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30 YEARS

Celebrating 30 years
in publishing!

Foreign Rights Catalogue 2026

Contemporary literature for
children and young adults,
Türkiye



Children's Books

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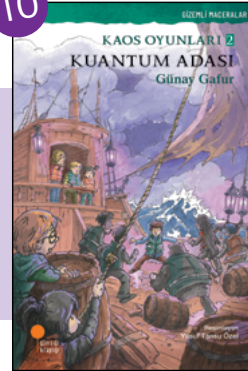
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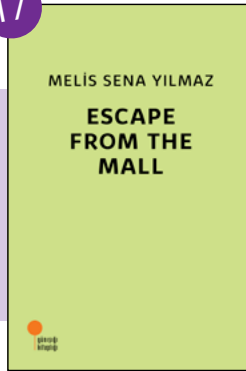


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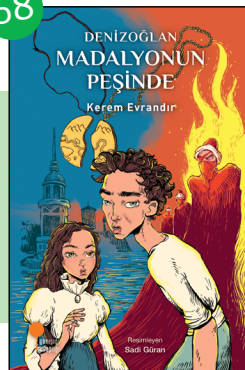


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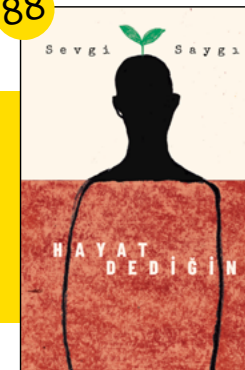


Bridge Books

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Celebrating 30 years with a collection rich in the colours of contemporary literature.

Colour-coded labels throughout the catalogue indicate each book's age category and highlight an author's titles for other age groups.

First Books (ages 3-8)

Children's Books (ages 8-12)

Young Adult Books (ages 12+)

Bridge Books (ages 10+)

ON8 (ages 15+)

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Günişığı Kitaplığı marks three decades of publishing with its Fall 2026 Rights Catalogue, bringing together outstanding contemporary literature for children and young adults from Türkiye and around the world.

For its 30th anniversary, Günişığı Kitaplığı launches a special new collection, "Mysterious Adventures". **Suat Duman's** "Mars Vulpes" series begins with *The Missing Birdsong* and *Dare You*, while **Günay Gafur's** "Chaos Games" series opens with *The Butterfly Effect* and *Quantum Island*. Both series will continue with a third book in early 2027.

The award-winning Bridge Book collection reaches another milestone with its 30th title, *Tenderhearted*, by contemporary author **Figen Şakacı**.

Master author and illustrator **Behiç Ak's** much-loved "Chubby Books" series continues with its sixth title, *Chubby Doesn't Get Houses at All*, an exploration of the many ways we experience the places we live. **Kaan Elbingil** and **İrem Jung**, meanwhile, join forces for *Duru and the Darkling*, an illustrated story about facing the fear of the dark.

Canadian author **Vladimir Tumanov**, whose books have reached millions of readers in Türkiye, returns with *Luyten's Star*, an adventure sparked by mysterious signals from deep space. Three more children's novels will follow before the end of the year: **Saliha Nilüfer's** *Torni's Musical Workshop*, **Ömer Açık's** *Stealing Bees* and **Melis Sena Yılmaz's** *Escape from the Mall*.

Acclaimed author **Sevgi Saygı**, joins the ON8 collection with her new novel *That Thing Called Life*, a powerful story of friendship, grief and violence.

The catalogue also features other new titles published since the beginning of 2026: **Müge İplikçi's** *A Cat, a Chip and a Pile of Trash*, **Sabri Safiye's** *Çiçek and the Tiger's Eye*, **Hacer Kılçioğlu's** *Two Ends of the Earth* and **Kerem Evrandır's** young adult novel *Denizoğlan: Chasing the Medallion*.



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2010

Children's Books

Ages 8-12



Books with simple and intriguing fictions for ages 8+, enriched with black and white or coloured illustrations. Books for ages 10+, offering opportunities for discussion at home and in the classroom with a wide variety of genres and themes, and providing reading pleasure from childhood to early teens.

LUYTEN'S STAR

Editor: Müren Beykan



science | space | civilizations | grandmother |
astronomy | lake | history | planets | adventure |
autism | talents | research | danger | telescope |
Christopher Columbus

Novel | 192 pages | 120 x 180 mm
1st and 2nd editions: 2026

Vladimir Tumanov

Canadian author Vladimir Tumanov, best known for his science-based adventure novels, takes readers on a thrilling new journey from prehistoric times to distant planets.



You've got a message from the future!

Vladimir Tumanov, whose fantasy novels *Jayden's Rescue* and *Old Scroll* have captivated millions of readers, returns with another adventure rich in scientific discovery. A summer holiday by the lake turns into an exciting investigation as curiosity grows and the tension mounts. Tracing humanity's journey from prehistoric times to the present while exploring where technological progress might lead us, the novel invites readers to reflect on the future of our planet.

Twins Del and Renee spend their summers at their grandmother's house on the shores of Cameron Lake. When they rescue Teddy, the quiet and unusual boy who lives across the lake, from drowning, he comes to stay with them after his grandmother Lou is taken to hospital. The twins soon discover that Lou was once a successful astronomer who studied Luyten's Star and that signals from space are reaching her computer through Teddy's radio telescope. Now the children must uncover the meaning behind the mysterious messages while staying one step ahead of a dangerous professor...



MYSTERIOUS MAPS series

Editor: Müren Beykan

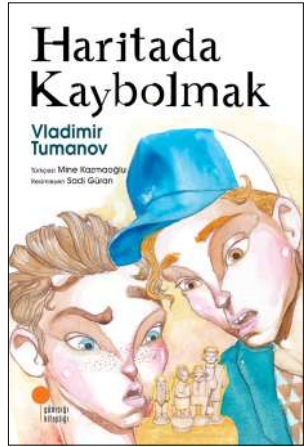
Vladimir Tumanov's much-loved series draws readers closer to science and discovery. Trusting in children's intelligence and common sense, it inspires hope for the future.



Series
of 4 books
1.2 million
copies sold

Vladimir Tumanov

In the Mysterious Maps series, published in Turkish for the first time worldwide, Vladimir Tumanov draws attention to important issues such as climate and nature.



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OLD SCROLL

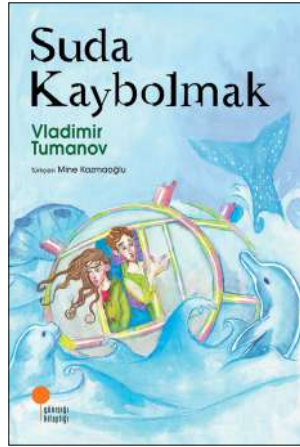
Illustrator: Sadi Güran

The lives of the Alt brothers, Chris and Francis, turn into a nightmare after they secretly taste candies in a strange shop where they take shelter from the rain. They begin to age rapidly. To break free, they must solve the riddles that appear on an old world map...

geography | brotherhood | riddle | old age | research | solidarity | diligence | determination | media | scientific thinking | mystery | adventure

200 pages | Black and white illustrations | 171st edition: 2026

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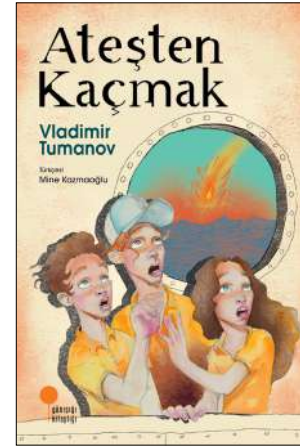
Audio
Book

AQUA

Caught in the middle of a great storm, Chris and Francis discover a new scroll filled with mysterious riddles in the building where they are trapped. Mariana, who knows all about boats, joins them. Swept away by the flood, the three must solve the riddles for the waters engulfing the world to recede...

geography | ocean | climate crisis | riddle | flood | solidarity | brotherhood | research | animals | adventure | getting lost | marine

240 pages | 14th edition: 2026



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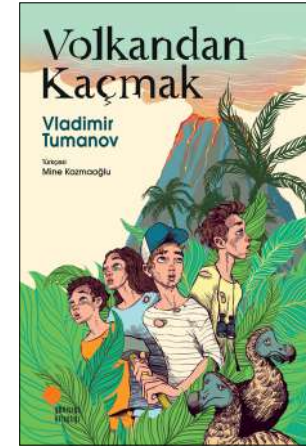
Audio
Book

BRIMSTONE 13

When Mariana unrolls the scroll containing the map of the solar system, a meteorite is set in motion that will crash into North America unless new riddles are solved. On the massive ship carrying evacuees to Australia, the children are left alone until a woman rescues them from the island where they are stranded...

asteroid | space | riddle | adventure | trip | ocean | solar system | research | migration | planet | internet | good-bad | geography | astronomy | Galileo | Australia

212 pages | 7th edition: 2026



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UNCHARTED

While the Alt brothers, Mariana and her sibling are on a boat trip, a violent storm breaks out and the children are swept onto a deserted island. There, they must solve the riddles in the air scroll to escape both the volcano's growing lava flow and the dangerous reptiles...

ocean | island | volcano | discoveries | forest | geography | science | adventure | camp | riddle | courage | survival | danger | reptiles | earthquake | birds | birthday | responsibility

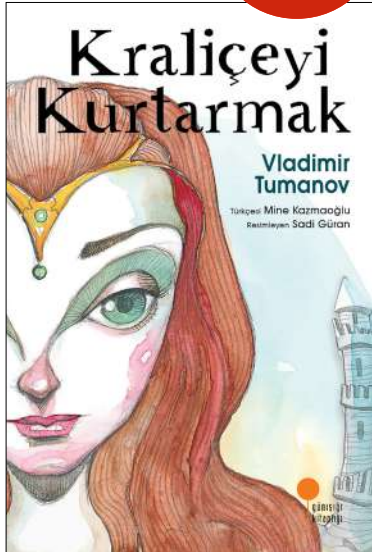
224 pages | 5th edition: 2026

Novel | 120 x 180 mm

Vladimir Tumanov

Vladimir Tumanov has captivated millions of readers in Türkiye with his brilliantly crafted novels, rich with adventure and mystery. Beloved for their wit and imagination, his stories not only entertain but also spark curiosity in subjects as diverse as geography, mathematics, history and mythology.

1.2 million
copies sold



mathematics | riddle | camp life |
friendship | adventure | struggle |
hope | courage | solidarity |
tracking | game | fantasy

176 pages
Black and white illustrations
193rd edition: 2026

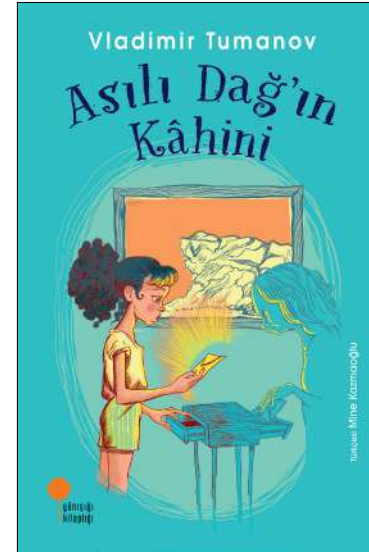
JAYDEN'S RESCUE

Illustrator: Sadi Güran

In this bestselling novel loved by millions, Canadian author Vladimir Tumanov makes children fall in love with mathematics. Math teachers actively use this engaging book in their classrooms.

Alex is thrilled to discover a strange pen that can solve even the hardest math problems. But when a mysterious book traps him and his friends Sam and Vanessa in its world, they learn that Emerald Queen Jayden has been abducted to King Rechner's castle. To free her, they must solve hundreds of riddles –each a unique math problem. For the three friends, survival hinges on solving every puzzle...

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mythology | media | tourism |
to be excluded | greed | landslide |
museum | courage | Pied Piper of
Hamelin | history | trust |
storytelling | letter | geology

292 pages | 11th edition: 2025

CASSANDRA'S MOUNTAIN

Editor: Müren Beykan

This time, Vladimir Tumanov opens the door to a real adventure from history. Inspired by Cassandra, the prophetess of Western Anatolian mythology whom no one believed, he delivers a gripping tale that prompts readers to reflect on humanity's impact on nature. With wit and subtlety, he tells the story of a child's struggle to save the people he loves.

On the morning of her 12th birthday, Cassandra receives a letter sent from the future. It comes from herself, fifty years later, warning of a terrible disaster that will destroy their town. Horrified, Cassandra tries to alert the townspeople, but no one believes her except Jay. To make matters worse, her own family's life turns into a nightmare. As the hour of the disaster rapidly approaches, Cassandra must summon all her courage to change the future...

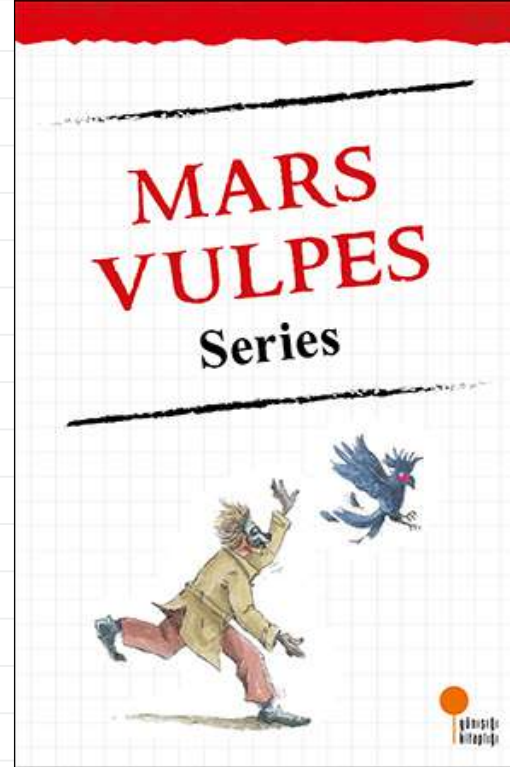
MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES Collection

Illustrator: Yusuf Tansu Özel

Mystery, adventure, friendship...
A brand-new collection from Güneşli
Kitaplığı to mark its 30th anniversary!

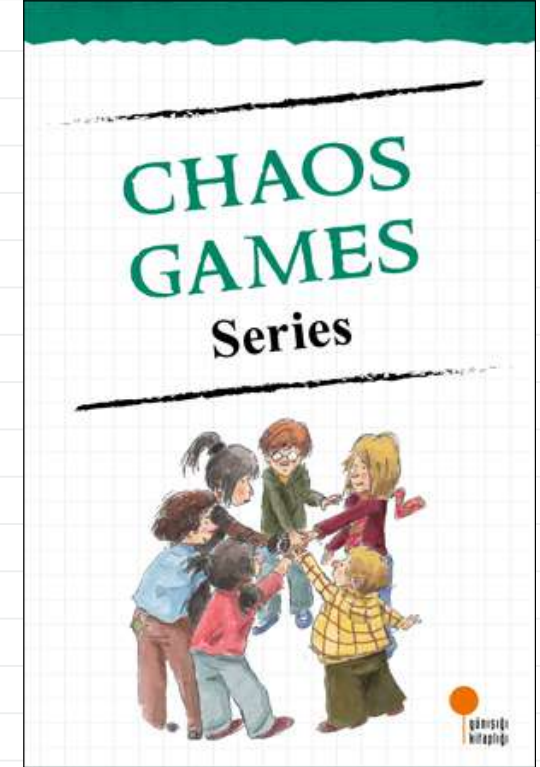
Award-winning masters of contemporary
Turkish crime fiction Suat Duman and
Günay Gafur write for children for the
first time. Blending the curiosity and
courage of childhood with humour,
these fast-paced adventures will win
over even the most reluctant readers.

**Both series
continue with a
3rd book in 2027!**



Suat Duman
MARS VULPES
Series

Three extraordinary
friends on the
trail of mysterious
events at school...



Günay Gafur
CHAOS GAMES
Series

The adventures of
six clever friends
who live in the same
apartment complex...



Suat Duman

Award-winning author of crime fiction Suat Duman makes his children's fiction debut with the "Mars Vulpes" series, following three extraordinary friends as they investigate the mysterious events unfolding at their school.

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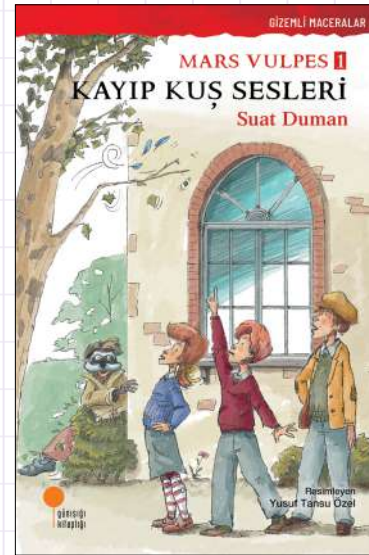


MARS VULPES SERIES 2 DARE YOU

In the second book of the series, Mars Vulpes sets out to uncover who is behind a string of messages challenging him. Once again, his close friends join him on the case. Exploring determination, reasoning and perseverance, the novel reminds readers of the importance of humour in the face of adversity.

