

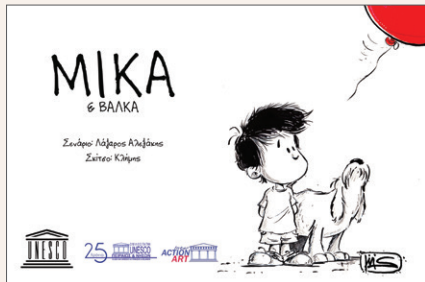


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Children's Rights List

Spring 2025

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Mika & Valka - A comic strip collection, written by Lazaros Alexakis and illustrated by Klimis Keramitsopoulos, that channels Mafalda, about a small refugee boy living on the streets, with his dog Valka, trying to survive and make sense of the world in a big, unwelcoming, city. Heartbreakingly innocent and mature above his years at the same time, Mika wins everyone over and has the potential of becoming a true classic both for older children and adults. An ode to the beauty of life and to childhood innocence, it's an important read during our strange times. **Published under the auspices of the Club for UNESCO of Piraeus & Islands and International Action Art.** 12+



Ancient Greece Is So Much Fun - Dr. Ted Papakostas, author of the bestselling *How to Fit All of Ancient Greece in an Elevator* (sold in 18 countries and counting), returns with an activity book for kids covering Greek antiquity. A standalone book that can easily act as a companion to *How to Fit All of Ancient Greece in an Elevator for Kids* -the middle grade non-fiction book about archaeology and Greek antiquity. It is shortlisted for the **IBBY Greece "Vito Angelopoulou" Award for the Writer of a Knowledge Book for Children** and was included in Kokkini Alepou's **Best Books for 2024 list in the Children's Knowledge Book Category**. Rights have been sold to Hungary. For ages 7+



The Dao Warriors - A story book series by Eleni Andreadis, illustrated by Yannis Skouloudis, tackling environmental issues drawing upon the teachings of the Tao and how they can be applied to come to our planet's rescue, while making us happier along the way. For ages 5+.



The Island of Never Never-New picture book by author/illustrator Marina Gioti. After *Yeti-The Power of Yet* & *The Floofs of Happiness*, a third title, promoting resilience, growth, and adaptability in children. More than **12.000** copies sold in Greece while Yeti has sold more than **42.000** copies in Greece and Floofs have sold more than **15.000** copies. All three titles were just **sold in France in a three-book deal** at auction! Yeti has also been sold to Korea. Teaching material available for all three titles. For ages 4+.



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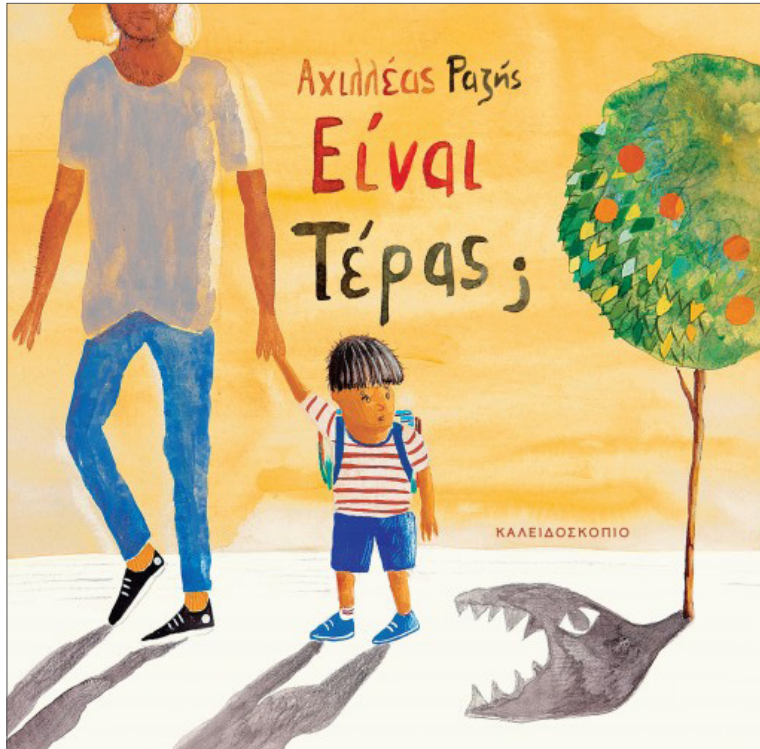
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SILENT BOOKS

Is It a Monster?

Achilleas Razis

Publisher: Kaleidoscope Publications / **Publication Year:** 2022 / **Genre:** Silent book /
Format: 22.5 x 22.5 cm / **Pages:** 48 / **Ages:** 5+



WINNER

of the 2023 IBBY GREECE
Special Illustrator's Award for
Illustrated Book for
Children and Young Adults &
2023 Anagnostis Award for
Best Illustrated Book for
Children. Shortlisted for the
2023 State Award for
Illustrated Children's
Book.

Inspired by a comment his children made one night at bedtime, who saw a shadow that resembled "a hat-wearing monster" and then proceeded to make up a story with him, based on the shadows in the room, until they fell asleep, Achilleas Razis created a silent book showing a boy observing light and shadow, at times scared, at others playful, always with his imagination running free. A beautiful, symbolic book encouraging children to use their imagination and also to face their fears.

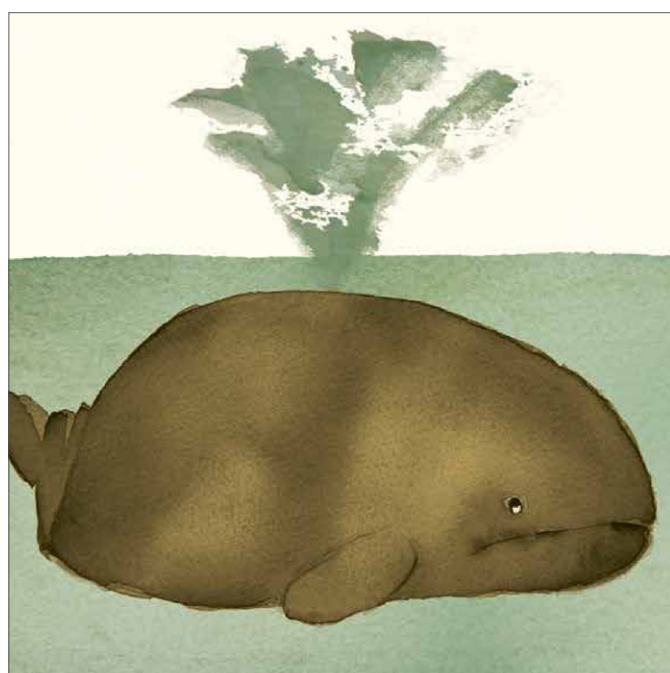
ACHILLEAS RAZIS was born in Lesvos in 1975. He studied Art at the Athens Fine Arts School under Chronis Botsoglou. He has held several personal exhibitions, three of which within the framework of the renowned ART ATHINA, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens. He has also exhibited in Nicosia, Cyprus. In 2014, he was the curator of a thematic exhibition entitled "His underwater island" with the participation of 18 contemporary artists. He has designed several publications and is a collaborator of many free press magazines. A father of twin boys, Razis is currently employed as an art teacher at a Special Education Secondary School. More about Achilleas and his work at www.achilleasrazis.gr.

