# SARBACANE FALL 2023 FOREIGN RIGHTS CATALOGUE



FROM BIRTH

All rights available

17.5 x 23 cm 19 double spreads Boardbook € 14.90 April 2024



**YEPEE YOUPLA** 

An invitation to mingle and play with shapes!



• Designed specifically for very young children to familiarize themselves with shapes while also learning about the beauty of difference and sharing

# **EARLY YEARS**



# FRIENDSHIP · SHAPES ·

**GEOMETRY • DIVERSITY** 



By Aurélia Gaud

Two acrobatic dolls play each on their own. One lightskinned, one dark-skinned, in their beautiful pleated dresses, they can do so much! But they eventually end up getting bored...

When they dismantle the wall that separates them and start blending what was previously separate, there is no more limit to the imagination and the possibilities become infinite!

### By the same illustrator





**FROM BIRTH** 24 x 26 cm 7 double spreads Boardbook with round corners € 15.50 January 2024

All rights available





### A unique creation designed by Elo - the perfect gift to welcome babies to a world of softness!

When babies are born, they cannot see all colours, and only gradually acquire their definitive vision over the course of their first years. Artist Elo has imagined a book that can be read to the child from birth, a poetic, reassuring "little moment" to share with adults.

Each page has the reader follow the various stages of a day in the life of a baby, punctuated by a melodious nursery rhyme, while also discovering new key words. Illustrations are in black & white with a beautiful Pantone pink.



 In black & white with one colour to adapt the eyesight of babies

> Different levels of reading for different ages, with instructions to guide parents

> > Newborns deserve beautiful books too!





By Elo





### **MY FIRST WORD BOOK OF SENSATIONS**

A bright and vivid series of mini word books by Elo, one of the most creative talents for toddlers!

**Titles available:** HOT. COLD. SHINY & WET

12 MONTHS + 14 x 18 cm 10 pages Hardcover

€ 10.90

Thematic picture books to teach first words and begin to exercise one's memory, weaving connections between the notions that stimulate the learning of language.

10 words per book presented in the form of simple, illustrated, aesthetic and striking mini bookobjects. An innovative production technique which allows to combine a "velvety" touch with bright flashy colours, which is usually contradictory.

**Rights sold: Simplified Chinese** 

A trendy series which will appeal to children and parents alike!



### SPIN YOUR WAY THROUGH...

A series of board books with a wheel inside each page for the children to learn new words while having to find the right combination.

Titles available: THE BODY. THE KITCHEN, ANIMALS, VEHICLES

18 MONTHS + 17.3 x 16 cm 10 pages Boardbook € 12.90

**Rights sold:** Dutch An original use of the playful and innovative concept of the wheel, specifically designed for the very young: a small format, four options of stops on the wheel and objects shown in a single close-up make for a fun and stimulating experience for babies!

As always with Élo, the colours are bright and unusual, and the shapes are simplified but easily recognisable, the baby will delight in the pleasure finding the name for each item!

· Coming out next, Clothes and The **Building Site!** 

· Shortlisted for the 2022 Design Award for Children's books, awarded by the prestigious Cité du Design in St-Etienne





### WORDBOOK · CONCEPTS SENSATIONS



By Elo





By Elo







12 MONTHS + 16 x 16 cm 16 pages Board Book with flaps € 12.90



≻ Marmot Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau



My rabbit Mio Text & illustrations: Olivia Cosneau

Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau



Slug Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau

# mes tout mignons

12 MONTHS+ 16 x 16 cm 16 pages Boardbook with flaps € 12.90 September 2023

All rights available



**ROBIN** 

### A pretty patch of colour, a plump body, a thin, short beak: here comes the Robin! You've recognised it, but do you know its secrets?

Easily recognisable by its pretty orange breast, the robin is a familiar bird that children guickly learn to recognise. In the snowy landscape of a winter garden, we follow our happy-go-lucky friend in his daily life among its fellow birds; the pinyon, the chickadee and the goldfinch. Shy, greedy and sometimes quarrelsome, especially in spring, this adorable little lucky robin is a sight be behold!

· The latest title in the Mes Tout Mignons collection, a series of fun and interactive boardbooks for little ones, with a short narrative and surprises on each page!













Seahorse Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau



> Squirrel Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau



The birthday Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau



Text & illustrations: Olivia

Hamster

Cosneau

Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau





> Crab

> Owl

Text: Géraldine Collet

suShi

Text: Géraldine Collet

> Where do you poop? Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau

≻ Sushi & Maki Text & Illustrations: Olivia



Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau



> A surprise egg Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau









Ladybug Text: Géraldine Collet Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau

Butterfly

Text: Géraldine Collet



APILLON

Illustrations: Olivia Cosneau





**FIRST DOCUMENTARY** • **BIRDS · ROBIN** 



By Géraldine Collet & Olivia Cosneau



Coming out in 2024 SNAIL PENGUIN

# **MY BIG TRIP AROUND THE WORLD... SERIES**

WORD BOOK · MONSTERS • MYTHOLOGY



**12 MONTHS +** 24.5 x 36.5 cm 10 pages Boardbook € 25.00

All rights available

# • A series of giant word book for little ones to enjoy, available in two formats!

• By Laure du Faÿ, who graduated from the Strasbourg Decorative Art School.