Exhausted by his sister Leyla's relentless walking practice, Mars Vulpes hopes to enjoy a school play with his friends Güneş and Cemil. But adventure finds him again. A mysterious question in the play is followed by anonymous letters challenging him. Now the whole school is waiting for the Jules Verne Club to unmask the writer behind the riddles...

detective work | school | theatre |
research | tracking | history | riddle |
mystery | friendship | using one's mind |
game | responsibility | differences |
teacher-student communication |
empathy | solidarity | siblings



MARS VULPES SERIES 1 THE MISSING BIRDSONG

In the first book of Suat Duman's series, a child with an unusual way of perceiving the world investigates the mysterious silence in his schoolyard. Blending mystery, friendship and environmental awareness, the novel celebrates children's keen powers of observation.

Mars Vulpes never misses the smallest detail. One morning, he notices that the birdsong in the schoolyard has vanished and senses that something is wrong. Together with his friends Güneş and Cemil, he searches from the treetops to the school corridors. Along the way, they uncover traces not only of the missing birds, but also of other losses overlooked by the city, adults and children alike...

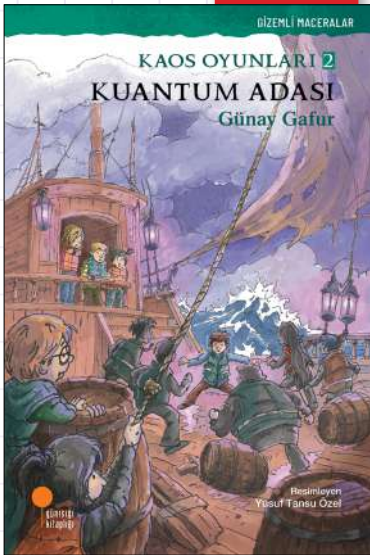
detective work | sounds | school |
nature | tracking | mystery |
urban transformation | friendship |
responsibility | differences | rights |
solidarity | crime fiction | parrot |
The Paul Street Boys | Jules Verne

Günay Gafur



Award-winning author of crime fiction Günay Gafur makes his children's fiction debut with the "Chaos Games" series, following a group of friends whose talent for science and mathematics leads them into puzzle-filled adventures.

NEW



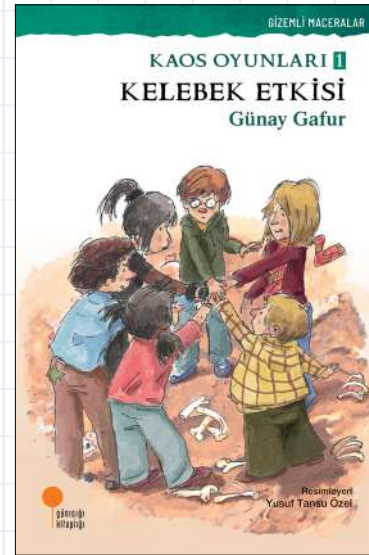
friendship | science | tracking |
game | maths | leadership |
Quantum Theory | island | riddle |
mystery | competition | rules |
lighthouse | humour | siblings |
survival | teamwork

280 pages

CHAOS GAMES SERIES 2 QUANTUM ISLAND

The second book of the series invites readers into the surprising world of quantum physics. Blending mystery, humour and science, the novel explores how rivalry can turn into friendship and fear into courage; while questioning the line between appearance and reality.

The winners of the Chaos Games set sail on a mysterious ship to join the Quantum Games. While searching for clues on board, they encounter the ruthless Black Panthers. After a violent storm strands both rival teams on a deserted island, they face unexpected dangers. But on an island where nothing is as it seems, who is their real opponent?..



crime fiction | friendship | tracking |
mystery | game | nature | riddle |
imagination | science | childhood |
rules | animal rights | humour |
siblings | freedom | psychology

288 pages

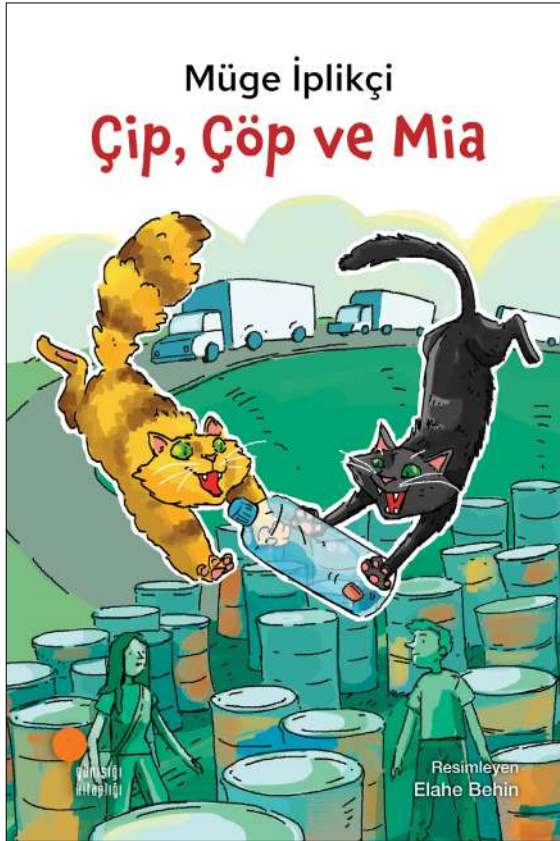
CHAOS GAMES SERIES 1 THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

In the first book of Günay Gafur's series, play is explored not only as entertainment, but also as a world shaped by choices. Combining a gripping plot with insight into its characters' inner lives, the novel blends science, psychology and humour in the fast-paced adventure of six clever friends.

Professor, Siren, Poison, Hotsauce, Dragon and Owl all live in the same apartment complex. Their adventure begins when they start listing the strange events around them and solving each mystery. The strangest is Bone Hill, where shadows roam at night and eerie sounds lead them to a book of baffling puzzles. With every answer they uncover, they are drawn deeper into chaos...

A CAT, A CHIP AND A PILE OF TRASH

Illustrator: Elahe Behin



ecology | environmental pollution | cat | waste |
solidarity | courage | science | tracking | journey |
father-son | research | adventure | crow |
making plans | Adana

Novel | 120 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations | 1st edition: 2026

Müge İplikçi

One of the sensitive voices of Turkish children's literature, Müge İplikçi, tells the story of a fast-paced ecological adventure in her new novel, stretching from London to İstanbul and Adana, driven by courage and the determined spirit of a cat.



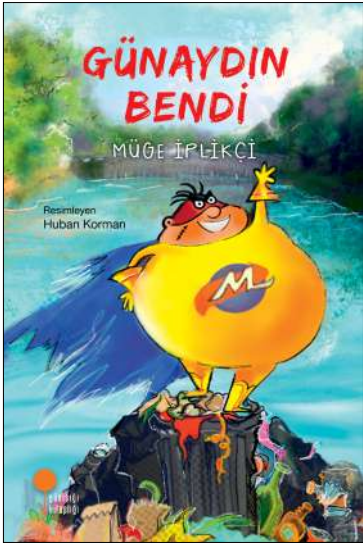
Who says a cat can't change the world?

One of the award-winning voices of contemporary Turkish literature, Müge İplikçi invites readers to follow the trail of plastic waste, an issue that has become a global concern. The adventure, which also features a cat who loves the comforts of home but loves its owner even more, addresses the chain of neglect threatening our environment and emphasizes the importance of not remaining silent in the face of injustice. With a touch of humour, the novel highlights the value of taking responsibility.

Mia is no ordinary cat, she is far too curious. Her owner Cem, together with his friends İskender and Oya, discovers that plastic waste secretly shipped to Türkiye has ended up in Adana, and they decide to take action. Mia, along with a street cat named Garipbey, sets off after them. The chips that İskender once placed inside three plastic bottles in London have begun sending signals from Adana, but the pursuit has now become dangerous. Those who profit from this illegal transport of waste are powerful enough to even threaten Cem and Oya's academic careers. Will Mia be able to save her owner's life?..



Prominent author of Turkish contemporary literature who received prestigious story awards has been writing books for children and young adults since 2010. Besides writing books, she's actively working as an academician and a journalist.



GOOD MORNING BARRAGE

Illust.: Huban Korman

Our most precious legacy is our stories...

A lyrical story about nature and people, which focuses on environmental pollution and praises friendship, solidarity and goodness against fear and bullying.

Neşe needs to find the most interesting story about the forest in order to participate in the TV show "Legacy of The Forest". However, the forest once magnificent with its dam and trees, has turned into a large garbage dumping ground...

sports | scouting | environmental pollution | nature | friendship | family history | competition | comic book | Istanbul Belgrad Forest | barrage | autism | television

120 pages | Coloured illustrations
3rd edition: 2026



THE COAL BLACK CHILD

Illust.: Huban Korman

A road story of a child with his mother, who find themselves in an immigration house in İstanbul... İplikçi successfully relates music's healing power with the feelings of immigration and solidarity from a child's point of view.

friendship | talent | solidarity | music | longing | mother-son | migration | fear | shelter | Haydn | orchestra

108 pages | Coloured illustrations
14th edition: 2025



MY CHARMING ICE CREAM

Handling hurting subjects like mining accidents and destruction of nature, in a very skillful manner, İplikçi makes her readers feel that there is always hope in the sunny gardens of olive trees.

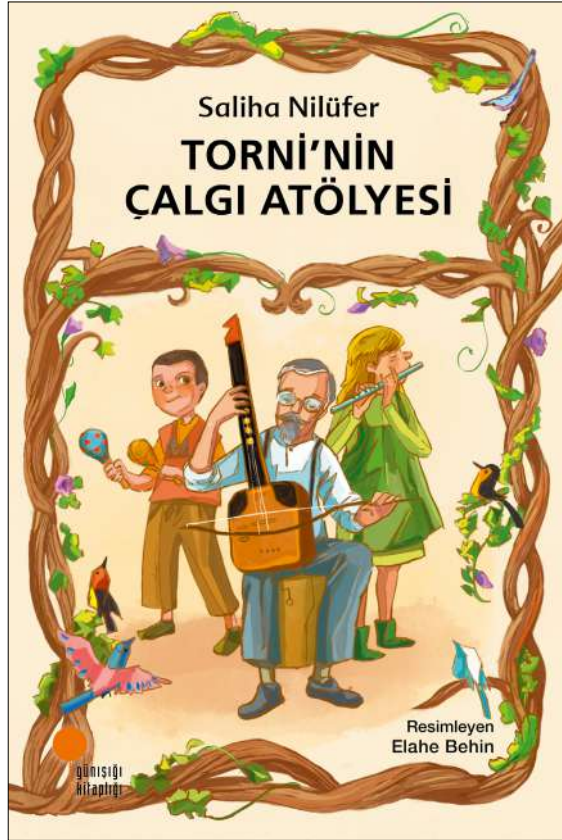
family | friendship | solidarity | memories | loss of parents | math | mining | olives | income | community pressure | plundering of nature | trees

96 pages | 6th edition: 2023



TORNI'S MUSICAL WORKSHOP

Illustrator: Elahe Behin



music | competition | instruments | forest | coding | nature | orchestra | creativity | love of animals | the cloud | tracking | solidarity | birds | cheating | courage | water resources

Novel | 144 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations | 1st edition: 2026

Saliha Nilüfer

Beloved for both her children's novels and her translations of world literature, author and translator Saliha Nilüfer brings the sounds of musical instruments and the forest to life in her new novel.



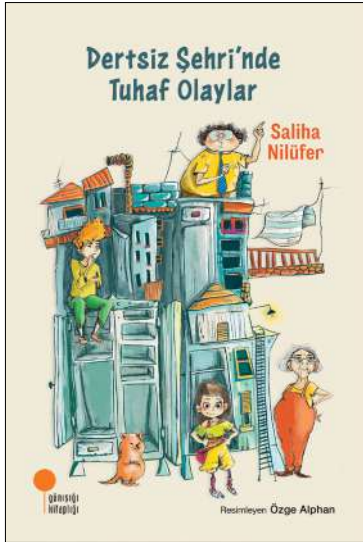
Plundering nature in the name of technology!

Known for her children's novels celebrating nature, Saliha Nilüfer offers young readers a story woven with music, love and solidarity. Distinguished by its colourful characters and playful style, the book invites readers to protect our natural resources and consider the future of technology. A fairy tale-like novel filled with music and musicians, where every living being and the natural world are treated with care; and no one is ever left alone, even in the most difficult moments.

There is a cheerful bustle in Torni's instrument-making workshop. With the help of his nephew Borni, his apprentice Zorni, their cat Davul and their dog Bavul, master instrument maker Torni races to complete the instrument of his dreams, the Çarkı Çom Çom, in time for a music competition called "The Breath of the Forest." But an unwelcome visitor has arrived in the woods, drying up the stream, driving away the birds, disturbing the villagers' sleep and silencing the sounds of nature. Led by the Çarkı Çom Çom, and joined by musician friends and local residents, can the newly formed forest orchestra bring nature's voice back?..



Saliha Nilüfer's novels invite young readers to think about the world they live in and the future that awaits it, through hopeful, adventure-filled stories.



STRANGE EVENTS IN CAREFREE CITY

Illustrator: Özge Alphan

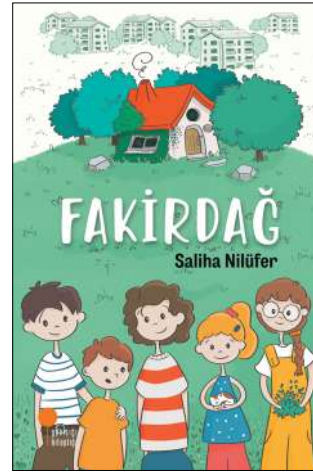
How many tons of water can a shirt drink?

By bringing everyday objects to life, the story invites readers to reflect on the environmental impact of what we buy, while celebrating sustainable choices, creativity and sharing.

One morning, all the clothes in Carefree City mysteriously disappear, throwing its residents into chaos. Renowned problem-solver Lacivert Nerdormert is called in. What begins as an investigation into the city's chatty wardrobes soon turns into an unexpected adventure...

environment | creativity | recycling | objects | clothes | sustainability | botany | adventure | consumption frenzy | responsibility | solidarity | tracking | fantasy | water consumption

160 pages | Black and white illustrations
4th edition: 2026

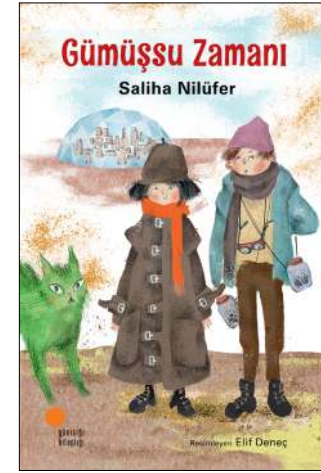


MOVING TO BACKWOODS

Saliha Nilüfer tells the story of a child, who is forced to move to a new city with his family after an earthquake and struggles to adjust. Through friendship, play and solidarity, she shows how an unfamiliar place can gradually begin to feel like home.

archaeology | neighbourliness | game | earthquake | communication | mystery | prejudice | appearance | friendship | illness | underground | habits | botany | responsibility | myths | moving out

180 pages | 2nd edition: 2026



THE SILVER DEW

Illustrator: Elif Deneç

Taking young readers into a desolate future, Saliha Nilüfer follows Minnu as she searches for the traces of a natural world lost to human destruction. Her journey becomes a hopeful story about memory, while inviting readers to reflect on the value of Earth.

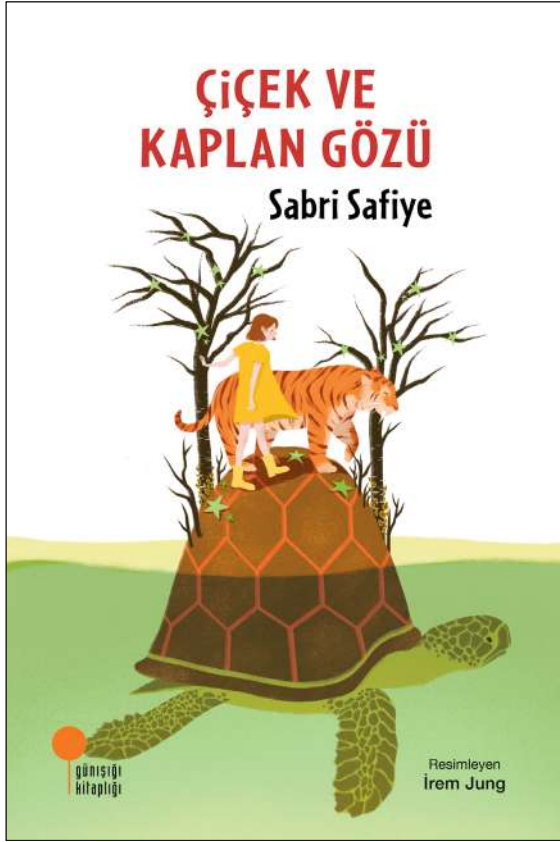
future | history | drought | science | courage | agriculture | ecology | library | memory | tales | tongue twisters | discoveries | sign language

184 pages | Coloured illustrations | 3rd edition: 2023



ÇİÇEK AND THE TIGER'S EYE

Illustrator: İrem Jung



childhood | flood | tiger | cat | knowing oneself |
growing up | to be excluded | self-confidence | stutter |
memories | neighbourliness | recollection | adventure |
courage | loneliness | intergenerational communication |
peer bullying

Novel | 120 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations | 1st edition: 2026

Sabri Safiye

Loved for the fantastical worlds he creates in his novels full of mystery and discovery, Sabri Safiye this time tells a powerful story of growing up that moves between reality and dream.



