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TBP Agency has been selling rights into the Israeli market since 1980, representing the world's leading publishers and agents in the Israeli market.

We are happy to now launch our export department - bringing the best in Israeli literature to readers throughout the world. We represent only books we truly love and believe will succeed in other markets, and are excited to be launching our international activity!

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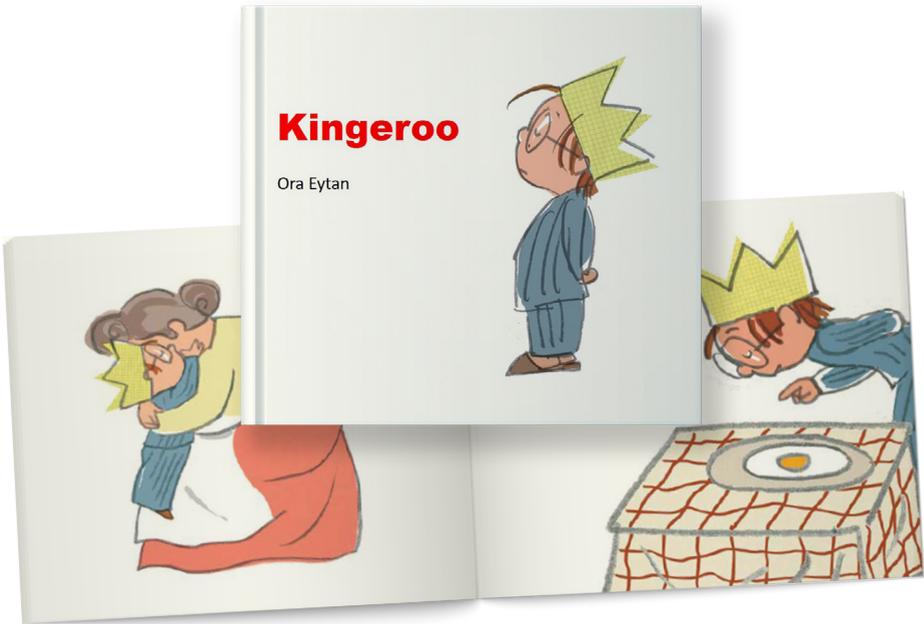
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Kingaroo

Author and Illustrator | Ora Eitan

When Kingaroo wakes from his royal sleep, he finds that all his books, his toys, even his breakfast, is tainted by black stains! How COULD the servants have let this happen? Or perhaps he just needs his glasses cleaned?

Kids will delight in the story of this haughty little king.



Ora Eitan's new book 'Kingaroo' is a treasure of rare beauty... Kingaroo is a masterpiece – of story, text, and wonderful illustrations, that are free and intuitive... perfect."

Ofra Rodner, Ha'aretz, Oct.30, 2019.

Year of Publication: 2019

Publisher: Am Oved Publishers

Rights available: World rights and translation



Ora Eitan is well known for her many illustrated books for children, including No Milk and Sun Is Falling, Night Is Calling. Ms. Eitan, who has been nominated for the Hans Christian Andersen Award, lives in Jerusalem.

AGES 2+

Toto and Friends

Author and illustrator | Orit Bergman

Sweet Toto and his friends joyfully discover things like sharing, friendship and fun, in these three delightful board books: Mine, Hide & Seek and Strawberry Ice Cream.



Publisher: Kinneret Zmora Bitan Dvir

Year of Publication:

Strawberry Ice Cream - 2019

Mine - 2020

Hide and Seek - 2021

Rights available: World rights except
Chinese/Star-Forest books

Copies sold: 30,000 (total)

Format: Board book

The books are written as dialog, no narrator and no stage directions, so there's an element of comics in this series, with the characters' facial expressions and the natural directness of children...the Toto books are simply sweet."

Racheli Rotner, Mako, December 24, 2020



Orit Bergman was born in Jerusalem and lives and works in Kerem Maharal, Israel. She writes and illustrates children's books, adapts her stories to the theater and frequently meets children across the country. Her books were published in Israel, France, China and the USA. She studied at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem where she now heads the illustration department.