My giant trip around the world of plants and mushrooms

My giant trip around the world of mammals

My giant trip around the world of dinosaurs

My giant trip around the world of animals







**MY BIG TRIP AROUND THE** 

WORLD OF MONSTERS

The first word book dedicated to monsters and

mythological creatures from all around the world - in a

From the age of 12 months, the young reader can discover and learn little by little to recognise and name the most legendary monsters and

Each double-spread stands up like a mini theatre or opens up flat like a rug on which the small child can lie, and offers an original and attractive layout, with all monsters and creatures sorted by geographical areas:

Care is given to the aesthetic and emotional element. A first journey into a fascinating world, specially conceived for young children from 12 months.

series perfectly designed to appeal to curious babies.

mythological creatures from past and present civilizations.

Ancient Greece, Egypt, Asia, Scandinavia, South America...

By Laure Du Faÿ

**Rights sold:** Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Korean & Simplified Chinese

### ......Sophie Baro - Foreign Rights Manager - sbaro@flammarion.fr









# I HEAR THE TRAIN COMING

### Anything is possible when you let your mind run wild: a shimmering ode to play and imagination!

A lonely child stares out of his window, bored. Suddenly, he opens the casement and plunges into the landscape. He has a beautiful orange train passing by. Should it be a modern one? An old one? And why not both? He climbs into it and decides which passenger he should be. A cowboy? A rich merchant? Or a beggar? Landscapes flash by, conjured by his own imagination: the blue sea and its sailbots... hills with white rabbit-horses... What a great game!











# THE PERFECT CAT FOR ME

A touching story to promote the adoption of senior cats, and an invitation to go against our prejudices



It is the big day: the family goes to the shelter to adopt a cat! Accompanied by his mother, a little boy has already made up his mind about the character of his future pet. But his final choice might eventually be a long way from his initial idea of a young and lively cat when a 10-year-old cat comes and curls up in his arms, winning him over.

ADOPTION •

SENIOR CATS





 By the illustrator of De bouche à oreille





...... Sophie Baro - Foreign Rights Manager - sbaro@flammarion.fr



**IMAGINATION • TRAIN • CREATIVITY • DRAWING** 



By Stéphanie **Demasse-Pottier** & Lucie David



All rights available



### How does friendship start? How does "I" become "we"?

One morning, Sam finds an egg in his garden. He examines it. And he hears a voice: it's Zora, who wants to know what he's found. An egg. Yes, but of what? "A varan!" suggests Sam. "How lucky we are," says Zora. She said "we", notes Sam. He loves this "we" that makes them a team. When a third curious child arrives...

Little by little, a gang of five children of different ages forms around the extraordinary egg. They start telling jokes, sharing a blanket, then shelter together when the weather turns cooler. And when the egg breaks and they discover it's empty, it's the youngest who exclaims: "Oh maybe that was a friendship egg!"



 Emilie Chazerand is the author of nearly 30 picture books and novels published by Sarbacane, which have sold over 125,000 copies

Christine Roussey's works have been published in English, Spanish and Italian



**FRIENDSHIP** • **TALE** • SURPRISE



& Christine Roussey





By Emilie Chazerand



All rights available





# **A BIRD ON MY HEAD**

### The story of a friendship that gives you wings!

Bernie doesn't have a single hair on his head - but he does have an extraordinary collection of hats. Every morning, he strolls through the streets of his neighbourhood, proud as a peacock, lifting his hat to greet the ladies. Until a bird takes the opportunity to land on his egg-shaped head, right there... yes, right there! And refuses to leave! Things get off to a bad start - especially with everyone making fun of Bernie who does everything he can to chase it away. But little by little, Bernie gets used to his new friend.

One day he even goes out without his hat, with the bird on his head, as straight as an arrow. And when the bird eventually takes flight, he finds himself missing it...!



sold over 125,000 copies



# 

### HUMOUR · POETIC · UNLIKELY FRIENDSHIP



### By Emilie Chazerand & Marie Leghima



### 



All rights available



# **MY BODY, THE SKELETON AND I**

### Follow Maya and Skullie on a wild adventure inside the human body

Maya falls while skateboarding. She comes back from the doctor's with an x-ray of her leg that has her imagination running wild: those bones there, under her skin... how is that possible? And then her entire skeleton comes to life, popping out of the picture and taking her to a little trip inside her very own body. They go down the Nose staircase to encounter quite the party at the Heart crossroads, then a gust of wind rushes them from the Lungs square towards some kind of swimming pool where float... the peas of the dinner! But the little girl is not out of the woods yet. Skullie, her new friend, falls down a strange well... and their adventure immediately turns into a rescue mission!





 A fun adventure that has you learning about the human body without even realising it!

• A living, vibrant illustration



By the same author LOTTE TEMPETE



**ANATOMY · ADVENTURE** 

By Sandrine Bonini & Elise Follin

### AGE 5+ 19 x 29.5 cm 40 pages Hardcover € 15.90 January 2024

All rights available

# PETIT SQUARE, GRAND AMOUR

# LITTLE PARK, BIG LOVE

### When childhood friendship turns into a beautiful romance... An invitation to take a charming stroll through a small park

Raphaël is a park warden. The discreet young man is particularly fond of the summer months, when the town is emptied of its inhabitants, leaving birds and small animals to roam under the hundred-year-old plane tree. One day, a newcomer greets him: it's Barbara, his childhood friend! Memories flood back, and they can almost see their past selves climbing the old plane tree... and now they're climbing it again, talking about yesterdays and dreaming of other tomorrows.

Because machines are coming to turn the square into a school... but what if the future was within reach, bringing them together for good this time, far from the city?





**FRIENDSHIP** · LOVE · **ESCAPISM** 



### By Didier Lévy & Claire Morel Fatio



• By the illustrator of Funny stories for



### A big, colourful book about a love that knows no limit.

When Pio is born, he is as small as the other babies. His mother holds him close and sings to him, "Pio, Pio, Pio, my small baby, I love you so big!

