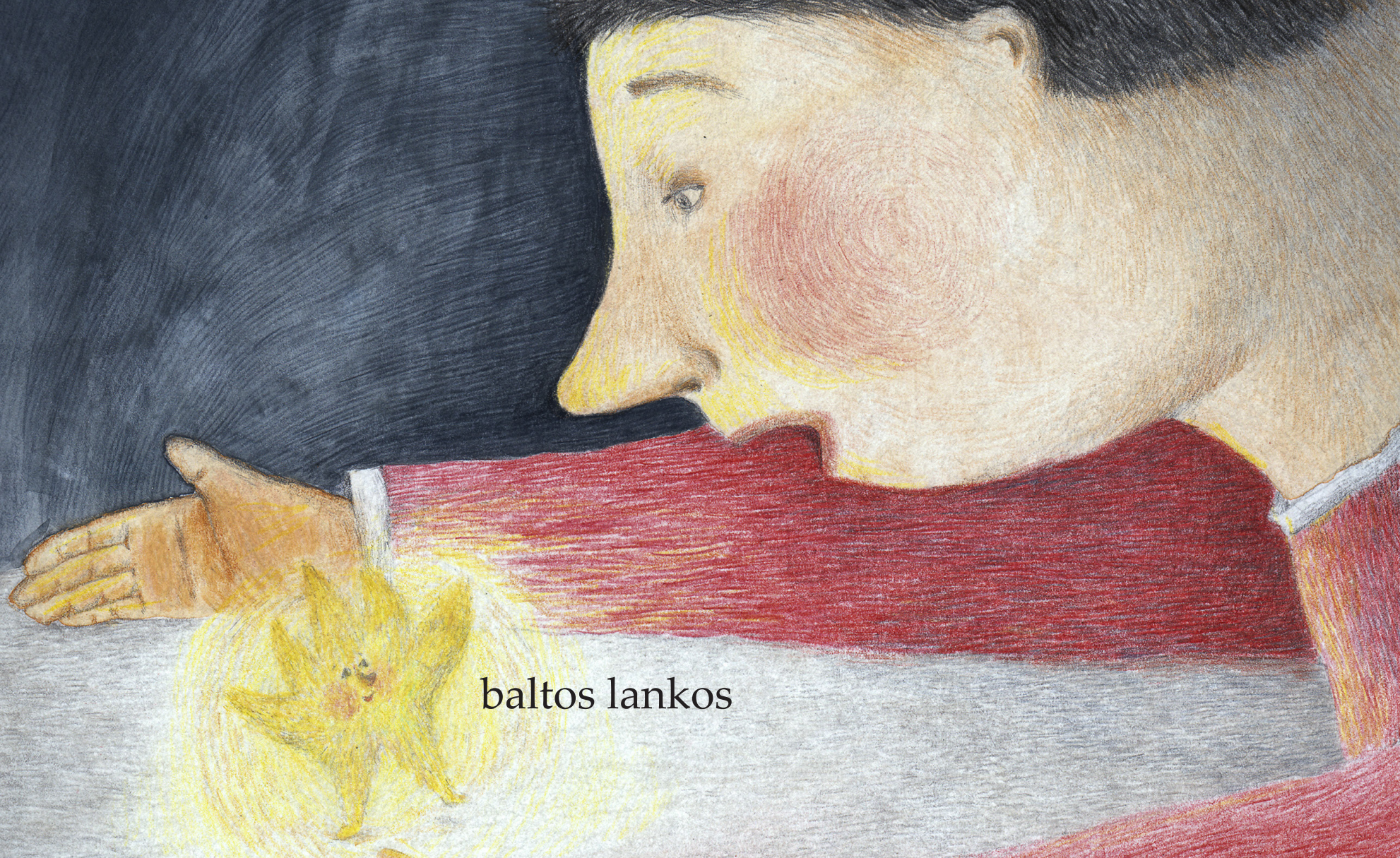


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Picture Books



Father Star

by Reda Puodžiukė

Illustrated by Agnė Nananai

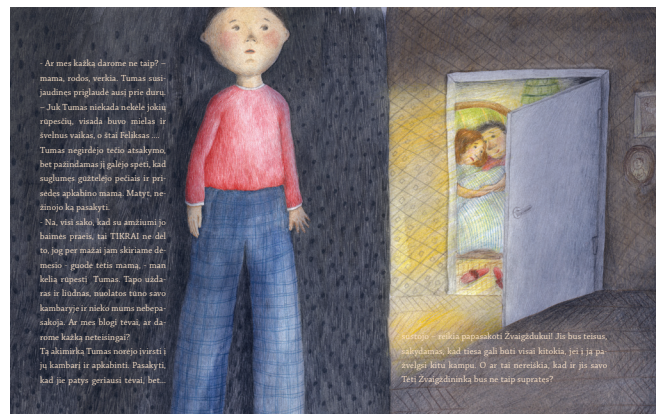
PICTURE BOOK

66 pages; English summary available

Forthcoming in 2023



- Ak, ar neturi savo žaislų, juk šitam esi jau per didelė!
- pykteli mama Feliksui emus verkti, kai Tumas paspi-
ria brolio vagonėli.
- Bet mama, juk aš nieko blogo nepadariau! - Tumas pa-
jojo atarų gumulą perkielę. - kodėl viskas visada turi
būti taip, kaip jam patinka? Man taip neįdomu!
- Todėl, kad brolis dar mažas, - nukerta mama, kuri vis-
da bana Felikso paseje.
- Tai gal tuomet palauksiu savo
kambaryje, kol jis užaugs, - ne juokais
įstože Tumas paskui save trenkia kambario durimis.
Staiga supranta, kad Tėčiui blysnai gaunasi preski, todėl
šlaidien visai jų nemori.



- Ar mes kažką darome ne taip? -
mama rėkia, vėliau Tumas sūsi-
jaušines priglaudė sau prie durų.
- Juk Tumas niekada nedėlio lokis
raportu, visada buvo mielas ir
švelnus vaikas, o štai Felikas...
Tumas nęgrėdijo tėčio atsakymo,
bet pažindamas jį galėjo spėti, kad
suglūmęs guždelio pečiai ir pri-
sėdęs aplabino mama. Matyt, ne-