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The Whale, the Boy and the Sea In Between

Persa Zacharia

Publisher: Kaleidoscope Publications / **Publication Year:** 2019 / **Genre:** Silent book /
Format: 16 x16 cm / **Pages:** 36 / **Ages:** 3+



A boy and a whale meet in the vast ocean and then are apart again. We don't know why they meet, nor why they are separated we only know that their separation moves them. A beautiful little book about meeting and separating and about expressing our feelings and accepting that loss and separation are part of life.

PERSA ZACHARIA was born in Athens in 1987. She studied stage and costume design at the Department of Theatre Studies of the University of Peloponnese, and painting at the Central Saint Martin's University of the Arts in London. Her work has been shown in solo exhibitions and group exhibitions in London and Athens, where she lives and works as a renowned painter and illustrator. She was shortlisted several times for the Greek IBBY awards.

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Shortlisted for the
2019 State Award for
Illustrated Children's Book,
the 2019 Anagnostis Award
for Best Illustrated Book
and 2018 Greek IBBY
Illustration Award.

Included in the 2019
Elniplex Children's
Books Golden List.

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PICTURE BOOKS

The Yellow Buoy

Theodora Katsifi, **Illustrator:** Iris Samartzi

Publisher: Elevaton Publications / **Publication Year:** 2017 / **Genre:** Picture book /
Format: 22 x 22 cm / **Pages:** 44 / **Ages:** 4+ / **Full English translation available**



Shortlisted for the
2018 Anagnostis
Award for Best
Illustrated Book.

First book in a four-title series with the same protagonist, each taking place during a different season.

In *The Yellow Buoy*, that takes place in the summer, little Lou, sort for Vasilou, who loves swimming in the sea, is determined to swim to the yellow buoy in the deep but her parents keep preventing her, telling her that despite being a great swimmer she's not strong yet.

True to her nature, like many children often do, she becomes almost obsessed with the yellow buoy, constantly thinking, dreaming and scheming how to get there. One day she manages to escape her parents' gaze long enough to attempt it, but soon she's tired, cold and scared, and she's not even halfway there! Thankfully her parents saw her go and her dad is already swimming to her rescue.

A wonderful representation of childhood with a lively protagonist presented with tenderness and humour. A story about (knowing your) limits, about impatience, danger and the safe haven parents (should) provide to children. With Iris Samartzi's illustrations truly elevating the story with various delectable details throughout and masterful use of space.

THEODORA KATSIFI is an author writing for children and young adults. She was born in Athens in 1974 and studied acting at the Art Theatre Karolos Koun Drama School. She has received many accolades for her books, including winning the **2022 Greek IBBY Award for Best Book for Young Adults** and the **2022 Anagnostis Award for Best Book for Young Adults** and being **shortlisted for the 2018 Anagnostis Award for Best Illustrated Book** and **2022 Greek State Awards for Children's Books**. She teaches creative writing to children and adults.

IRIS SAMARTZI is a children's book illustrator. Books of hers have received many awards, including the **2016 International Compostela Prize for Picture Books**, the **Greek State Picture Book Award (2012, 2016)** and the **Greek IBBY Award (2012, 2015, 2016, 2017)**. She has been nominated for the **Hans Christian Andersen Award (2020 HCAA and 2022 HCAA)** by the Greek Section of IBBY twice. She was also a candidate for the **2021 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA)**. *Tata??*, her first book as an author and illustrator, won the **2021 Greek State Book Award** and has been selected by **Hans Christian Andersen Award jury among the 20 best children's books of the world**. When she is not illustrating books, she runs art workshops for children. She lives and works in Athens, Greece. More about Iris and her work at www.irissamartzi.com.

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The Blue Raincoat

Theodora Katsifi, **Illustrator:** Iris Samartzi

Publisher: Elevaton Publications / **Publication Year:** 2022 / **Genre:** Picture book /

Format: 22 x 22 cm / **Pages:** 46 / **Ages:** 4+ / **Full English translation available**



Shortlisted
for the 2023
Anagnostis Award
for Best Illustrated
Book for Children
& included in the
2023 Elniplex
Golden List

The blue raincoat, the second book of the series, takes place in autumn and Vasilou, known as Lou, after seeing some of her schoolmates wearing raincoats on a rainy day, insistently asks for her own raincoat. A blue one! She needs it! And so, her parents get her one and Lou can't wait to wear it and go play outside in the rain. Only... it's sunny that day, and the next, and the next... and the next... and the next... and all she can think about is how much she wants it to rain, how happy she'd be if she saw clouds in the sky and how she just can't wait anymore for the rain. And then, one day... it rains! Her parents go to her room all excited to take her out in the rain... but she's busy, and she wants to finish her puzzle first! Being autumn, the rain doesn't stop for days... and soon Lou is tired of the rain and asks her parents when will it ever stop! Another fun and funny story, again wonderfully illustrated full of lovely details, with the charming and unstoppable Vasilou, about desires, impatience, and things that are outside of our control, like the weather!

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The Dao Warriors – Red Envelope Case

Eleni Andreadis, **Illustrator:** Yannis Skouloudis

Publisher: Metaichmio Publications / **Publication Year:** 2024 / **Genre:** Picture book – Story book /
Format: 14.5 x 21cm, Hard cover / **Pages:** 80 / **Ages:** 5+ / **English translation available soon**



In the third book of this environmental series from the sustainability specialist and Greek State Award-winning author, that draws upon the teachings of the Tao, siblings Tu and Di, learn about plastic pollution. They must follow the impossible instructions sent to them in a mysterious red envelope by their grandfather Sifu, after he disappears. In this quest, they have a new friend who tells them about a huge danger threatening our world, as well as shares the wisdom of a wise old man that can save it. Soon the children must face an ancient sea animal and change everything before Chinese New Year. Will they make it in time?

ELENI ANDREADIS is a best-selling author, educator and sustainability specialist. She earned her Master's in Environmental Policy and Media at Harvard University, and has presented and produced for a variety of environmental channels. In 2009 she founded the non-profit Planet Agents, which aims to empower children aged 7-12 to take action on environmental issues they care about at their home, school and community, working with 10,000 children every year. Her first book *Become a Planet Agent* won the **2015 State Award for Children's Knowledge Book** in Greece and other titles from the series have been shortlisted for several national awards, including the prestigious IBBY award.