A few months later, Pio is as tall as his mother, and soon he's reaching the clouds. His mother keeps singing the same lullaby to him. She knits him the same soft sweaters, just slightly more gigantic, and always finds a way to cook him delicious compotes in huge pots. There's no stopping a mother's love... but the villagers find the child a nuisance. And there is also the matter of little Nona who does not pay him any attention...





• A giant story in a giant format!

• By bestselling author Emilie Chazerand (125,000 copies sold!)



**GIGANTISM · DIFFERENCE** 

By Emilie Chazerand

& Marie Mignot

• MOTHERLY LOVE

AGE 4+ 28 x 19.6 cm 40 pages Hardcover € 15.50 January 2024

All rights available

# THE ADORABLE SNOW BEAR

Winter has arrived, and Little Hairy Man doesn't feel ready to face it alone... A new adventure that humorously questions the deepest roots of friendship - and always touches the heart!

It's the beginning of winter, and Big Hairy Beast will soon be drifting off to sleep until spring. But what about his friend the trapper, who is already bored just thinking about it? What if he went off to reunite with the hustle and bustle of the city? The nearing winter highlights the differences between the two friends and the incomprehension between them raises tension. But whatever happens, these two will always be the best of friends!



In the same series:





......Sophie Baro - Foreign Rights Manager - sbaro@flammarion.fr

# 



**HUMOUR · UNLIKELY FRIENDSHIP** · WINTER



### By Lionel Tarchala

• 13,000 copies sold of the two first titles!

ANIMALS · HUMOUR ·

By Davide Cali

& Giulia Pastorino

DIFFERENCE

### 



AGE 6+ 18 x 24 cm 56 pages Hardback € 15.50 August 2023





# **EACH HOUR OF HAPPINESS**

"What is happiness? " Choms and Mirabelle wonder, while spending the day at the pond and making lots of interesting encounters...



 An enchanting trilogy for young readers, and an ode to freedom and wilderness.



• Written by Géraldine Collet, author of the Tout Mignons series.

 Leire Salaberria's works have been exhibited all over the world, including at the Bologna Children's Book Fair.



# **NO ELEPHANTS ALLOWED**

A strong and graphic tale about the necessity and richness of welcoming difference - explained to the youngest.

An elephant arrives in town. He is looking for a coffee shop for his breakfast. 'Sorry', says the waiter, 'We don't serve elephants'. Elephant looks for a kiosk to buy a newspaper. 'We don't sell newspapers to elephants', says the shopkeeper. And when Elephant wants to buy bananas, the answer is the same: 'Not for elephants'.





And so it goes, until a fire breaks out... This time Elephant proves to be very useful, thanks to his fire-fighting trunk! And suddenly, everyone's opinion has changed: everybody loves him...

'Those are strange people', thinks Elephant. And so does the reader.

• Davide Cali is the author of over 40 books published by Sarbacane. His title Moi j'attends (illustrated by Serge Bloch) has been critically acclaimed and translated into 10 languages.

FRIENDSHIP · LEARNING · PHILOSOPHY



### By Géraldine Collet & Leire Salaberria

Choms, the little vole, got up on the wrong foot, leading him to wonder what makes a good day different from a bad one. Mirabelle, his best friend, invites him to a picnic by the pond to find out. Together, they experiment to discover what makes them happy: Rescuing a beetle? Accumulating possessions like the magpie? Turning a deaf ear to mean people? Or is it simply spending time with loved ones...?



In the same series:

• A day of Freedom published in 2022, and Time to love to be published in 2024.



### · SARBACANE

### PICTURE BOOK



AGE 3+ 21 x 28 cm 40 pages Hardcover € 15.50 September 2023

**Rights sold:** Italian, Korean, Chinese (Simplified Characters)



# **GOING ON AN ADVENTURE**

Today is the perfect day to go on an adventure! But where will we be going ?

A child in pyjamas plays pirate in the bathroom. Gifted with an overflowing imagination, he embarks on a ship-cart, slaloms between sharks, explores the house-jungle under the cries of parrots... But what is a pirate without his own treasure hunt?

The child sets off to the garden where a ferocious guardian (a big fluffy dog) is keeping watch and the child will have to distract him, and then even confront him - it's going to be a wild fight!

But... who made all these holes in the garden?



discrepancy between reality and the imagination of a child immersed in his game

**IMAGINATION · PIRATES ·** CHILDHOOD



By Davide Cali & Daniela Costa

AGE 4+ 23 x 28 cm 32 pages Hardcover € 15.50 October 2023



All rights available



# **A MOST TERRIBLE FRIGHT**

### A funny and surprising take on monsters and scary stories.

The one thing Albi the Cat wouldn't miss for anything is the bedtime story! He LOVES to tremble with fear at the mention of wolves, hungry ogres and crooked old witches. One morning, he decides to go out and have a closer look at all the infamous villains... But what a disappointment! Nowadays, villains have turned soft or ridiculous: the dragon is powdering his nose and the wolves are now vegetarians. What a shame!

To make up for this nonsense, Albi decides to be a mean guy himself, and welcome his little humans home with a most terrible fright... But the joke might end up being on him!



### TALE · MONSTERS · **HUMOUR · FEARS**

· SARBACANE



### By Angélique Villeneuve & Laetitia Le Saux



# **RONAN BADEL**

Ronan Badel has written and illustrated over 150 books for Children. His works have been published in English, Spanish, Italian, Danish, Korean, Russian, Turkish & Simplified Chinese.



