"There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all."

JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS

Nothing fosters a child’s imagination quite like a book. Books help us understand the world, pique our natural curiosity, impart knowledge, and hearten us to be empathetic and brave. In other words, books empower young readers to become the best versions of themselves. During this special time we are living in, our books invite everybody to be open, and stay curious.

And this season, we invite our young readers to be curious both outwardly and inwardly. The quirky adventures of Penny, the Mirror transform the way we look at, and into, mirrors. Penny helps us understand that the ‘best version of ourselves’ is really a matter of our own perspective. Meanwhile, our old friends Emma and Louis take us to Explore the Rainforest, where we meet the most wonderful creatures, and discover a world that needs our protection. Finally, after a year when some of us might have dreamt of breaking out, we look at those who have masterfully broken into places. Famous Robberies tells us about legendary thieves ... and how they were caught.

The words and pictures on the pages of a children’s book encourage children to think for themselves, formulating their own perspective of the world around them. Our books are aimed at children, but can also enlighten and inspire adults reading along too.

We hope you enjoy discovering our new titles.

Little Gestalten

About us: Little Gestalten celebrates today’s most innovative authors and illustrators by bringing their work to life through original works of non-fiction, charming picture books, activity books and pop-ups. Thoughtfully designed, diligently printed and bound, our books are pushing the boundaries of traditional storytelling.
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Enter the depths of the rainforest, the lungs of our planet that are home to the richest variety of animal and plant species.

Our beloved characters Emma and Louis go on a trip to the wildest nature of our planet: the rainforest. They visit this lush world of wonders that is full of the strongest, kindest, and strangest wildlife. They find out about endangered species, such as the forest elephant or the Sumatran tiger. They discover monkeys, butterflies, frogs that can fly, and plants that work with animals in symbiosis.

Besides the immense diversity in the jungle’s flora and fauna, Emma and Louis learn about the habitat, geography, the climate, and the people who live there—and you can learn it too! Come along and Explore the Rainforest.

ANNE AMERI-SIEMENS is an award-winning writer who tells whimsical stories about the world around us. After working for Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, she wrote a Spiegel Bestseller in 2007. Anne lives in Berlin, but would like to spend more time in the rainforest. This is her second book with Little Gestalten.

ANTON HALLMANN was born in Brandenburg, Germany, and studied illustration in Hamburg. He works for Die Zeit, Süddeutsche Zeitung, FAZ and the likes of Google, Lufthansa, or Deutsche Bahn. Anton lives in Stockholm. After Explore the World, he takes our readers on their second adventure.

WHAT TO EXPECT
→ A reunion with Emma and Louis from Explore the World
→ Children learn about the precious rainforests of South America, Africa, and Asia
→ A fun exploration of a habitat that needs our protection

YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE
Explore the World
Written by Anne Ameri-Siemens
Illustrated by Anton Hallmann
Category: Non-Fiction
Recommended for: Ages 7 and up
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Price: €19.90 (D) £16.95 $24.95 (US)
ISBN: 978-3-96704-703-5
RELEASE (EUROPE & UK): FEBRUARY 2022
RELEASE (INTERNATIONAL): APRIL 2022
As one thief wrote on the armored vault of a bank he’d just emptied: “Without weapons or violence and with no hate.”

Stealing a world-famous piece of art from a museum or snatching diamonds under 24-hour surveillance: there is a certain fascination for impressive robberies. And the world has seen some truly legendary ones.

Famous Robberies tells the real adventures of those who walked through walls and did the impossible. It introduces the perpetrators of infamous hits like the Great Train Robbery, the Antwerp diamond heist, or the Citibank Hack. With chapters designed in retro-newspaper style, this book will fascinate children for historical events as much as for the investigations and reporting around them.

SOLEDAD ROMERO began her career as a creative director in advertising. In parallel, she founded her own publishing house where she collaborated with artists from all over the world. She now dedicates herself exclusively to the creation of children’s books as an author and editor.