YANNIS SKOULODIS (Don Armandillo) was born in 1991 in Thessaloniki, Greece, but has more recently been living in Athens. He was admitted to the School of Fine Arts at the age of 15, under the special category of promising artistic predisposition. Since then, he has worked in various visual arts fields and in the last five years mainly in children's books illustration. He was recognised with a commendation in the illustration category in the 62nd competition of the Women's Literary Society.

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The Dao Warriors – Sad Panda Case

Eleni Andreadis, **Illustrator:** Yannis Skouloudis

Publisher: Metaichmio Publications / **Publication Year:** 2023 / **Genre:** Picture book – Story book /
Format: 14.5 x 21cm, Hard cover / **Pages:** 80 / **Ages:** 5+ / **Full English translation available**



Every Saturday, two siblings called Tu and Di attend a different kind of school in the attic of their house. Under the guidance of their time-travelling Chinese grandfather, Sifu, they become Dao Warriors aiming to restore balance on the planet.

In the second book of this new environmental series from the sustainability specialist and Greek State Award-winning author, that draws upon the teachings of the Tao, the two siblings must solve a complex riddle about a sad panda, while an ancient Chinese myth takes them on unexpected adventures around the city of Athens. The Dao Warriors won't give up: the planet's animals are in danger and only Tu and Di can save them!

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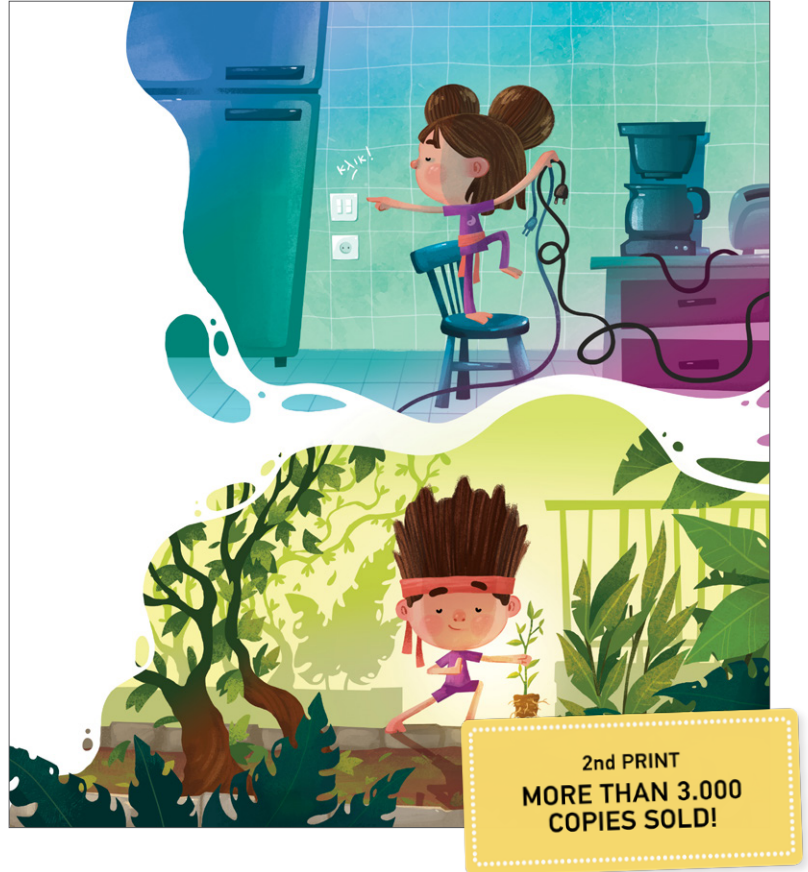
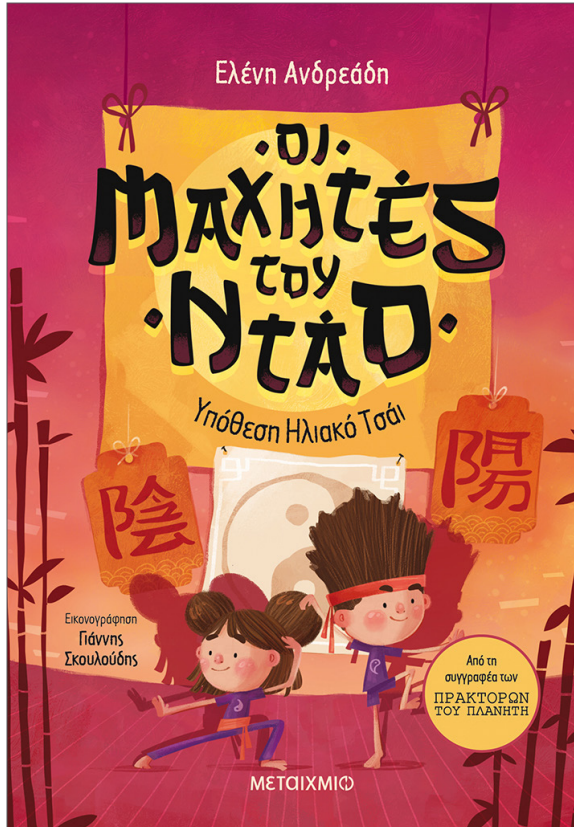
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The Dao Warriors – Solar Tea Case

Eleni Andreadis, **Illustrator:** Yannis Skouloudis

Publisher: Metaichmio Publications / **Publication Year:** 2022 / **Genre:** Picture book – Story book /
Format: 14.5 x 21cm, Hard cover / **Pages:** 80 / **Ages:** 5+ / **Full English translation available**



Every Saturday, two siblings called Tu and Di, attend a different kind of school in the attic of their house. Under the guidance of their time-travelling Chinese grandfather, Sifu, they become Dao Warriors aiming to restore balance on the planet. In their baffling first challenge, the Solar Tea Case, the kids set out to stop climate change with Tai Chi moves and gratitude jars in their arsenal.

A new environmental series from the sustainability specialist and Greek State Award-winning author, that draws upon the teachings of the Tao and how they can be applied to come to our planet's rescue, while making us happier along the way.