žinojo ką pasakyti.
- Na, visi saho, kad tuo žaizdumi jo
haimis prabė, tai TIKRAI ne dėl
to, jog per mažai jam skiriamė de-
mosio - pusele tėtis mama - man
kolka raposti Tumas. Tapo užda-
ras ir liūdnas, nusilatos tūno savo
kambaryje ir nieko neuims nebepe-
saloja. Ar mes blogi tėvai, ar da-
rome kažką neteisingai?
Tū akimirka Tumas norėjo išvirsti į
jį kambari ir aplabinti. Pasakyti,
kad je patys geriausi tėvai, bet...

...tėčio - reikia papasakoti žvaigždininkui. Jis bus teisus,
palydintis, kad tėsa gali būti visai kitokia, jei ji ja
svejoj kitu kampu. O ar tai nereikia, kad ji su savo
tėsi žvaigždininku bus ne taip nuopate?

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-

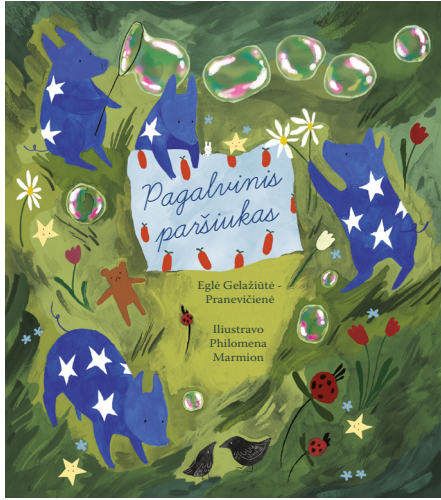
er came along. I used to be able to measure the exact feeling of my dad’s embrace and my mom’s touch. But now... My brother has taken everything from me. I got this room instead, in addition to a myriad of constant reminders that I’m “a big boy already” and I “should know better”, requests like “bring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

Forthcoming in 2023

3rd place winner of the

“Baltos lankos Best Short Story for Children Competition 2021”