JULIO ANTONIO BLASCO has worked as an illustrator and graphic designer for 15 years. He uses drawing, painting, collage, and other techniques to give life to books and characters. Besides drawing, he likes dreaming and being outdoors among plants, leaves, and flowers.

WHAT TO EXPECT
→ An exciting journey through an infamous side of history, presented in retro newspaper style
→ Real stories full of suspense to engage children of all ages
→ Beautiful illustrations, portraits of characters, scene plans and infographics to fully immerse the reader in the event

YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE
The Big Book of Treasures
by Raphael Honigstein & Caroline Attia
€24.95 (D) £19.95 $29.99 (US)
ISBN: 978-3-89955-797-8

Famous Robberies
The World’s Most Spectacular Heists
Written by Soledad Romero
Illustrated by Julio Antonio Blasco
Category: Non-Fiction
Recommended for: Ages 10 and up
Features: Full color, hardcover, stitch bound, 64 pages, 22 × 27 cm, 8 2/3 × 10 2/3 inches
Price: €19.90 (D) £16.95 $24.95 (US)
ISBN: 978-3-96704-728-8

RELEASE (EUROPE & UK): APRIL 2022
RELEASE (INTERNATIONAL): MAY 2022
What to Expect

→ Fun story with quirky characters
→ Vintage-inspired illustrations with bold and simple shapes
→ A thought-provoking message about the power of confidence and the importance of staying true to yourself

Mirrors know it best: everybody is unique and special in their own way.

Mirrors have it tough. They never feel like they are doing a good job, because when people look in the mirror, they (almost) always say bad things. But mirrors have feelings too, you know, and they take it personally.

In Penny, the Mirror, one plucky little mirror decides to take things into her own hands—yes, she’s got hands—for the sake of her ancestors and mirrors everywhere. This is the hilarious story of Penny the mirror’s life-changing journey to acceptance, that will empower all readers to celebrate themselves too. Read on and find new love for mirrors and for what you see in them.

Dave Bell is a writer, creative director and curator. He has authored or conceived a number of books in the fields of design, marketing and photography. Dave lives in London, was born in Scotland, has a German family, and works for the Dutch design agency KesselsKramer. He is the father of three children.

Martin Nicolausson is a Stockholm-based illustrator and graphic designer. Since graduating from Beckmans College of Design in 2008, he has worked with editorial and commercial clients including The New York Times, Nike, Wallpaper* and Wired Magazine. Drawing as much inspiration from the past as from the future, Martin’s work combines the digital and analogue with equal amounts of nostalgia and bold vision.

You and Me and Everybody Else

Written by Marcos Farina
Text: Maria-Elisabeth Niebius
Price: €14.90 (D) £12.95 $19.95 (US)

You and Me and Everybody Else

Written by Dave Bell
Illustrated by Martin Nicolausson
Category: Picture Book
Recommended for: Ages 5 and up
Features: Full color, hardcover, stitch bound, 32 pages, 19 × 28 cm, 7½ × 11 inches
Price: €14.90 (D) £12.95 $19.95 (US)
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You Might Also Like
In an ever-evolving world, the only thing to count on is change.

A path is never the same twice. Everything we experience, be it real or imagined, influences what is around us—even if the changes are sometimes too small to recognize! For three curious kids, their regular walk down their neighborhood path is an experience far from ordinary.

With sketchbooks tucked under their arms and a magnifying glass in hand, each child interacts with the path in a different way, and together, they create a whole world for themselves. *The Path* encourages young readers to take a closer look at their surroundings and emphasizes the importance of empathy towards all living things. This book demonstrates that change is certain, but also that change should be welcomed.

**REIF LARSEN** is a bestselling author, with books like *The Selected Works of T.S. Spivet* translated into more than 27 languages. Larsen’s essays and fiction have appeared in *The New York Times, The Guardian, Travel + Leisure*, and *The Believer*. Larsen is currently living in Troy, New York State, and hosts an event series and podcast named *Future of Small Cities*. This is his second children’s book.