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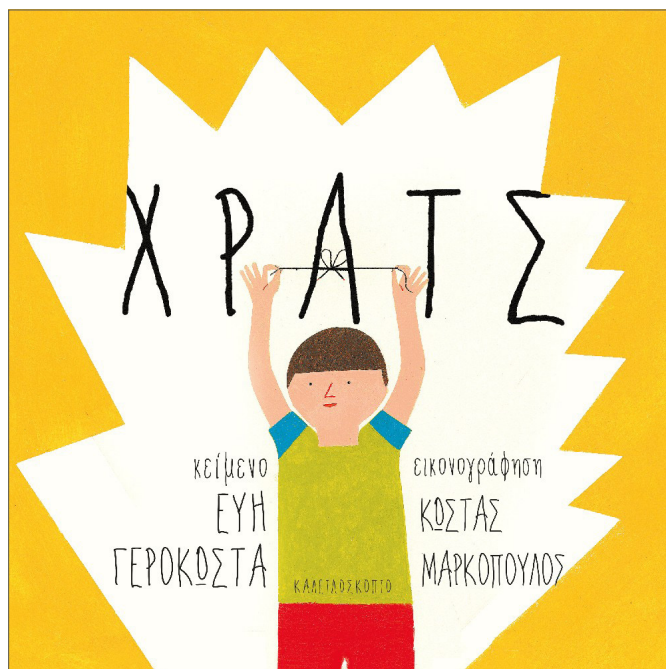
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Shoelaces

Evi Gerokosta, **Illustrator:** Costis Markopoulos

Publisher: Kaleidoscope Publications / **Publication Year:** 2020 / **Genre:** Picture book /
Format: 21 x 21 cm / **Pages:** 36 / **Ages:** 5+ / **Full English translation available**



A symbolic story about a little boy obsessed with shoelaces since he can't seem to learn how to tie them, and only wears Velcro shoes, no matter how much older he gets. Baffled by ties and laces, he keeps his gaze lowered, looking at other people's shoes, thinking about the knots he sometimes feels in his stomach. And one day, everything he feels gets a name and thus he is able to better understand it, and he is no longer baffled, and he no longer needs to look at the ground. He looks at the sky, and he can finally tie his shoelaces!

EVI GEROKOSTA was born in Athens. She studied French Literature and Literary Translation. She has translated more than 150 book from the French and the English. She is a storyteller, telling stories to children and adults and performing tales from the folk tradition. She has published 8 illustrated books for children, one of which was included in the **White Ravens** list by the Internationale Jugendbibliothek.

COSTIS MARKOPOULOS was born in Kalamata in 1977. He studied Art at the Faculty of Fine Arts of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He has exhibited his work in solo and group exhibitions. He has received many accolades for his work including a Greek State Book Award, an **EBGE Design distinction** and the inclusion in the **White Ravens** list by the Internationale Jugendbibliothek.

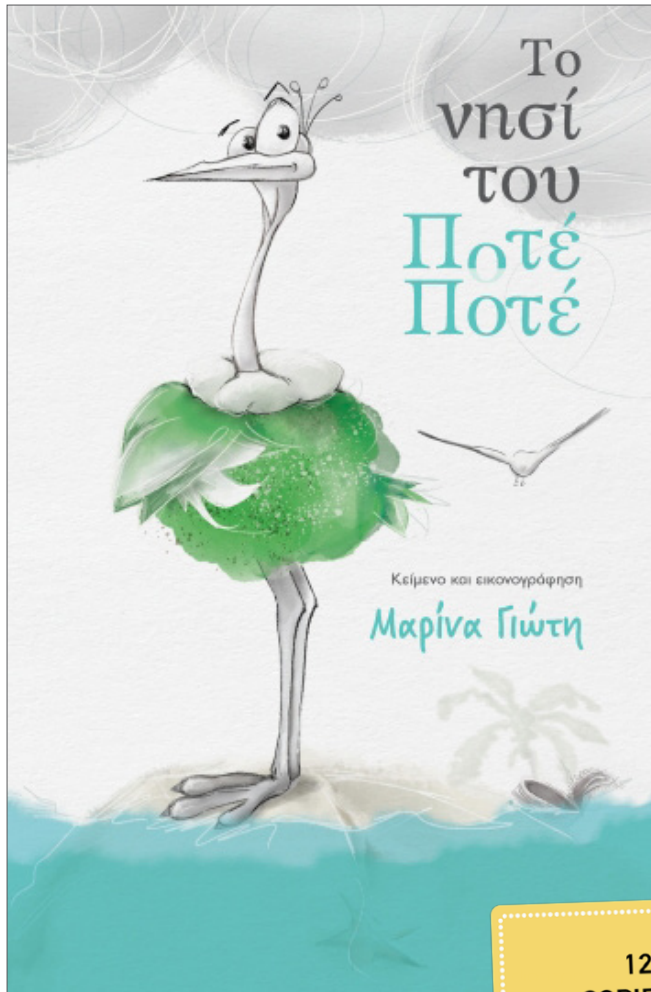
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The Island of Never Never

Marina Gioti

Publisher: Dioptra Publishing / **Publication Year:** 2023 / **Genre:** Picture book /
Format: 18 x 29.5 cm / **Pages:** 64 / **Ages:** 4+ / **Full English translation available**



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Never-Never is a little ostrich who sits on a beautiful, tiny island in the middle of the ocean, enjoying his juice. The day is pure magic, and he feels like he's on top of the world. His island is just PERFECT, and he doesn't want to change it with ANYTHING. But something is happening with Never-Never's "perfect" island. It seems... that it's sinking! Despite warnings from friends and passers-by, Never-Never refuses to face the situation. What will happen to Never-Never? Will he manage to adapt, or will he sink along with his island?

A wonderful book touching upon climate change, promoting **resilience** and **adaptability**.

MARINA GIOTI is an author and illustrator of picture books with combined sales of over 120.000 copies. She studied Marketing and Fine Arts at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and Communication Design at Pratt Institute in New York. She was the 1999 recipient of the John Peter's Publication Award and Scholarship from the N.Y. Art Directors Club and has earned a Bronze Pentaward for her work in design. She is a regular contributor to several popular magazines and websites in Greece and is a member of the Greek Section of IBBY. She regularly gives presentations in Greece and abroad. Her book *Yeti - The Power of Yet* was the winner of **Public Book Award for Best Children's Book 2021** and has sold over 42.000 copies.

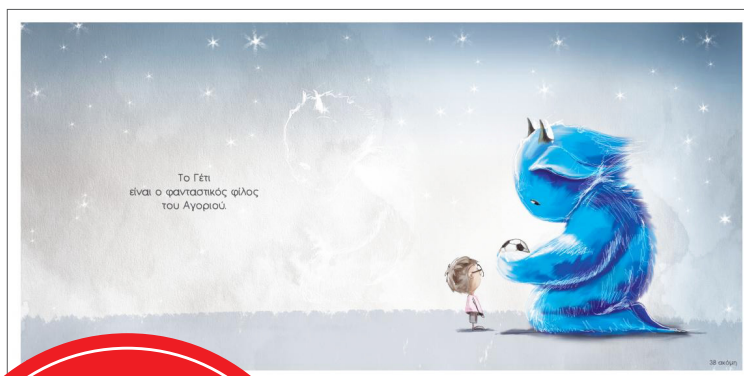
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Yeti - The Power of Yet

Marina Gioti

Publisher: Dioptra Publishing / **Publication Year:** 2020 / **Genre:** Picture book /
Format: 25 x 25 cm / **Pages:** 60 / **Ages:** 4+ / **Full English translation available**



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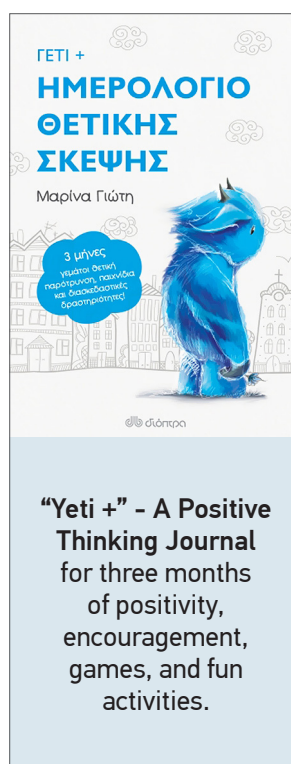
**MORE THAN 42.000
COPIES SOLD!**
Over 44.000 copies in print!