AGES 2+

Where, Oh Where Is Miss Pinky?

Author | Shula Modan, Illustrator | Alona Frankel

Where, Oh Where Is Miss Pinky? is a charming play-book that is a must-have in every Israeli household with children. A story that turns every finger into an actor, with the troupe of finger puppets happily staging a show about the search for the missing Miss Pinky, while learning all about fingers.

*A set of finger puppets is included in each book



...A known favorite of both young children and their parents. *Where, Oh Where Is Miss Pinky* is a bestseller, a lovely, brilliant book by the finest author and illustrator of children's books in Israel. A smart take-off on known finger-play games, the book accompanies Mr. Thumb on his search for the missing Miss Pinkie."

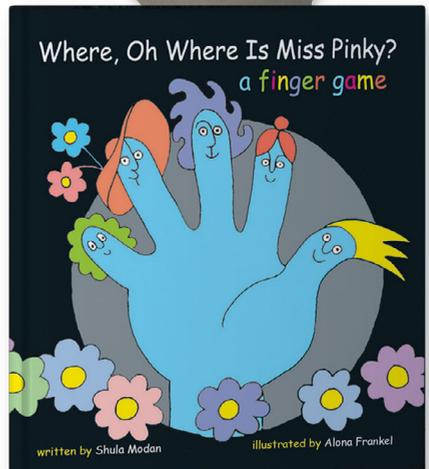
Merav Yudilovitch, Ynet, April 7 2002

Publisher: Modan Publishing

Year of Publication: 2001

Copies sold: 300,000

Rights available: World rights



Shula Modan is an author and psychotherapist. She writes in a variety of genres, including children's books, cookbooks and fiction. Shula Modan is also the editor of "Psyche", the biggest and most successful series of psychology books in Israel, with over 100 titles published so far. She lives in Tel Aviv.



Alona Frankel is a Polish-born Israeli writer and illustrator of dozens of classic children's books. Many of her books (over 40), have been translated into 12 languages and became bestsellers. She lectures on illustration at several institutions, and her work has been featured at exhibitions and fairs in Israel and abroad. Frankel has won numerous prizes, including a Hans Cristian Andersen Honor Citation and multiple Parent's Choice awards.

AGES 2+

Oogbo

Author and illustrator | Ora Eyal

Oogbo is a classic story in which a little girl pretends that her chair is a dog. The story is brilliant in its simplicity and the way it connects to the imaginary games played by children.



Publisher: Agam Publishing
Year of Publication: 1977
Copies sold: 100,000+
Rights available: World rights

* It is possible to license only the text of this title and create new illustrations.



Noa, the hero of "Oogbo" wants a dog. Whether her parents don't allow it or whether she doesn't have the patience to wait, she uses her imagination and creates a pet for herself.... this book is a masterpiece of minimalism and the connection between illustration and text."

David Rap, Haaretz Review, 14/6/2021



Ora Eyal was born in Jerusalem in 1946, and passed away in 2011. She illustrated some of Israel's most iconic children's books, including A Tale of Five Balloons, Yael's House and Hot Corn. She also authored a number of children's books. In 1994 she won the Ben Itzhak Prize for Illustration.

AGES 2+

Mommy, What Does This Do?

Author | Maya Meitav, Illustrator | Aviel Basil

A little boy wants to know "What does this do?" about everything and keeps asking his mother. She answers with "nothing" and a brief explanation. But he also has a plan of his own for what can be done with the different items he picks up around the house.

Kids and parents will identify with this familiar question-answer interaction and the sweet relationship between a creative little boy and his mom.



One of the hardest things to achieve in writing for kids is simplicity (a valuable thing that is not appreciated enough). This is what Maya Meitav was able to do in this book. A treasure of a book, chapeau!"

Atara Ofek, Hamilahevet Blog.