There's a tiger's eye hidden inside each of us!

Known for his fantastic narratives, Sabri Safiye this time tells the story of a child searching for her own path after a storm leaves a small town submerged under water. Blending reality and imagination, the story traces an adventure-packed journey of growth in which fear gives way to curiosity and loneliness to courage. It invites readers to discover the “tiger’s eye” within themselves and to face life with its strength.

Çiçek is heartbroken when she isn't invited to her popular classmate's birthday party. It's not like she has anything nice to wear to the party anyway. She's delighted when she sees her grandmother's old embroidered jacket, but its button is missing. Luckily, the problem is solved with a “tiger's eye” stone button given by their neighbour, Captain. That night, a sudden storm turns everything upside down. Çiçek and Doctor, Captain's tuxedo-patterned cat, are swept away by the flood. Thanks to a turtle and the comical captains of the fishing boat that rescues the duo, the adventure takes off...



A FURRY ALIEN ADVENTURE Series

Illustrator: Başak Taşkiran

In Sabri Safiye's two-book adventure, four close friends and Felis, an alien cat, journey from İstanbul to Halfeti, Şanlıurfa.



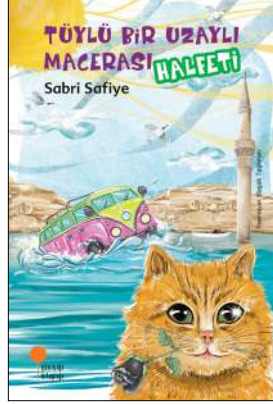
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A FURRY ALIEN ADVENTURE

The minibus Dilek, Rıza, Mert and Belma mistake for their school bus takes them on an unexpected journey. Startled by the strange creatures aboard and their plea for help, the children set out to find a missing cat...

space | technology | friendship | science | animal rights | communication | detective work | laboratory | solidarity | tracking | music | hobby | adventure | mystery | vet | science fiction

176 pages | 3rd edition: 2024



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A FURRY ALIEN ADVENTURE - HALFETİ

Enjoying their summer holiday, the four friends are travelling the world aboard the Jelibus, a gift from Felis the alien cat. But the danger is not over. When their motorcyclist friend Işık disappears, they set out to find her...

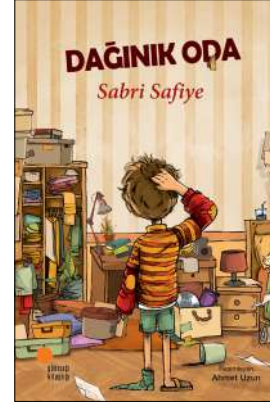
Halfeti, Şanlıurfa | archaeology | friendship | courage | space | adventure | tracking | dam lake | solidarity | mystery | animals | immortality | communication | good-bad | epic | cultural heritage | Euphrates river

212 pages | 1st and 2nd editions: 2023

Novel | 120 x 180 mm | Black and white illustrations

Sabri Safiye

Known for his surprising adventures for children and young adults, Sabri Safiye brings contemporary themes such as social life, science, animal rights and cultural heritage to the forefront.



LAND OF MESS

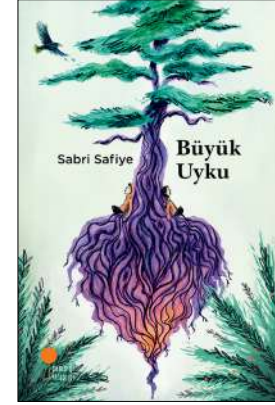
Illust: Ahmet Uzun

Ozan has to tidy his messy room before he can go to the cinema. But suddenly, he finds himself caught up in a fast-paced and hilarious adventure in the Land of Mess...

imagination | mess | order | toy | fantasy | ruling | domestic life | essay | homework | responsibility | science | cinema | memories | experiment | Godzilla | T-Rex

104 pages | Black and white illustrations
8th edition: 2026

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THE GREAT SLUMBER

Kerem enters the forest for the first time to collect leaves for a school assignment. As its scents, sounds and colours enchant him, his guide Nergis reveals that the trees have a grand secret plan...

nature | ecosystem | plants | family | plundering of nature | ecology | forest | climate crisis | town life | time | friendship | communication | harmony | income | mining | fungi | botany | memories | healing | sustainability

128 pages | 1st and 2nd editions: 2025

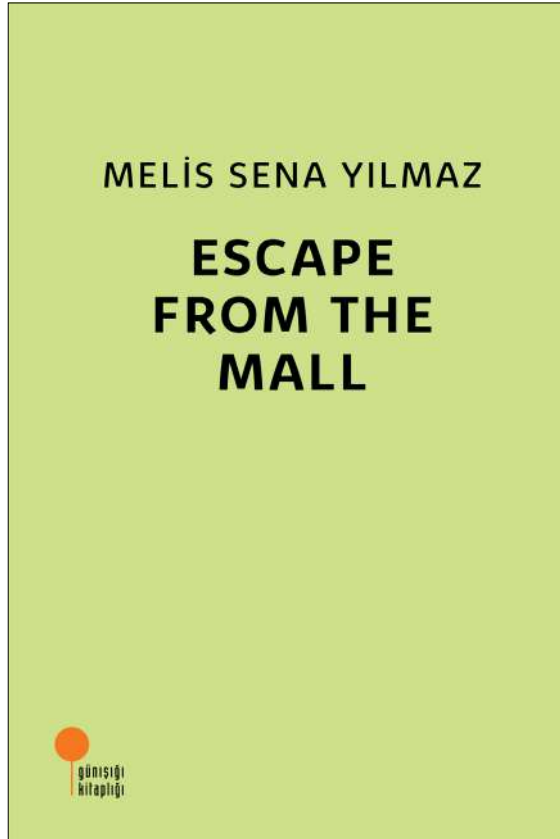
Novel | 120 x 180 mm

Melis Sena Yilmaz

One of the rising voices in Turkish children's literature, Melis Sena Yilmaz explores consumer habits, the meaning of freedom and our true needs in her new fantasy novel.



ESCAPE FROM THE MALL



Behind the glittering shop windows lies a different story!

Young author Melis Sena Yilmaz transforms the familiar world of shopping malls, so central to children's lives today, into a compelling fantasy. With its fast-paced plot, the novel draws readers into a layered adventure that explores consumerism, the fine line between need and greed, freedom of choice and the power of working together.

A shopping mall with endless corridors, glittering stores and dazzling displays, a colourful world designed to entice. At first, Emre finds it exciting, but it soon turns into a maze with no way out. In what he thought was simply his mother's workplace, time moves differently, the rules have changed and everyone is hiding a secret. Together with Ayliz, Oğuz and Ceren, Emre must find a way to escape and uncover the truth behind appearances...

mall | consumption frenzy | freedom | identity |
adventure | responsibility | curiosity | awareness |
solidarity | needs | economy | fantasy

Novel | 168 pages | 120 x 180 mm | 1st edition: 2026



ADVENTURES OF İSTANBUL BELOW series

In this two-book series, Melis Sena Yılmaz invites readers on a fantasy adventure full of surprises through the secret-filled streets of İstanbul Below.



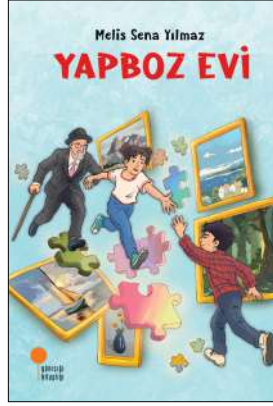
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İSTANBUL BELOW

Zeynep searches the mysterious streets of İstanbul Below, with its strange seagulls, Galata unicorns and wild street lamps for clues to her detective father's disappearance...

detective work | İstanbul | differences | curiosity | urban life | Galata | secrets | trust | adventure | crime | fantasy | books | intergenerational communication | tracking | friendship

200 pages | 3rd edition: 2024



2

THE PUZZLE HOUSE

While her father is away, Zeynep is left in the care of their mysterious neighbour, Hilmi. Could the colourful İstanbul Below have a darker side hidden within its puzzles?..

detective work | İstanbul | secrets | imagination | adventure | identity | tracking | friendship | puzzle | longing | fantasy | curiosity | sense of belonging | intergenerational communication | mystery | courage

176 pages | 2nd edition: 2026

Melis Sena Yılmaz

In her gripping novels for children, Melis Sena Yılmaz tells mysterious and meaningful stories that inspire young readers to investigate and follow the clues.



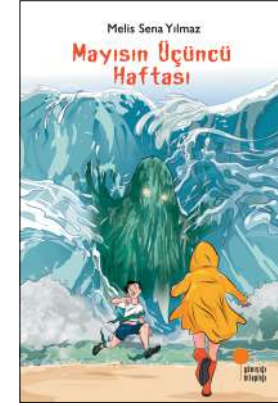
BA'S EXTRAORDINARY BOOKSHOP

Illust.: Özge Alphan

Ece lives with Barış, whom she sees as a second father. Barış has turned the family mansion into a bookshop, where the two enjoy a happy life. But everything changes with the arrival of Aunt Zehra and her son Robin Can, and then with Ba's departure on a mysterious journey...

bookshop | books | rules | learning to read | good-bad | mystery | journey | kinship | hypnosis | courage | danger | talent | robbery | loss of a parent | brotherhood | Ankara | Republic Day | Barış Manço

208 pages | Black and white illustrations
1st edition: 2024



THIRD WEEK OF MAY

Cenk is sent to Bozcaada, to the hotel of his great-aunt. He finds the hotel's surprise rooms, the creepy Gardener Hüsnü, the smiling Chef Birol and the weird Aunt Necla all very interesting. Together with his new friend Büşra, he follows the trail of a mystery sparked by a nursery rhyme...

Bozcaada | mystery | vacation | swimming | island life | fear | hotel | sea pollution | second-hand bookstore | monster | friendship | good-evil | myths | doing research | courage | nursery rhyme | history | drawing

208 pages | 1st edition: 2023

Novel | 120 x 180 mm



STEALING BEES

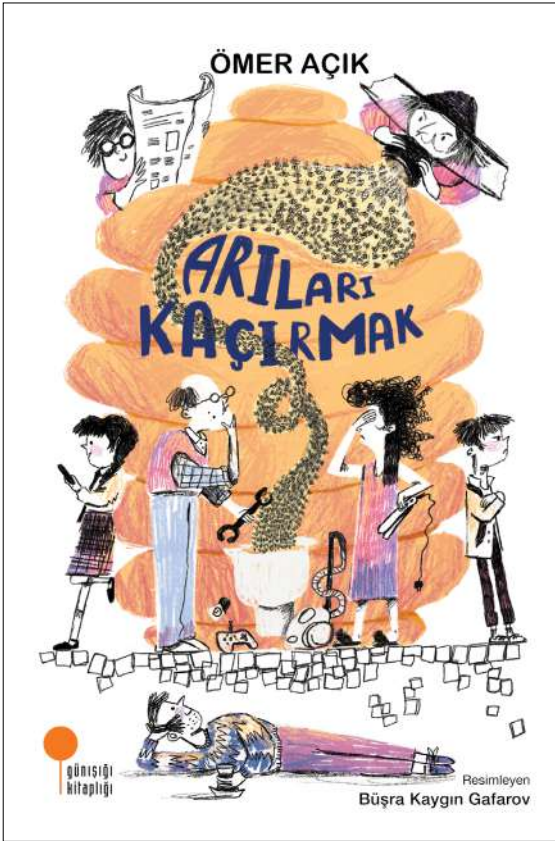
Illustrator: Büşra Kaygın Gafarov

One of the beloved authors of Turkish children's literature, Ömer Açıık, blends science, humour and adventure in his new mystery-filled novel, offering readers a fast-paced chase.

Where could so many bees disappear all at once?

Known for his layered novels, Ömer Açıık brings readers a fast-paced adventure that unfolds around the world of beekeeping. The twins who secretly want to attend a festival outside the city and the uncle who helps them have no idea what awaits them. Brought to life by colourful characters, this gripping story follows the trail of mysteriously disappearing beehives while prompting reflections on siblinghood, cooperation and differences. Emphasizing curiosity and the importance of investigation, the novel offers a lively and enjoyable reading experience.

Leyla and Taylan are twins who are very different from each other. Unlike the organized and disciplined Leyla, Taylan is dreamy and clumsy. Wanting to attend the Twins Festival without their parents' knowledge, they ask their eccentric uncle Refik for help. But they could never have anticipated the theft of beehives from a mysterious farm near the festival, Ms. Mucize trying to produce an elixir of youth at a pharmaceutical company, the sinister Ms. Huzursuz, and Detective Menekşe, who is also on the trail of the bees. Suddenly caught in a tangled and dangerous chase, the twins are ready to risk everything to save the bees...

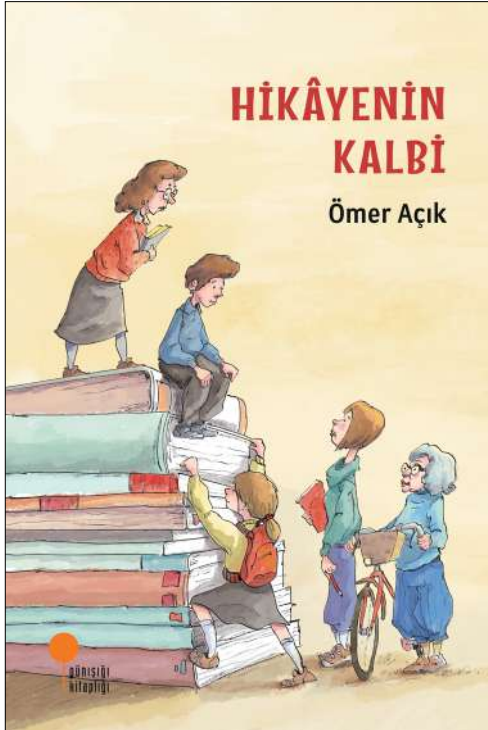


beekeeping | science | siblings | festival | uncle-niece | nature | communication | screen addiction | differences | thievery | curiosity | mystery | tracking | solidarity | adventure | family | *The Lord of the Rings*

Novel | 216 pages | 120 x 180 mm
1st edition: 2026

Ömer Açıık

Beloved for his books about compelling neighbourhood and school stories, Ömer Açıık weaves hopeful imagery and rich language into his novels depicting diverse lives.



student clubs | books | school life | reading culture | homework | reading lists | love | association | getting to know one's self | solidarity | rights | teacher-student communication | library | freedom

Novel | 160 pages | 120 x 180 mm
3rd edition: 2026

THE HEART OF THE STORY

The story of those who want to choose their books on their own...

Ömer Açıık opens up our book choices and reading tendencies to discussion. While questioning the pressure to read applied to children, he tells a school story around the sweet conflict between the “stubborn old” and the “brave new”. The novel reminds readers of the importance of giving innovations and change a chance.

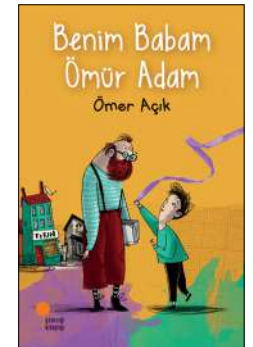
İlginç wants to start “The Association of Those Who Don’t Like Books” in his classroom. He’s confident he’ll find plenty of members, thanks to the dull “books to read” list prepared by their teacher. But when the new Turkish teacher arrives, reading is no longer compulsory. Her diverse book suggestions thrill the class until parents begin questioning them, and chaos ensues...

FIRST
Books

Other books of the author



A STATION
CALLED VIOLET

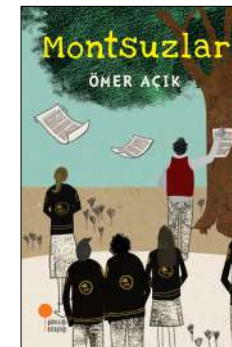


MY DAD IS HILARIOUS



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SUMMER TRAVELER
AND AUNTIE ACHOO



BLAZERLESS

e
book



MY STUBBORN
GRANDPA

TWO ENDS OF THE EARTH



India | İzmir | travel | family | different cultures | longing | tourism | knowing oneself | empathy | communication | friendship | emotions | sense of belonging | success | childhood | band

Novel | 132 pages | 120 x 180 mm
1st edition: 2026

Hacer Kılçioğlu

One of the award-winning voices of Turkish children's and young adult literature, Hacer Kılçioğlu in her new novel evokes empathy and the joy of childhood, reminding us that despite all our differences we all belong to the same Earth.