**MARINE SCHNEIDER** is a Belgian illustrator. As a traveler at heart, she loves wandering through vast and preferably snowy landscapes that inspire her and nourish her stories. Beginning her career with *Life and I: a Story about Death,* and *I am Life,* both published by Little Gestalten, she worked on several projects, ranging from books for babies to adult books. The *Path* is her third children’s book.
The Animal Show
by Marcos Farina

Category: Board Book
Recommended for: Ages 0 and up
Features: Full color, cardboard, 24 pages, 15 × 15 cm, 6 × 6 inches
Price: € 9.90 (D)  £ 8.95  $ 12 (US)
ISBN: 978-3-96704-717-2

Little Gestalten’s first board book brings toddlers joy. This is our debut for fans aged 0–3.

Showcasing animals big and small, from beloved pets to friendly beasts, The Animal Show helps develop an awareness of the animal kingdom for very young children. Graphic and bold, the illustrations depict various animals going about their daily activities. Intended to support early development, this visual board book introduces monkeys, bears, owls, sloths, and many other creatures, exercising children’s comprehension in a way that is simple, fun, and effective. The second collaboration with illustrator Marcos Farina, The Animal Show directs the Little Gestalten product range towards minds that are very new to the world.

MARCOS FARINA is an Argentinian graphic designer, specializing in handmade printing techniques whose playful illustrative style is rooted in the retro. He studied at the University of Buenos Aires and was a professor at the Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Urbanism for 15 years. He now lives in Madrid with his cat, Sumi, whose alter ego the reader can spot throughout the pages of the beloved Little Gestalten title You and Me and Everybody Else.

Sun and Shiro and the Polka-Dot Snake
by Hiyoko Imai

Category: Picture Book
Recommended for: Ages 3 and up
Features: Full color, hardcover, stitch bound, 36 pages, 15 × 21 cm, 6 × 8 ¼ inches
Price: € 12.90 (D)  £ 9.95  $ 16.95 (US)
ISBN: 978-3-96704-709-7

Fresh apples, curious fruit-loving creatures, and a great friendship – this is a picture book for all tastes.

Sun and his white-tailed dog, Shiro, love to explore together, spending their days savoring the beauty of the outdoors. This book follows them into the forest in search of delicious, shiny red apples that grow during the fall season. Along the way they meet a curious little creature called Polka-Dot Snake—a slithering friend who happens to love apples even more than them. The problem is, he’s eating too many of them, and too fast.

At its core, Sun and Shiro and the Polka-Dot Snake is about more than apples. It is a charming tale of friendship that consequently educates young readers about healthy eating without pointing a moral finger.

HIYOKO IMAI is a Tokyo-born illustrator and designer living in Amsterdam. After she studied Graphic Design in New York, Imai’s career and work took her to Asia and Europe. Her minimalistic style is playful and delicate and she has shared her talents and experience in cross-cultural workshops for children. Besides work, she enjoys cooking, crafting, and being outside in nature with her son.

“...a pleasure to read for adults and children and my children find the papercut illustrations very fascinating.”
A MUM REVIEWS
Let’s Play Outdoors!

Exploring Nature for Children

Written by Catherine Ard
Illustrated by Carla McRae
Research by Polly Jarman

Category: Non-Fiction
Recommended for: Ages 5 and up
Features: Full color, hardcover, stitch bound, 56 pages, 21 x 26 cm, 8 1/4 x 10 1/4 inches
Price: €14.95 (D) £12.95 $19.95 (US)
ISBN: 978-3-99955-843-2

A book that encourages children to go and play outside and discover what nature has to offer.

Nature is just waiting to be conquered by children with curious minds. Let’s Play Outdoors! encourages little nature detectives—not just to see, but also to listen, to touch, and to smell our surroundings. Climbing trees, watching clouds, tracing animals’ footprints, playing games outdoors… This book is packed with simple activities and experiences to inspire the environmentally conscious children of today.

CATHERINE ARD’s first job after her studies was writing children’s comics. Since then, she has written and edited many craft books for children. She lives in Bristol with her family, where their little dog Annie sleeps at her feet while she is working.