Age: 3–5 years

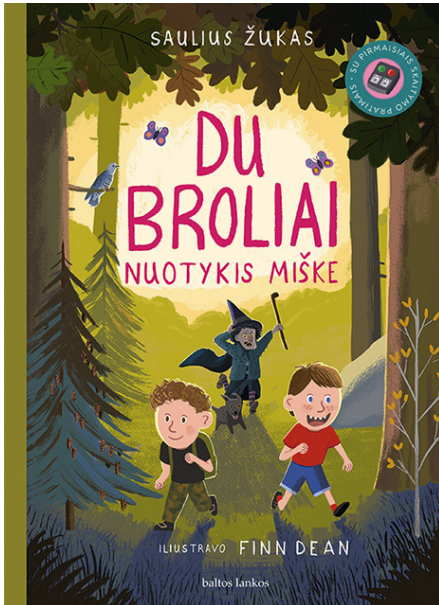
- helps children calm down before going to sleep;
- encourages children to explore their imagination;
- contains colourful, detailed illustrations.



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.



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

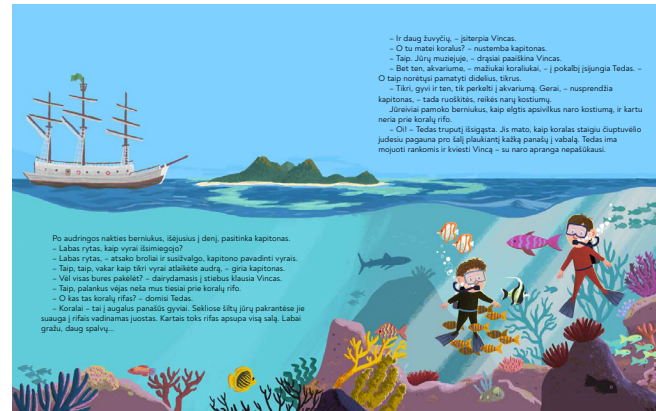
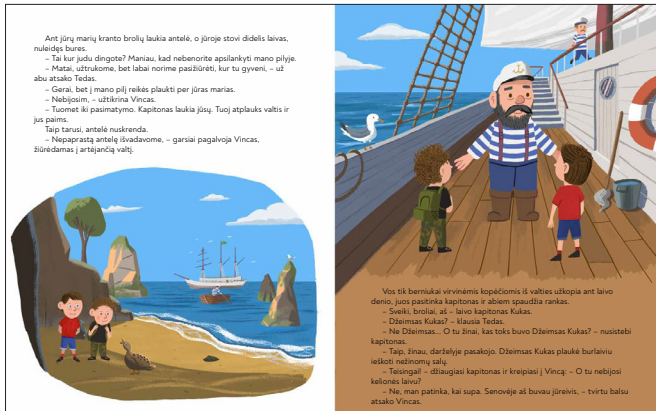
PICTURE BOOK

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

Forthcoming in 2024

Newest upcoming instalment in the series!

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, befriend a real knight, and go on a royal hunt!

Includes reading and comprehension exercises; perfect for beginning readers!



A Home for Mimi the Spider

by **Dominykas Norkūnas and Greta Ambrazaitė**

Illustrated by Gordy Wright

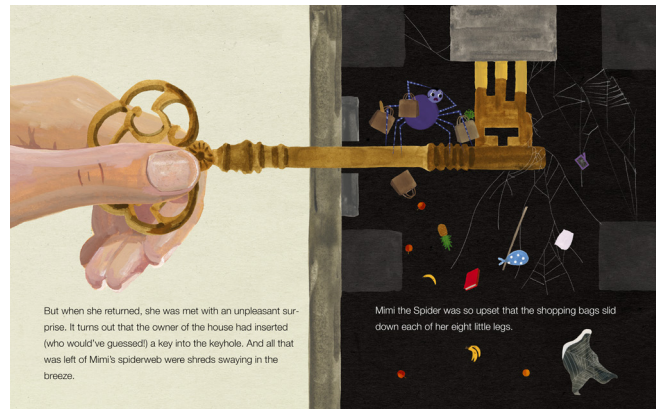
PICTURE BOOK

32 pages; full English translation available

Forthcoming in 2023



She spent all summer living in the hollow of an apple tree with her roommates Mite and Termite. But those two, even though they were amiable and good-natured, were mischievous and liked to make a lot of noise. They wouldn't let Mimi get a good night's sleep or to even peacefully daydream for a moment.