Publisher: Dani Books

Year of Publication: 2016

Copies sold: 64,000

Rights available: World rights and translation

Format: Board book



Maya Meitav is an Israeli author, graphic designer, day dreamer and mother of three boys. She is known and loved in Israel for her picture books for children as well as her YA book series, The Blogger.



Aviel Basil is the winner of The Israel Museum Award for Children's Book Illustration 2012. He has illustrated over twenty children's books, for both Israel and international publishers. He works and lives in Tel-Aviv.

AGES 3+

Poor Seymour

Author and illustrator | Orit Bergman

Who of us hasn't wondered what our pet does when we're not home? When the family in this book leaves for work and school each morning, Seymour the dog stays home alone. But what his owners don't know is he's actually having quite a blast with his friends.

The juxtaposition between the texts, in which the little girl wonders what he's doing and if he's sad and lonely, and the wonderful illustrations, which tell a completely different story, make for a uniquely fun book.



Publisher: Kinneret Zmora Bitan Dvir
Year of Publication: 2004
Rights available: World rights except Chinese/Maitian

This book invites the reader to engage in an interesting challenge – to understand the paradox between the text and the illustrations. The wonderful illustrations complete the book, a fun, quality book!"
Sigal Aviram "Hagil Harach" ("For infants")



Orit Bergman was born in Jerusalem and lives and works in Kerem Mahara, Israel. She writes and illustrates children's books, adapts her stories to the theater and frequently meets children across the country. Her books were published in Israel, France, China and the USA. She studied at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem where she now heads the illustration department.

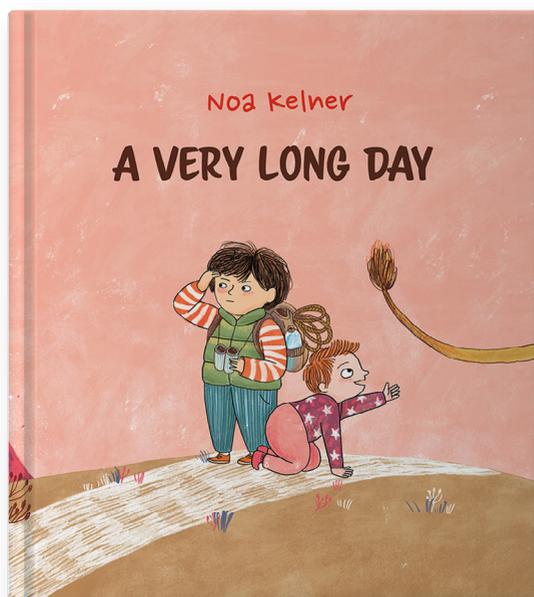
AGES 3+

A Very Long Day

Author and illustrator | Noa Kelner

Baby sisters can be quite a bother, especially when you're trying to play a game, or explore new lands! But as this day of pretend exploration proceeds, the big brother in this book connects to his baby sister in unexpected ways.

Kids will love the adventurous story and gorgeous illustrations, while parents will connect with the story of how siblings find their way to each other in a loving way.



*I particularly love children's books written by illustrators. It's true, not every illustrator can also write a children's book, because writing for small children is a profession (and a sacred one, if you ask me) and every word in the text is important, just like in poetry. But there are illustrators who understand that an illustration is worth a thousand words, and that sometimes what is "not" said and not written next to an illustration is a thousand times stronger. This is the case in the new book *A Very Long Day* - a sensitive book of few words, by the artist Noa Kelner."*

**Atara Ofek, Hamilahevet Blog,
January 9, 2019**

Publisher: Agam
Year of Publication: 2019
Rights available: World rights



Noa Kelner was born in Jerusalem and completed her studies in Visual Arts at Bezalel in 2013. She works as an illustrator for books, newspapers and magazines. She is one of the founders of the "Outline - Illustration and Text in Jerusalem" festival and serves as its creative director.

AGES 3+

Simon Says

Author and illustrator | Orit Bergman

A beautiful bedtime story based on the well-known game Simon Says, in which child and parent find an imaginative and playful way to say goodbye to the day's activities and welcome the peaceful night. All toys are instructed to do as they are told by their little master, or else - go to sleep.

