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## Dear colleagues and friends,

The younger generation will have to deal with the effects of our materialistic way of living in the last decades. Besides climate change, waste – especially plastic waste – is one of the big problems of our time.

It is time to reduce the number of things we buy and use in our daily life.

In our new book, **Boxes, Boxes and more Boxes**, Theo's father does the exact opposite: He keeps buying stuff online – until the situation becomes unbearable for Theo and both decide to clear up the house. This is an opportunity for young readers to think about their own lives and how to be happy with less ...

In the new volume of our series **Lucy and Ian**, Grandma comes for a visit. Our illustrator **Larissa Ferrão** just introduced her pet dog **Lola** to us – she inspired the family dog in the series:



Lucy and Ian's dog loves doing yoga – the real Lola prefers ball games.

Last but not least, we are happy to introduce **Say Cheese** – a book about photography in past and present times – and

about a wonderful grandma/grandchild relationship. We are very fond of this first joint endeavor between our author **Lawrence Schimel** and our illustrator **Romont Willy**, whose books have traveled to many countries around the world.

Come and have a look at these and many more titles at our booth in Bologna – **Hall 26, B55** – or check out our website: [www.calliseditora.com](http://www.calliseditora.com).

Sincerely yours, **Miriam Gabbai**  
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Materialism

Home clearing and organizing

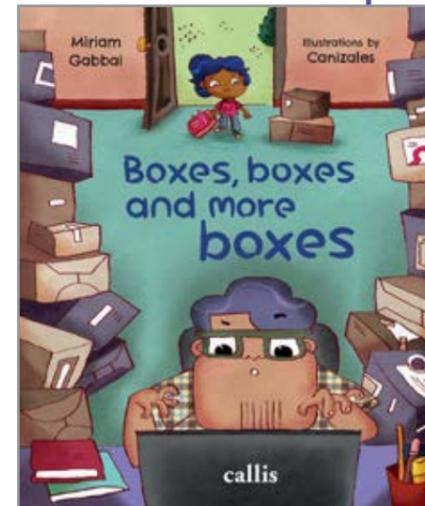
Father and son-relationship

Shopping addiction

## Boxes, Boxes and More Boxes

Age 6+

ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE



### How to deal with a shopping addicted father?

Theo lives in a nice suburban house with his father, a web-designer. Now, if only there was enough space... With the exception of Theo's room, the house is full of boxes of stuff his father bought on the internet. When Theo has to do a project with some of his classmates, he doesn't want them to come to his house! But too late, they already plan to come. Theo gets very angry and frustrated with all the boxes and his father is finally ready to speak about the "elephant" in the room. Together, they develop a plan to get rid of the boxes and clear out the house, so Theo is ready to receive his classmates.

Written by **Miriam Gabbai**  
Illustrated by **Canizales**

21x25 cm • 32 pages  
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## Say Cheese

### A Story About Photography

Age 6+

ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE

### The times are changing – and photography as well...

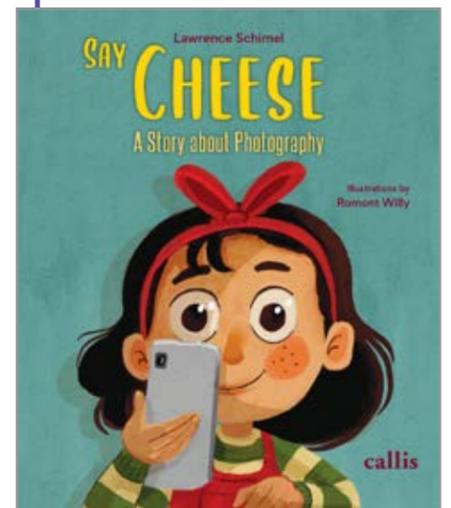
Visiting her grandmother one day, Luisa finds and tries on an old hat. Her grandmother tells her how she first wore it when she was around Luisa's age, back when having a family portrait taken was a big deal.

Luisa had taken some selfies with her mother's phone, of her wearing the hat and then with her grandmother wearing it, and showing them to her friend Sofia the next day, she has an idea...

A story about how despite changes in technology over time, a family portrait is still something meaningful and important – even (or especially) when the family is now spread so far across the world.

Written by **Lawrence Schimel**  
Illustrated by **Romont Willy**

22x22 cm • 32 pages  
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Photography

Technological change

Family

Dealing with conflicts

Peace & cooperation

Mutual understanding

### Sowing

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

Age  
5+

#### The secret of a life in peace

In the beginning, life was paradise – everybody did what they could and there was enough of everything to go around. When the morning came, a fight broke out over the land. Everybody had their own answer to the questions so that they completely forgot what had happened in the first place.

The fight that followed led to nothing but harm and injuries, but soon, they went back to the fields, sowing and cultivating the land.

When the next storm breaks out, they already know what happens: It is just the day that splits in half – so everybody does what they have to do and leaves the quarrelsome to their own devices.

Maria Wernicke's parabolic tale "Siembra (Sowing)" opens the dialog about the dynamics of war making people blind and never leading to any result but destruction – and how to keep peace by not being irritated by small inconsistencies.

Both the story and the minimalistic pictures offer an opportunity to talk about war with children. Some illustrations of Siembra have been chosen by the Sharjah Children's Book Illustration Award 2021.

Written and illustrated by  
Maria Wernicke

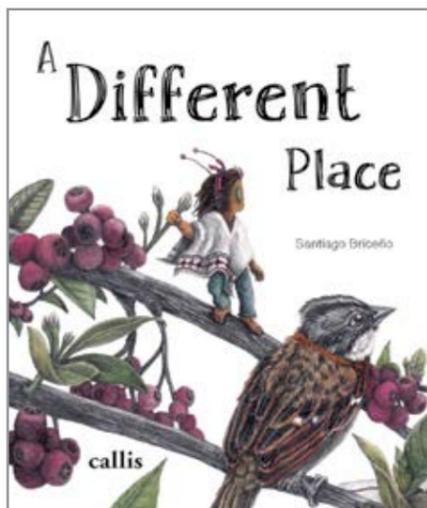
22x22 cm • 64 pages  
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Migration

Megacities

Finding a new home



### A Different Place

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

Age  
6+

#### This poetic story offers the opportunity to talk with children about the worldwide phenomenon of migration

The story is kept in an easily accessible, implicit style and offers children and grown-ups the opportunity for a dialogue about the situation.

Children from all around the world will love the story of the little cricket that finds a friend, food and shelter, and makes her way as a flower breaking through the tar surface.

Written and illustrated by  
Santiago Briceño Hurtado  
21x25 cm • 40 pages  
Rights sold: Colombia



Learning about life

Everyday life

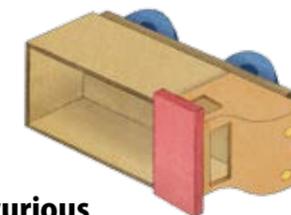
Sibling rivalry

### Lucy and Ian

Volume 1: It's mine  
Volume 2: It was not our fault  
Volume 3: Grandma's visit  
More new titles soon

