVENTURE DOG: AN AUTUMN ADVENTURE



RIGHTS SOLD IN 18 LANGUAGES!

SIRI FINDS A SEASHELL

(*Siiri löytää simpukan*, Tammi September 2015, Ca. 40 pp.)
SIRI AND LITTLE OTTO learn how to dive in order to look for a hidden treasure on the bottom of the ocean.

“Siri, a curious and energetic little girl, is perfectly suited to marvel at nature’s wonders....Tiina Nopola is an expert in telling a story in a nimble and natural way and constructing a page-turning plot... Lindman’s gentle, fun and colourful illustrations have become an inseparable part of the series.

- SAVON SANOMAT NEWSPAPER, FINLAND (ON SIRI AND THE STAR)



#13

The vivacious and tenacious Siri is a little girl just like you



TIINA NOPOLA

Tiina Nopola (b. 1955) is an award-winning and bestselling author of 13 Siri books and more than 40 other children’s books together with her sister Sinikka Nopola. The sisters’ bestselling book series feature some of the most beloved characters in Finnish children’s literature, including *Ricky Rapper*, *Hayflower* and *Quiltshoe* and *Eric*. Rights to the Siri series, launched in 2002, have been sold in 18 languages. www.tiinanopola.com



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Original publisher:
FINLAND, Tammi
 ARAB WORLD, Dar Al Saqi
 CHINA, Graphic Communications Press
 CZECH REPUBLIC, Rebo Productions
 DENMARK, Carlsen
 DENMARK, Turbine
 ESTONIA (Võru), Võru Instituut
 GERMANY, Ellermann
 HUNGARY, Kolibri
 KOREA, Chackgama
 LATVIA, Zvaigzne
 LITHUANIA, Nieko Rimto
 NETHERLANDS, Rebo Productions
 POLAND, Foksal
 SWEDEN, Bonnier Carlsen
 SLOVAKIA, Verbarium
 TURKEY, Marti
 UKRAINE, BAT
 VIETNAM, Kim Dong
 Siri books have also been published in (rights reverted): Russia

READING MATERIAL

FULL ENGLISH TEXT OF BOOK 10, 12
 ENGLISH SAMPLE OF BOOKS 1, 3-5, 9
 GERMAN SAMPLE OF BOOK 9
 SPANISH SAMPLE OF BOOKS 9 AND 11
 JAPANESE SAMPLE OF BOOK 1



“Mervi Lindman’s gentle yet amusing illustrations wonderfully complement Tiina Nopola’s brisk and flowing narration.

- HELSINGIN SANOMAT NEWSPAPER, FINLAND

THE SIRI SERIES

Siri is a spirited little girl whose three best friends are Little Otto, Middle Otto and Big Otto. The series has become known for representing the inner life of children in an authentic way: it narrates amusing everyday occurrences and emphasizes humour and imagination.

ILLUSTRATOR MERVI LINDMAN'S (b. 1971) vibrant and sweet illustrations are full of comical touches and lively, eye-catching details. Lindman’s works have been praised by critics and the public alike, and she has received several grants to support her artistic work.



A CLASSIC TALE OF SIBLING RIVALRY WITH AWARD-WINNING ILLUSTRATIONS

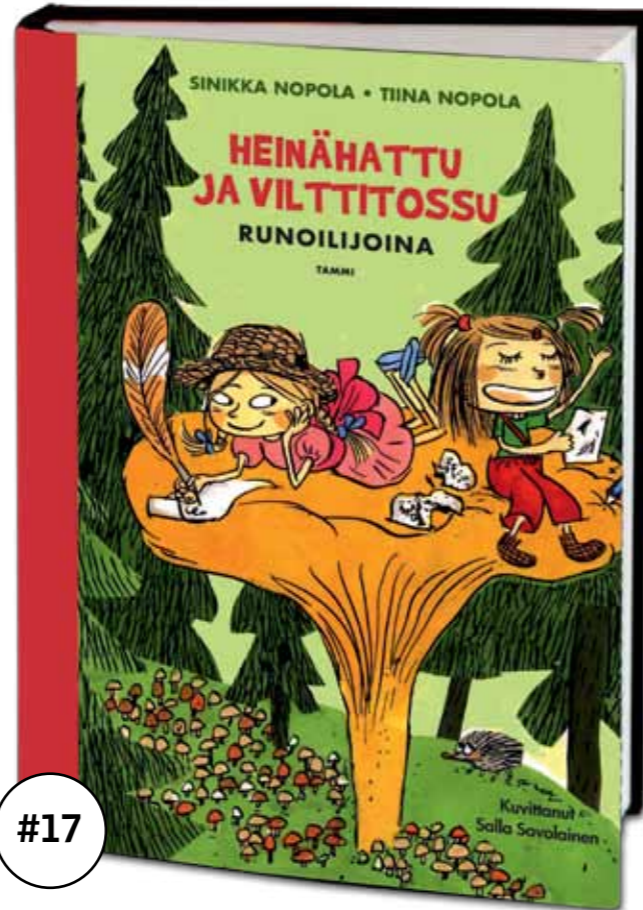
HAYFLOWER AND QUILTSHOE AS POETS

(*Heinähattu ja Vilttitossu runoilijoina*, Tammi July 2015, Ca. 80 pp.)