### THE LONGEST DAY

It is the first day of summer. Charles is ten years old and this morning his grandfather gave him a slingshot. All day long, he practices, aiming at the watering can, the clothes dryer... But he always misses. Until later in the evening when, dejected, he tries one last shot. This time, a bird falls on the ground.

Charles approaches, his heart pounding: a chickadee. And it is not pretending to be asleep. Charles is ten years old, but as he digs a grave by the tree, he feels very small...

DEATH · GRIEVING · ART





### **KIKI & ROSALIE**

Rosalie is old and bored alone in her apartment, watching the weather. One day, her son gives her a puppy with a big smile. Love at first sight. Rosalie calls him Kiki and the two of them are soon laughing together from morning till night: no need for TV or the weather forecast. But as Kiki grew up, the neighbors began to complain... One laugh too many and Rosalie found herself in a nursing home and Kiki in a kennel. Fun's over. Fortunately, fate will reunite the two friends!

**DOG • ELDERLY • LONELINESS** 



### **HIDE YOURSELF ARSENE!**

Arsène knows the drill: when the doorbell rings, he hides in the bathroom. Because Arsène is a rat. and people don't like rats.

Except for Jean, the pianist. Arsène and him stuy fourhanded piano and even enter a competition for the most elegant master/pet duo. Arsène is disguised as a poodle, and after an impeccable performance at the piano, the unlikely duo wins. Jean, fed up with the masquerade, rips off the disguise and presents his rat to the audience! Scandal! They are instantly disqualified. But from now on, Jean will no longer be ashamed of his friend. And when the doorbell rings, he's the one who opens it.

UNLIKELY FRIENDSHIP • DIFFERENCE • MUSIC

**AGE 5+** 21 x 28 cm 40 pages Hardcover € 15.50

**Rights sold:** Chinese (Simplified characters)

> AGE 5+ 21 x 28 cm 40 pages Hardcover €14.90

> > AGE 5+

21 x 28 cm

40 pages

Hardcover € 15.50

**Rights sold:** 

Italian. Korean. Chinese

(Simplified characters)

**Rights sold:** Italian, Chinese (Simplified characters)



# **MAX DUCOS**

Max Ducos is the author and illustrator of a dozen bestselling and critically acclaimed picture books which have sold 200,000 copies and been translated into 6 languages!



**HIGH TIDE, LOW TIDE** 

**MY SECRET PASSAGE** 





THE MIDNIGHT KINGDOM

### THE MYSTERY OF THE GREAT DUNE

to t



THE DRAGON CARNIVAL

VOLUBILIS

### 



STONE CURLS Text: Clémentine Beauvais



THE BOY FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE



SECRET GREEN



THE DISAPPEARED ANGEL



 Max Ducos' painting is greatly influenced by his interest in modern architecture. His work has been multi awarded, with exhibitions in Bologna, Paris & Bordeaux.

### AGE 5+ 29 x 33.2 cm

56 pages Hardcover € 19.50

Already published

### **Rights sold:**

Bulgarian, Catalan, Dutch, Estonian, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, **Ukrainian & Simplified Chinese** 



### THE RICH HOURS OF JACOMINUS GAINSBOROUGH



### **TWELVE SHARP**







### AGE 6+ 30 x 21 cm 212 pages

Already published

**Rights sold:** Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish &

**Simplified Chinese** 

Hardcover with cutouts € 49.90









### **FRIENDSHIP** • MEMORIES • PASSING OF TIME



By Rébecca Dautremer music by Nils Le Thanh, **Martin Saëz & Philippe Morino** 

# SOMETHING WONDERFUL

An ingenuous search for lost time, to be listened to and contemplated: Rebecca Dautremer invites us this time to hear the sweet music of Jacominus' and his friend Policarpe's memories.

Rébecca Dautremer is back with yet another wonderful picture book to delight all readers. In this fourth volume of Jacominus' adventures, we get to travel back in time jumping from one dream-like memory to another, while listening to a delicately crafted soundtrack...



AGE 5+

28 x 28 cm 64 pages &1 CD Hardcover € 27.90 October 2023

### **Rights sold:**

Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish & Estonian





# Over 250,000 copies sold worldwide



By Rébecca Dautremer



AGE 4+ 31 x 42 cm (folded) 24-pages booklet € 38.00

Already published

**Rights sold:** Italian, Dutch, German, Spanish & Simplified Chinese



**ONE SPLIT SECOND** 

AGE 7+

23.5 x 33 cm 48 pages Hardcover € 18.00 October 2023

All rights available



# **I LOVE PIRATES!**

A rich and complete immersion into this universe that has inspired so many creative minds - and still fascinates children as much as ever!



# **NON FICTION** BOOKS



...... Sophie Baro - Foreign Rights Manager - sbaro@flammarion.fr



HISTORY · PIRATES · DAILY LIFE · FEATS



By Serenella Quarello & Maurizio A.C. Quarello

Siblings Maurizio and Serenella Quarello set sail and invite us to learn more about pirates : their lives, both on board and ashore, their clothes, their food, their animals... and of course, their treasures! The perfect opportunity for young readers to learn about the most famous pirates, men and women, the different golden ages and high places of piracy, the real thugs thirsting for gold and those sent out by kings to deal with political matters... A must-read!

• By the illustrator of Le Voyage de Darwin & L'Appel de la forêt



### 



# **SUCH A GOOD SPORT!**

The funniest book ever written about sports - and the perfect opportunity to get ready for the 2024 Olympic Games!