Age  
3+

ENGLISH  
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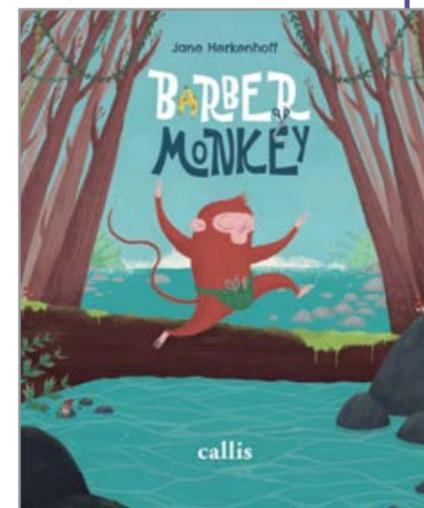
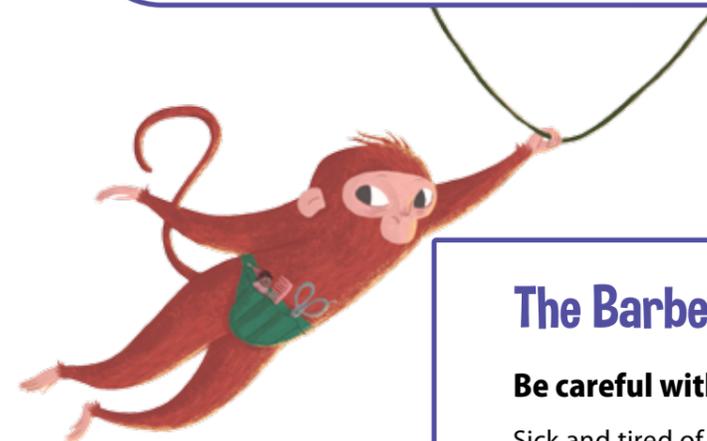
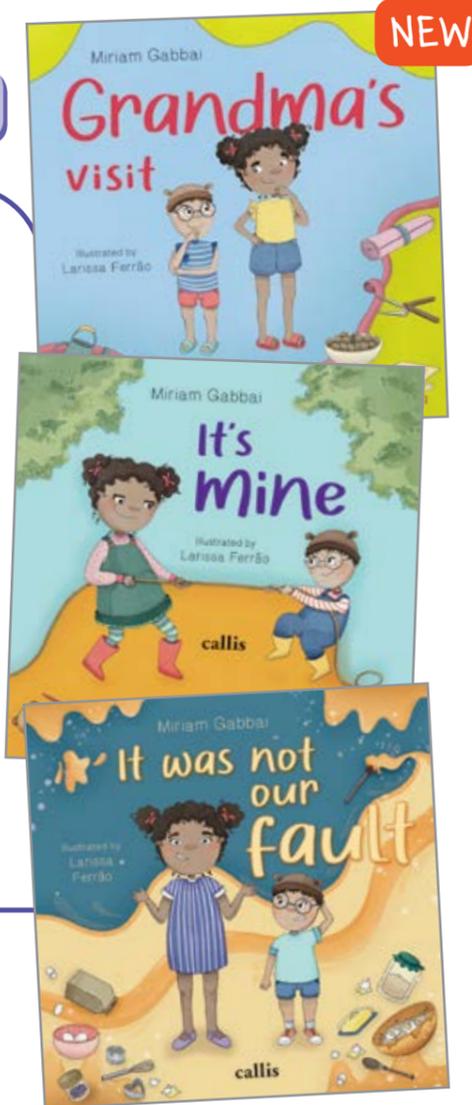


#### Charming series about two curious siblings who keep their parents really busy

Whenever Lucy and Ian try something new, they leave a mess, like when they want to make some cookies for their mom. Sometimes they are fighting over toys all day long, and other times, they just want to be on their own. There are so many things to learn, like how to earn money for the school library or how to have fun with their grandma.

Written by Miriam Gabbai  
Illustrated by Larissa Ferrão

22x22 cm • 32 pages  
World rights available



### The Barber Monkey

Age  
5+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

#### Be careful with dangerous customers!

Sick and tired of grooming for lice, the monkey makes a trip to the city and is fascinated by a barber shop. He nicks the scissors and a comb and decides to open his own barber shop in the forest. His very first client is the lion, but did he really have enough practice to satisfy this client's needs?

Kids will love Jane Herkenhoff's colorful illustrations and her tongue in cheek story!

Written and illustrated  
by Jane Herkenhoff

21x25 cm • 32 pages  
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Dealing with conflicts

Peace & cooperation

Mutual understanding

## My body

Age 2+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

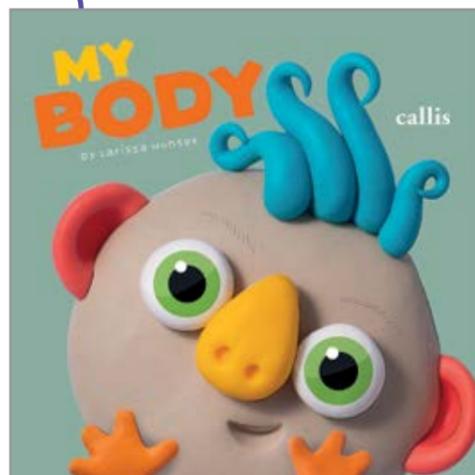
### My nose looks pretty and I can smell everything with it

What can I do with the other parts of my body?

Kids will fall in love with these funny clay puppets with oversized features taking a closer look at the body anatomy!

The author and illustrator Larissa Honsek uses reduced clay puppets and emphasizes each part of the body in bright colors so that toddlers can discover their body functions one by one.

Written and illustrated  
by Larissa Honsek  
22x22 cm • 24 pages  
World rights available



Body anatomy  
and functions

Daily life

Personal life for all family members

Diversity

## What are they doing... while I'm at school?

Age 2+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

### Every little child wants to know what their parents are doing while they are at kindergarten. The standard answer would be: Mom and Dad are working

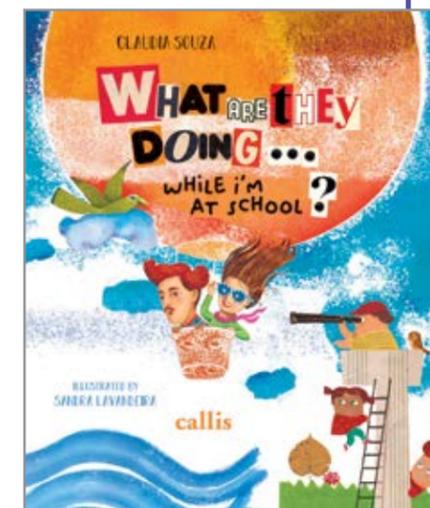
This answer belongs to a traditional way of education: Children MUST go to kindergarten because their parent MUST work, otherwise they would stay at home together.

In reality, parents enjoy having a life beyond family, and children love going to kindergarten and playing together with their friends. It is important to invite children to imagine their parents' lives beyond themselves and help parents to overcome the feelings of guilt because they "abandon" their children at school.

The end of the text closes the circle of the temporary separation and offers security to the children and the parents.

The child psychologist Claudia Souza has drawn an antithesis to the traditional concept. Together with the cheerful and colorful illustrations by Sandra Lavandeira, her story tells of the diversity and joy of contemporary families.