HAYFLOWER AND QUILTSHOE'S mother enrolls her daughters in a poetry competition, hoping that writing will help stop their bickering. The local police officers agree: "poets are unlikely to have sticky fingers."

AS EXPECTED, the studious Hayflower receives thanks for her lovely poem about mushrooms, annoying Quiltshoe in the process. But when Hayflower's winning poem is read at the awards ceremony, the audience is flabbergasted: who has sabotaged the poem by inserting poop and toot jokes? And why is Quiltshoe the only one to praise Hayflower's work? Can the budding poet's reputation be salvaged?

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“*Hayflower and Quiltshoe have elements of beloved children's book classics and their characters...*”

- ANNA MAGAZINE, FINLAND

SINIKKA & TIINA NOPOLA

Sisters Sinikka Nopola (b. 1953) and Tiina Nopola (b. 1955) have written more than 50 children's books, and are among Finland's best-known authors. Their bestselling book series feature some of the most beloved characters in Finnish children's literature: *Hayflower and Quiltshoe* and *Ricky Rapper*. In 2011 the Nopola sisters were given the State Award for Children's Culture, and both were nominated for the 2014 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. www.sinikkanopola.com | www.tiinanopola.com



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FINLAND, Tammi
CHINA, Hubei Children's Press
DENMARK, Turbine
ESTONIA, TEA Publishers
HUNGARY, Cerkabella
LITHUANIA, Nieko Rimto
RUSSIA, Meshcheryakov
SERBIA, Propolis
 Hayflower and Quiltshoe books have also been published in (rights reverted): Japan, Sweden, Latvia

READING MATERIAL

FULL ENGLISH TEXT OF BOOK 13
 ENGLISH SAMPLE OF BOOKS 9 AND 14
 FRENCH SAMPLE OF BOOK 1
 SPANISH SAMPLE OF BOOK 13



THE HAYFLOWER AND QUILTSHOE SERIES

The responsible and well-behaved Hayflower and the rowdy and free-spirited Quiltshoe are quite different to be sisters. The girls' family includes their mother, their loving but impractical father, and a little brother. Their adventures often involve their neighbors, the Misses Alibullen, and the two town policemen. The well-known stories have been adapted to the stage and the screen.

ILLUSTRATOR SALLA SAVOLAINEN (b. 1962) is an acclaimed and versatile illustrator who has worked on dozens of children's picture books. In 2005 she won the prestigious Rudolf Koivu Prize, and she was nominated for the H.C. Andersen Medal in 2010. Salla's illustrations have been part of the Hayflower and Quiltshoe world from 2012 on. From 1989 to 2009 the series was illustrated by Markus Majaluoma, also a well-known illustrator.



FINLAND'S #1 BEST-SELLING CHARACTER!
RIGHTS SOLD IN 18 LANGUAGES!

RICKY RAPPER AND THE NIGHTHAWK

(*Risto Rappääjä ja yöhaukka*, Tammi July 2015, Ca. 120 pp.)
WHILE ON VACATION, Ricky and Nelly come across an archeological dig. When a valuable snake ring disappears, Mr. Lindberg is suspected of theft. During the following two nights two other thieves, or “nighthawks” are spotted at the dig. Is Fran involved somehow – or Ricky, who is beginning to resemble Indiana Jones?



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Ricky Rapper channels Indiana Jones!

“The enduring popularity of Ricky Rapper reflects the fact that Sinikka Nopola and Tiina Nopola have managed to keep their readership happy. The latest book is outstanding...the Nopolas are masters of charming storytelling and skillful language.”