Yeti is the Boy's imaginary friend. He follows him everywhere but can only say one word...yet! Every time the Boy is disappointed or frustrated, the Yeti encourages him simply saying "yet"! Soon the Boy discovers that this word is a magical word. When he uses it, his brain grows and he can accomplish everything, as long as he keeps trying.

The power of yet: a tiny word with so much power.

A perfect tool for parents and educators, promoting a **growth mindset**.

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**"Yeti +" - A Positive
Thinking Journal**
for three months
of positivity,
encouragement,
games, and fun
activities.

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The Floofs of Happiness

Marina Gioti

Publisher: Dioptra Publishing / **Publication Year:** 2022 / **Genre:** Picture book /
Format: 25 x 25 cm / **Pages:** 64 / **Ages:** 4+ / **Full English translation available**



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N-O lived at the edge of the solar system, on a small planet with the strangest, most beautiful sky, illuminated by thousands of bright Floofs; small, fluffy celestial bodies shining from afar. When caught, Floofs were said to be very soft and to bring real happiness. N-O loved Floofs! But they were so very far away...

Until, one day, a Floof fell just beyond N-O's house! How happy he was! His wishes had come true! A Floof of his own! But did Floof make N-O happy? What is happiness, after all?

A great book to talk about **gratitude** and discuss a **positive** vs a **negative mindset**.

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Comings & Goings

Anna & Manos Kontoleon, **Illustrator:** Fotini Tikkou

Publisher: Kaleidoscope Publications / **Publication Year:** 2017 / **Genre:** Picture book /
Format: 21 x 19 cm, Hard cover / **Pages:** 48 / **Ages:** 5+ / **Full English translation available**



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OUTSTANDING
INTERNATIONAL
BOOKS LIST



There he goes... Phoebus is preparing to travel - for the first time alone - from the North to spend his holiday in the city he was born, in the South. Here he comes... and Leandros, Phoebe, Aris, Melpo and the twins, Frixos and Ellie, are preparing for Phoebus arrival, all exited. *Comings & Goings* is a simple fresh take on the common, nowadays, story of migration. On one page we see the small boy's preparations and thoughts and on the other those of his relatives on the receiving end.

ANNA KONTOLEON was born in Athens in 1974. She studied Drama and Acting in Athens and works as a drama teacher in schools. She started writing and translating in 1993 and has written fairy tales and novels for children and young adults. In 2012 she was awarded with the **Fanis Apostolou Greek IBBY Award** for her book *The seven lives of Kombos*, while in 2015 she was awarded the **Award for Translation of a Book for Children** by the Greek Society of Literary Translators.

MANOS KONTOLEON was born in Athens in 1946. He studied Physics but literature won him over from a very young age. He started publishing his work as a child in children's literary magazines and made his adult debut in an anthology in 1969. He is one of the most popular authors for children in Greece, with a great body of work, and his books have won many **Greek IBBY** and **Society of Greek Writers awards**.

FOTINI TIKKOU was born and raised in Athens. She graduated from the Athens School of Fine Arts in 2009. She has completed seminars on drawing and illustration in both Greece and Spain. In 2014 she completed her MA in Visual Arts in Brussels. She started working in children's books illustration in 2009 and has worked for a number of Greek publishing houses. She recently moved to Copenhagen.

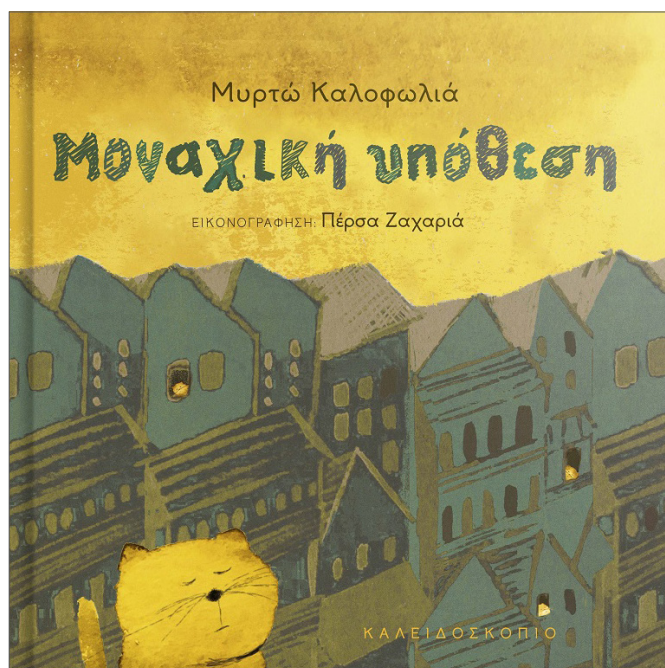
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Out of Nowhere

Myrto Kalofolia, **Illustrator:** Persa Zacharia

Publisher: Kaleidoscope Publications / **Publication Year:** 2021 / **Genre:** Picture book /

Format: 21 x 21 cm / **Pages:** 44 / **Ages:** 3+ / **Full English translation available**



A simple story about a stray cat that appears out of nowhere and finds his place not only in the heart of the boy who adopts him, but also in the hearts of everyone in the neighbourhood, as he visits them when they're engaged in lonely tasks – like the author in her solitary room, the elderly widow in her chair, the student in his study etc. A poetic book with dreamlike illustrations about the friendship and kindness of animals that can change lives.

MYRTO KALOFOLIA lives in Athens. She is a professional translator shortlisted for the 2021 National Literary Translation Award. She has studied English Literature and Translation and has an MA in Cultural Management. *Out of Nowhere*, her first picture book, was shortlisted for the **2021 Greek IBBY awards** and the **2022 Greek State Book Awards**.

PERSA ZACHARIA was born in Athens in 1987. She studied stage and costume design at the Department of Theatre Studies of the University of Peloponnese, and painting at the Central Saint Martin's University of the Arts in London. Her work has been shown in solo exhibitions and group exhibitions in London and Athens, where she lives and works as a renowned painter and illustrator. She was shortlisted several times for the **Greek IBBY awards**.