Written by Claudia Souza  
Illustrated by Sandra Lavandeira



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## I Love Coats

Age 3+

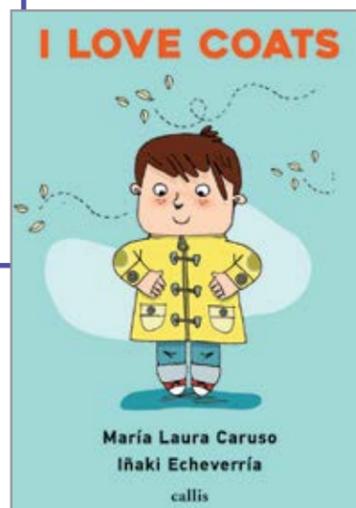
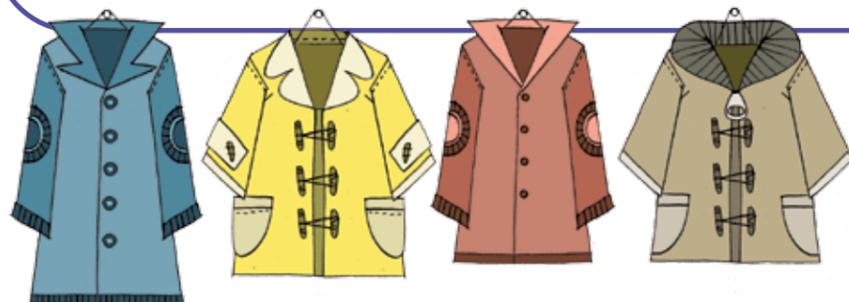
ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

### Tent, fancy dress, or picnic blanket How to have lots of fun with a simple piece of clothing/garment

A little boy shows us that a coat can be a brilliant toy. It can help you transform into a superhero, build a cozy shelter, and be used as a scary monster. You can make it into a kite or a curtain for a puppet show and anything else you can think of – just use your imagination! Of course, the most unpopular way to use it is a simple shelter from the cold, which is incredibly boring.

Written by Maria Laura Caruso  
Illustrated by Iñaki Echeverría

16x23 cm • 32 pages  
World rights available



Imagination

Adventure

Jealousy  
between siblings

## There's a Pig in My House!

Age 5+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

### How to deal with intruders at home

The little boy in the story is really upset—why did his parents bring a pig home as a pet? And why don't they understand that it is horrible to live with this creature?

He ruins the boy's toys, throws mud on him in the backyard, and makes strange noises all night long.

Will the boy ever manage to see his little baby brother differently?

Written by Claudia Souza  
Illustrated by b.Sarkis

32 pages • 21x25 cm  
World rights available



## The Princes' Schools

Volume 1: The School for Prince Charming  
 Volume 2: The School for Well-Behaved Princesses  
 Volume 3: The School for Indecisive Princes

Age 7+  
 ENGLISH  
 TEXT AVAILABLE

### Series about new role models and career choices

Prince Valentino did not want to be just another anonymous prince killing dragons and saving princesses.

Princess Sofia loved walking barefoot and with windblown hair, but had great ideas of things she wanted to create and build.

As dressmaker and architect, king and queen, they want to offer their son, prince Frederico, the best options and want him to make the right choices in life. But this is not as easy as it may appear ...

Written by Eliandro Rocha  
 Illustrated by Thiago Lopes

36/40 pages • 21x25 cm  
 Rights sold: Malta  
 (The School for Prince Charming)



Different role models

Autonomy in career

Lifestyle choices

Friendship

Diversity

Nature & Ecology

Sharing

## Nestor & José

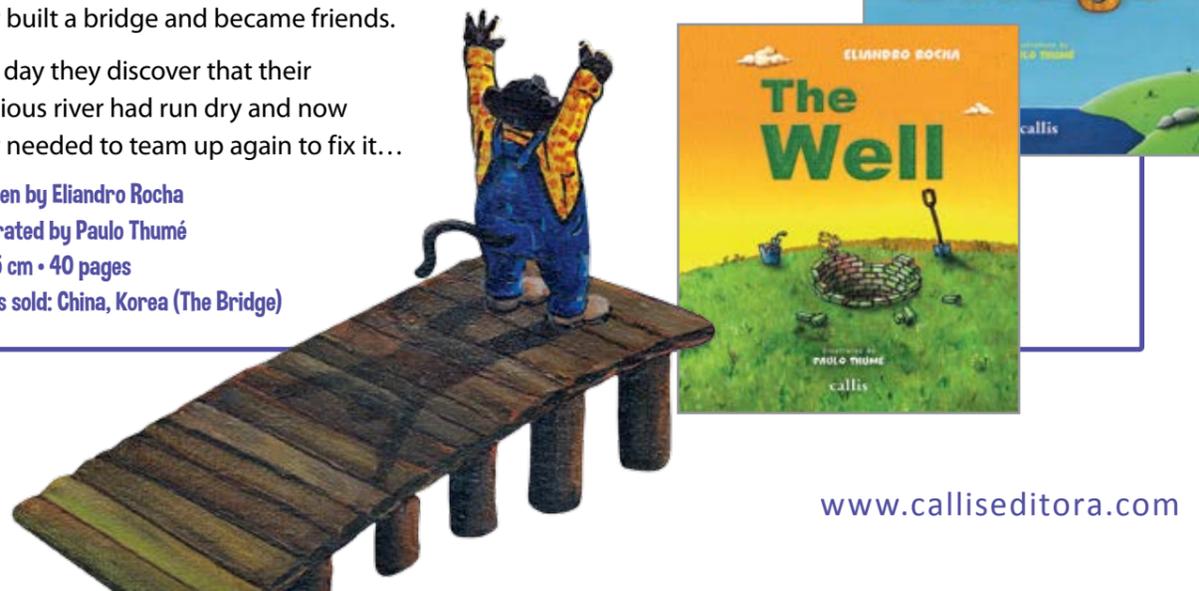
Volume 1: The Bridge  
 Volume 2: The Well

Age 5+  
 ENGLISH  
 TEXT AVAILABLE

It was difficult for Nestor, the rabbit, when José, the monkey, first moved in on the other side of the little river. But together they built a bridge and became friends.

One day they discover that their precious river had run dry and now they needed to team up again to fix it...

Written by Eliandro Rocha  
 Illustrated by Paulo Thumé  
 21x25 cm • 40 pages  
 Rights sold: China, Korea (The Bridge)



## What do you say?

Age 3+  
 ENGLISH  
 TEXT AVAILABLE

**These magic words are the key to any adventure – “please” and “thank you”**

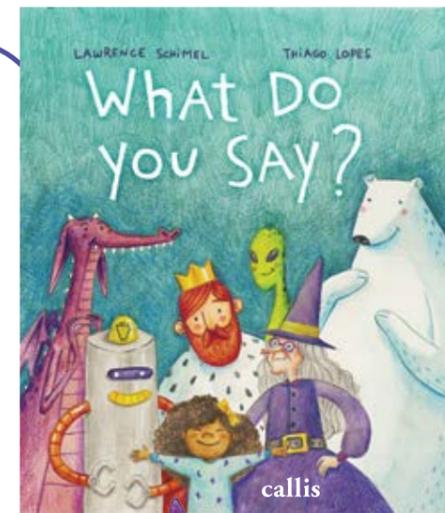
What do you say when you ask the king for permission to play in his castle's maze? And what do you say when a bear lets you hibernate in its den until springtime? And when you ask some aliens to take you in their spaceship on a journey around the galaxy, what do you say?

This picture book for very young readers asks alternating questions, whose response is "please" or "thank you".

The pattern breaks down at the end of the book: What do you say when someone reads you your favorite book? What do you mean "Read it again"? All right, but first, what do you say?

Written by Lawrence Schimel  
 Illustrated by Thiago Lopes

32 pages • 21x25 cm  
 Rights sold: Spain (Galician)



Manners

Imagination

Fantasy

Love of reading

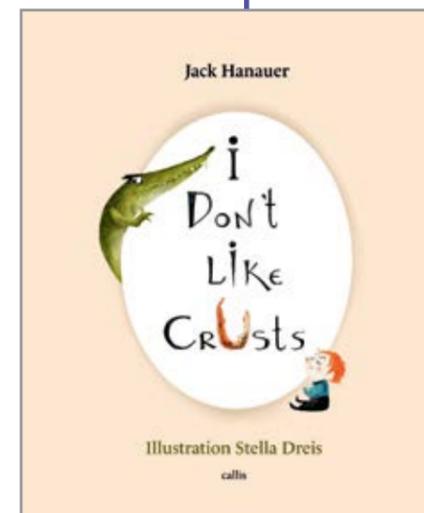
## I Don't Like Crusts

Age 5+  
 ENGLISH  
 TEXT AVAILABLE

**A humorous story about a stubborn young boy**

No matter what his family members ask Bruno to do, he would just refuse and answer with cheeky remarks. This strategy works out pretty well until the day something unexpected happens ...