- SAVON SANOMAT NEWSPAPER, FINLAND (ON RICKY RAPPER AND THE SCROOGE OF SEVILLE)

SINIKKA & TIINA NOPOLA

Sinikka Nopola (b. 1953) and Tiina Nopola (b. 1955) have authored a combined 50 children's books as well as plays, musicals and screenplays. Their work has earned them several awards, including the State Award for Children's Culture. Both were also nominees for the 2014 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. *Ricky Rapper*, one of several popular and distinctive personalities created by the Nopola sisters, is Finland's bestselling and most popular contemporary children's character. www.sinikkanopola.com | www.tiinanopola.com



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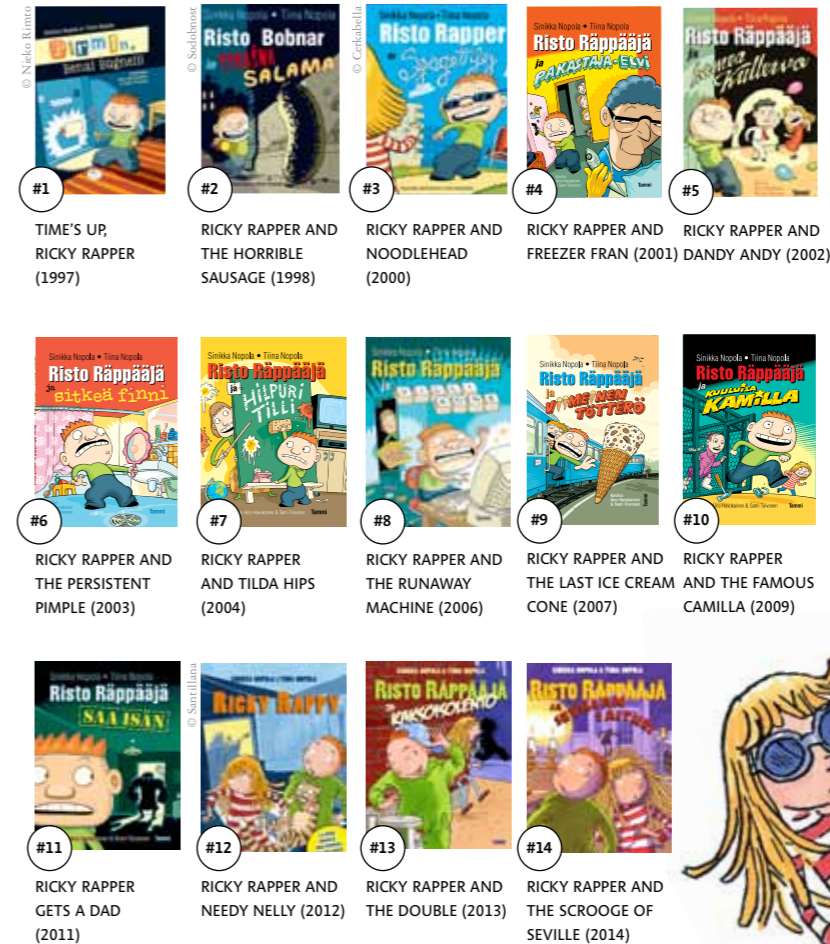


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FINLAND, Tammi
ARABIC, Dar al Saqi
BRAZIL, SDS Editora
BULGARIA, Faber
CHINA (simplified Chinese), Beijing Xiron Books
DENMARK, Turbine
DENMARK, Carlsen
ESTONIA, Varrak
FINLAND (Sámi), ABC-Company
FRANCE, Pocket Jeunesse
HUNGARY, Cerkabella
JAPAN, Komine Shoten
LATVIA, Zvaigzne
LITHUANIA, Nieko Rimto
POLAND, Foksal
SLOVENIA, Sodobnost
SPAIN, Santillana
SWEDEN, Bonnier Carlsen
TURKEY, Altin Kitaplar

READING MATERIAL

BOOK 1: GERMAN SAMPLE
BOOK 3: ENGLISH SAMPLE
BOOK 12: FULL ENGLISH TEXT, SPANISH EDITION
BOOK 13: FULL GERMAN TEXT, ENGLISH SAMPLE
BOOK 14: ENGLISH SAMPLE



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THE RICKY RAPPER SERIES

LAUNCHED IN 1997, the Ricky Rapper books star a red-headed boy who loves playing drums and rapping, and lives with his aunt Serena. Their circle of friends includes Ricky's best friend Nelly, Freezer Fran, Serena's boyfriend Mr. Lindberg and many others. Ricky Rapper's success in Finland is unparalleled in books for young readers. These bestsellers have been adapted into five movies, all of which have been box office hits; the fourth film was named Best European Children's Film at the 2014 Schlingel international film festival for children and young audiences.

ILLUSTRATOR CHRISTEL RÖNNS (b. 1960) is an acclaimed illustrator and graphic designer whose innovative and humorous artwork has earned her several prizes and nominations, including the Finlandia Junior Prize in 2012. Rönns' wonderful illustrations have been part of Ricky Rapper's world since 2012. From 1997 to 2011 the Ricky Rapper books were illustrated, also delightfully, by Aino Havukainen and Sami Toivonen.