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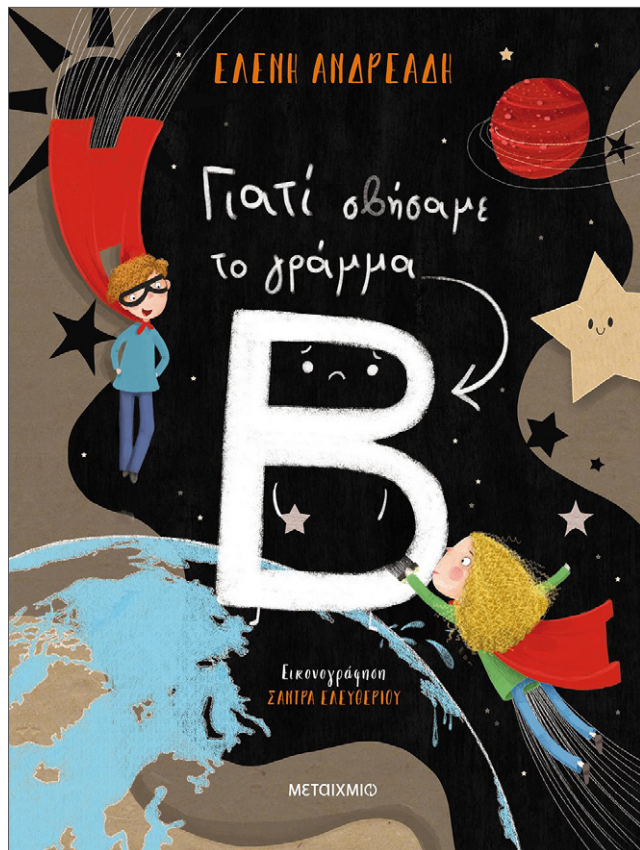
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Why she Erased the Letter B

Eleni Andreadis, **Illustrator:** Sandra Eleftheriou

Publisher: Metaichmio Publications / **Publication Year:** 2022 / **Genre:** Picture book /
Format: 21 x 18 cm, Hard cover / **Pages:** 40 / **Ages:** 4+ / **Full English translation available**



A small boy tries to understand why his older sister has erased the letter B from the alphabet on the blackboard. The journey he goes on trying to figure it out is not pleasant at all. And following his sister around is not an easy feat, as she is determined to save the world!

A sweet, environmentally conscious story by the beloved, award-winning author and environmentalist Eleni Andreadis.

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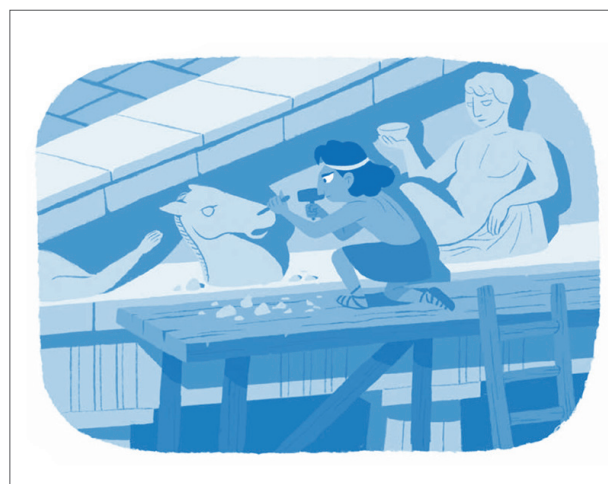
NON FICTION

How to Fit All of Ancient Greece in an Elevator for Kids

Dr Ted Papakostas,
Illustrator: Lawrence Elwick

Publisher: Key Books / Publication Year: 2023 / Genre: Middle grade non-fiction /
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Ancient Greece Is So Much Fun

Dr Ted Papakostas,
Illustrated by: Faze Design Studio

Publisher: Key Books / **Publication Year:** 2024 / **Genre:** Activity Book / **Format:** 21 x 27 cm, Soft cover / **Pages:** 96 / **Ages:** 7+ / **Full English translation available**

Shortlisted for
the **IBBY Greece**
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Best Books for 2024 list
in the Children's
Knowledge Book Category**



Going strong on his mission to make antiquity and archaeology accessible to and fun for everyone, renowned archaeologist Dr Ted Papakostas, author of the bestselling *How to Fit All of Ancient Greece in an Elevator* (sold in 18 countries and counting), returns with a second title for kids, a standalone activity book on Ancient Greece. With the extraordinary illustrations of the faze design studio, and the help of Hercules (Herc for short) himself, the book covers the history and mythology of Greek antiquity with a variety of activities to help children learn in an organic way. With activities varying in difficulty but always extremely fun, this activity book is bound to become a favourite of children (and adults alike). Decorating your own amphorae in different styles, coming up with a mysterious oracle, and dressing a warrior for battle are just some of the exciting, educational, activities included in *Ancient Greece Is So Much Fun*.

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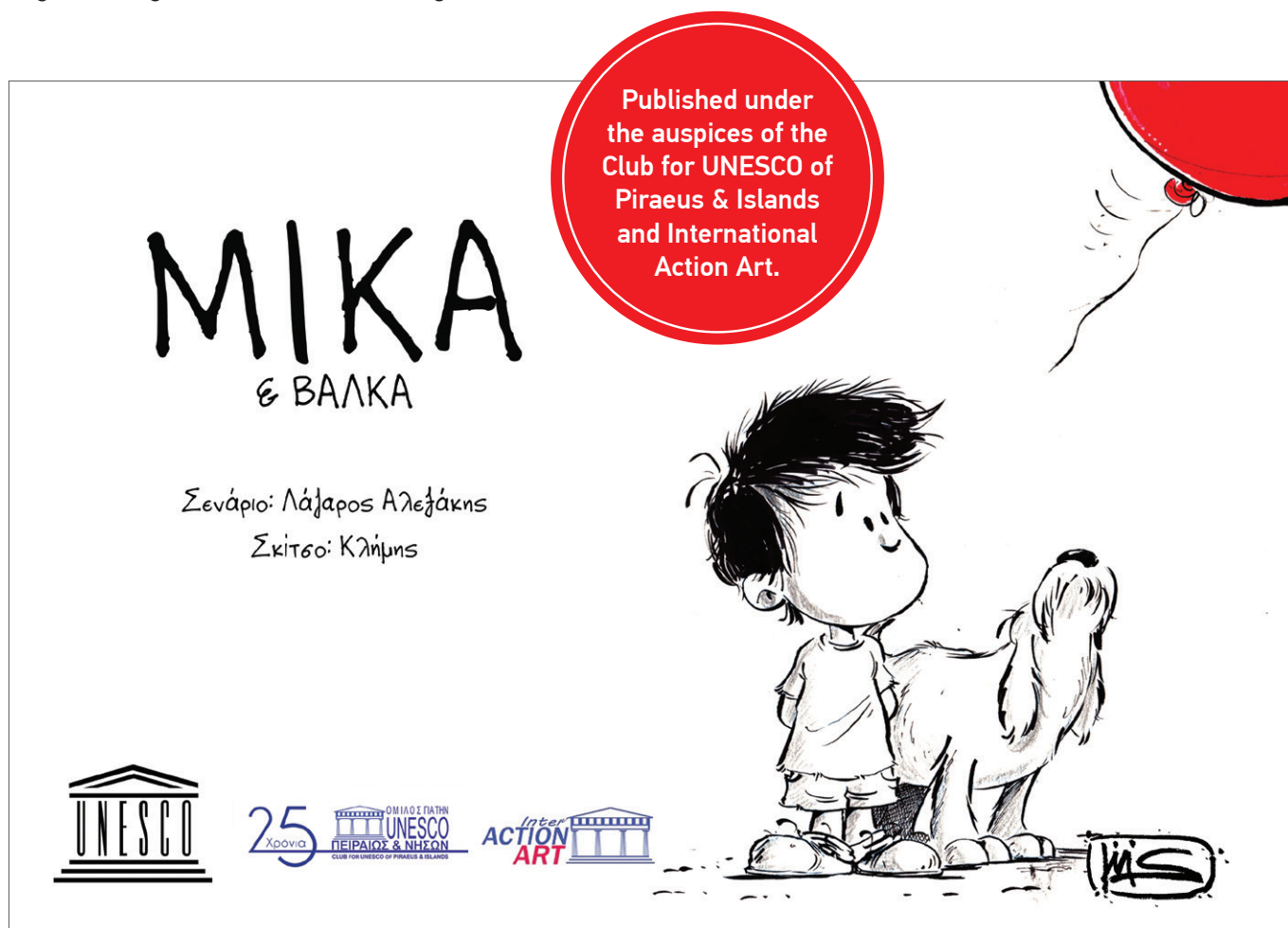
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GRAPHIC NOVELS