Written by Jack Hanauer  
 Illustrated by Stella Dreis  
 21x25 cm • 40 pages  
 World rights available



Family life

Social behavior



Fear of dogs

Friendship

Being shy

## A Dog Called Woof

**An encouraging story for fearful children**

No matter what her parents keep saying, Mia is terribly afraid of dogs.

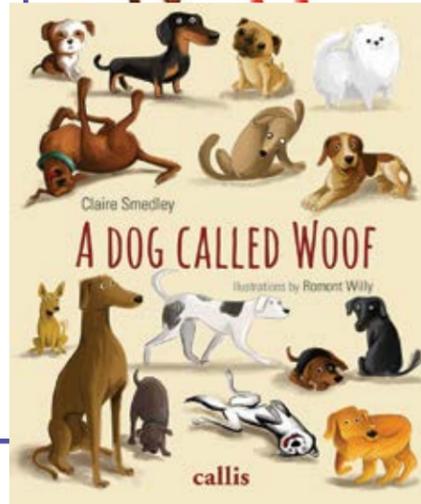
But then she finds out that some of her friends have dogs and are not afraid of them at all. Maybe her parents were right when they said that dogs just jumped to say hello, sniffed to see whether you were nice or not, and chased you just to play.

One day, Mia makes a very brave decision: she will go to a dog shelter with her parents and find out about the dogs herself. First, she realizes that every dog is different. And then, that some are very special.

Written by Claire Smedley  
Illustrated by Romont Willy

Age  
**6+**  
ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

21x25 cm • 32 pages  
Rights sold: Malta, Turkey



## William Wonders

Volume 1: Do You Want To Taste One?

Volume 2: What Is That I Hear?

**Mini-series about the basic questions from everyday life**

Whether it comes to sharing something delicious or to identifying sounds – William is curious and wants to know everything about life.

Luckily his family is there to explore the world with him – and to share the delicious cookies he prepared with his mom.

Written by Lawrence Schimel

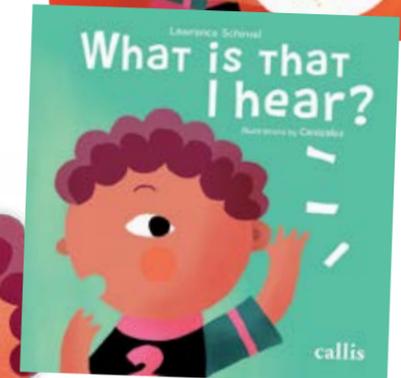
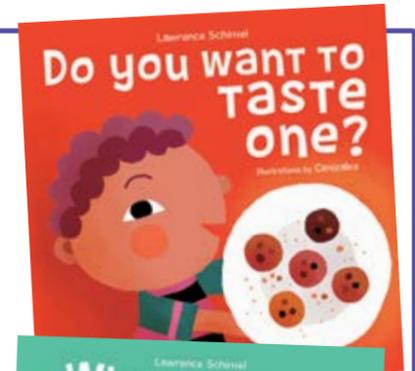
Illustrated by Canizales

18x18 cm • 16 pages

Rights sold: Israel (Hebrew)

(Do you want to taste one)

Age  
**3+**  
ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE



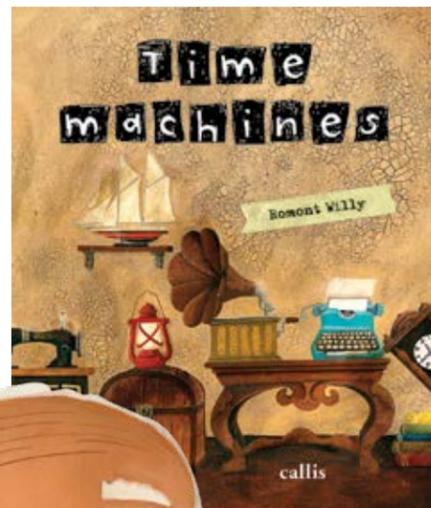
Family Relationships

Counting

Sharing

Jobs/Chores

Onomatopoeias



Approach between digital natives and the analog generation

## Time Machines

**Things are not exactly what they seem!**

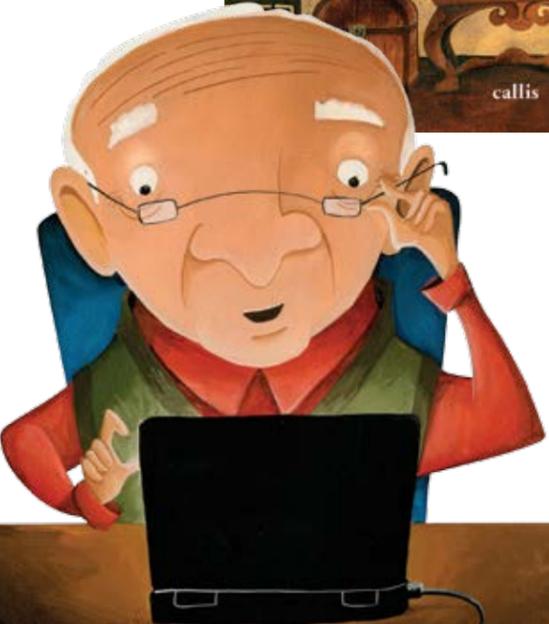
Nowadays, children use the computer for almost everything. They listen to music, talk to friends, do homework and lots of other things. But do they know how those things were done when their grandfathers were young? Time Machines is a funny story: sometimes things are not exactly what they seem and we can always find a different way to learn.

**JABUTI**  
SHORT LIST 2014



Age  
**7+**  
ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

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For toddlers: Learning about colors and sizes

## Bia and Beto:

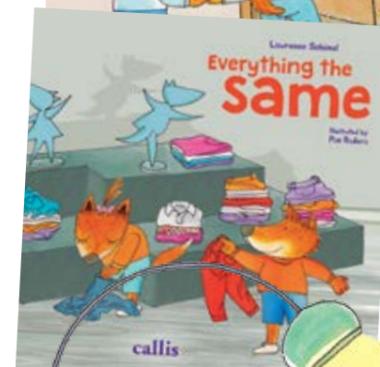
- A Gift for Mama
- Everything the Same

Age  
**2+**  
ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

**The funny and exciting adventures of two little foxes**

This exciting new series featuring two siblings, Bia and Beto, launches with a sweet story about sibling rivalry and comparatives, in which each little fox searches for a box, but none is quite right: one needs a box that is smaller and smaller, the other a box that is bigger and bigger. But this competition is for the best of reasons: so they can each give a special gift to Mom.