But when she returned, she was met with an unpleasant surprise. It turns out that the owner of the house had inserted (who would've guessed) a key into the keyhole. And all that was left of Mimi's spiderweb were shreds aflutter in the breeze.

Mimi the Spider was so upset that the shopping bags slid down each of her eight little legs.

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

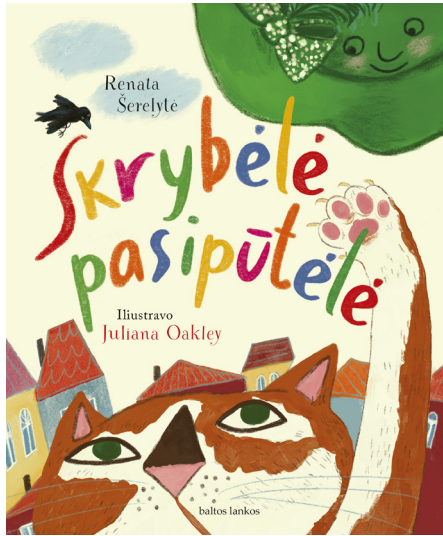
a piece of advice from a wise crow, Mimi decides to become friends with a little girl named Ula who has been having terrible nightmares lately. How fortunate is it that spider webs can catch all the bad dreams of children?

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

Forthcoming in 2023

2nd place winner of the
“Baltos lankos Best Short Story for Children Competition 2021”

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.



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 2023

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.





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).

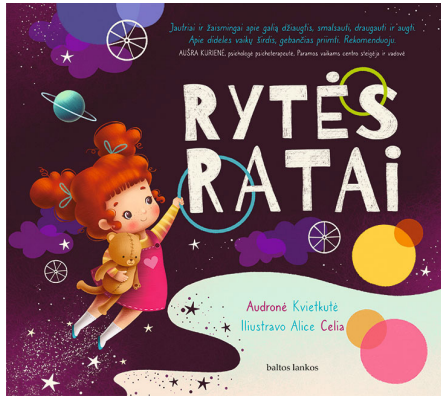


An inspiring story about people's dreams, which are very easily fulfilled in the town of Balloonville: all you have to do is reach to the sky and catch your dream balloon. However, the adults in the town rarely try to catch them anymore, thinking it's impossible. But Juna, a little girl whose father 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".



All the Round Things

by **Audronė Kvietkutė**

Illustrated by Alice Celia

PICTURE BOOK

32 pages; English summary available

Published in 2021

**1st place winner of the
“Baltos lankos Best Short Story for Children Competition 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

Included in the TOP 10 list on “15min”, one of the most popular Lithuanian media channels in October 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 Music:

by **Aušra Žičkienė**

Illustrated by Dovydas Čiuplys
Composer Vytautas Leistrumas

SOUND BOOK

28 pages; English summary available

Published in 2019

Has been holding top list positions at various national bookshops

Pronunciation-Teaching Songs

Age: 2-6 years

- highly entertaining and visually stimulating;
- compelling songs help children learn pronouncing difficult words;
- distinct characters help children memorize different words.



A fun sound book of Lithuanian folk tales intended to teach pronunciation. The book contains the melodies of the songs recorded in both quick and slow tempo. The songs include many distinct animal characters (a wolf, a fox, a badger, a moose, a snail, a grasshopper, etc.) and their exciting stories, illustrated with vivid pictures.

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

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

Vytautas Leistrumas is a talented composer, musician, actor. He is a member of a famous Lithuanian contemporary electronic music group "SOLO ANSAMBLIS".