This world is meant for us to live in together...

Beloved for the way she brings different cultures together with a lively voice, Hacer Kılçioğlu now invites readers on a story that moves between Türkiye and India. While Osman, who is far away from his family, eases his worries with the help of his friend Ayda, Rita, who is waiting for her father's return, looks after the guests who come to their hotel. Bringing two very different lives together in a parallel narrative, the novel bridges distant worlds through cross-cultural encounters.

While his parents are traveling in India, Osman moves in with his uncle. As he prepares for a film shoot with the school's marching band, his thoughts are constantly with his family, from whom he hasn't heard any news... In India, Rita lives in the small hotel run by her family and waits for her father, who has gone to see her mother off to London. A violent storm breaks out, bringing both transportation and communication to a halt... Despite the thousands of miles between them, Osman and Rita's days of waiting are brightened by songs, friendship and solidarity...



Known for her lively books that bring different cultures together, Hacer Kılçioğlu writes stories that celebrate communication and the value of understanding one another.

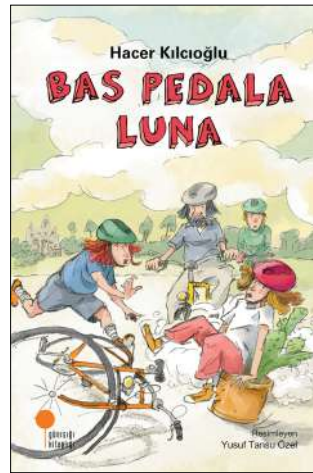


POCKETFUL OF CHICKPEAS

When Duru wakes up in an unfamiliar town of single-story houses, she meets Jale, a chatty girl with pockets full of roasted chickpeas. Following her, Duru sets off to find the missing rooster Pataros. Along the way, she discovers places and memories unlike anything in her own life. Can she find out how and why she ended up in this old town?..

intergenerational communication | Izmir | differences | town life | trip | sayings | storytelling | time | friendship | childhood | animals | game | train | writing | nostalgia

144 pages | 1st and 2nd edition: 2025



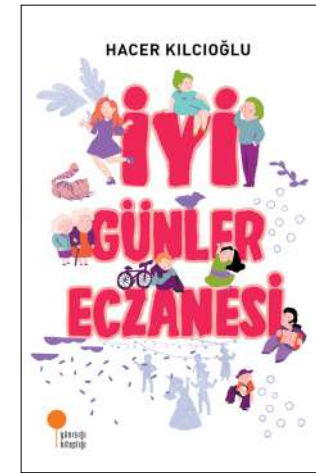
KEEP PEDALING LUNA

Illust.: Yusuf Tansu Özel

Luna starts the Flying Birds cycling group with her friends. But when she wants to join a cycling tour in Kosovo with her mother, she barely gets permission from her father. The mother and daughter duo pedal with the excitement of discovering a new country. When they get lost and her mother goes to seek help, Luna is left alone...

mother-daughter | bicycle | Kosovo | adventure | discovery | intergenerational communication | prejudice | animals | camping | Izmir | courage | countries | keeping a diary | different cultures

160 pages | Black and white illustrations
1st edition: 2023



GOOD DAY PHARMACY

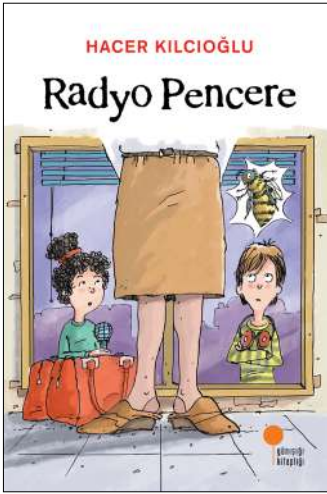
Hazal's mother's Good Day Pharmacy is the neighbourhood's most popular meeting spot. At her birthday party, Hazal dreams of her aunt marrying the pharmacy's long-time headworker. That same night, she attends a Romani wedding and meets people from a culture she knew nothing about...

wedding ceremony | solidarity | professions | neighbourhood life | mathematics | love | Izmir | Romani | intergenerational communication | different cultures | love of animals | pharmacy

144 pages | 3rd edition: 2024

Hacer Kılçioğlu

With wit and subtle humour, Hacer Kılçioğlu explores the challenges of growing up, family bonds and life-changing moments through the eyes of children, in warm novels and stories.



BASEMENT BROADCAST

Live broadcast from the Adventure House!

Kılçioğlu's novel, set in İzmir, follows a summer adventure of a child caught between divorced parents. The story highlights the impact of new friendships and the possibility of building a new life against all odds.

Ekim, a lonely boy helping with his father's apiculture business, struggles to communicate with him and often talks to himself. With the sudden arrival of new friends, Asya and her grandfather, they start a live radio broadcast from the grandfather's basement. This changes how Ekim communicates with his parents, giving him hope to quiet the buzzing in his head...

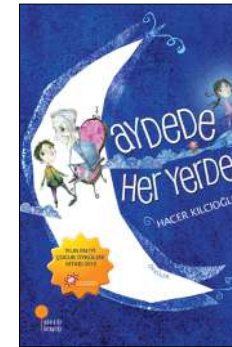
mystery | music | live broadcast | İzmir |
friendship | apiculture | divorced parents |
crime-punishment | intergenerational communication |
inter-family communication | love of animals

Novel | 136 pages | 120 x 180 mm
3rd edition: 2020

YA
Books



IBBY TÜRKİYE
CHILDREN'S STORY
BOOK OF 2012



THE MOON IS
EVERYWHERE
Illust. Reha Barış



LOOK AT THE SKY
Illust. Huban Korman

Stories

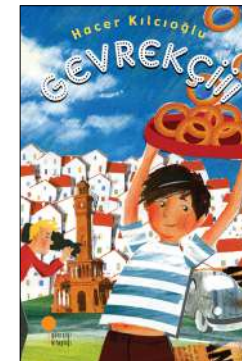
Novels



I LOVE THURSDAYS
Illust. Mustafa A. Kara



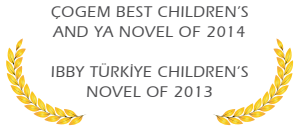
TODAY MY NAME
IS CACTUS



THE BAGEL SELLER



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HURRAY FOR THE BROTHERHOOD OF Ç!

Applying for a new ID, Ali discovers that an extra “Ç” has been added to his surname. His father is furious, but Ali embraces the mistake and soon becomes known as “Mr. Ç” at school and online. Yet in a world where everything is quickly consumed and discarded, how will Mr. Ç survive?..

communication | consumption |
social media | technology | lie |
friendship | family | identity |
change | imagination | philosophy |
homework | information

104 pages | 75th edition: 2026



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copies sold

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THE SEA SHELL THAT CAME BY POST

The busy work lives of her pantomimist father and lawyer mother have reduced the hours Sude shares with her family. Sude acquires a tablet and gets lost in the virtual world. Her mother, worried about her passion for games, makes a plan...

family | social media | computer games |
law | mystery | pantomime | nature |
friendship | screen dependency |
knowledge | internet | communication

160 pages | 83th edition: 2026

Novel | 120 x 180 mm | Solid coloured illustrations

Behiç Ak



In his children's novels and cartoons, artist, author and thinker Behiç Ak carries readers of all ages into an extraordinary universe of thought and art.

CARTOON BOOKS

In two albums crowning his 40 years of caricature experience, cartoonist and author Behiç Ak interprets today's society from the perspective of children, with joy and humour.



THE BOOK OF CARTOONS 1 THE BOOK OF CARTOONS

14th edition: 2024

Bringing together 263 cartoons, these two albums explore childhood through the small but meaningful details of everyday life. With humour and insight, they touch on themes such as school, friendship, environmental awareness, rights and freedoms, growing up, the pandemic and concerns about the future, while celebrating children's joy, curiosity and wisdom...



THE BOOK OF CARTOONS 2 HOORAY FOR KIDS!

3rd edition: 2024



childhood | nature | environment | thinking | friendship | family | communication |
education | adults-children | technology | urbanization | art

Caricatures | 160 pages | 200 x 150 mm | Solid coloured illustrations



Behiç Ak

Behiç Ak, who skilfully handles philosophical and social issues in the unique children's novels he writes and illustrates, offers a valuable collection for readers of all ages.



WHERE THE NIGHTINGALES SING

Kerem first meets his inner voice, then finds himself on a lush green plateau. Along the way, he encounters a man who makes melon statues, his sister's friend Dilan, a sheepdog named Dost, Eşber, who is learning to play the cello, and fashion designer, Feyza...

rural life | nature | art | talent | family | agriculture | cleaning | architecture | class differences | prejudice | fashion | creativity | music | sculptor | archaeology | differences | getting to know one's self

152 pages | 3rd edition: 2026

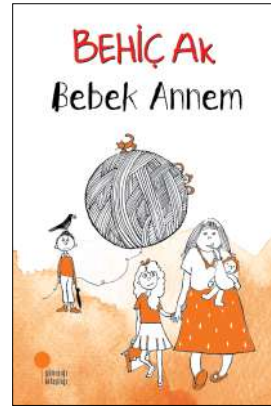


THE PLANET IN THE ATTIC

Serdar is an ordinary city boy who has never played outside. Until he follows his neighbour Ceren up to the attic, to a completely different "planet." Poets, bored children, even Don Quixote are up there!..

city life | family | time | friendship | sea | Don Quixote | diary | game | Moby Dick | dreams | reading | apartment life | consumption | discovery | communication | freedom

180 pages | 40th edition: 2026



MOMMY IS MY BABY

When Ziya learns that his deskmate Şule's mother is ill, he wants to help. The children try to make her mother smile again with the help of the mysterious Unmoving Man, a tambaqui and the people from the knitting class...

solidarity | illness | hobby | drama | responsibility | friendship | gift | collective housing | school life | mother-daughter | moving | consumption | health

164 pages | 17th edition: 2026

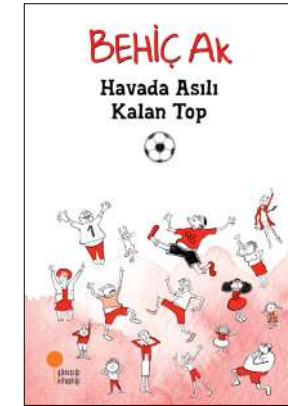


THE CAT WHO MISUNDERSTANDS EVERYTHING

The spoiled cat thinks it's the centre of the world. Convinced that the family's relocation due to the architect father's new project, is all for its own sake. Fortunately, moving to a small town appeals to Oktay...

cat | natural life | animals | festival | architecture | family | moving | natural phenomena | city life | communication | zoo | friendship | imagination

196 pages | 18th edition: 2026



BALL HANGING IN THE AIR

When the new district governor criticizes the sloppy living habits of the townspeople, the adults become suspicious and the children go exploring... Will the secrets of the past tied up in a football match change the town?..

professions | habits | theatre | underwater world | earthquake | fairy tale | sculpture | toy | memories | football | mystery | talent | town life | word games | April 23rd Children's Day

208 pages | 8th edition: 2026



Artist Behiç Ak enriches his multi-layered novels with playful illustrations, capturing children's rich inner worlds, curiosity and questioning minds.

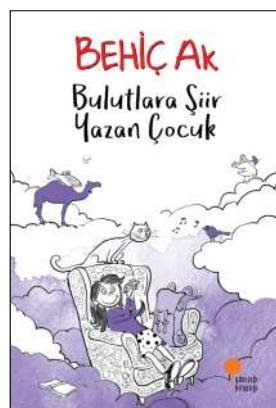


NOTES OF A BUCK-TOOTHED OBSERVER

He believes he is incompetent and clumsy, and is not interested in school. He likes to observe and name birds and plants. He escapes to the animal world in spite of his uncle who wants to make him a hunter...

love of nature | animals | writing | freedom | hunting | teacher | dreams | war-peace | talent | violence | space | using one's mind

164 pages | 7th edition: 2025

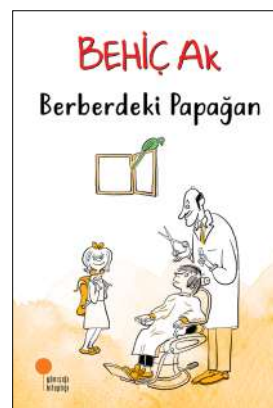


THE CHILD WRITING POEMS FOR THE CLOUDS

Sevgican, who is fond of clouds, thinks that she is not as smart as Batu and not as creative as Erol. She is inspired by the postman who can no longer carry letters in his bag and starts sharing her poems on social media...

friendship | school life | poetry | fairy tales | social media | sky | letter | child worker | professions | imagination

160 pages | 26th edition: 2026



THE PARROT IN THE BARBERSHOP

Ms. Ferhunde, Mr. Sadi and their son Haluk move to a small town. The town, which is boring at first, becomes colourful when Haluk discovers the barber. He tries to solve the mystery of the building on the hill, the theatre actor Mr. Turhan and the philosopher parrot...

moving | philosophy | storytelling | art | justice | cartoon | town life | creativity | theatre | screen dependency | barber | crime-punishment | family | parrot | climate change | solidarity

176 pages | 9th edition: 2026

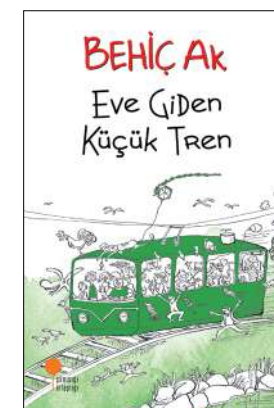


THE 6.44 PM WAVE

The author, who has difficulty writing, enters his own story. Şehrazat looking for her mother, mathematician, plumber, mischievous Doğan, librarian Nigar, an imaginary dog, that wave at 6.44 PM... Just as he is about to write about them, he hears a rooster's crow...

authorship | love of nature | maths | agriculture | animals | village life | creativity | forest | drawing | sea | fairytale | documentary | library

184 pages | 13th edition: 2025



LITTLE TRAIN GOES HOME

The mines are closed and the villagers live a joyless, hopeless life. One day Mrs. Münevver appears. The woman, whose dreams are even crazier than those of the mischievous İlyas, starts knocking on all the doors...

railway | imagination | mine | solidarity | professions | earthquake | social life | water resources | train | production | village life | moving

144 pages | 28th edition: 2026

Çiğdem Sezer

Çiğdem Sezer, one of the beloved poets of our contemporary literature, writes unique and remarkable books for children and young people with her immaculate Turkish.



DOVES OF GOODNESS

Illust.: Büşra Kaygın Gafarov

Leyla and her close friend Samar dream of peace as conflict shadows their daily lives. When Leyla's father and brothers join the struggle, she escapes into her imagination. Then one day, she returns home to find only rubble and dust. Waking in a hospital, Leyla must face the loss of her family, neighbours and Samar...

war | childhood | survival | friendship | painting | dreams | poetry | games | freedom | difficulties | fear | hospital | solidarity | danger | struggle | death | intergenerational communication | fishing | olive trees

120 pages
Black and white illustrations
1st edition: 2025

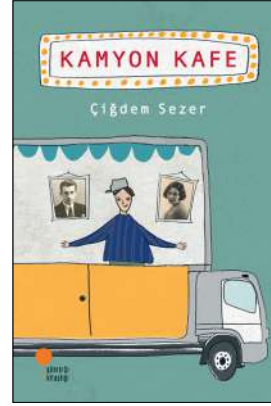


THE TENDER BREADSTICK

Nurgül likes to perch on the tree tops and watch the neighbourhood. Her best friend is Şahika, an old woman who lives in the old mansion. When the old woman one day quietly disappears Nurgül becomes worried. With the support of her family and Bedir, she sets out to find her dear friend...

neighbourhood life | intergenerational communication | music | mansion | peer bullying | writing | school life | student-teacher communication | woodworking | friendship | heritage | solidarity | neighbourliness | getting to know one's self | special education

152 pages | 3rd edition: 2026



TRUCK CAFE

A child who has lost his mother and whose father is far away lives with his grandparents. His grandfather Derviş owns a red truck which is very precious to him, while his grandmother Mukadder feels the same way about her sewing machine. For this family who loves each other genuinely, real wealth is inner peace...