A truculent book to share with the whole family from age 7 upwards, packed with anecdotes, records, portraits and surprising facts about the history of sports and the Olympic Games. All you need to know about rules, clothing, cheating, and much more, illustrated with the irresistible drawings by Laura Lion.





• Stunning illustrations printed in 7 Pantone colours

• Jean Mallard is the recipient of the Bologna 2018 Great Award

• By the author of Quand les Cochons voleront

# **PLANTS GOT BRAINS!**

Listen up closely! The plants are speaking... and finally sharing with us their many secrets.





NATURE · PLANTS · SCIENCE



By Philippe Nessman & Jean Mallard

Artistotle may have put plants at the very bottom of its living beings -for they do not have any eyes, brains and are unable to move- but that does not mean they are completely powerless. Quite the opposite!

Plants are able to see, communicate, defend themselves, solve issues and even learn. Dive into this splendidly illustrated book and you will never look at trees and shrubs the same way!





# **AMANDINE THOMAS**

A collection of beautifully illustrated yet heavily documented non-fiction picture books by Amandine

Thomas, a resolute defender of the environment whose

works have been translated into 5 languages.

AGE 6+ 23 x 32 cm 32-40 pages Hardcover € 16.90



# OCEANS, AND HOW TO SAVE THEM

### **Rights sold:**

Russian, Korean, Spanish, Simplified & Complex Chinese



# FORESTS, AND HOW TO PRESERVE THEM

**Rights sold:** Spanish, Simplified & **Complex Chinese** 



# IMAGINE YOUR PLANET... IN 2030

**Rights sold: Complex Chinese** 



THE ADVENTURERS OF THE GARDEN

**Rights sold: Complex Chinese** 





 Amandine Thomas lives in Melbourne, Australia, where she works for the press

 An author and illustrator strongly committed to protecting the environment

éditeur de création





······SARBACANE

### MIDDLE GRADE



For all fans of bestselling series Gurty's Diary, here comes the infamous spinoff, Bumface! A lighter, more colourful format dedicated to the adventure of Gurty's nemesis, Bumface, who thinks he is so much better than everyone ones - equally delightful!



Already published:

Vol. 1: BUMFACE IS MORE HANDSOME THAN YOU Vol. 2: BUMFACE WISHES YOU A TERRIBLE BIRTHDAY VOL. 3: BUMFACE HATES CHRISTMAS VOL. 4: SUPER BUMFACE IS MORE SUPER THAN YOU! VOL. 5: BUMFACE IS MORE FAMOUS THAN YOU!

Two more titles coming out in 2024!



Gurty is the holiday journal of a female dog, packed full of hilarious little sketches with an adventure or gag a day! A wonderful mix of humour, adventure and irreverence to delight all middle-grade readers!



······ SARBACANE





### MIDDLE GRADE

SARBACANE

### MIDDLE GRADE



All rights available





# **OPERATION CUPID**

The latest wacky creation by explosive, bestselling duo Emilie Chazerand & Joëlle Dreidemy

Jean-Moulin Glavio-Zumgeburtstagvielglück's (very) orderly day-to-day life is about to end: his neighbour, confidante and secret lover, Coralie Boule, is moving out... because her parents are getting divorced!



Life already hasn't been kind to Jean-Moulin: glasses on an innocent face, the name of a World War martyr, a total inability to build any kind of social relationship and now his Coralie is leaving. NO! Jean-Moulin won't allow it. He has to find help... And who's there, right behind a fairground stall? Cupid (yes, the real one!), condemned to fry churros for eternity ever since the Three Graces and his mother Venus sent him away. So when Jean-Moulin asks him to come to the rescue, the disgraced god sees the perfect opportunity to return to his former life. No more bows and arrows? No problem. His little melting chocolate truffles, infused with an elixir of love, will do the trick! But the magic works a little too well, and the world goes crazy... for love!

### By the same duo



HUMOUR · LOVE · DIVORCE · **GREEK MYTHOLOGY · LGBT+** 



By Emilie Chazerand & Joëlle Dreidemy

 Written by a bestselling duo with 50,000 copies sold of their Middle Grade novels

### **AGE 8+** 14 x 21 cm 192 pages Softcover € 12.90 August 2023

All rights available



# **COSMIC MISCHIEF**

duology, and world-renowned illustrator Ronan Badel

Solal is a misophonist and a misanthrope, so human relationships are not really his thing. No, what he loves most of all is SPACE and the great Violette Ascaride, famous astronaut and member of the ISS. So when he learns that he can attend a top-secret space broadcast, Solal climbs on the roof with his father's radio transmitter, hoping to pick up his heroine's conversations. But strangely, nothing happens. And then PAF! A bolt of lightning flashes across the sky, white and bright, like a light bulb going off. Strange. He goes home, a little disappointed; but when he wakes up the next morning, there is no-one there. Not at home, not in the street, not in the shops... nowhere. At first overjoyed to be alone at last, he soon panics: in the village square, he discovers his family and all the villagers... completely frozen. The only ones left are a grumpy reindeer, John-Snow, and Maija, a child from the Sami clan.



### By the same author



. Sophie Baro - Foreign Rights Manager - sbaro@flammarion.fr



# SARBACANE

### **SCIENCE FICTION · ALTERNATE UNIVERSE · UNLIKELY HEROES**





### By Séverine Vidal & Ronan Badel



# A hilarious adventure by Séverine Vidal, author of a bestselling

Is Solal responsible for overturning the order of the world and causing the biggest cosmic mess ever?!