The Straw, the Coal, and the Bean

Illustrated by Dovydas Čiuplys
Composer Vytautas Leistrumas

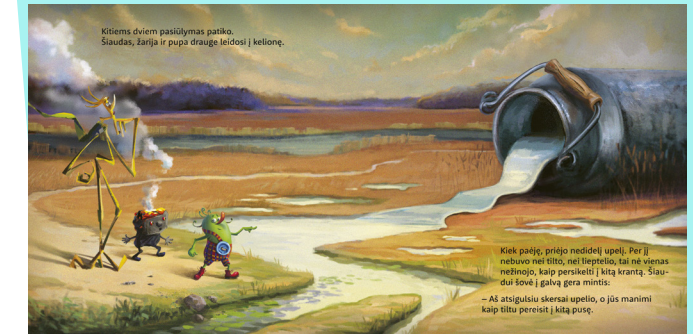
SOUND BOOK

24 pages; English summary available

Published in 2022

Age: 3–6 years

- colourful illustrations combined with sounds provide great entertainment;
- encourages curiosity about the origins of everyday objects;
- contains useful reading exercises (words written out in syllables).



Compelling story based on a classical tale by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, accompanied by expressive music which creates real magic! This classical story reveals why all beans have a dark seam and invites a discussion on the values of true friendship.

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The Little Rooster and the Old Lord

by **Ramutė Skučaitė**

Illustrated by Dovydas Čiuplys
Composer Vytautas Leistrumas

SOUND BOOK

36 pages; English summary available
Published in 2023

Age: 3–6 years

- teaches children courage to fight against injustice;
- contains reading exercises (words divided into syllables).



A highly entertaining retelling of an old Lithuanian folk tale about a brave little rooster and how he fought against an old evil lord. With the help of his friends – the wolf, fox, and bear – the little rooster goes to take back a magical quern that the evil lord took from a lovely elderly couple.

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Colourful Tales About Numbers

by **Ramutė Skučaitė**

Illustrated by Agnė Nananai

SOUND BOOK

48 pages; English summary available

Published in 2020

Age: 2-5 years

- each number has its own story with individual characters;
- compelling illustrations help children visualise and understand numbers;
- helps children memorize objects and numbers.



In this playful and educational sound book, short and witty rhymes are used to introduce young readers to the numbers from 1 to 9, as well as to the primary colours.

Ramutė Skučaitė is a well-known playwright, translator, songwriter and a distinguished Lithuanian poet. Her career began in 1957 and she continues to write for both children and adults. She is a laureate of the prestigious Lithuanian National Culture and Art Prize, as well as Children's Literature Prize.

Agnė Nananai is a Lithuanian illustrator whose works have been included in numerous bestselling children's books in Lithuania. She is also the illustrator of "Father Star" and "From Morning Till Evening".



The Little Homes of Letters

by **Ramutė Skučaitė**

Illustrated by Inga Dagilė

SOUND BOOK

60 pages; English summary available

Published in 2022

Has been holding top list positions at various national bookshops

Age: 2-5 years

- each letter has its own story and rhyme;
- compelling illustrations help children visualise letters;
- distinct characters help children memorize letters better.

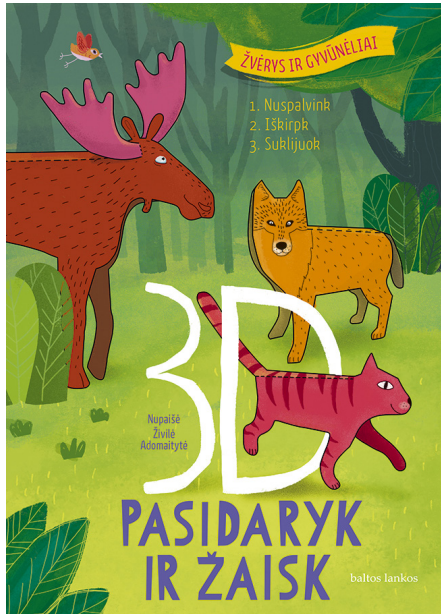


With vivid illustrations and exciting characters, this playful book will help children learn and remember each letter of the alphabet! The sounds will also teach them the correct pronunciation of letters and their combinations.

Ramutė Skučaitė is a laureate of the prestigious Lithuanian National Culture and Art Prize, as well as Children's Literature Prize. She is one of the best-known children's authors in Lithuania.

Inga Dagilė is a freelance designer and illustrator for children's books. She graduated from Kaunas Art Institute with a bachelor's degree in graphic arts and later with a master's degree from Vilnius Academy of Arts, Lithuania.