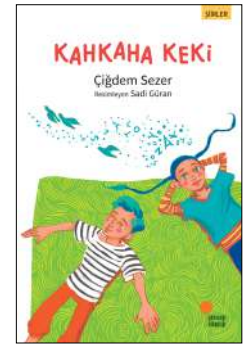
poverty | neighbourliness | loyalty | loss of parents | tourism | solidarity | secrets | urbanization | memory | folk songs | intergenerational communication

136 pages | 7th edition: 2024



THE HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD PLANE TREE

Illust. Mustafa Delioğlu

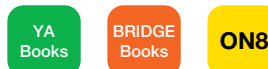


LAUGHTER CAKE

Illust. Sadi Güran

Other books of the author

Novel | 120 x 180 mm



Fusun Çetinel

Fusun Çetinel, who takes her readers on cultural and historical adventures, is very popular with her children's novels that cross the limits. Colourful characters, fluent language and an entertaining narration...



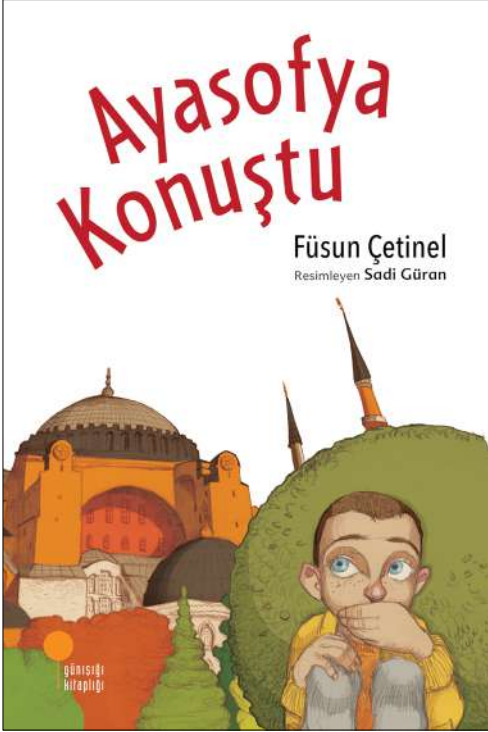
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cultural heritage | Hagia Sophia | museum | İstanbul | tourism | loss of a parent | domestic violence | friendship | dreams | poverty | sister school

Novel | 124 pages | 120 x 180 mm

Solid coloured illustrations

11th edition: 2024



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TALKING HAGIA SOPHIA

Illustrator: Sadi Güran

A strange voyage inside Hagia Sophia Museum!

The first children's novel by the beloved author Fusun Çetinel tells the story of a child who discovers that the Hagia Sophia Museum, one of the most important monuments of cultural history, is full of secrets. The adventure at the Hagia Sophia Museum, encourages children to research other cultural values in the city they live in. Combining the sense of mystery created by historical buildings with the unlimited imagination of childhood, the novel creates an immersive atmosphere.

Growing up in a poor family environment, Veli is like an integral part of the Hagia Sophia Museum. Neither archaeologists, nor tourists, nor guards can imagine a Hagia Sophia without him. Especially the German archaeologist Martha, who participates in the monument's restoration, becomes a close friend of little Veli. Hearing that a student who successfully completes the homework given at his school will win a trip to Germany, Veli dreams big. What kind of adventures await him, while he considers a homework about Hagia Sophia?..

Other books of the author



THE LAST GARDEN



ROAD OF SECRETS
Illust. Sedat Girgin



TINY GREEN STINK BUG
Illust. Yusuf Tansu Özel



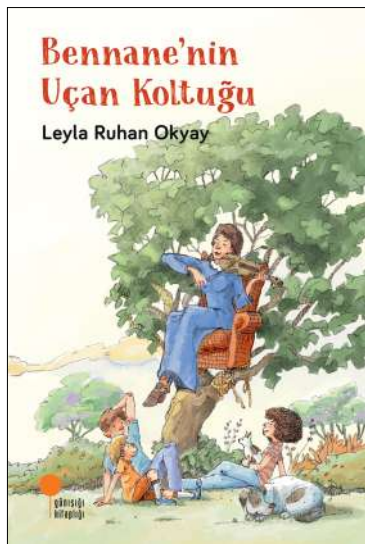
CHIKO'S CHOICE
Illust. Maria Brzozowska





Leyla Ruhan Okyay

With her masterful storytelling that appeals to readers of all ages, Leyla Ruhan Okyay takes her readers on an unforgettable journey of memory to one of the cornerstones of our Republic, the Village Institutes.



BENNANE'S FLYING CHAIR

Songs of the Republic, being played on fig tree branches...

Leyla Ruhan Okyay celebrates the Republic's 100th anniversary through the story of a former Village Institute teacher, tracing its early years, achievements and transformative power.

İnci sets out to uncover the life story of her grandmother Bennane, a former Village Institute teacher whose memories take her back to the early years of the Republic. From music and storytelling, Bennane's remarkable past comes alive as Republic Day celebrations take place beneath the fig tree...

Republic | Atatürk | village institutes | teaching | village life | folk songs | memories | education | agriculture | fire | April 23rd Children's Day | playing the violin | collective work | intergenerational communication | reading books | Bodrum

184 pages | 8th edition: 2026



CLOUD DREAMER

Illust.: Merve Atılğan

The author shows how childhood dreams can open the door to a new journey. Inspired by Çağla's fascination with clouds, it blends painful memories with colourful dreams. Celebrating the strength we find in one another, it reminds us that a story can bring people together.

friendship | school trip | Kars | migration | shooting a movie | solidarity | story competition | Fisherman of Halicarnassus | memories | train travel

160 pages | Coloured illustrations | 14th edition: 2024



A MESS NOT A HOUSE!

Illust.: Nezahat Melis Eraydın

Leyla Ruhan Okyay, turns her attention to an extraordinary family in this lively novel. With her humorous style, she invites readers into a household where everything falls apart after the mother breaks her leg. A warm and entertaining story about learning to work together.

communication in the family | grandfather-grandchild | cat | wedding | siblings | solidarity | cleaning | responsibility | house life | neighbourliness | illness | gravity

136 pages | Solid coloured illustrations | 7th edition: 2024

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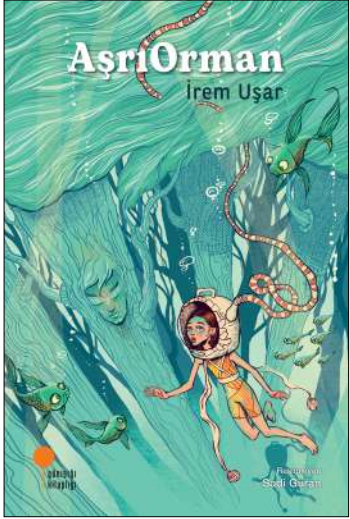
BRIDGE
Books

Novel | 120 x 180 mm

İrem Uşar



Beloved for her imaginative fantasy novels that transport readers to richly crafted worlds, İrem Uşar's works explore the themes of change, solidarity and the power of diversity.



FARWOODS

Illustrator: Sadi Güran

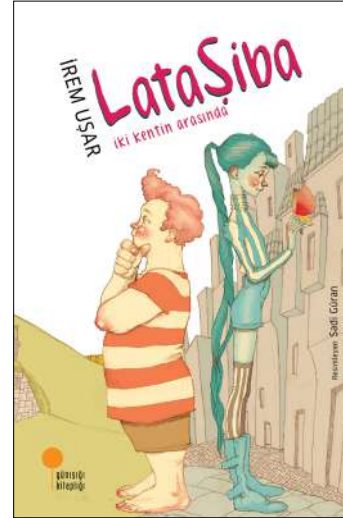
With her beloved fantasy novels, İrem Uşar takes her readers to a distant treeless universe this time. The extraordinary growth journey of three friends, who attract attention with their unique traits, intersects with the mysterious history of their country, tightly bound to the past and fearful of the future. The novel, which exalts the awe-inspiring diversity of nature, solidarity and adaptability, makes us contemplate how truths will eventually come to light, and the power of memory.

forest | nature | differences | myths | memory | secrets | past-future | seed | fantasy | curiosity | writing | underwater | mystery | solidarity | good-bad

176 pages
Black and white illustrations
2nd edition: 2025



Pink-haired, funny Sidra; optimistic giant Enerro; curious Bika, who walks on her hands... They are all eagerly waiting for the 13th Birthday Celebrations in Deep Forest. Growing up in RootLand, surrounded by tree roots, without any leaves or flowers, the children must recognize and fell their twin trees in the forest they will see for the first time. The port of their water-surrounded country comes to life with the sudden arrival of representatives from distant lands. Events that begin with panic over lost seeds will lead the three friends to a hidden past, and the true story of their country will be revealed...



LATASHIBA Between Two Cities

Illustrator: Sadi Güran

İrem Uşar, tells the dangerous yet fun story of two children living in contrasting cities who set out with similar feelings to explore the forbidden. The novel is about the two protagonists, who grew up unaware of each other in a society with strict rules, and their attempts to unite Latashiba. Adorned with colourful characters such as the Wise Bat and the Painters, it is a modern fairy tale that invites both children and adults to think about the rules that standardize and marginalise.

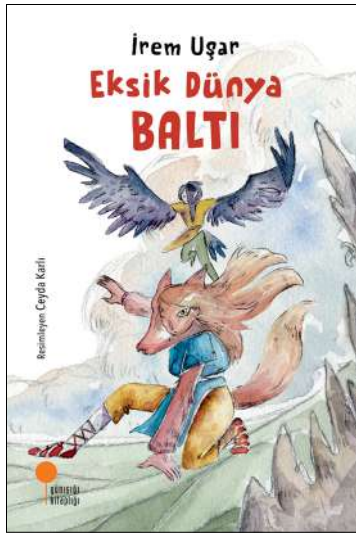
On one side, there's Shlopgeen living in Lata, the city of the Wides; on the other, Dara, living in Shiba, the city of the Narrows. These two children, unaware of each other, lead very different lives. In the city of Lata, life is pretty sweet and as abundant as twenty scoops of ice cream, while in Shiba, everything is as thin and long as a worm. When an old book, a transparent glass-frog, and a shadow appearing at a festival catch their attention, things take a turn! What could be beyond the high wall that defines the boundaries of their lives and cities?

courage | differences | fantasy | library | opposites | prohibitions | discovery | alienation | rules | standardization | crime-punishment

136 pages
Coloured illustrations
35th edition: 2026



As one of the prolific authors of contemporary Turkish literature, Uşar offers magnificent narratives to readers of all ages. With her rich metaphors and refined references, she invites her readers to extraordinary adventures.



BALTI: THE INCOMPLETE WORLD

Illust.: Ceyda Karlı

People of BALTI were living underground for 300 years to protect themselves from the war taking place on the face of the earth. However, strange things started to happen when during Uroboros Celebrations, the ceremonial snake swallowed itself: A family living underground and speaking an unknown language is found; light bulbs have melted. Maybe, it was now the time for young IDs to go to the surface full of mysteries...

subconscious | nature | mystery | library | courage | fantasy | underground | animals | art | war-peace | adventure | freedom | getting to know one's self | personal growth

Novel | 184 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations | 5th edition: 2023



LAMBKIN AND THE FUNFAIR FAMILY

Illust.: Huban Korman

In her award-winning book, İrem Uşar narrates the memories of her colourful family members in an equally colourful language. The book includes 13 stories that mostly revolve around the "funny granddad".

family | sisterhood | neighbourliness | grandfather-grandchild | proverbs | intergenerational communication | humour | division of labour | memories | game

Stories | 108 pages | 130 x 195 mm
Black and white illustrations
5th edition: 2024



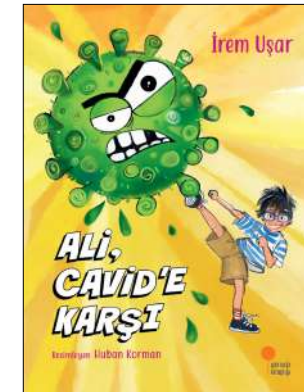
TOPSY TURVY STRAIGHT LINES

Illust.: Huban Korman

Lina, whose father's job is to draw straight lines on crosswalks and highways, is in trouble with lines. When the lines appear in school as well, she starts looking for straight lines in nature together with her friend Adem...

family | nature | questioning | rules | school life | debate | friendship | trip | alphabet | professions | Galileo

Novel | 136 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations
3rd edition: 2023



ALİ, AGAINST CAVID THE VIRUS

Illust.: Huban Korman

The life of Ali and his family has changed a lot due to the pandemic. Even though the family fully implements the protection measures, Granny Yaşar contracts the virus. Ali, on the other hand, unexpectedly encounters Cavid the Virus...

pandemic | science | quarantine | nature | distance education | hygiene | social distancing | healthy diet | hospital | professions | neighbourliness | social media | COVID-19

Novel | 112 pages | 150 x 200 mm
Coloured illustrations | 3rd edition: 2022

ÖMER ALWAYS SOLVES DETECTIVE AGENCY series

Illustrator: Suzan Aral

An exciting two-book series set against the historical backdrop of İstanbul, blending incredible events with a playful touch of fantasy.

Series
of 2 books
115.000
copies sold

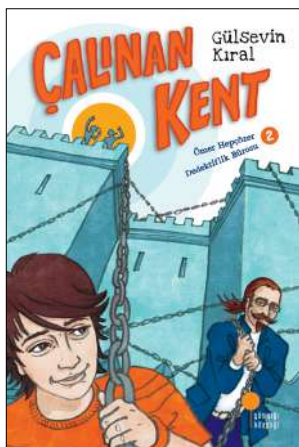


**THEY ARE
STEALING
İSTANBUL!**

Gülsevin Kiral writes about a chase full of interesting characters and mysterious traces. During the summer vacation, eleven-year-old Mustafa will work in the detective agency of Ömer Always solves, an old friend of his father. When strange things happen to the architectural monuments of İstanbul, the duo roll up their sleeves. With the help of Elif and her aunt, as their research deepens, surprising facts will come to light...

152 pages | 36th edition: 2026

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STOLEN CITY

The second book explores how a city loses its identity when severed from its values and history, weaving issues from Yedikule Fortress to the Great Wall of China, from Yenikapı excavations to tree slaughter. Less than a year after the international chase over İstanbul's monuments, new treasures and even a forest are in danger. To save their loved ones, the duo pursues thieves through mysterious passwords and clues...

168 pages | 13th edition: 2023

İstanbul | cultural heritage | ancient artifact thievery | museum | mystery |
monuments | detective work | friendship | research | history | love |
adventure | using one's mind | theatre | archaeology



Novel | 120 x 180 mm | Black and white illustrations

Gülsevin Kiral

Multi-award-winning author Gülsevin Kiral weaves themes of cultural heritage, urban change, and the environment into detective-like fiction that nurtures problem-solving skills.



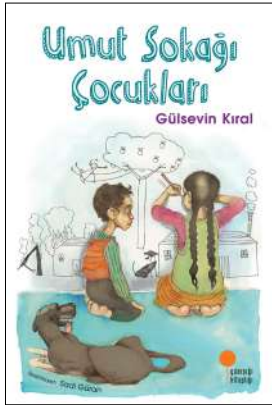
TEAM MEDMAN

On the first day of school, the science teacher announces a team project on future inventions, with ten winners to travel to Italy. Competition heats up as classmates form groups, ideas clash and friendships are tested. Meanwhile, Ege, Defne and Esin balance family responsibilities while shaping their project through storytelling. Ege's idea, combined with Defne's method and Esin's effort, seems to be paying off...

inventions | future | sciences | school life | project | artificial intelligence | friendship | talent | drone | creativity | writing | professions | business life | Erasmus Programme | Italy

Novel | 144 pages | 120 x 180 mm
6th edition: 2025

Award-winning children's author Gülsevin Kırıl masterfully captures the inner worlds and emotions of children, blending mystery-filled adventures with unforgettable, authentic characters.



THE HOPE STREET KIDS

Illust.: Sadi Güran

Those who migrated from Syria to İstanbul also live in the neighbourhood. A foreign journalist, the presence of Karabaş and the goals scored in the football match, thanks to Syrian Hasan, cheer up the neighbourhood...

immigration | war | love |
journalism | football | solidarity |
prejudice | longing |
neighbourliness | friendship |
unemployment

132 pages
Solid coloured illustrations
10th edition: 2024



THE MISSING NOTEBOOK

Class 6A plunges into chaos when their math teacher Fussy Filiz's notebook vanishes. As they search, the students uncover their true selves and reassess their friendships, while the garden of an old house reveals Fussy Filiz's hidden memories...

school life | diary | family | past |
exclusivism | prejudice | trust |
friendship | grading system | mystery |
teacher-student communication |
professions | good-bad |
neighbourhood life

124 pages
5th edition: 2026



UP AGAINST THE TROUBLESOME FOUR

Illust. Ebru Tatlısu

Ege brings the telescope that he's made to the classroom, but the Troublesome Four kills all his motivation. An idea comes to his mind for this gang of four, who make fun of Ceylan's teeth and always cheat!..

school life | friendship | solidarity |
peer bullying | telescope | homework |
to forgive | using one's mind |
detective work | astronomy

144 pages
Solid coloured illustrations
10th edition: 2025



IN WHICH ENVELOPE IS THE SECRET FORMULA?