Mika & Valka

Lazaros Alexakis, **Illustrator:** Klimis Keramitsopoulos

Publisher: Enati Diastasi / **Publication Year:** 2024 / **Genre:** Comic strips / **Format:** 14 x 21 cm, Soft cover / **Pages:** 44 / **Ages:** YA/crossover / **Full English translation available**



Originally self-published, this gem by two of Greece's most successful comic book creators, Klimis and Lazaros, is a collection of comic strips reminiscent of Mafalda.

We see life through the eyes of a small refugee boy, Mika, living on the streets, with his dog, Valka, trying to survive and make sense of the world in a big, unwelcoming city. Both heartbreakingly innocent and mature above his years, Mika makes simple observations and interacts with other people on the street. A street artist named Phidias is often his companion, being a reassuring presence in his life.

Despite the grim reality this boy lives in, the comic strips are an ode to the beauty of life, to innocence, and to childhood, while at the same time making readers think and holding up a mirror to society's face and current state of the world.

LAZAROS ALEXAKIS was successfully born in Heraklion, Crete, 1967. He is a journalist and a writer and has

published a number of novels, short stories, and comics. As an avid comic reader at an inappropriately young age, he has acquired an extensive knowledge of the genre, and has never stopped living half his life with imaginary paper characters ever since. He considers *Mika & Valka* to be his finest work.

KLIMIS KERAMITSOPOULOS is a self-taught comics artist from the city of Drama, Northern Greece. He has mostly been self-publishing his comic books since 2018 and has a diverse scope in his works. He loves the BD style of Franco-Belgian artists and has been trying to establish his personal sketching style following in those footsteps. His major break in the publishing industry has been *Powerslides*, a motorcycle comic published by MOTO Magazine Publications, with Lazaros Alexakis on scripts. Together, they have also created the stories of little Mika, a refugee/homeless child trying to survive in a big, frightening city, published by Enati Diastasi in Thessaloniki.

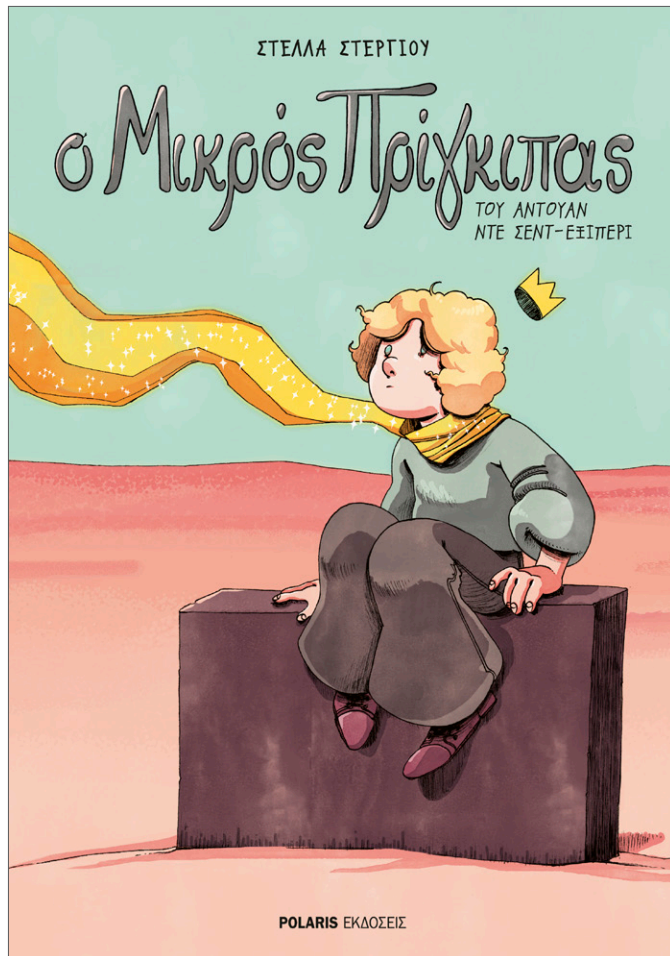
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The Little Prince

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, **Illustrator:** Stella Stergiou

Publisher: Polaris Publishers / **Publication Year:** 2017 / **Genre:** Graphic novel /

Format: 20.5 x 28.5 cm, Hard cover / **Pages:** 96 / **Ages:** 10+ / **Full English translation available**



After his plane crashes in the desert a pilot has an unexpected and unbelievable encounter. A small boy from a small faraway planet appears at the break of dawn. His dreamy stories about his adventures during his space travel, as well as his questions, lead the pilot and the reader, to philosophical quests on the deeper meaning of human existence. Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's, classic masterpiece for young and old readers in an original and inspired graphic novel.

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MIDDLE - GRADE NOVELS

Planet Agents Series

Eleni Andreadis, **Illustrator:** Stefanos Koltsidopoulos

Publisher: Metaichmio Publications / **Publication Year:** 2020 (Abduction of Delta), 2018 (Piranhas on Land), 2017 (Attack of the Sea-Monsters), 2016 (Revenge of Pee-ew), 2014 (Become a Planet Agent) / **Genre:** Illustrated middle-grade

Pages: 96 (Delta, Piranhas, Sea Monsters, Pee-ew), 128 (Become a Planet Agent) / **Ages:** 7+ /

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A fun illustrated middle-grade series that invites the reader to take on a different mission each time and, together with the rest of the Planet Agents, fight dangerous villains like Ivan Von Powervamp and Pee-ew who are trying to destroy the planet. Original and funny, these adventure-filled books take readers around the world presenting them with the very real results of global warming and climate change while at the same time showing them what each reader can do as an individual and as part of the community to protect the environment and bring forth change.