3D Colouring Books



Make and Play: 3D Animals

by **Živilė Adomaitytė**

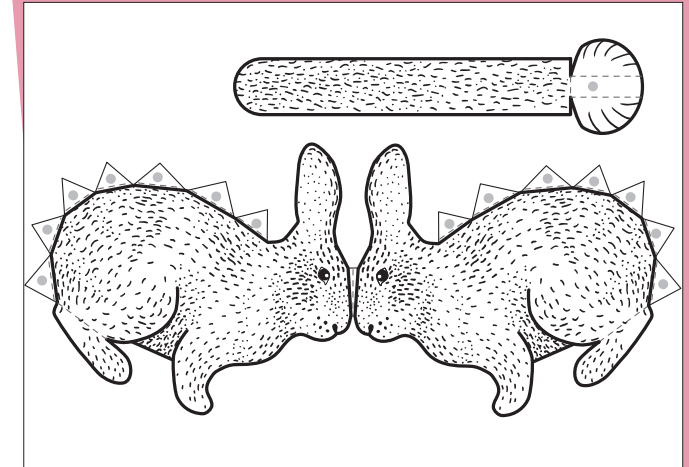
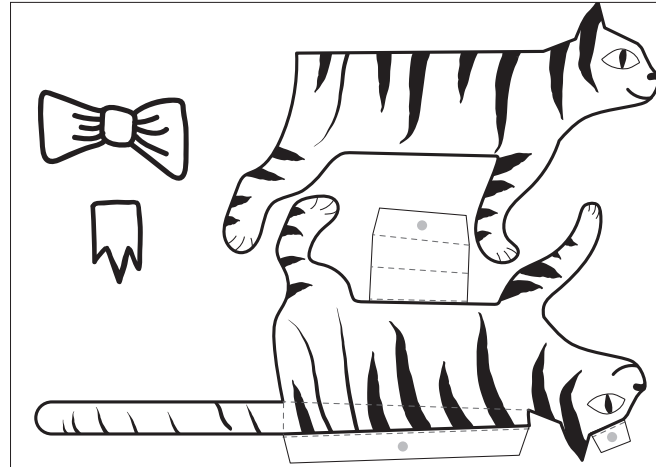
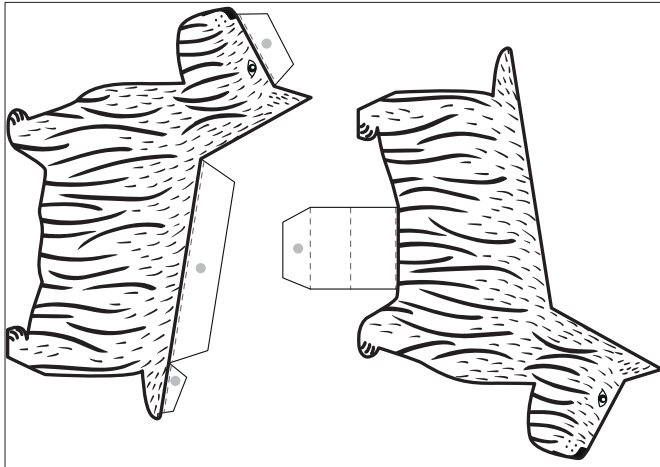
COLOURING BOOK | CLIPPING BOOK

80 pages

Published in 2019

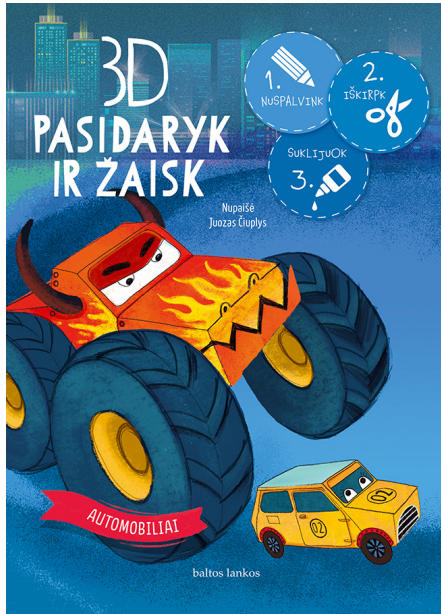
Age: 4–10 years

- witty illustrations serve as an inspiration for creatively selecting the colours;
- cutting and gluing develops the child's fine motor skills;
- funny little details stimulate the child's imagination and immerse them in the world of playing;
- a great tool for parents and teachers to spend time with children.