Illust.: Anıl Çağatay

Engin and his friend produce a scary scenario when the social studies teacher snatches the envelope that the science teacher dropped. Moreover, another envelope appears in the private teaching centre...

school life | exam | curiosity |
private teaching centre | adventure |
friendship | daydreaming |
detective work | inter-family
communication | mystery |
teacher-student communication

112 pages
Black and white illustrations
24th edition: 2024

Author's narrative poetry books



**WHEN FLEAS WERE BARBERS
AND CAMELS WERE BROKERS**
Illust. Mustafa Delioğlu

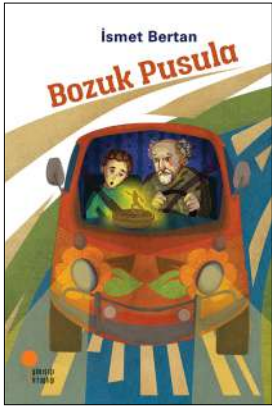


**PRETTY KITTY
WHIFFY KITTY**
Illust. Sadi Güran

İsmet Bertan



As an experienced documentary film producer who spends lots of time in nature, Bertan is highly successful in reflecting his observations about the relation between human beings and nature to his children's books within a film-like fiction.

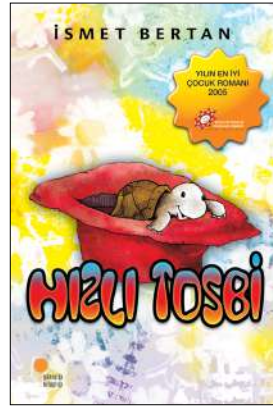


BROKEN COMPASS

During the summer holidays Tunç, a sixth grader, and his grandfather who just turned sixty, set off on a caravan trip they dreamed of. Leaving Ankara, the duo heads east in Anatolia, thanks to a strange compass moving in random directions...

trip | Anatolia | caravan | compass | grandfather-grandchild | cultural heritage | tracing | family history | mystery | dance | music | national parks | ancient cities | adventure | history | wandering | philosophy

Novel | 196 pages | 120 x 180 mm
6th edition: 2026



SPEEDY TOSBİ

Illustrator: Betül Sayın

Little turtle Tosbi is very happy in the garden with its friends. But when he falls into the talons of a hawk, things change. Luckily, he encounters Doctor Biri and animal friends...

adventure | friendship | mystery | zoo | good-bad | family | trip | longing | nature | experiment | turtle | game

Novel | 208 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations
17th edition: 2022

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CENGÂVER, THE BEWILDERED HERO

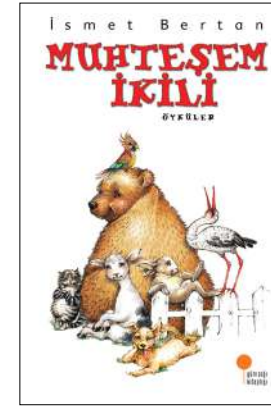
Illustrator: Necdet Yılmaz

Wide-eyed Cengâver, who finds himself on the road to the Land of Cash, has to propose to Sultan's ugly daughter, Melike Hindiba. Moreover, if he doesn't find the dragon's egg in the mountain, he will turn into a goose...

tales | legends | keeping one's word | trip | adventure | communication | laziness | using one's mind | courage | language games | good-bad | Keloğlan | Anatolia

Novel | 176 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations
5th edition: 2024

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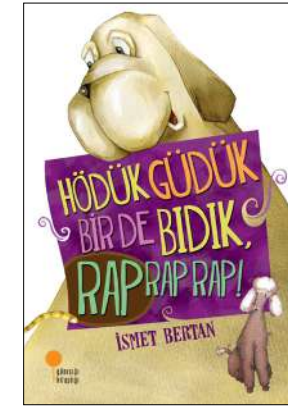
THE GREAT DUO

Illustrator: Gözde Bitir

Each of the realistic seven stories portrays the life of a different creature with impressive language, and conveys the communication of animals and humans with the likeness of a film...

animals | family | school | friendship | farm life | tourism | music | nature | village life

Stories | 120 pages | 130 x 195 mm
Black and white illustrations
8th edition: 2023



GAWKY, STUMPY AND BITTY, TRAMP TRAMP!

Illustrator: Reha Barış

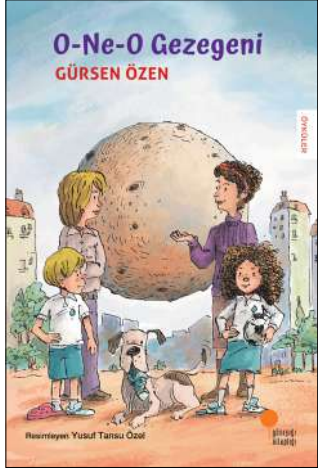
Hödük (Gawky) is a sad dog, who is thrown into the street when his owners lose interest in him. Just then, he meets Güdük (Stumpy) the lapdog and Bıdık (Bitty) the stray kitten. The helpless trio take shelter in each other...

animals | friendship | solidarity | responsibility | accident | bullying | struggle | animal rights | loyalty | conscience | love

Novel | 120 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations
6th edition: 2024

Gürsen Özen

Drawing on her experience as a teacher, Gürsen Özen weaves children's hopes, joys and disappointments into lively stories with a warm, literary voice, bringing the world of children closer to adult readers as well.



WHAT'S-THAT PLANET

Illustrator: Yusuf Tansu Özel

Stories of those who grow up without losing their spark...

In this warm-hearted collection of nine stories, Gürsen Özen invites readers into the lives of children who are eager to grow up, yet still want to stay little...

Happy students spilling out of the classroom like popcorn, their bellies full of play; lemon trees that grow apples, mispronounced carnations, lampposts that run backward, rolling suitcases, meals sweeter than Turkish delight, locked diaries, owning a keychain for the very first time, garden chases... Every story is for all the children whose happiness can barely be contained...

school life | neighbourliness | friendship | love | solidarity | games | memories | trip | intergenerational communication | teacher-student communication | neighbourhood life

Stories | 120 pages
130 x 195 mm | 1st edition: 2025



THE TABLE OF DELIGHTS

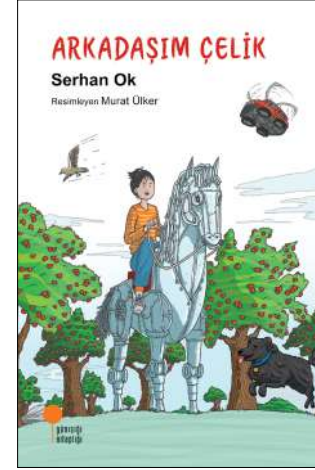
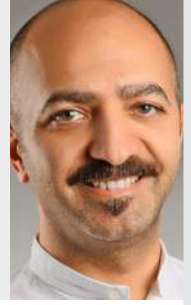


HOPPING STORIES
Illust. Mustafa Delioğlu

Other books
of the author

Serhan Ok

In his first novel for children published by Günışığı Kitaplığı, Serhan Ok tells a strikingly familiar story set in the world of the future, exploring timely themes such as the environment, robots, and artificial intelligence.



MY FRIEND STEEL

Illustrator: Murat Ülker

Make way for the wormy apples!

Serhan Ok imagines a near future of household robots and technological animals, while reflecting on the values we must preserve. While emphasizing the importance of starting to do good deeds for nature at our own homes, he portrays a rare and remarkable friendship.

When her father decides to leave the big city and settle in the countryside, Sena finds herself in a life she's not used to. Nothing can ease her longing for her old friends. While the family struggles to find buyers for their organic apples, a cunning broker begins to linger around. The unusual horse Sena encounters in the forest and secretly brings home, along with a violent storm, will upend the family's plans...

rural living | nature | prejudice | robot | environment | recycling | friendship | love of animals | plants | responsibility | moving | family | city life | organic farming | adaption | intergenerational communication | artificial intelligence

Novel | 112 pages
120 x 180 mm | 1st edition: 2025



Sevgi Saygi

Award-winning author Sevgi Saygi, gracefully instills detective elements into her books for children and young adults. Beloved for her mysterious fictions, she takes her readers on film-like adventures.



SHIMUGULA

Illust. : Huban Korman

Levent feels lonely all the time. He and his friend İzi, who is interested in magic, act out in ways that drive their families crazy. The painter in the park and the sudden events will make the fur fly...

friendship | comics | school life | magic | inter-family communication | detective | tracing | violence | park | using one's mind | drawing

200 pages | Solid coloured illustrations
13th edition: 2024



MY GRANNY IS AN ALIEN

Siblings, Alaz and Ayaz, struggle to make sense of their grandmother's everchanging moods due to Alzheimer's disease. According to them, aliens are behind this, if anything!..

aliens | responsibility | Alzheimer's | intergenerational communication | friendship | old age | detective work | nursing home | planning | grandmother | music | adventure

164 pages | 21st edition: 2025



THE PLAY DETECTIVES

Fırat and his family are part of the Flying Carpet Theatre Group. During summer, the children go on tour with their families as well. Things happen, while Fırat, who wants to write a detective play, dreams of becoming one with his bestie Deniz...

theatre | summer vacation | writing | Down syndrome | Aegean region | tour | festival | social media | responsibility | bullying | detective work | Pinocchio

200 pages | 3rd edition: 2024



BELOVED FREAK

Yaprak, fed up with her brother's mischief, finds refuge in the forest near her grandfather's village, where they went for summer holidays. She gets a toy named "Freak" and continues writing stories. Meanwhile, her grandfather is about to share a secret with her...

writing | toy | siblings | nature | growing up | friendship | intergenerational communication | forest | holiday | agriculture | prejudice | getting to know one's self | mystery | fairy tales

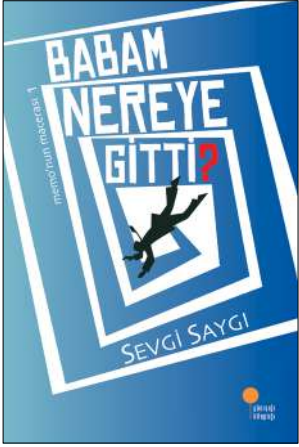
236 pages | 3rd edition: 2023

ADVENTURES OF MEMO series

Sevgi Saygı offers a breathtaking adventure to readers with her 3-book novel series that masterfully blends detective stories with science fiction.

Sevgi Saygı

Master author Sevgi Saygı takes the reader on exciting adventures woven with surreal elements and mystery in her beloved series “Adventures of Memo”. Her witty language offers an entertaining reading experience.



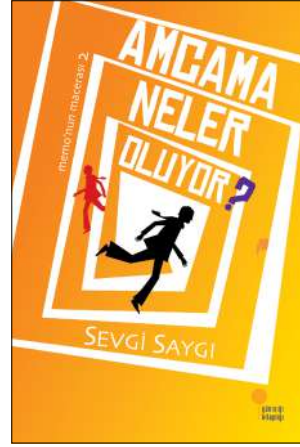
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WHERE DID DAD GO?

As Memo grows older, he gets more and more curious about his father, who disappeared years ago. The old camera he finds, brings him closer to him. He's bothered by his mother's engagement and the bullies at school. Fortunately, his friend Derinsu has clever ideas...

keeping a diary | mystery | longing | tracking | friendship | family | school life | intergenerational communication | adventure | bullying | adolescence | science fiction

256 pages | 19th edition: 2026



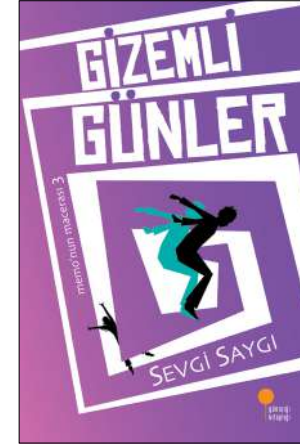
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WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY UNCLE?

Memo is bored after successfully bringing his family together. His uncle's strange behaviour and father's snap decisions are added on top of news of a new sister. Moreover, he's in trouble with the bullies at school again, and things don't go as expected with Derinsu...

technology | mystery | friendship | school life | bullying | sibling | family | detective work | adolescence | father | science fiction | time | adventure |

236 pages | 9th edition: 2023



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MYSTIC DAYS

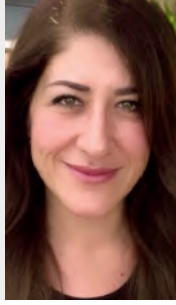
After finding his father years later, Memo has to deal with an even more chaotic family. He wants to solve the strange events he got involved in with his friends, and win Derinsu's heart again. However, his little sister Gizem has a very special talent...

cloning | friendship | computer | family | jealousy | secrets | detective work | bullying | adolescence | science fiction | first love | adventure |

216 pages | 7th edition: 2023

Hatice Demir

Educator and author Hatice Demir, known for her delicate and poetic narrative, delivers emotionally charged stories inspired by nature.



ONE OF THOSE DAYS

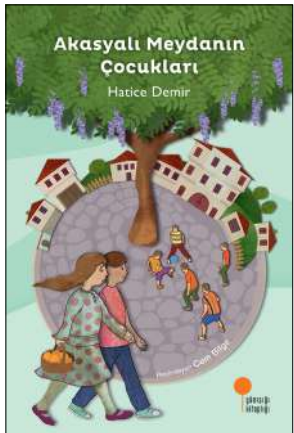
Illustrator: Ahmet Uzun

Sometimes life lodges in the wings of a crane.

Holidays Güneş spends in the village take a different turn. The unexpected change in her grandfather and playmate Kamil Efe's life, and Umut's resentment turn her world upside down...

grandfather-grandchild | village life | friendship | nature | loss of a parent | intergenerational communication | disabled life | memories | migratory birds | imagination

100 pages | 1st edition: 2024



KIDS OF ACACIA SQUARE

Illustrator: Cem Bilge

Trees are like human beings; they grow with love.

When a storm uproots the old acacia in the village square, Uncle Mustafa, who always sat in its shade, vanishes. As memories resurface, the mystery of the tree slowly unfolds...

village life | games | curiosity | memories | tree | love | intergenerational communication | helping | storm | friendship | agriculture | old age | football

100 pages | 3rd edition: 2024

Novel | Black and white illustrations | 120 x 180 mm

Neslihan Acu

In her first novel for children, Neslihan Acu takes her readers on a fantastic journey full of longing, love and surprises.



THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF BARIŞ

To look at the world with the curiosity and excitement of a child...

The novel humorously portrays the imaginary journeys of a curious child longing for his father, while celebrating childhood imagination.

Barış, a fan of space and history films, as well as comics, lives with his mother and older brother. While dreaming of entirely different worlds, he becomes increasingly bored with his everyday life. Even the life of Mistik, the strange green-eyed tabby cat in the garden, seems more interesting than his own. On the morning of the night he falls asleep dreaming of a brand new life, he finds himself in the midst of an incredible adventure...

cat | time | imagination | brotherhood | space | journey | comics | science | parallel universe | cinema | loss of a parent | animals | communication | longing | humour | experiment | science fiction | fantasy | curiosity | Paris

Novel | 196 pages
120 x 180 mm | 1st edition: 2024

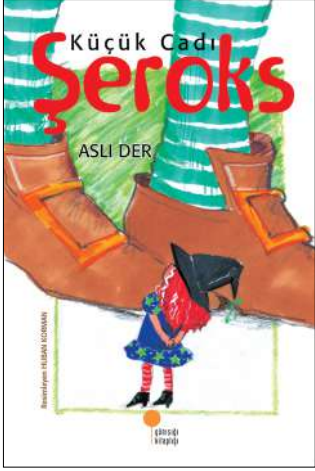
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SHEROKS series

Illustrator: Huban Korman



SHEROKS THE LITTLE WITCH

In this fascinating story, Sheroks, the little witch of the Story Land, starts a journey to earth to find new stories. On her way full of difficulties, Sheroks encounters with many interesting events and grows more mature each and every day.

travelling | tales | love | friendship | arrogance | adventure | courage | tolerance | confidence | fantasy | philosophy | forest

184 pages | 57th edition: 2026



BIG TRAP

Award-winning, stand-alone book of the series, talks about the dangers that may arise in case of impoverishment of the mother tongue, with a philosophical depth and a realistic perspective. A pleasant reading with its immersive fiction, simple expression and interesting heroes.

writing stories | solidarity | responsibility | reading books | mother tongue | communication | words | fantasy | archive | philosophy | good-bad | adventure

196 pages | 51st edition: 2026

Rights sold to ALBANIA



THE ROOMS OF PEACE

An ominous fog is spreading rapidly in the Storyland, where Prince Hortim has suddenly disappeared. The Rooms of Peace, which were established to resolve the problems and disputes by discussing and talking, have been replaced by the prince for a long time...

respect for rights | power | peace | negotiation | jealousy | friendship | compromise | communication | agreement | adventure | tracing | fantasy | philosophy

208 pages | 11th edition: 2024

Aslı Der

In her fantastic literature works blended with fairy tale tradition, Der deals with universal themes such as language, peace, virtues. She adds new questions, curiosities, interests to children's daily lives by offering contemporary readings to young people who are overwhelmed by social judgements.