CARLA MCRAE is an Australian illustrator living and working in Melbourne. Her work covers editorial, publishing, and branding. She also likes to design socks and paints large-scale mural projects.

POLLY JARMAN has worked for many years with young people through environmental education and outdoor activity projects.

Each page is full of colourful child-friendly illustrations highlighting the easy-to-follow text and instructions to make outdoor exploration stress free and fun for everybody.” INIS MAGAZINE

Let’s Play Indoors!

Fun Crafts for Children

Written by Ryan Eyers
Illustrated by Rachel Victoria Hillis

Category: Non-Fiction
Recommended for: Ages 5 and up
Features: Full color, hardcover, stitch bound, 48 pages, 21 x 26 cm, 8 1/4 x 10 1/4 inches
Price: €14.90 (D) £12.95 $19.95 (US)
ISBN: 978-3-96704-713-4

A playful exploration of the great indoors.

This book encourages children to take the lead in deciding how to spend their time and is a perfect companion for rainy days or periods spent offline. With simple instructions on how to make paper masks and hand-dyed clothing as well as tips on how to wow friends and family with a shadow puppet performance, Let’s Play Indoors! ensures that time spent inside is never wasted.

A follow-up to Easy Peasy, Let’s Play Outdoors!, and Tasty Treats, this book showcases more than 20 traditional crafts with a modern twist. As well as presenting thoughtful activities that don’t need too much adult supervision or intervention.

RYAN EYERS is a writer, translator, editor, and language teacher living in Berlin. He is an experienced creator of children’s learning materials, particularly for younger learners of English, whom he has also taught in-person for over a decade. He also really, really loves DIY and craft activities!

British Illustrator RACHEL VICTORIA HILLIS grew up in north London, and is now based in Liverpool. She makes botanical-infused illustrations with a playful focus on design, slow-living, and modern gardening. Hillis’ appreciation of the natural world is clear throughout her work and she hopes to positively inspire other people to appreciate the world in a similar light.
Who Invented This?

Smart People and Their Bright Ideas

Written by Anne Ameri-Siemens
Illustrated by Becky Thorns

Category: Non-Fiction
Recommended for: Ages 9 and up
Translation: David Henry Wilson
Features: Full color, hardcover, stitch bound, 96 pages, 20.5 × 26 cm, 8 × 10 ¼ inches
Price: €19.90 (D) £16.95 $24.95 (US)
ISBN: 978-3-89955-133-4

Investigating how some of history’s greatest makers, creators, and ideas helped shape the world of today.

Who invented the car, the light bulb, or the jeans you are wearing right now? The things that surround us didn’t just appear out of nowhere, they were conceived by talented inventors, scientists, and engineers. Who Invented This? is a visual journey for children that shows how groundbreaking masters from the past connect with modern technology, culture, and medicine.

Making her children’s literature debut, **ANNE AMERI-SIEMENS** is using her experience as an author and journalist to tell entertaining stories about human development and the world around us. She previously worked for Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, SZ-Magazin, and German television networks.

**BECKY THORNS** is the talented illustrator behind our acclaimed title The World of Whales. She graduated from Falmouth University with a Fine Art degree in 2015 and now specializes in children’s illustration, literary themed works, and calligraphic lettering.

Whatever the Weather

Learn about Sun, Wind and Rain

Written by Steve Parker & Jen Metcalf
Illustrated by Caroline Attia

Category: Non-Fiction
Recommended for: Ages 7 and up
Features: Full color, hardcover, stitch bound, 56 pages, 24 × 28 cm, 9 ½ × 11 inches
Price: €19.90 (D) £16.95 $24.95 (US)
ISBN: 978-3-96704-711-0

Grown-ups are always talking about the weather—this book helps children understand the weather and why it changes from time to time.

How is fog formed? What causes a rainbow? Why do thunder and lightning always come as a pair? Curious children can often ask questions that might even be difficult for adults to answer, but Whatever the Weather knows the facts. Bursting with colorful illustrations, examples, and anecdotes, this book explains complex processes in a snackable way. Following two friendly characters and their little dog from page to page, young readers can learn about how temperature forecasting works, how some animals have an innate ability to predict the weather, and the effects of global warming.