### MIDDLE GRADE

SARBACANE

### MIDDLE GRADE



All rights available



FANTASY · DRAGON · **FRIENDSHIP** • NINJAS



By Cyril Jegou & Lou Bonelli



# **GARGOYLES VS. NINJAS**

A haunted castle, a carnivorous giant, a demented treegardener, a mysterious disease and greedy mini-dragons: a thrilling adventure filled with poisonous wonders!

A strange incurable disease is spreading terror in Pembouly, causing excessive salivation for all its victims.

So when a classmate catches it, 10-year-old Pelote sees a way out of her humdrum life. Accompanied by Cerise, her eccentric best friend, Pelote sets off on the trail of the pragonus, strange winged creatures that may be the cause of the disease. Their quest leads them straight to the castle of Mont Gargouille, rumoured to be haunted by a cruel giant and his armada of monsters!



 $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  A love letter to fantasy and adventure novels featuring the kind of rebellious heroine we all love!

 Written by a screenwriter and illustrated by a stop-motion artist

**AGE 8+** 14 x 21 cm 166 pages Softcover € 11.50 January 2024

All rights available



# **THE MAMMOTHS STORM IN: CRAZY HUMANS!**

Mooth, the rock artist, and Kanda, the chief's daughter, are faced with a new hilarious adventure!

It's the day of the Great Cracking, in other words: spring has arrived! Moutt and Kanda are watching the ice melt when they spot the ugly, bloodthirsty barbarian humans who have already caused them so much trouble. Oh, and the little human girl accompanies them. But suddenly she gets trapped in the waterfall! Moutt and Kanda rush to her rescue and barely escape disaster. Moutt decides to take her back to their camp, much to Kanda's dismay for if it may jeopardize the safety of the whole mammoth clan...

By the same trio



• An original series that will rejoice all *Ice Age* lovers!

 Written by a prolific Children's Titles duo of authors.

• 5 500 copies already sold of the first book!

# SARBACANE

### STONE AGE · MAMMOTHS · **ADVENTURE · HUMOUR**







By Pascale Perrier, Véronique Delamarre & **Bastien Quignon** 





### MIDDLE GRADE

AGE 11+ 15.7 x 22.6 cm 448 pages Softcover € 19.90 Already published 2 volumes

> **Rights sold:** Italian. Russian. Korean

> > 40,000 copies sold









By Paul Martin & Jean-Baptiste Bourgois

### **VIOLETTE HURLEVENT**

Nobody knows when the Wild Garden came to be.

.....

Violette Hurlevent stepped foot there the day she ran away from her mother's house. Far from all the problems in her life, she discovers a vast world, hidden from other humans, inhabited by creatures with peculiar customs. Wolves can talk, stones come to life, and time passes by according to its own laws.

······ SARBACANE

But the beauty of the Wild Garden hides multiple dangers. With her food-loving brave dog Pavel, Violette comes face to face with a threat far worse than any of the problems she is running from.

**AGE 9+** 15.7 x 22.6 cm 224 pages Softcover € 16.90 April 2023

All rights available



COMING-OF-AGE · TECHNOLOGY · **CYBERPUNK · ROBOTS** 



By Lorraine Darrow **& Alice Darrow** 



AGE 10+ 15.7 x 22.6 cm 300 pages Softcover € 17.00 August 2023

MIDDLE GRADE

All rights available













SARBACANE

### An adventure full of surprises and tenderness that opens up both the imagination and the mind

Albertine, eleven years old, is a fragile, shy wallpaper of a girl. To make matters worse, she is diabetic. At school, she obviously struggles to find her place among other teenagers, to the point she is often the target of bullies.

Luckily, she has a colourful, loving family that is so full of fantasy she hardly has any time to think about anything else. Lately, her mother has decided on a whim to move into a strange house - a strange house that looks everything like the houses you read about in children's stories, full of magic and mysteries from cellar to attic. And about that cellar... there is a door there that only Albertine seems to see. A door that leads to the World-Under and its peculiar inhabitants...



...... Sophie Baro - Foreign Rights Manager - sbaro@flammarion.fr



### LEO AND THE MECHANICAL CITY

Leo, a young orphan prince, lives in the Palace of Wonders, under a glass bell. Grandson of the queen, he leads a sad and lonely life among courtiers and androids.

But one day, his loyal robot and only friend Bobbi-bop commits one too many mistake. In order to help him, Leo escapes into the underground of the Mechanical City. There, he discovers a world of unsuspected secrets that have him setting out on a perilous yet marvelous quest.

• Emilie Chazerand is the author of nearly 30 picture books and novels published by Sarbacane, which have sold over 125,000 copies

AGE 14+ 13.5 x 21.5 cm 400 pages Softcover € 18.00 August 2023



All rights available





H. LENOIR

# **BATTLESTAR BOTANICA**

Travel to the 23rd century and embark on an action-packed adventure that will keep you on the edge of your seat





# **YOUNG ADULT FICTION**



......Sophie Baro - Foreign Rights Manager - sbaro@flammarion.fr



### SPACE OPERA · FOUND FAMILY · INCLUSIVE · LGBT+



By **H. Lenoir** & Jacopo Starace



In the far, far away future...

The Garrulous, a temperamental old ship tasked with botanical explorations, is lost in space. And like all galactic ships, it has been stolen from an enemy alien race - meaning its technology is only partially mastered by humans...

Aboard are Kani, 17, its pilot, and a whole crew of humans and aliens, all as motley as they are endearing. The greatest asset of this team is rushing headlong into galactic trouble. Their latest idea? To go in search of a rare and highly coveted plant... So coveted its quest might prove dangerous...