A great opportunity for children to create their own animal world! After the child colours, cuts out, and glues together the drawings present in the book, they will be free to create their own forest and turn it into a home for a wolf, fox, deer, badger, puppy and kitty, horse or unicorn, sheep, bunny, and other forest animals and pets.

Živilė Adomaitytė is a talented graphic designer who has been creating book covers and illustrations for "Baltoš lankos" for several years.



Make and Play: 3D Vehicles

by Živilė Adomaitytė

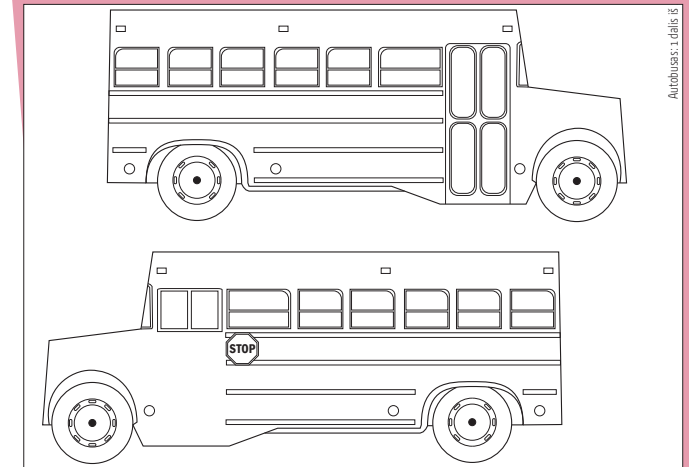
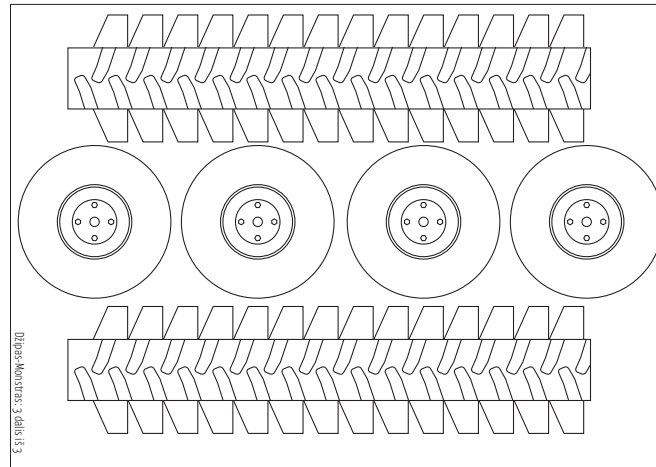
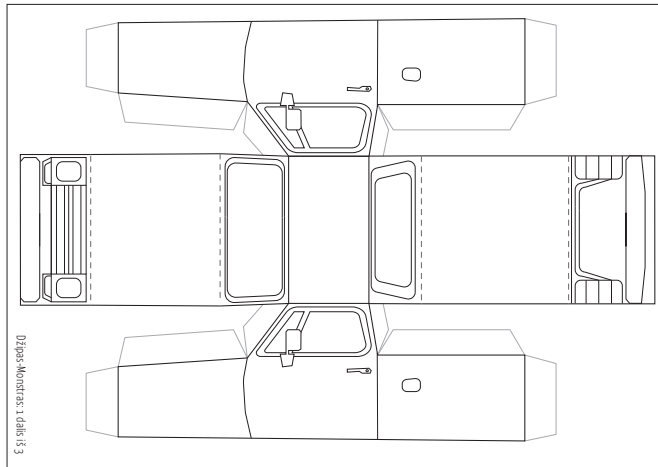
COLOURING BOOK | CLIPPING BOOK

80 pages

Published in 2020

Age: 4–10 years

- encourages creatively selecting colours for different vehicles;
- helps children learn how to cut and glue paper objects;
- a perfect way for parents and teachers to play with children.



Now children can make their own personal car park! The young reader of this fun activity book has to colour, cut out, and glue together different types of vehicles, thus creating their own little garage.

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