Kids will love the play on a well-loved game Simon Says in which the boy leads his toys in the game, as they all get ready for bed.



...Simon Says is a bedtime story about the (challenging) wake to sleep passage. Play and imagination allow the child to regain control. With the help of wonderful humor and beautiful illustrations the book deals with an issue of interest to both children and their parents."

Nurit Weissman, Nuritha blog



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AGES 3+

Gili's Pockets

Author | Iris Argaman, Illustrator | Aya Gordon Noy

Gili is a collector. He keeps his treasures in his pockets, where you can find coils, screws, rocks, pine cones and wheels. Or at least that's what his Mom thinks. With Gili, a coil is never just a coil and the things he hides in his pockets often open the door to new adventures.

Kids will identify with Gili's collection hobby, and his creativity and relationship with his mom will touch both parents and kids.



Publisher: Matar Publishing House
Year of Publication: 2012
Copies sold: 4000
Rights available: World rights



Gili's Pockets is a real treat with its wonderful story and special design. Gili's imagination knows no limits - the red shoelace he finds is the tail of a runaway lion and the leaf is a fairy's wing (one that the fairy discarded. No fairies were harmed in the process). Gili makes a wonderful house guest, creative and smart, mischievous and funny."

Rinat Primo, ynet, March 3 2009



Iris Argaman is the award-winning author of Fred's Teddy Bear (Yad Vashem Prize) and Grandma Masha's Room of Wonders. Iris, just like Gili, collects things, and more than anything, she likes to collect stories, while raising three children and a dog.



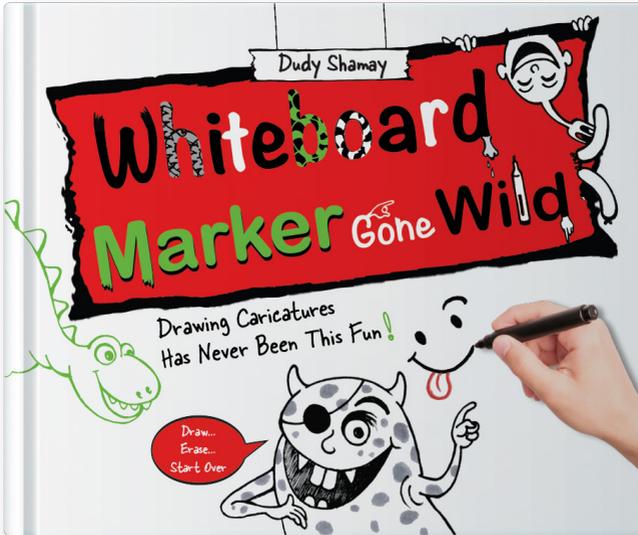
Aya Gordon Noy is an illustrator, winner of the Yuri Stern Award for the Arts, specializing in collages combining illustrations, text and texture.

AGES 4+

Whiteboard Marker Gone Wild

Author and Illustrator | Dudi Shamai

Whiteboard Marker Gone Wild makes learning to draw fun and funny. Humorous figures and clear directions will give kids a first taste of drawing and open up their creativity for more.



You can draw and erase with your erasable markers on the pages of this lovely book over and over again. The funny caricatures and witty comics are accompanied by clear instructions, allowing readers to easily learn how to draw.”
Ynet Parenting, March 10, 2019

Publisher: Simson Publishing Company
Year of Publication: 2019
Copies sold: 11,000
Rights available: World rights



Dudi Shamai is an Israeli humorist, illustrator and caricaturist, featured in magazines, newspapers and exhibitions around the globe. Winner of The Babylonian Jewry Heritage Award for Illustration 2022, Shamai has written eight books and illustrated over a hundred.