### • A Six of Crows-kind of crew travelling through space!

• A spin-off of *Félicratie*: 7,000 copies sold, 3 awards, and 15 nominations

 Illustrations by Jacopo Starace, author and illustrator of Être Montagne



### 



### LOVE · DOMESTIC VIOLENCE · **GROWING UP · OBSESSION**



By Elodie Chan

### AGE 13+ 13.5 x 21.5 cm 304 pages Softcover € 17.00 October 2023

All rights available



# **THE MAGNI-FREAKS**

Everyone knows and love the Avengers. But what if these marvelous heroes had been born and raised in the poverty-stricken suburbs of a Mediterranean town...?

Cheyenne was abandoned by her junkie parents when she was still a baby, Squadro was born underwater after his mother was thrown overboard by the Sicilian mafia, and Liam saw his mother jump off a cliff before his very eyes. But being orphans is not the only thing our three heroes have in common: they also have an inexplicable gift: Cheyenne can walk through walls, Squadro can breathe underwater... and Liam can fly. So when they meet... it's a match made in heaven.

But in the bad neighbourhoods they live in, you cannot fool around for long without attracting the attention of the terrifying boss of the local mafia. Never mind that: it turns out that our three rookie heroes each have a good reason for wanting to get even with him... Cheyenne, Liam and Squadro are going to have to step up their game if they want to take on the real crooks. They already have the superpowers... and now they have to become actual heroes.

• For all fans of The Boys, Misfits and Kick-Ass!

By the same author

# **OUR ORDINARY DREAMS**

A stunning novel about dreams, passion, friendship, first love, finding oneself, and all the things that happen behind closed curtains...

The summer of Cyrus' sixth birthday, Romane and her family move in the house opposite his. Cyrus is immediately starstruck. But for over ten years, they will barely talk to one another.

The summer of their sixteenth birthday, everything changes. For them, and those around them. There's Chloe, who lives through books and broods an unrequited love. Gabriel the heartthrob who makes the most of his good looks. Lola, whose short shorts catch everyone's eye and wants to be a star. And of course, Cyrus, who dreams about nothing but Romane, and Romane, who wants to run far away from the Ogre who lives in her home...



By the same author A FIRE IN OUR HEARTS

 A stunningly accurate social portrait of kids in the 2000s, and a bittersweet dive in the tortuous years of adolescence

Shortlisted for the prestigious Prix Vendredi

 For readers of Normal People and Clémentine Beauvais' Songe à la douceur

0

### SUPERPOWERS · FOUND FAMILY · SUBURBS · MAFIA · ECOLOGY



### By Gaspard Flamant

WILD JUSTICE SHORBA



### YOUNG ADULT



All rights available



# **PRETTY LIES**

What are you willing to do to earn people's approval? What would you do and say to be liked? For Lucy, the answer is quite simple: she will do anything.

Lucy has a secret. Or rather: a thousand secrets. A thousand little secrets accumulated over the years. Actually, no, she is not the daughter of a rich diplomat gone on a cruise. No, she does not live on the second floor of this luxurious Haussmann building. No, it is not Moët & Chandon in the champagne bottles. And no, her dress is not haute couture. But to Lucy, the truth hardly matters, because she has mastered the art of bluffing. Better still, she revels in it.

And today, she has decided to celebrate her fifteenth birthday with all her rich friends from school, who swallow her lies like it is the finest hors d'œuvre they have ever tasted. Tonight will be the staging of the century, the apogee of Lucy's art. Tonight is her night. Tonight, everything must be perfect.

> • A great novel about growing up and facing hard truths, as well as embracing one's flaws

LIES • FAMILY SECRETS • CONTROL • SELF-CONFIDENCE



By Catherine Grive

AGE 13+ 13.5 x 21.5 cm 352 pages Softcover € 17.50 February 2024

All rights available



# **CRYING OVER NOTHING IS ALREADY SOMETHING**

Adele loves Nilo Nilo loves Adele. Between them it's sweet, it's simple, They're model lovers. So when two lines appear on the test, that shouldn't be a problem... right?

Everything's easy when you love each other

... isn't it?

A heroine torn between her lover, her family's silence, her feisty best friend and society's injunctions. When Adele is faced with a difficult, life-changing decision, will she be able to find time to listen to her own heart?

# SARBACANE

### **ABORTION · FAMILY SECRETS ·** LOVE · GRIEF · HIGHSCHOOL



By Chloé Lume

• A striking novel in verse dealing with a complex subject with great nuance

# **BACKLIST HIGHLIGHTS**

YOUNG ADULT

A selection of the most striking & successful Young Adult novels published by Sarbacane

AGE 14+ 13.5 x 21.5 cm 192 pages Softcover € 16.00 January 2024

All rights available



# THE FOREST TO TELL YOU

A lonely young girl meets a mysterious young man who tries to bring her back to the human world

Louise, seventeen years old, lives alone in the forest. It is a life she has chosen, for Louise does not need anyone, not a mother, not a man, not society. All she needs is right there: the light of day, the humus of the undergrowth, the berries she picks for food: that's already plenty. And so, so much better than what she left behind...

Until the day she meets Paul, a strange young man who stumbles upon her by accident. He brings back all the things she's been running away from. And new things, too...