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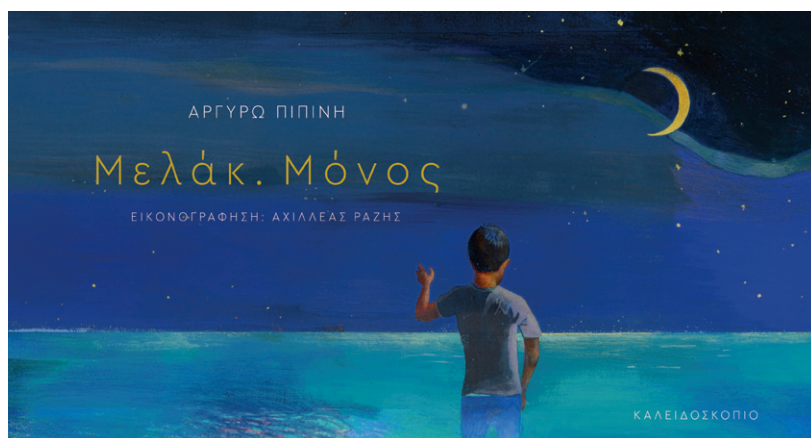
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Melak, all alone

Argyro Pipini, **Illustrator:** Achilleas Razis

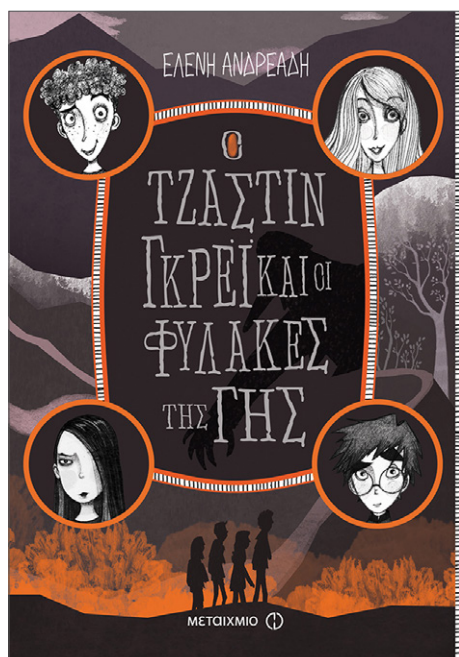
Publisher: Kaleidoscope Publications / **Publication Year:** 2016 /

Genre: Picture book / **Pages:** 36 / **Ages:** 8+ / **Full English translation available**

Argyro Pipini was nominated for the 2022 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

An extremely topical book that tells the story of a young boy who is forced to flee his country in search of safety, with his younger sister and no adult to accompany them. A story about the great voyage towards the unknown, but also about friendship, solidarity and hope.

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Justin Grey and the Earthkeepers

Eleni Andreadis

Publisher: Metaichmio Publications / **Publication Year:** 2019 /

Genre: Middle-grade fiction / **Pages:** 335 / **Ages:** 8+ /

Full English translation available

A top-secret letter appears outside his bedroom window, asking Justin to accept an impossible mission, one that everyone has failed at so far, and now Justin only has a few days to stop a dangerous gas mix threatening mankind, by following clues around the world and reaching the President of the United States in time. Joined in his quest by three unlikely friends, Justin is soon being chased around the world, he saves a scientist who falls into an ice crevasse in Antarctica, scuba dives in the Great Barrier Reef to evade capture, and gets shot at by bandits on Lake Chad in Africa, managing to flee only after distracting them with a Batman batarang.

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A Yellow Leaf

Michalis Moulakis, **Illustrator:** Philippos Photiadis

Publisher: Ikaros Publishing / **Publication Year:** 2017 / **Genre:** Picture book /
Format: 22 x 22 cm / **Pages:** 32 / **Ages:** 4+ / **Full English translation available**

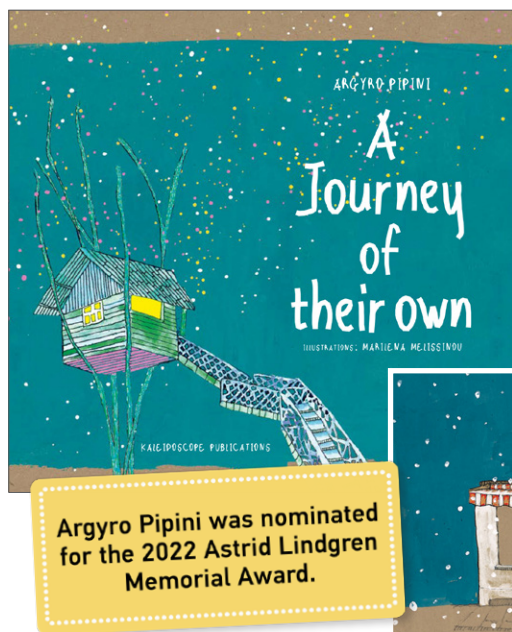
It is autumn. A small yellow leaf leaves its branch and starts its slow soft descent towards the ground. During its brief journey it meets a sparrow and an ant, it admires up close the beautiful tree trunk it has known all its life, while a bit further down it faces the scary void of the tree hollow. How does the leaf face these challenges and what happens when it reaches the ground?

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A Journey of Their Own

Argyro Pipini, **Illustrator:** Marilena Melissinou

Publisher: Kaleidoscope Publications / **Publication Year:** 2016 /
Genre: Picture book / **Pages:** 36 / **Ages:** 8+ / **Full English translation available**



Matt and Lucy, brother and sister, each have a special relationship with their grandfather. As time goes by and old age settles in, they notice small changes in his behaviour that are incomprehensible to them. When he eventually passes away, they find comfort in the knowledge that his love will accompany them forever. This is a book that introduces difficult concepts, such as Alzheimer's disease and the death of a loved one to young children. But, it's also about the power of memory, the comfort offered us by a loving family and how we keep cherishing favourite childhood memories long after we cease to be children.

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of the 2015
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Award & Included in
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Ravens List.

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A Cloud for My Birthday

Eleni Andreadis, **Illustrator:** Natalia Kapatsoulia

Publisher: Metaichmio Publications / **Publication Year:** 2020 /
Genre: Picture book / **Format:** 22.5 x 22.5 cm, Hard cover /
Pages: 36 / **Ages:** 4+ / **Full English translation available**

All Mia wants for her birthday is a cloud. When her mother tells her that clouds are not sold in stores, Mia does her best to catch one. After all, how hard can it be? A sweet story about the importance of experiences and enjoying time with the people you love instead of material goods.

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