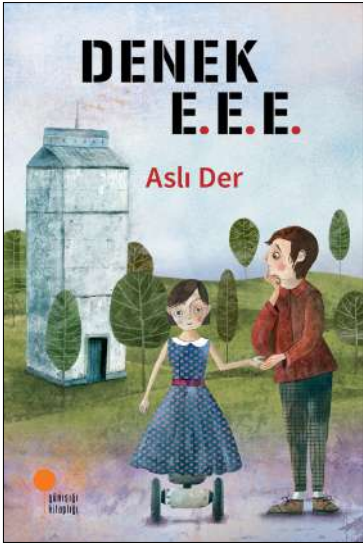
Award-winning, best loved series covering three stand-alone novels enriched with black and white illustrations. Each book of the series encourages philosophical thinking while having fun with the fast-moving fiction.

Rights of the series sold to IRAN



Novel | 120 x 180 mm | Black and white illustrations

Beloved, award-winning author of children's and young adult novels that allow philosophical questioning. She is well-known for her multilayered fantastic novels in which she interprets current day's issues. Der is Türkiye's nominee for ALMA 2022 award.



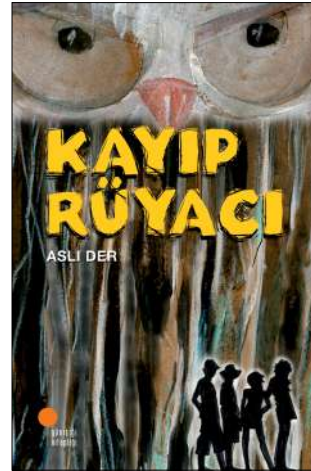
CASE STUDY: HOME-SCHOOLED EKİM

The world can be saved by those who invented it, not by AI!

A fascinating fiction about the improvements in the field of artificial intelligence, touching issues like the importance of socializing in childhood, over-protective families, global warming and migration. While narrating a scientific experiment, the author is giving thought-provoking clues about the human kind that is getting prepared to share a future with robots. While taking the readers to a philosophical journey between dreams and reality, the story is strolling on the borders of science fiction.

urbanization | storytelling | social life | migration |
friendship | ecology | dream | inter-family communication |
science | artificial intelligence | agriculture | science fiction |
homeschooling | experiment

184 pages | 10th edition: 2025

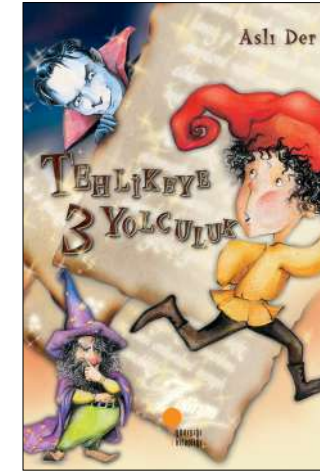


THE LOST DREAMER

Der discusses basic concepts such as beauty, self-knowledge, jealousy and lies in this novel. The book, based on a mysterious adventure of tracing, emphasizes that trust and solidarity among friends can sometimes help to overcome major problems.

using one's mind | tracking | talent | lie |
jealousy | friendship | fame | dreams |
beauty | solidarity | trip | adventure

196 pages | 17th edition: 2024



3 TRIPS INTO DANGER

The gasping struggle of the wizard's son, Magi, against the Prince of Evil Zoliran, takes children on a philosophical journey between the concepts of good and evil...

wisdom | magic | journey | good-evil | courage |
betrayal | adventure | master-apprentice | mystery |
heroism | justice | fantasy | philosophy

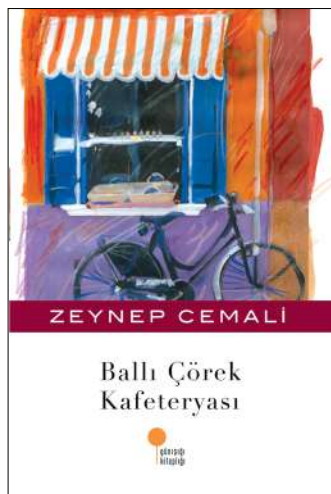
176 pages | 24th edition: 2025

Zeynep Cemali



She's an excellent storywriter who successfully applied her original style also to her children's novels. The beloved author died in 2009. An annual short story competition and an annual publishing conference are being organized in her name since 2010.

8 books
850.000
copies sold



HONEY COOKIE CAFÉ

The story of a daughter and a father who are trying to overcome the sorrow of losing a loved one.

After losing her mother, Sila finally opens the cafeteria named after her mom's famous recipe, with the support of her father and aunt. The colourful stories of the strange visitors of the cafe combined with her aunt's wedding preparations would be a life enriching experience for Sila...

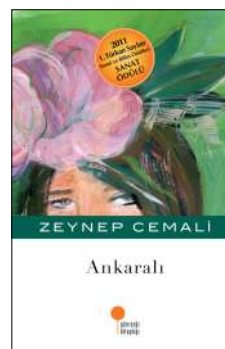
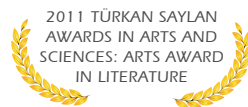
father-daughter | love | village life | traditions | working life | aunt | wedding | friendship | solidarity | loss of a parent | cuisine culture | communication | professions

Novel | 200 pages | 120 x 180 mm | 69th edition: 2026

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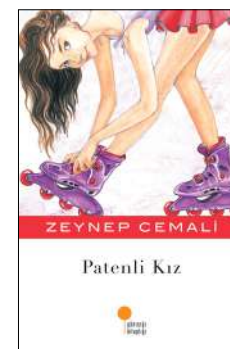


Novels

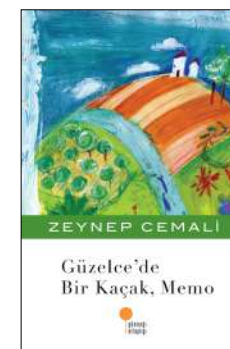


WOMAN FROM
ANKARA

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THE GIRL ON
ROLLER-SKATES
Illust. Gözde Bitir



MEMO, A RUNAWAY
IN GÜZELCE

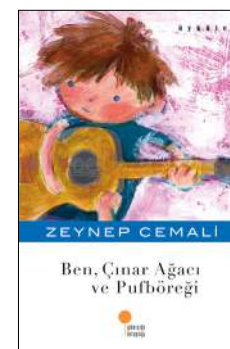
Stories



THE THORNS OF
ROSE STREET
Illust. Mahmut Cemali



MY ECCENTRIC DAD
Rights sold to BULGARIA



PUFF PASTRY, THE
OAK TREE AND ME
Illust. Mahmut Cemali



THE CAT IS STROLLING
THROUGH STORIES

Necati G ng r



He's recognized as one of the master storytellers of Turkish literature who received important literature awards. His stories depict various themes and feelings with a nostalgic sensitivity. His latest book for children covers stories focusing on father and child communication.



professions | poverty | poetry | memories | hunting | hope | heroic stories | conscience | communication | animals

Stories | 112 pages | 130 x 195 mm
2nd edition: 2020

DAD'S SO FAR AWAY NOW

Father stories told from the heart of childhood...

G ng r continues to tell the stories of real people and genuine feelings based on his observations build up over years. His rich collection of story books covering impressive and unforgettable stories about the relations between students and teachers, mothers and children, human beings and animals continues with this new book which focuses on the relation of fathers and their kids.

The book covers ten stories woven with kindness, conscience, empathy, adherence, longing and love, telling the emotional bond between fathers and their children from the eyes of both sides. Titles of ten stories: You were Waiting for a Bus, My Real Dad, The Hero of My Life, My Lovebird, Dad is So Far Away Now, My Dad and Grandpa, Mom's Notebook, Harmonica in a Starry Night, Esmeralda, Reading a Novel...

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Other books of the author



WRITE ME A STORY
ABOUT HUMANITY

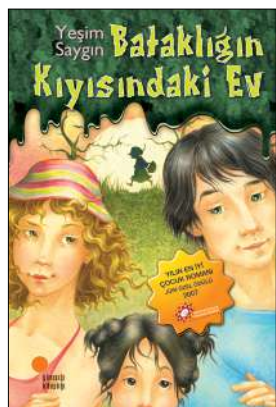
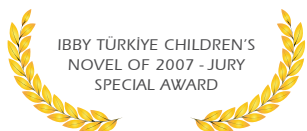


A HOUSE FOR MOM



MY DEAR TEACHER

BRIDGE
Books



HOUSE BY THE SWAMP

The mysterious Great Aunt, who lives in an old house on the edge of the swamp, invites Peren for the summer. The impressive young man Kuzey, the orphaned Little Savage who works at the only shop in town, and the mysterious Owl await Peren, who barely convinces her family...

summer holiday | prejudice | family | swamp | secrets | adventure | the past | town life | friendship | mystery | commitment | kitchen | trust

168 pages | 53rd edition: 2025

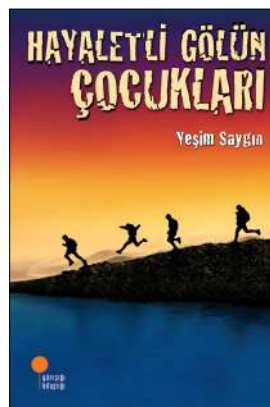


DIARY CODES

Ateş, who is sent to a small seaside town to work in the summer, is unhappy. Fortunately, his boring days are brightened up when he meets Arya and Çilli. As he listens to what befell İnci, Arya's eldest family member, 40 years ago, he becomes more and more curious about his environment...

keeping a diary | friendship | summer holiday | mystery | synaesthesia | adventure | detective | archaeology | communication in the family | mine | treasure hunting | nature

208 pages | 3rd edition: 2025



CHILDREN OF THE HAUNTED LAKE

Bored during the summer holiday, the three friends love the house and the stories of the Puppeteer, who moved to their street. While cycling around the lake with Melodi, who joins them, they see a cave in the rock. What they find in the cave is very surprising...

friendship | summer holiday | tracking | puppet | family | mystery | cinema | curiosity | lake | research | detective | bicycle | relic

160 pages | 33rd edition: 2025

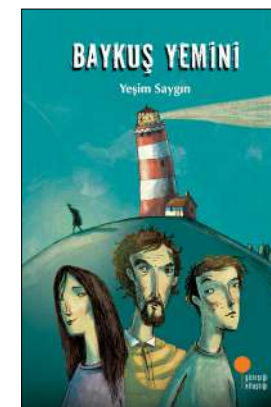


THE HARMONICA PLAYER

Teoman's school friends; basketball player Tolga, animal lover Spider, fencer Kivılcım... Teo becomes aware of his talent after receiving a comic book from a man. Finding the man's derelict house, Teo is surprised to see Fishbone, the troublemaker of the class, there too...

sports | friendship | secrets | school | comics | mystery | animals | the past | alienation | basketball | detective | talents

204 pages | 9th edition: 2024



THE OWL OATH

The smuggling of historical artifacts in the town affects Pi and Siam, who are keen on detective work. The two friends try to solve the mystery of the theft and to understand the quirks of their friend Jul, who lives in the lighthouse. In fact, they're against a crime gang...

adventure | friendship | lighthouse | trust | historical artifact smuggling | mystery | tracking | bullying | illness | detective | town life | solidarity | Jules Verne

164 pages | 10th edition: 2026



Yeşim Saygın

Yeşim Saygın, who is loved for her adventure novels, transforms rich themes inspired by daily life into intriguing fictions. She writes novels full of excitement and mystery, utilizing fantasies hidden in life.



Necati Tosuner

He is one of the master authors of Turkish contemporary literature. He founded and managed his own publishing house for long years. He received many prestigious awards appreciating his flawless and poetic language.



writing | vacation | seasons | neighbourhood | marketplace | language games | growing up | friendship | dreaming | communication

Stories | 88 pages

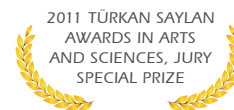
130 x 195 mm | 3rd edition: 2023

SOME LOVE SUMMER, SOME WINTER

Seasons are more beautiful in childhood!

Tosuner, the master author of short stories narrates different feelings and emotions children experience while growing up to be an adult. With his unique and incomparable narration style, Tosuner's stories make readers of all ages think about the meaning of life. By capturing the unforgettable moments spent with friends throughout the seasons these stories will remind every reader about the bittersweet journey of growing up.

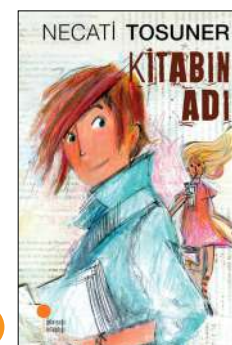
Penned with impeccable and plain language, Tosuner's stories stop by the memorable emotions of childhood such as hope, longing, family, love and games. The book covers nine interconnected stories that convey the emotions, daydreams and moments of childhood through the eyes of children. Not only child readers but also adults will enjoy these touching stories...



WHAT'S BOTHERING ARDA?



HOLD ON PETEK



NAME OF THE BOOK



MY UNCLE BECAME A BALLOON

Şener Şükrü Yiğitler

A promising author of children's literature, he received IBBY Türkiye's 2014 Jury Special Award with his first novel. Besides writing, he is working as a research assistant in the field of Turkish Language and Literature.



values | tourism | solidarity |
seafaring | myths | media | loyalty |
Lake Van | hope | Golden Horn |
ferry | cultural heritage |
Bosphorus | Istanbul

Novel | 108 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Solid coloured illustrations
4th edition: 2025



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A DISTANT SEA

Illustrator: Yusuf Tansu Özel

Chasing a dream from the
Golden Horn to Lake Van...

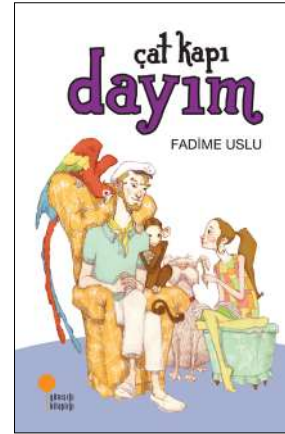
The hopeful story of Defterdar and
Sütlüce, little Golden Horn ferries
that dream beyond İstanbul and
find a new life on Lake Van...

*The calm waters of the Golden Horn
are stirred by the friendship of İstanbul's
cheerful ferries, Sütlüce and Defterdar.
Defterdar dreams of setting sail for
vast seas and oceans. One day, after
narrowly escaping great danger on
the Bosphorus, his life changes
completely. Yet the place where little
ferries are sent instead of the sea is
Lake Van, whose waters are said
to hide legends, and perhaps
even a monster...*



Fadime Uslu

One of the most promising authors of Turkish contemporary
literature. She writes books both for adults and children.
Working as an editor for important publishing houses,
Uslu carries out workshops for young authors.



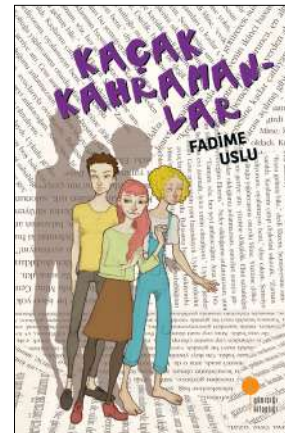
MY UNCLE OUT OF THE BLUE

The magic world a sailor uncle
brings to his curious niece!

*Şeyma's biggest dream is to write stories about
her family and friends. Her sailor uncle who visits
them every few years, inspires her a lot with his
interesting stories...*

writing | self-discovery | seafaring | love of animals | ideals |
friendship | different cultures | adventure |
inter-family communication

Novel | 120 pages | 120 x 180 mm | 10th edition: 2024



THE RUNAWAY HEROES

When the protagonists run out
to the real world!

*The untalented author, together with his son, sets
out in pursuit of three characters who have escaped
from his book draft. At the same time, the three
characters find themselves in an extraordinary
world among others just like them...*

authorship | writing | imagination | tracking | plagiarism |
solidarity | protagonist | family | creativity | choice of professions

Novel | 208 pages | 120 x 180 mm | 6th edition: 2024



MAYA'S TREE

Illust.: Gökçe İrten

A warm neighbourhood story opening the notion of “home” for discussion while standing by the side of children, trees, cats, crows...

Whispering that the coexistence may endure only with respect and love, the story reminds the young readers about the possibility to overcome injustice by solidarity. Enriched with beautiful illustrations, this book turns reading into pleasure with its effectual characters, places, fun and fluent literary style.

teacher | solidarity | neighbourhood life | marketplace | love of nature | grandfather-grandchild | crow | rights | communication | cat | municipality | making plans

Novel | 156 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Solid coloured illustrations | 14th edition: 2025

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Aytuğ worked in different publishing houses as an editor and translator of children's books for long years. Her first two children's books were published in 2010. Since then, she continues her career both as an author and editor of children's books.