Featuring over 25 vividly illustrated scenes explaining everyday conditions and otherworldly phenomena caused by weather, this title will amaze children and adults alike.

Holding a First Class Honours BSc in Zoology and a position as Senior Scientific Fellow of the Zoological Society, **STEVE PARKER** knows the natural world. This is his second book with Little Gestalten.

**JEN METCALF** is a writer, editor, and translator based in Berlin. She specializes in helping scientists communicate their work both inside and outside their world. Jen has translated several books for Little Gestalten and is delighted to have now co-authored one.

Illustrator and animator **CAROLINE ATTIA** has lent her whimsical style to ELLE, The New York Times, Harvard Magazine, Pictoplasma, and other prominent publications. After The Big Book of Treasures, this is her second book with Little Gestalten.
Who doesn’t like pizza? This book gives an entertaining introduction to the dish which connects the world.

We Love Pizza tells the story of our favorite food, a simple dish from Naples that conquered the taste buds of the world. Savor the flavor of toppings from classics to the strangest combinations, get to know some weird and wonderful facts, and learn step-by-step how to make a delicious dough and how to cook a pizza for family and friends.

**ELENA BERETTA** is an Italian illustrator living in Berlin. She studied Editorial Illustration in Milan and works for clients like Vogue, New York Times, Süddeutsche Zeitung, or Elle Magazine, creates illustrations for clothing, or hosts workshops and Co-founder of Drawing Nights Berlin. She illustrated food books and children’s books for Rizzoli Editore and is one of the illustrators for the 3 Volumes of Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls. After Tasty Treats this is her second book with Little Gestalten.

Tasty Treats invites children to cook tasty and healthy food by themselves.

Imagine a tower of fluffy pancakes topped with fresh fruit, or ice cream melting on your tongue, tasty unbaked chocolate balls, and many other treats to excite a sweet tooth. Alongside savory recipes for simple sandwiches, rainbow-colored salads, a refreshing zesty lemonade, and classic childhood favorites, Tasty Treats offers a fun way to prepare and present food and become the head chef—with just a little help from the adults. As a follow-up to the successful Little Gestalten titles Easy Peasy and Let’s Play Outdoors, this book shows simple and fun ways for children to use their time creatively.

**ADINA CHITU** is a food photographer and food stylist based in Bucharest, Romania. Her blog Pancake Planet illustrates her passion for food, which started at the end of 2016 when she quit her PR job and started this new journey. Tasty Treats is her first book.

"Features fresh ingredients for meals, snacks, and beverages children (and their grown-ups) will enjoy repeatedly, with multiple variations suggested for each basic recipe. (…) Watercolor illustrations and well-chosen typeface make this an attractive, tastefully designed book for browsing and daydreaming as well as for getting busy in the kitchen."

**KIRKUS REVIEWS**
Exploring far-flung countries, the highest mountains, the deepest seas, and even outer space with Explore the World.

Every explorer is a true adventurer. Bound by a common curiosity for the unknown, the intrepid individuals featured in Explore the World traveled across land and sea gathering expansive knowledge of geography, climate, culture, flora, and fauna. The expeditions that shaped the world we live in are gathered in this illustrated, non-fiction compendium.

From Vikings setting sail in choppy waters to Polynesians investigating the many islands in the South Pacific, this book shines a light on the people that made these adventures possible. Telling stories of teamwork and courage, from the sherpas climbing up Mount Everest to the astronauts who dared to fly into space, Explore the World brings the history up to date.

ANTON HALLMANN was born in Brandenburg, Germany and studied illustration at the Hamburg University of Applied Science. He is primarily working in editorial illustration for newspapers like Die Zeit, Süddeutsche Zeitung, or FAZ and clients like Google, Lufthansa, Deutsche Bahn and others. He currently lives in Stockholm. Explore the World is his first kids book.