• A delicate writing that draws a strong parallel between violence against women's bodies and violence against animals, highlighting the cruelty of our system



SEXUAL ASSAULT • WILDERNESS • **MOTHER-DAUGHTER • FREEDOM** 



By Martine Pouchain

### DYSFUNCTIONAL By Axl Cendres

THE RED ANT

256 p. | 15.50 € | 12+

SCHOOL BULLYING

36,000 copies sold

DIFFERENCE

• FAMILY

By Emilie Chazerand

512 p. | 18 € | 14+

· LGBT+ • FAMILY • MENTAL HEALTH

15,000 copies sold

= La =

ROUGE

Émilie Chargerand

### BORDETERRE

By Julia Thévenot 512 p. | 18 € | 12+

PARALLEL WORLD SOCIAL JUSTICE • AUTISM

0,000 copies sold

Shortlisted for 9 prestigious awards

To be adapted in a graphic novel by Timothée Leman



### **COLORADO TRAIN** By Thibault Vermot

360 p. | 16 € | 13+

THRILLER MURDER CHILDHOOD

7,000 copies sold

2017 Vendredi jury award

Adapted into a graphic novel by Alex Inker (10,000 opies sold)

......Sophie Baro - Foreign Rights Manager - sbaro@flammarion.fr

### SARBACANE







### THE PIGLETTES

By Clémentine Beauvais 288 p. | 15.50 € | 12+

- SCHOOL BULLYING
- SOCIAL NETWORKS FATPHOBIA
- RACISM

### 137,000 copies sold

### Translated into 14 languages!

To be adapted into a graphic novel illustrated by Magali Le Huche

### OGRESS

By Aylin Manço 278 p. | 16 € | 14+

- MOTHER-DAUGTHER
- SEXUAL AWAKENING
- PULSIONS

### 7,000 copies sold

2021 Libbylit award for **Best Belgian novel** 

2021 La Voix des Blogs award (YA bloggers jury)

Film rights for a TV series adaptation

### THE SHE-DRAGON AND THE SINGER

By Damien Galisson 290 p. | 17.50 € | 12+

- FANTASY
- EXCLUSION
- BROTHERLY LOVE
- VIOLENCE

### 5,000 copies sold

Grand Prix de l'imaginaire 2023 Shortlisted for 11 awards

### ILLUSTRATED CLASSICS

ULES VERNE

Deux ans

AGE 9+ 26 x 37.2 cm 184 pages Hardcover € 29.90 October 2023

All rights available



Explorations, discoveries, resourcefulness are on the menu - not to mention a heroic confrontation with real villains! - before the young robinsons are reunited with their families.



# **ILLUSTRATED CLASSICS**





### SEA · ADVENTURE · PIRATES · **EXPLORATION**



By Jules Verne **& Frédéric Pillot** 



A great coming-of-age novel by Jules Verne, in a lavishly illustrated colour edition that really rejuvenates the original work!

In 1860, off the coast of New Zealand, a group of children struggle through a storm on a sinking ship. They manage to save themselves, after a terrible night, by landing on an unknown land. But is it really the mainland or... an island? Deserted or inhabited? And why are there no adults with them? This is the beginning of two extraordinary years during which the children, aged 8 to 11, will go through the seasons of this harsh southern land under the protection of the grown-ups, Briant,



**PIRATES · DESERTED ISLAND · ADVENTURE · GREAT CLASSIC** 



By Robert Louis Stevenson & Anton Lomaev

# TREASURE **ISLAND**

Follow young Jim aboard the Hispaniola and get ready to face terrible dangers...

Treasure Island is a classic that barely needs introduction...

In the eighteenth century, in England, an old sea captain named Billy Bones dies in the inn young Jimm Hawkin's parents own, leaving behind a sea chest containing a mysterious treasure map. From this night one, Jim will be caught up in an expedition to retrieve a long lost treasure.

A captivating novel full of mysteries, swordfights, betrayals, mutinies and murders.



LA FIX DE L'AVENGLE



 Anton Lomaev once again delivers breathtaking illustrations that perfectly match the dark

atmosphere of this brilliant novel.

LES POPUERS DU COPITOINE



By the same author MOBY DICK



Already over a dozen titles in Sarbacane's collection of Illustrated Classics: Moby Dick, The Call of The Wild, Treasure Island, Tom Sawyer, Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde, Sherlock Holmes, Bartleby, Miss Harriet...





Illustrated by Anton Lomaev **Rights sold: English,** Lithuanian

Illustrated by Olivier Desvaux





Illustrated by Maurizio Quarello **Rights sold: Italian** 

Illustrated by Maurizio Quarello Rights sold: Simplified Chinese, Czech, Italian, Russian, Lithuanian





Illustrated by Anton Lomaev

Illustrated by Anton Lomaev



Illustrated by Maurizio Quarello

**Rights sold: Spanish, Simplified Chinese** 



Illustrated by Christel Espié **Rights sold: Russian, Simplified Chinese** 



Illustrated by Hugo Bogo Rights sold: Simplified Chinese



Illustrated by Stéphane Poulin

Rights sold: German, Spanish, Simplified Chinese



Illustrated by Christel Espié **Rights sold: Italian, Simplified Chinese** 



Illustrated by Christel Espié **Rights sold: Simplified** Chinese



### **SOPHIE BARO**

International Rights Manager Sarbacane Children's Books sbaro@flammarion.fr

### **PAULINE LAMOTTE**

International Rights Executive Sarbacane Children's Books pauline.lamotte@flammarion.fr

### **HELENE CLASTRES**

Head of Coeditions and International Rights helene.clastres@flammarion.fr

### ÉDITIONS SARBACANE

35, rue d'Hauteville 75010 Paris - FRANCE [t] 01 42 46 24 02

www.editions-sarbacane.com