Written by Lawrence Schimel  
Illustrated by Paz Rodero  
32 pages • 22x22 cm  
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Win-win situations

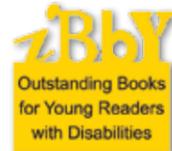
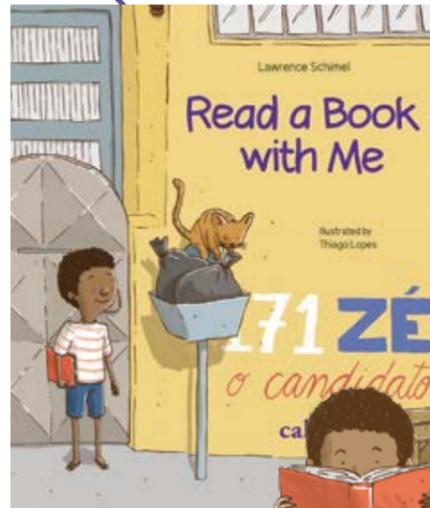
Disabilities



## Read a Book With Me

Age 5+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE



**Sometimes unexpected solutions can help fulfill our wishes . . .**

Antonio can already read, but he prefers to do so with someone else. He asks his mother whether she would read a book with him, but she is busy. So Antonio decides to hit the streets only to find that everyone is busy: the baker, the grocer, the postman, the newswoman . . . Finally, a blind old man sitting on a bench calls him over and asks if he'd like to spend some time together. Excited and happy, Antonio grabs his book and starts reading to the old man.

Written by Lawrence Schimel  
Illustrated by Thiago Lopes

32 pages • 21x25 cm  
Rights sold: Korea, Colombia, Spain (Galician), France, USA, Philippines (Tagalog), Singapore (English), Mozambique (Portuguese, Changana, Macua, Sena)



Care for animals

Sense of community

## Who Lost an Elephant?

Age 5+

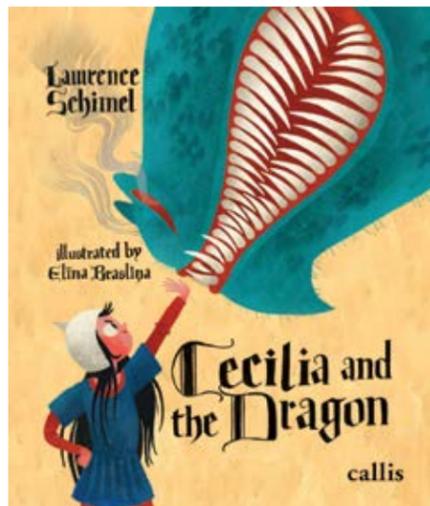
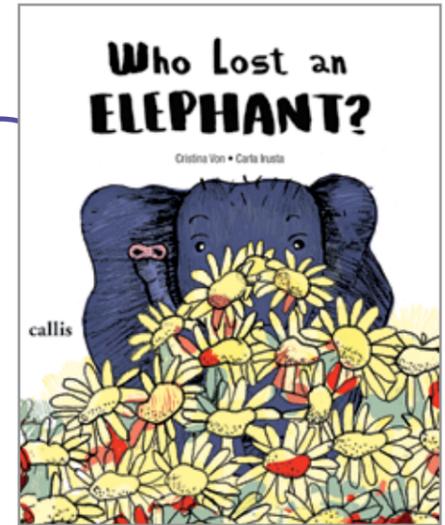
ENGLISH  
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**All of a sudden, an elephant shows up in the city and jumbles up everyone's life**

Cops, firefighters, news teams, and even the veterinarian show up to try to calm things down, but no one knows how to handle this huge visitor. The elephant strolls to the park, indifferent to the attention; he stops traffic, and finally enters the lake. What will happen next?

Written by Cristina Von  
Illustrated by Carla Irusta

32 pages • 21x25 cm  
Rights sold: Korea, China, Turkey



## Cecilia and the Dragon

Age 6+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

**How to defeat a dragon with your bare hands Plus facts about girls and dragons you cannot find in traditional fairy tales**

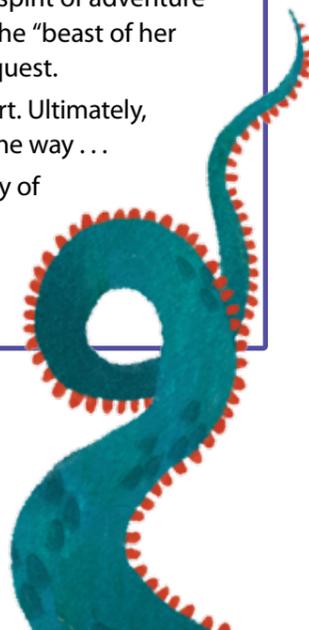
What profession gives a girl the best shot at facing a dragon? Being a princess, of course! However, as the daughter of a humble craftsman, poor Cecilia is not that fortunate. Nevertheless, her spirit of adventure is so strong that she just can't stop thinking about the "beast of her dreams", so she sets out on her very own dragon's quest.

Luckily, she's also a smart girl and has no interest in ending up as the large lizard's dessert. Ultimately, the dragon-thing was not quite what she expected, but she makes a new friend along the way . . .

Elina Brasliņa's colorful, elaborate and expressive style perfectly matches the subtle irony of Lawrence Schimel's narrative.

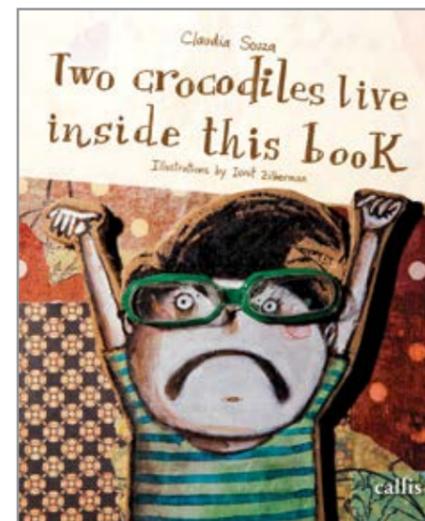
Written by Lawrence Schimel  
Illustrated by Elina Brasliņa

32 pages • 21x25 cm  
Rights sold: Colombia



Gender models

Friendship



## Two Crocodiles Live Inside This Book

Age 6+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

**A book about children's fears with some very original illustrations**

Are you afraid of snakes? What about sharks? Or clowns? The dark? Heights? What are you afraid of? I'm not afraid of anything, but the crocodiles that live in this book are scary. Inside this book live two enormous crocodiles. Come find out!

Written by Claudia Souza  
Illustrated by Ionit Zilberman

36 pages • 21x25 cm  
Rights sold: Korea, China, Spain (Galician)  
Rights available again: Argentina



Strengthening and encouraging fearful children

Social commitment

Environmental protection

## Charlotte's Magic Eyeglasses

Age 5+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

**By simply making some small changes in our behavior, we can make the world a better place . . .**

Charlotte often sees things she does not like to see, such as children arguing, a polluted landscape, or a beach flooded with garbage.

With the new magic eyeglasses she got as a present from the tooth fairy, everything looks more beautiful: Children are happy, the environment is neat and clean . . .

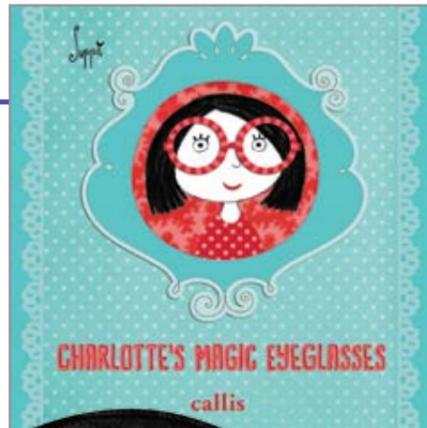
Inspired by this amazing sight, the girl decides to contribute with some small gestures to improve the conditions of her social and natural environment: for example, by offering clothes to the poor, or cleaning the garbage from the beach.