“...it is a fascinating look at how, and importantly, why, humans explore and discover, with good touches and cautions about treatment of indigenous people, oppression and colonisation, those who aren’t credited with discovery or who have been forgotten, the different roles of women in history, and the importance of respecting the natural world and its people.”

MINERVA READS
An easy introduction to gardening to inspire children to dig their hands into the dirt and grow anything, anywhere.

Gardening can be a lot of fun for kids! Easy Peasy is packed full of inspiring and simple activities for every curious young gardener, whether you have a backyard, a balcony, or a windowsill. You can experience the wonders of nature by planting a seed and watching it grow into a flower, by picking delicious fresh berries in the summer, or making a feeder to help hungry small birds in the spring. Why not make a terrarium in a jar for your bedroom, or keep a wild-life diary and observe the beauty of nature up close and personal? Wherever you live and no matter what time of year, Easy Peasy invites you to dig your hands into the dirt and explore the world around you!

Written by Kirsten Bradley
Illustrated by Aitch

KIRSTEN BRADLEY is the founder of Milkwood permaculture farm in Australia. Kirsten, her husband Nick, and a team of educators specialize in courses and workshops about sustainable growth and living. She has previously co-authored an adult book on permaculture and gardening.

AITCH is a Romanian artist whose work is rooted in nature, folklore and fantasy. Her daring patterns, bold color, and quirky characters have seen her work across a range of products including wallpapers, playing cards, ceramics, textiles, and books. Her repertoire of clients includes L’Occitane, O2, Elle, Penguin Random House.

“Whether you live in the city or the countryside, there are plenty of places you can plant and grow.” DWELL

“The authors’ wide-eyed enthusiasm is infectious.” PUBLISHERS WEEKLY
You and Me and Everybody Else
by Marcos Farina

Our wishes, dreams, thoughts, and feelings are personal to us but all experienced by others. Guided by a friendly page-hopping cat, You and Me and Everybody Else tackles an adult topic in a sympathetic manner, encouraging empathy and self-reflection.

Depicting different situations from sleeping and dreaming, to playing and laughing, to occasional boredom, this book breaks down barriers and negates cultural differences. As readers turn the pages, the message builds strength: Ultimately, no matter what we look like, or where we come from, we can find links to ourselves in others.

MARCOS FARINA is an Argentinian graphic designer, specializing in handmade printing techniques, with a playful illustrative style rooted in the retro. He studied at the University of Buenos Aires and was a professor at the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism of the Buenos Aires University for 15 years. He now lives in Madrid with his cat, Sumi.

This charming picture book builds bridges between you and me and everybody else.

"reminds children that feelings, as well as some physical impulses, are universal."  KIRKUS REVIEWS

"An additional purchase, this makes valid points in a childlike way, and the simplicity is deceptive."  SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL
The Who’s Who of Grown-Ups
Jobs, Hobbies, and the Tools It Takes
by Owen Davey

Bold illustrations show in detail the professions, hobbies, and pastimes that keep grown-ups busy throughout the day.

What does a soccer player or surfer actually need? What is the robe of the samurai called and what is the archaeologist packing for her next expedition? What occupations and hobbies do adults have and what do they need?

From clothing to accessories to work tools, in this large-format picture book Owen Davey uses graphic illustrations to present a wide range of leisure activities and professions. The Who’s Who of Grown-Ups simplifies and explains what you need for it.

OWEN DAVEY is an award-winning illustrator known for several picture books and he is the lead illustrator on the multi-award winning app Two Dots. He won Best of Show and two Silver Awards in the 3×3 Professional Show 2019.

He has worked with clients including Google, Facebook, Sony, Lego and National Geographic.

Petting Zoo
Memo Game
by Christoph Niemann
Game. Ages 3 and up
36 pairs of matching cards, 19.2 × 13.2 cm, ¾ × 5 ½ × ½ inches
€16.90(D) £12.99 $19.95(US)
ISBN: 978-3-89955-782-4

“Bold posterlike illustrations work in tandem across each oversized double-page spread to define a selection of tools used by a variety of professions and hobbies, both real and fantastical.”

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