AGES 5-99

Grandpa, Morris and Me

Author | Miri Chanoch, Illustrator | Bernat Muntés

Grandpa, Morris and Me is a heartwarming story about a loving relationship between a boy and his grandfather. When the time comes to say goodbye, the ever-expanding sea of love is already so vast that we have no doubt that grandpa will always live on in the boy's memories and heart.



Miri Chanoch has written a brave children's book dealing with the death of a beloved person in an honest, straightforward manner... When the grandfather falls ill and dies, the young reader accompanies the grandson as he learns to cope with his grief, and they both learn how when a person dear to you dies and leaves an enormous gap, you will always have your love for them to hold on to."

Mako Parents, September 22, 2019

Publisher: Keter Books

Year of Publication: 2019

Rights available: World rights



Miri Chanoch is a screenwriter, columnist, author and playwright. Chanoch lives in Tel Aviv with her partner, three daughters, seven cats, Sudanese tortoise and roof-grown vegetables.



Bernat Muntés was born in Barcelona, studied Art History and worked in bookstores and libraries. He has illustrated for publishers including Bayard Editions, Cavall Fort, Crúilla, Santillana and others.

AGES 5+

Roni Macaroni

Author | Miri Rosovsky, Illustrators | Merav Salomon, Shahar Kober

An innovative series for beginner readers designed for reading together. The simple text in the comics bubbles is read by kids and the rest of the story by adults. The stories are based on the spirited character of Roni Macaroni, a girl full of pizzazz & humor.

Kids will love the relatable stories of Roni's dealing with friendship troubles at school, navigating after-school activities with her parents and more. Parents will delight in seeing their kids' reading improve!



Publisher: Kinneret Zmora Bitan Dvir
Years of Publication: Roni Macaroni Meets A Frog 2005
Roni Macaroni and Grandpa Eliezer 2005
Roni Macaroni on a Saturday Morning 2006
Roni Macaroni Won't Go With the Gang 2010
Copies sold: over 12,000 of the series in total
Rights available: World rights
Format: Comics first reader



A new genre has been developing, wrapping up the postmodern experience of family. This ironic, smiling and winking point of view allows a new approach to books for children."

Renana Green, DafDaf



Dr. Miri Rosovsky is an author, editor and publisher. She has published five novels and seven books for children. Her bestsellers include the novels *The Same Love*, *Almost* and *Once in a Lifetime* as well as the *Roni Macaroni* series. Her short stories are featured in various anthologies in France and Portugal.



Merav Salomon (*Roni Macaroni Meets A Frog*, *Roni Macaroni and Grandpa Eliezer*, *Roni Macaroni on a Saturday Morning*) is an international Illustrator, professor and founder of *Salomon & Daughters* books, Winner of Gold Medal for Best Illustrated Book UK Association of Illustrators, the CA magazine Illustration Annual Excellence Award, the Society of Illustrators NY 55th Illustration Annual Gold Medal and Israel's Ministry of Culture Best Designer Award.



Shahar Kober is an Israeli illustrator and illustration teacher with dozens of books, newspapers, magazines, and animated films on his record. When Shahar doesn't illustrate, he enjoys the outdoors, taking care of his small garden and discovering new little illustratable insect friends.

The Heart Book A Diary for Creative Empowerment

Author and illustrator | Dina Argov

What do I love about myself? What am I grateful for? What would I like to change about my life?

The Heart Book is an inspiring gift for girls, where they are invited to reflect upon themselves, their strengths, their wishes. The book is richly drawn and includes forty drawings by artist Dina Argov. It is a space for every girl to sketch, ponder and find her inner strength.



I wish I had a book like this as a kid. I would have liked someone to give me a space which is both personal and creative. I would have liked someone to mentor me and ask me exactly the right questions. I would have liked to focus on me, in an allowing, but non-imposing way. And for all these reasons, I believe you should give your daughters this special gift."

Orit Or, teacher, author, mother of three daughters.



Dina Argov, born in 1985, mother to two daughters and a graduate of the Bezalel Academy. Dina is an artist and facilitator of creative communication workshops.

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Year of Publication: 2018
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