Written and illustrated by Suppa

22x22 cm • 32 pages

Rights sold: Turkey and Arabic

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## Moving day

Age 7+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

**There are things you cannot store in boxes, but you can keep them in your heart**

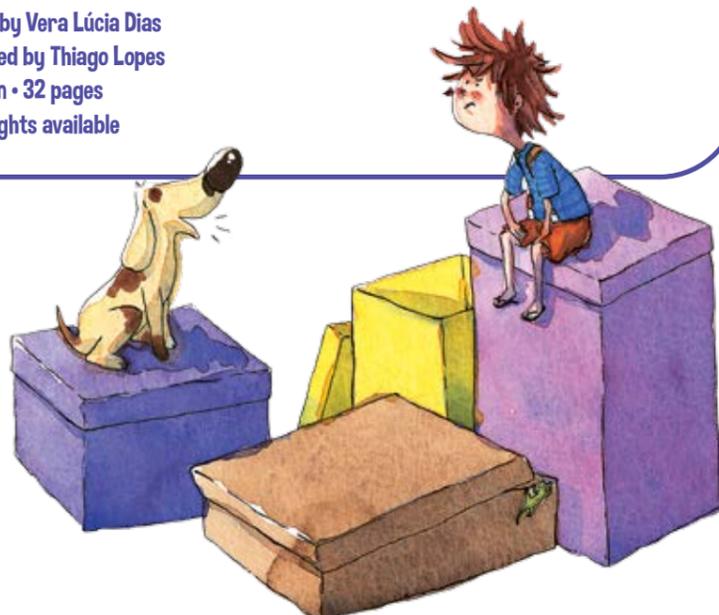
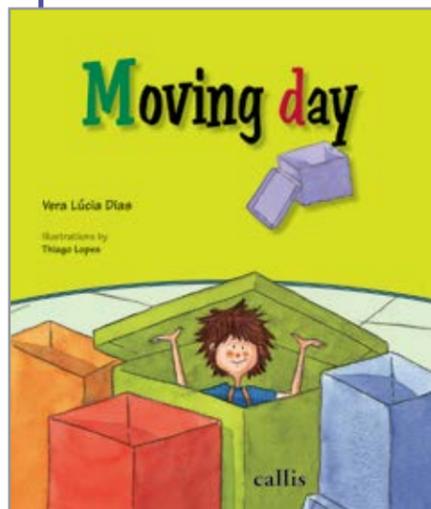
This book tells the story of a little boy who finds out that he is going to move to another city, so he needs to help his mom get their things together. This makes him realize the importance of organizing everything and remembering the good moments and favorite places in the house where they still live.

Written by Vera Lúcia Dias

Illustrated by Thiago Lopes

21x25 cm • 32 pages

World rights available



## The Unusual Circus

Age 4+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

**The world's best circus performance ever seen**

This circus has wild beasts and fire games, contortionists and acrobats, rope dancers, magicians, and many more surprises, just like any other circus in the world.

But it takes place on an unusual stage, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

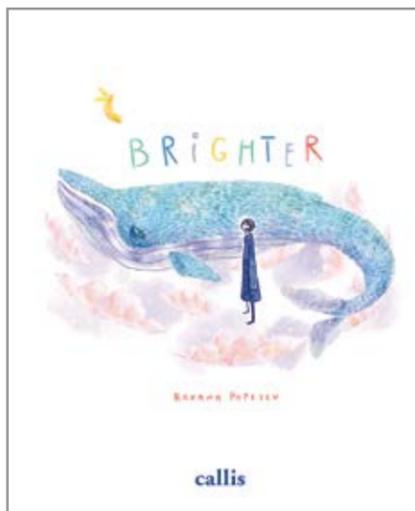
It is the family circus, and the youngest member is part of the audience and an artist at the same time!

Written by A. Mozillo

Illustrated by D. Panizza

22x22 cm • 32 pages

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Taking care of each other

Resilience

Brightening your mood

Self-empowerment

## Brighter

Age 7+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

**A soulful and expressive poem showing the benefits of a caring heart**

Roxana Popescu's delicately illustrated poem refers to people who have no superpowers — at least at a first glance. Most of us are not leading scientists, peacemakers, or glamorous stars on stage, but with our heart and soul, with our empathic capacities, we can console and delight the people in our surroundings and even ourselves.

In short: We can make the world brighter.

A beautiful book that can change your perspective, cheer you up, and makes the poetry and beauty of life visible.

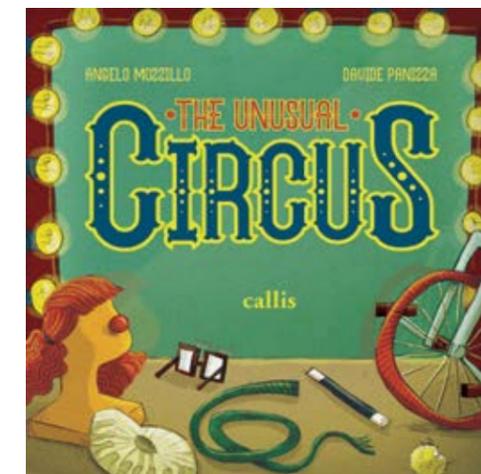
Written and illustrated by Roxana Popescu

21x25 cm • 40 pages  
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Everyday life

Family

Conflict transformation



Taking care of animals and nature

Wildlife

### Keelut the Whale

Age 5+

ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE

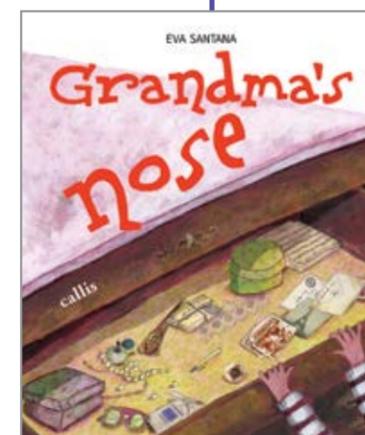
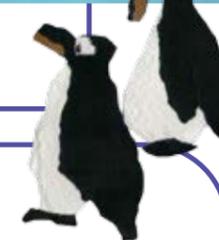
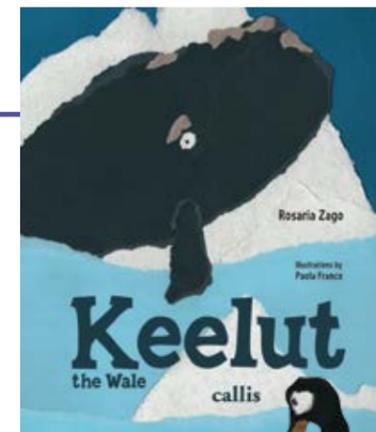
A touching story about a young Inuit rescuing a whale

When Keelut, a young whale at the North Pole, is injured by a harpoon, he gathers all his strength to escape and ends up at a wharf near an Eskimo settlement.

There, Anouk, a young Eskimo, finds him, sews up his wounds and feeds him ...

Written by Rosaria Zago  
Illustrated by Paola Franco

32 pages • 21x25 cm  
World rights available



### Grandma's Nose

Age 6+

ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE

This story plays with the fact that children understand things literally.

One day, Joana heard a strange conversation between her mother and a neighbor: The woman said that Joana had her grandma's nose. Joana started searching for the nose all over the house, even though she could not remember having taken it ...

Written and illustrated by Eva Santana Bigas

40 pages • 21x25 cm  
Rights available again: Spain (Catalan), China

Learning about metaphorical meanings

Humor

### Happiness is a Watermelon on Your Head

Age 6+

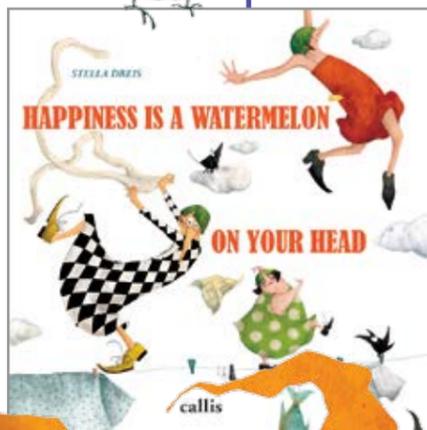
ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE

Where does happiness come from?