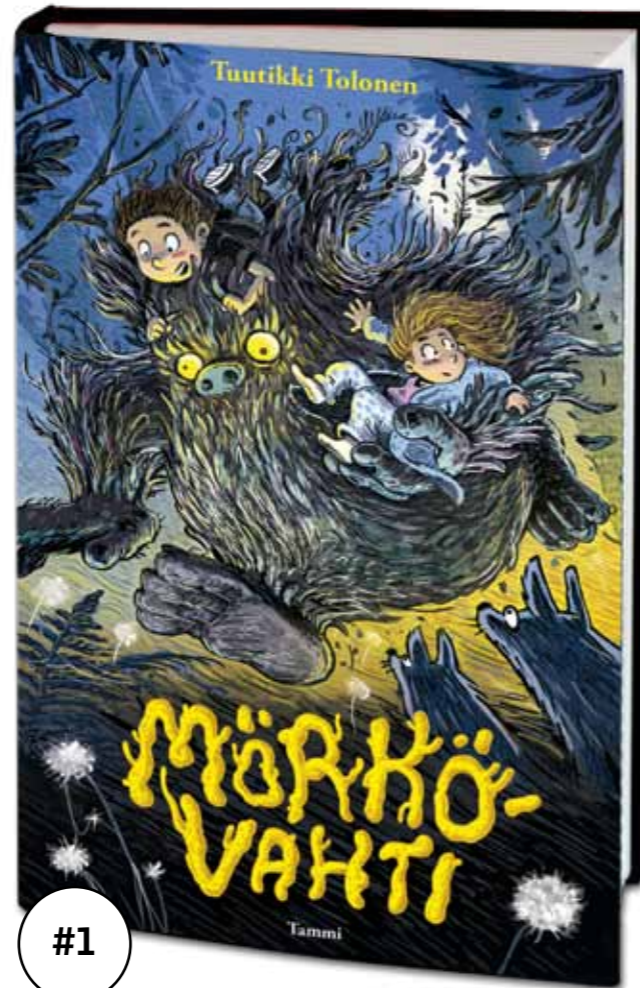
MY NANNY IS A CREATURE FROM ANOTHER WORLD!

MONSTER NANNY

(*Mörkövahti*, Tammi October 2015, Ca. 300 pp.)

SUMMER VACATION gets off to an unusual start for Halley (11), Koby (nine) and Mimi (six years and four months): their mom has won a relaxing two-week getaway in Lapland and a nanny to take care of the kids during her absence, before their father returns from a business trip. Everything seems just perfect until the nanny's identity is revealed: "a half-human comprehensively trained for the job; according to an old definition, a monster or a troll."

A HAIRY MONSTER shedding chunks of mud and smelling of a potato cellar soon shows up at the door and settles into the closet. After the initial scare, the kids find an ancient book on monsters that helps them become better acquainted with their new nanny, Grah.



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A bouncy, richly imaginative adventure in which Mary Poppins meets Where the Wild Things Are

TUUTIKKI TOLONEN

Tuutikki Tolonen (b. 1975) is the author of several acclaimed children's books, many of which she has written in collaboration with writer Eppu Nuotio. She has also written plays and academic articles. In addition to her work as a writer she teaches creative writing and works as an editor and reporter at Vinski, Finland's only literary journal for children. *Monster Nanny* (Tammi 2015), the first title in an upcoming series, is her first middle-grade novel.



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Original publisher:
FINLAND, Tammi

READING MATERIAL
ENGLISH SAMPLE
ENGLISH SYNOPSIS
FULL FINNISH TEXT

FROM THE BOOK:

Dad watched his little tangle-haired girl arrange sheets of painted paper on the grass, following the monster's instructions. "How are you able to understand the monster?" dad asked.

"In just a normal way," Mimi said and looked at him in surprise. "The way I understand anyone else. In the same way I understand you, for example."



COMING IN 2016!

MONSTER NANNY, BOOK II

HEARTBROKEN by the thought of losing her new friend, Mimi sneaks into the world of monsters.

ILLUSTRATOR PASI PITKÄNEN (b. 1984) has become known for his warmly absurdist and richly detailed work on several children's books, including Timo Parvela's popular Pate series. He has also worked at Rovio Entertainment as an illustrator, character designer and graphic designer; *Angry Birds: Bad Piggies' Egg Recipes* (Rovio Books 2012), illustrated by Pitkänen, was named Best First Cookbook of the Year at 2012's Gourmand World Cookbook Awards. Among Pitkänen's hobbies are quantum physics, people-watching, B-movies, insects and baking.



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