There was a woman who was happy all the time, laughing and singing. Life was really great for her! Her three neighbors once saw her using a watermelon as a hat. Was it this that made her so happy? This is a story about finding your own happiness.

Written and illustrated by Stella Dreis

40 pages • 27x27 cm  
Rights sold: France, Greece  
Rights available again: UK



Diversity

Going one's own way

### Where Dreams live

Age 8+

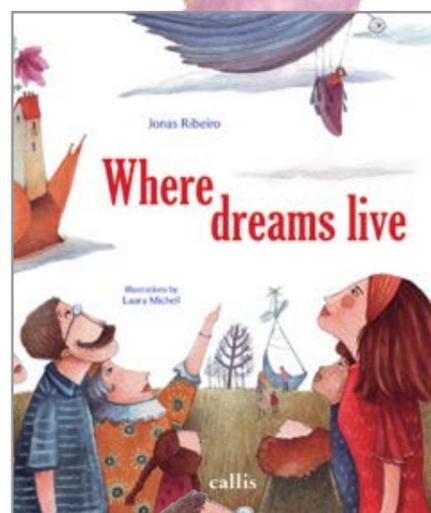
ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE

In a town, there live many people with hidden dreams: The dressmaker dreams of studying fashion design in Paris, the pilot wishes he was an astronaut, the telephone operator dreams of being a radio speaker, and the biologist desires to live in the Amazon rainforest.

Then one day the dreams decide to come out of their hideaways and nothing will be as it was before ...

Written by Jonas Ribeiro  
Illustrated by Laura Michell

36 pages • 21x25 cm  
World rights available except for Spanish and Greek



Working towards targets

Finding one's vocation

### Fairy-Tale Collection:

ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE

- Hansel and Gretel
- Little Red Riding Hood
- The Three Little Pigs

Grimm's Original Fairy Tales told without words  
A new visual approach to the well-known fairy tales

Rosinha's strong and expressive illustrations capture each story's atmosphere. Rosinha narrates each fairy tale through her images alone, allowing parents and children to tell each other the story in their own words.

Illustrated by Rosinha Campos

48 pages • 25x25 cm  
World rights available



Telling famous fairy tales just with pictures

## Mystery Trackers Robbery in the Old Mansion

Age  
8+

EXTRACT IN  
ENGLISH  
AVAILABLE

### Ice cream makes your detective brain more efficient

Artur, Mariana, and Pedro have an exciting life. Their father is a detective at the local police department. When a precious violin is stolen, they decide to conduct their own investigation. After some elbow grease and ice cream, the three of them discover the truth...

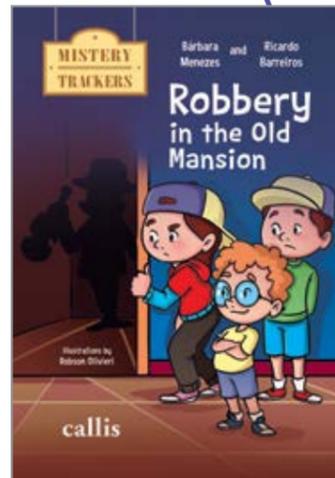
The next adventures with the three siblings are:

*A Stranger in Town*

*The Missing Students*

Written by Barbara Menezes  
and Ricardo Barreiros

16x23 cm • 80 pages  
World rights available



Animals

Music

Onomatopoeia



## The Musicians

Age  
6 months+

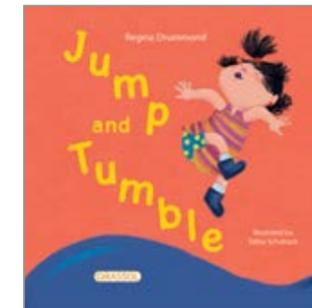
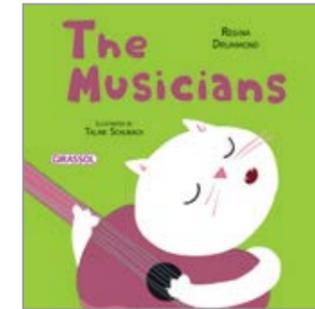
### Rock it like the Bremen Town Musicians

The cat, the dog, and the chick are starting a band. They team up with the horse, the cow, and the goat. Can you imagine their concert?

Little kids will have lots of fun identifying and imitating the sounds of each member of the band!

Written by Regina Drummond  
Illustrated by Taline Schubach

23x23 cm • 24 pages  
World rights available



## Jump and Tumble

Age  
2-4 years

### A tribute to the joy of moving

Do you remember how much fun it was to jump around as a little child – you fall – never mind, you get up and go on jumping.

Kids will love moving with the little kid in the story!

Written by Regina Drummond  
Illustrated by Taline Schubach

23x23 cm • 24 pages  
World rights available

Body awareness

## Haunted Tales

Age  
12+

### Stories that make your spine tingle!

A week ago, Jorge's girlfriend disappeared, today he gets an invitation to meet her at the cemetery and discovers her name written on a tombstone with a date of death long time passed.

A mannequin with eyes that appear to be alive gains power over her creator who feels more and more threatened by this creature ...

Edson Gabriel Garcia's stories carry his readers away and leave them looking over their shoulder with goosebumps and chills.

Written by Edson Gabriel Garcia  
16x23 cm • 72 pages  
World rights available



Learning to  
be responsible

Liberty

## The boy and the sparrow

Age  
6+

ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

### A charming story about freedom and independence

A little boy takes care of a cute baby sparrow that had fallen from its nest.

However, as the sparrow grows, it wishes to fly and be independent. Despite his broken heart, the boy has to accept that the bird is meant to be free.

Written by Daniel Munduruku  
Illustrated by Cecilia Rébora  
22x25 cm • 40 pages  
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## Let's play! Play! Play!

Age  
2-4 years

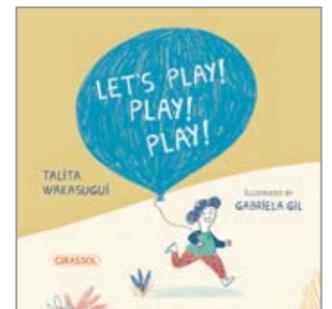
### Playing is fun, no matter where you are or who you're with!

There are more games than you can ever play in one single day – sliding, riding your bike, hide and seek, soapbox derby, relay race, crafting paper planes or sharing your toys with your best friend.

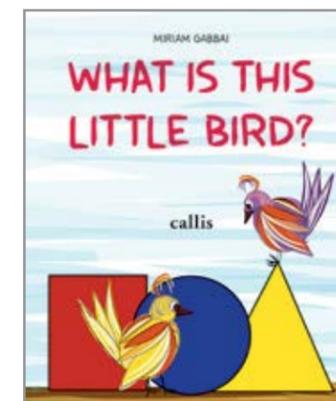
This pleasant picture book with cheerful rhymes does not give boredom a chance!

Written by Talita Wakasugui  
Illustrated by Gabriela Gil

23x23 cm • 24 pages  
World rights available



Indoor and outdoor games



## What is this, little bird?

Age  
2-4 years

### Geometry and theory of color for beginners

The little bird gang is confronted with some strange phenomena in their domestic landscape. A square is born from the collision of two triangles and tumbles down the hill during the night until there is nothing left but a circle.

Written and illustrated  
by Miriam Gabbai

21x25 cm • 24 pages  
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Shapes and colors

Dealing with different situations, from adoption to being afraid to sibling rivalry

The educational psychologist Paula Furtado uses these stories in her work with children. The adventures of the animal heroes help young kids to overcome difficult feelings like fear, anger, jealousy or shyness.



## You can count on Me

Age 5+

### Learning to deal with all of life's circumstances

This series has been developed to help children understand and face new situations that might be worrying or difficult and figure out the feelings that might arise. The 9 volumes deal with the topics of bullying, respect for individual differences, grief, divorce, rejection, courage and surpassing our own limits, resilience, optimism, jealousy between siblings, adoption, self-esteem, self-image and self-acceptance.

The series was conceived by Paula Futado, a child psychologist and art-therapist who has over 30 years of experience in her field and more than 90 books published in Brazil.

Written by Paula Furtado  
Illustrated by Carol Juste

9 titles with 16 pages each • 22x22 cm  
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## Beware of Exploding!

Age 5+

EXTRACT IN ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

### Porcupine quills can hurt – but porcupines can also make great friends

Dinho, a little porcupine, attends Mrs. Owl's Forest School with his friends. Everything is fine except for when Dinho gets angry. Then he becomes really aggressive, hurting his friends. After the crisis is over, he goes to apologize, but his friends don't trust him anymore. When he asks his parents for help, they take him to Mrs. Giraffe, a children's psychologist, and they work on how to deal with his rage. When he comes back to his friends, he feels more at ease, as he has new strategies for handling difficult situations.

This story was written by educational psychologist Paula Furtado.

Written by Paula Furtado  
Illustrated by Carol Juste

16 pages • 19,5x26,5 cm  
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Dealing with rage

## Waaa, I Want It!

Age 5+

EXTRACT IN ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

### Learning how to deal with spoiled kids

Deia, the centipede, lives in a beautiful forest with her family. She has everything she needs and her parents love her, yet she is never satisfied with what she gets.

The situation becomes serious when her friends at school don't want to play with her anymore. They say that she behaves like a real baby. Finally, someone comes to her aid: Grandma Centolina explains how to change her behavior to be treated as an equal companion.

Written by Paula Furtado  
Illustrated by Carol Juste

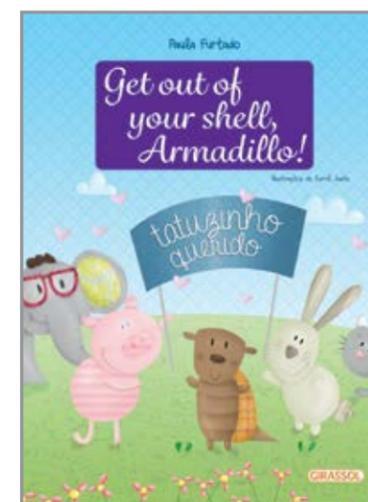
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Vanity

Spoiled kids

Envy and stubbornness



## Get Out of Your Shell, Armadillo!

Age 5+

EXTRACT IN ENGLISH  
TEXT AVAILABLE

### Playing ball games helps you make friends

Bolinha is a little armadillo full of imagination, but unfortunately he is also very shy and has no friends. He would love to play with the other kids at school, but he doesn't dare talking to them.

One day, he has an idea to do what he does best: roll up like a ball, and let the other kids play with him. Little by little, he dares to unroll in the presence of others and open up to new friendships.

Written by Paula Furtado  
Illustrated by Carol Juste

16 pages • 19,5x26,5 cm  
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Shyness

Loneliness

Becoming independent



Healthy food

Discovering nature

Gardening



## Lila and Matilha

Age 6+

EXTRACT IN ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE

### Lila in the Wonderland of Fruits and Vegetables

Once upon a time, there was a little girl who only liked processed food. The sweeter and more artificial, the better. Lila was her name, and she had a little dog called Matilha.

One day, Lila and Matilha find themselves in the garden, shrunken down to the size of an ant. In this fantastic but real world, they discover giant, delicious fruits and vegetables that Lila has never tasted before...

The author hosts TV shows for children and has her own YouTube channel.

Written by Fernanda de Oliveira  
Illustrated by Guilherme Batista

24 pages • 21x25 cm  
World rights available

## Tibur

Age 7+

ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE

### A charming story about a donkey that became his master's best friend

Tibur is the happiest donkey in the world and a faithful comrade to his master – until one day his master is short of money and takes the donkey to the market to sell him.

He comes home with a load of money and a heavy heart.

Realizing he lost a great friend, the peasant hurries to the farmer he sold Tibur to – and buys his donkey back for a higher price than he had received ...

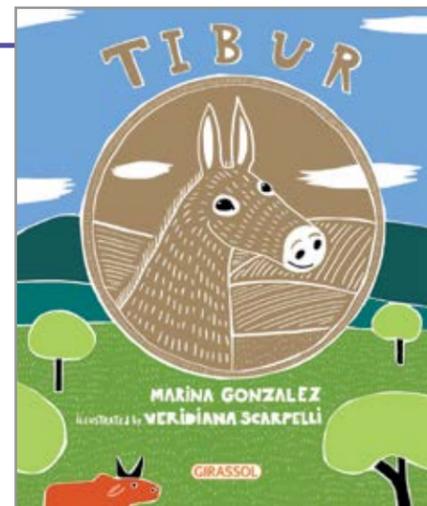
Both work together in the field, the peasant sells the harvest and can manage to keep his money save.

Both text and illustrations are inspired by "literatura de Cordel", a traditional literary genre from the Brazilian Northeast, printed booklets containing folk novels, but also texts on historical, political or educational topics, illustrated with woodcuts.

The colorfully illustrated apologue on Tibur and his master can inspire young kids to think about values, as respect and friendship, reflecting on our actions before making difficult decisions which we may regret in the future, perceiving differences not as conflict, but as diversity and opportunity of growth.

Written by Marina Gonzalez  
Illustrated by Veridiana Scarpelli

21x25 cm • 48 pages  
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Friendship and respect

Domestic animals

Well-considered choices

Virtue & values

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A series we would like to recommend you especially is **You can count on Me** (page 4/5), written by educational psychologist **Paula Furtado** in order to help young children to deal with difficult situations and life circumstances.

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## Monkey Business

Age 4+

ENGLISH TEXT AVAILABLE

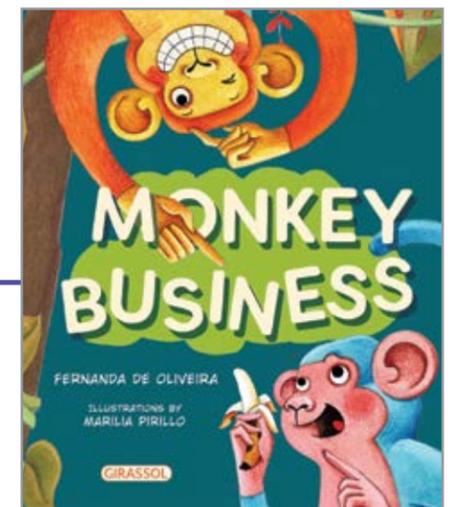
### Who's the Copycat?

Come and meet two noisy monkeys who want to have an undisturbed chat when they notice they are being observed. A huge creature is sitting in front of them and copying every single gesture they are doing, repeating every single word of their conversation, and staring. They wonder how to get rid of this huge intruder, and decide to be very very silly ...

Kids will love to play with these two fellows and find out who is the intruder in the book. They will also love the playful and colorful illustrations by Marília Pirilo.

Written by Fernanda de Oliveira  
Illustrated by Marília Pirilo

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