Same day, two different stories! _____

Illust.: Merve Atılğan



I WAS SO BORED TODAY

A story humourously narrating the challenging day of Aret who's in trouble with his younger brother and with his beloved friend Aslı who is trying to save the cat on a tree.

yearning | urban life | solidarity | rural living | rescue | neighbourhood | love for animals | friendship | fire brigade

Novel | 104 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations | 3rd edition: 2022



PLANNED TO DREAM TODAY

A heartwarming story from the eyes of a girl who's trying to save a kitten stranded on top of a tree. Aytuğ is pointing out the differences in feelings and thoughts of children in an amusing way.

solidarity | shopkeeper | rescue | neighbourhood | love for animals | friendship | fire protection | clumsiness | admiration

Novel | 100 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations | 5th edition: 2024

Ahmet Buke

A childhood novel overflowing with love, joy and strange surprises from the award-winning author Ahmet Buke, beloved for his “Zeyno Books” series.



Karin Karakaşlı

One of the strong voices in contemporary literature, Karin Karakaşlı reflects on the past and present through the language of children and homes.



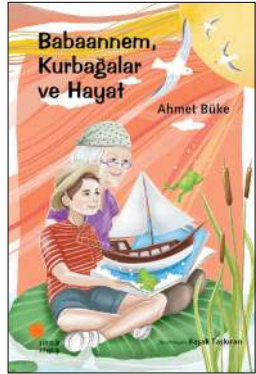
Kaan Elbingil

Award-winning author of Turkish contemporary literature tells a story of friendship and solidarity with his strong yet simple style.



Behçet Çelik

Behçet Çelik, a key figure in contemporary literature, brings the magic of games and solidarity in his first children’s novel.



GRANDMA, FROGS AND LIFE

Illustrator: Başak Taşkıran

His grandmother, with whom he has lived since the age of nine, gifts him a notebook. In time, the notebook begins to fill with strange but happy memories of the town and the neighbours: Those who want to go to space, those who collect snow from the mountain, pilot ladies...

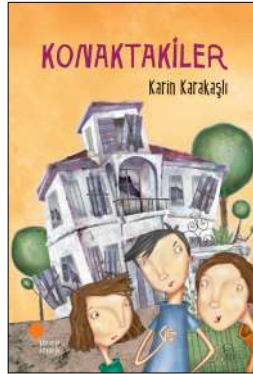
keeping a diary | memories | marine | grandma | math | intergenerational communication | animals | scouting | camping | fossil | kite | picnic | neighbourliness | flood | culinary culture | apprenticeship | apartment life

104 pages | Black and white illustrations
3rd edition: 2025

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BRIDGE
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RESIDENTS OF THE OLD MANSION

The Trio Gang’s favourite game is to spend time in the big “haunted house” in the neighbourhood. The friends, who ignore warnings about the sounds coming from the abandoned house, encounter an unexpected scene while playing in the house one day...

solidarity | prejudice | past | neighbourhood life | love | immigration | friendship | death | family | mother tongue | mansion

144 pages | 3rd edition: 2019

FIRST
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YA
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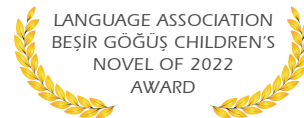


DON'T CALL ME BROTHER!

Salih Emre’s family invites a foreign student named Hans for him to keep company. Exhausted by debt, things take an unexpected turn at their soup shop. Salih’s life begins to change, as his relationship with Hans and his neighbour Elif begins to blossom...

brotherhood | family | sharing | shopkeeper | tourism | writing | responsibility | lie | trust | moving | concert | orphanage | music | theatre | economic crisis

144 pages | 5th edition: 2024



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NO-BAGS CAMP

Five friends meeting on summer vacation, find the chance to camp in a cute and woodsy neighbourhood. The group becomes friends with Uncle Akif, who lives alone in an empty apartment; they are surprised when the door of their playhouse is locked...

urban transformation | summer camp | game | the past | neighbourhood life | holiday | secrets | friendship | apartment life | adventure | intergenerational communication

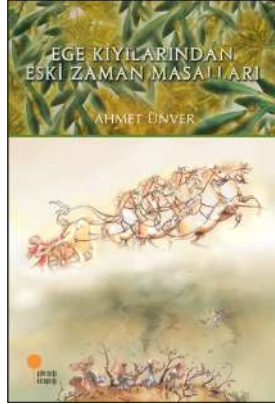
164 pages | 7th edition: 2026

YA
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BRIDGE
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Ahmet Ünver

Being a public relations professional, journalist, translator and an arts critic, Ünver is very successful in attracting children's attention to mythology, relating the ancient time stories to current times.



TALES OF ANCIENT TIMES FROM AEGEAN SHORES

Illust.: Gözde Bitir

Ancient stories of Aegean shores come alive to meet with today's children!

Eight wonderful stories of mythical figures from east coast of Aegean Sea are waiting to be discovered by the child readers.

mythology | gods-goddesses | communication | riches | emotions | love | legends | Ancient Age | history | cultural communication | epic | good-bad

Stories | 120 pages | Black and white illustrations
130 x 195 mm | 42nd edition: 2025



Nihat Ziyalan

Besides being a well-known actor from the old days of Turkish cinema, Ziyalan is an award-winning author and poet with published works of poetry, novels, and stories. He lives in Sydney.



LOVE IN SHORT PANTS

The heat and smell of his hometown emanates from the childhood stories of a master!

Six stories telling the life of a child growing up in rural Adana in the frightening and insecure atmosphere of World War II, with his own words and perspective.

war | solidarity | rural living | poverty | neighbourliness | games | family | circumcision | Adana | school life | holiday | collective work | military

Stories | 128 pages | 130 x 195 mm
2nd edition: 2011



Raife Polat

Polat successfully narrated an unusual background of quirky characters combining with music and nature, while pointing out important issues such as copyrights and internet publishing.



SONG OF THE GIANT

Illust.: Sadi Güran

What if a giant becomes a rock star?

The guitar player Enzo meets a lovely couple of giants living in the forest nearby. When Enzo finds out the enchanting melody of his dreams belongs to Giant Mr. Iğl, he wants to share his talent on the internet...

social media | music | friendship | fame | change | nature | internet | orchestra | talent | adventure | summer holiday | copyrights

Novel | 200 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Coloured illustrations | 2nd edition: 2016

Necdet Neydim

As a professor of German literature, Neydim translated the works of many important German authors into Turkish. Besides his academic books, he writes poems and stories for children.



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DO YOU KNOW HOW TO WHISTLE?

Necdet Neydim's 47 poems for children reflect the concerns, aspirations, joys, and rapidly changing lives of today's children with simple and impressive language. Written from the children's perspective, these cozy poems are successful in endearing this special form of literature.

peace | friendship | childhood | nature | teacher-student communication | family | associations | love of animals | philosophy

88 pages | 23rd edition: 2025



APPLE OF MY EYE

Necdet Neydim's second book of poems contains 43 poems expressing childlike feelings, occasionally reflecting the melancholy of growing up or the inner voice of old age. The poet also makes references to the well-loved poems of master poets with word plays based on homophony and similarities in meaning.

childhood | love | family | past-present | father-daughter | emotions | nature | associations | holiday | school life | poets

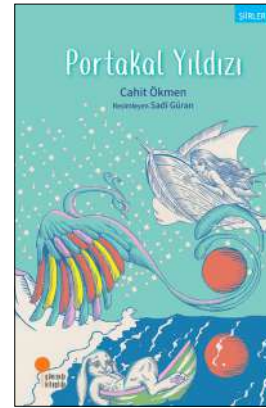
92 pages | 10th edition: 2024

Illustrator: **Suzan Aral**

Poetry | 130 x 195 mm | Coloured illustrations

Cahit Ökmen

Poet and educational administrator Cahit Ökmen has received numerous prestigious national awards for his work. His poetry beautifully captures the pure emotions of children.



ORANGE STAR

Illustrator: **Sadi Güran**

Reflecting the cheerful voice, mischievous laughter, wondering eyes and even anxious thoughts of childhood with effective and pure language, Ökmen's verses are appealing not only to children but also to the never growing child hidden in every adult. The 27 poems capture nature, life and a plethora of emotions.

love | family | animals | birthday | dreams | longing | past | seasons | painters | flying | game | museum | space | library | associations | Van Gogh

Poetry | 80 pages | 130 x 195 mm | Coloured illustrations
9th edition: 2023

Other poetry books for children



Müslim Çelik

WEENY

Illustrator: **Müslim Çelik**



Adil İzci

CALL IT DENİZ

Illustrator: **Sadi Güran**

First Books

Ages 3-8



Illustrated books aiming for preschool children to establish a continuous and creative relationship with books. Books for early readers, enriched with illustrations prepared by keeping the ideal text and illustration balance, helping them to enjoy reading.

NEW

Kaan Elbingil | İrem Jung

Known for his entertaining three-book “Berk” series, Kaan Elbingil teams up with young artist İrem Jung in this illustrated story that helps little readers make peace with the unfamiliar and with everything that scares them!



DURU AND THE DARKLING



imagination | grandfather-grandchild | sleep | fear |
game | family | vacation | daily life | memories |
park | trust | night | present

Picture book | 36 pages | 200 x 230 mm
Coloured illustrations | 1st edition: 2026

We grow as we face our fears...

Opera singer and author Kaan Elbingil’s joyful story for young readers comes to life through illustrator İrem Jung’s tender, expressive artwork. The memories and conversations shared by a grandfather and his grandchild will inspire readers of all ages, showing how fears can be overcome through creative communication, imagination, love and understanding.

Five-year-old Duru feels all grown up; she even chooses what to wear to preschool. She is especially excited when her grandfather comes to visit from İzmir. They spend the day at the park, chatting and eating strawberry cake. That night, Duru asks him not to turn off the light because she is afraid of the dark. The next day, her grandfather introduces her to Darkling, who is lonely and always misses out on the fun. Can Duru help?..



BERK series

Illustrator: Merve Atılgan

An inventor, an opera singer or
a detective... Be what you want!



BERK THE LITTLE GENIUS

Berk's mind is full of ideas to become new inventions: Water which doesn't make you sick when drunk sweatily, a ball which doesn't make any noise, a needle that doesn't hurt... He turns the place upside down while trying to prove that he's an inventor!..

skill | sibling | innovation | gramophone |
gifted | genius | family | creativity |
foreign language | guest

72 pages | 23rd edition: 2026



BERK BECOMES AN OPERA SINGER

Berk's only desire is to go for holidays, whereas all his friends are rushing from one course to the other because of their competitive parents. One day, a new neighbour, who's an opera singer moves in. Would Berk discover his hidden talent with the help of this new neighbour?..

talent | sibling | opera | neighbourliness |
music | going on stage | family | dog | drama |
courses | summer holiday | apartment life

80 pages | 4th edition: 2024



BERK AND CHIP CHIP

Berk decides to become a detective. He believes that is the most important job in the world. His dog Chip Chip becomes his partner. When they handle their first robbery case, things get a little bit complicated as the neighbours claim that Chip Chip is guilty. Will Berk be able to clear the name of his partner?..

yoga | old age | dog | gift | friendship |
doubt | family | crime-punishment | talent |
detective work | mystery | shopkeeper

88 pages | 5th edition: 2025

Kaan Elbingil

Opera singer and positive dog trainer Elbingil became a well-known and beloved children's author with his Berk Series books. The amusing, stand-alone books of the series are liked not only by child readers but also by educators and parents.

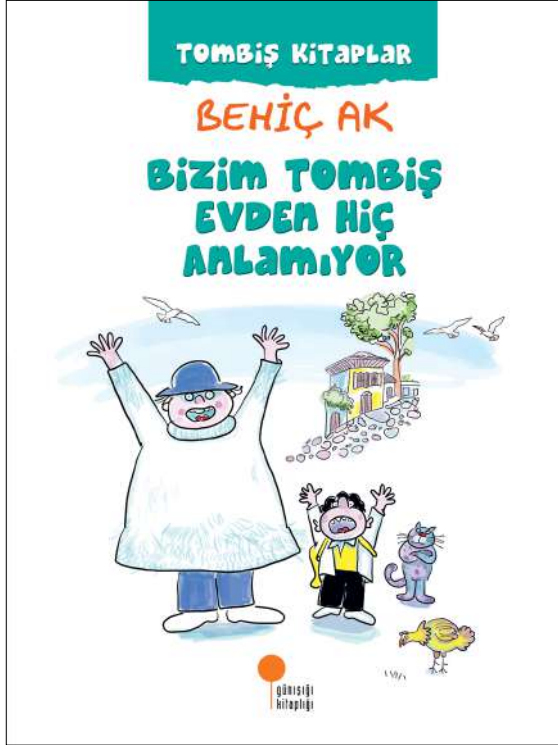


CHUBBY BOOKS series CHUBBY DOESN'T GET HOUSES AT ALL

Behiç Ak



In the sixth book of his lively “Chubby Books” series, acclaimed author and artist Behiç Ak invites children to look more closely at the world around them.



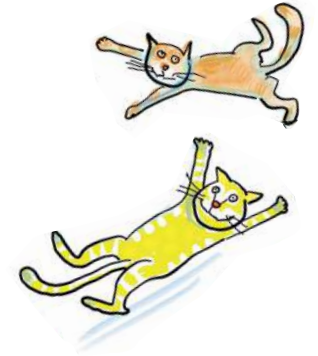
“Cats don’t need house numbers to find their way.”

The beloved “Chubby Books” series by master humorist Behiç Ak reaches its sixth installment. This time, curious Memo and his friend Chubby set off toward Memo’s grandfather’s house, following the signs that shape their neighbourhood along the way. With its playful tone, the story gently reveals how homes, streets and entire neighbourhoods come to life through people and their stories, inviting readers to notice the beauty in small details. Inspiring children to ask their own questions and create their own stories, the book offers a rich and imaginative reading experience for both young readers and adults alike.

On a sunny spring day, Memo sets off for his grandfather’s house, with Chubby by his side. Along the way, Chubby keeps asking about the neighbourhood, the street and the house number. But Memo answers each question with a different story, because to him, there’s no need to know the address at all. Following Pamuk, the storks, a blossoming oleaster and the stories of the neighbours is more than enough to lead them home...

neighbourhood life | trees | animals | grandfather-grandchild | philosophy | house | nature | numbers | questioning | curiosity | creativity | observation | cats | humour

Short story | 56 pages | 150 x 200 mm
Coloured illustrations | 1st edition: 2026



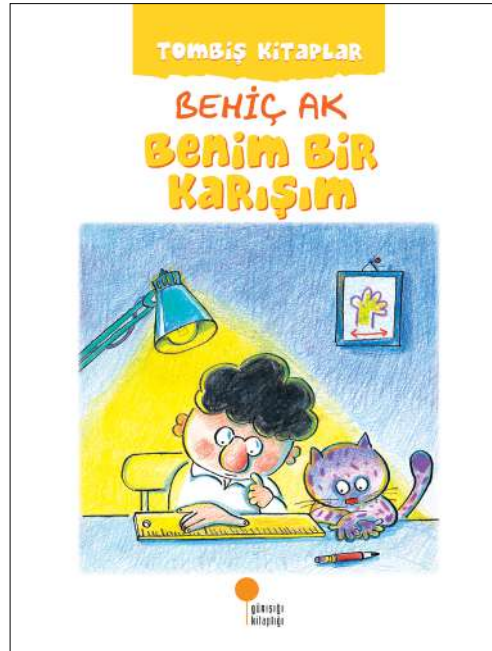
CHUBBY BOOKS series

Colourful stories encouraging children to ask their own questions and create their own stories, inspiring them to develop ideas and meanings.

Series
of 6 books
350.000
copies sold

Behiç Ak

Being a talented and successful caricaturist, Ak's illustrations are as powerful and colourful as his stories. He has so far written and illustrated 39 children's books attracting readers' attention with their philosophical background.



curiosity | body | professions | imagination |
friendship | differences | art | nature | questioning |
communication | philosophy | discoveries

Short story | Coloured illustrations | 68 pages
150 x 200 mm | 49th edition: 2026

HOW LONG IS MY HAND

A new answer, a different world in every span!

In the first book of the "Chubby Books" series for pre-school children and early readers, Behiç Ak uses an interesting narration style supported with his colourful illustrations. The story makes the readers think on how the size of a hand span differs from one person to another and how a span can have different meanings for different people.

Shaking hands with the repairman Ali, Memo realizes that his hand gets lost in portly man's palm. Memo worries that his hands will always remain this small. Wondering about other people, he starts to ask everyone he meets about the size of their span. Wow! There are so many different hand spans. Some are as wide as eight notes, some are as wide as the Moon. Can a hand span have so many different meanings for people?..



Other books of the series



THE MANY WAYS
OF A STONE



CHUBBY ADORES
BOWTIE PASTA



WHEN WAS I BORN?



CHUBBY DOESN'T
WANT TO JOIN THE
MASQUERADE

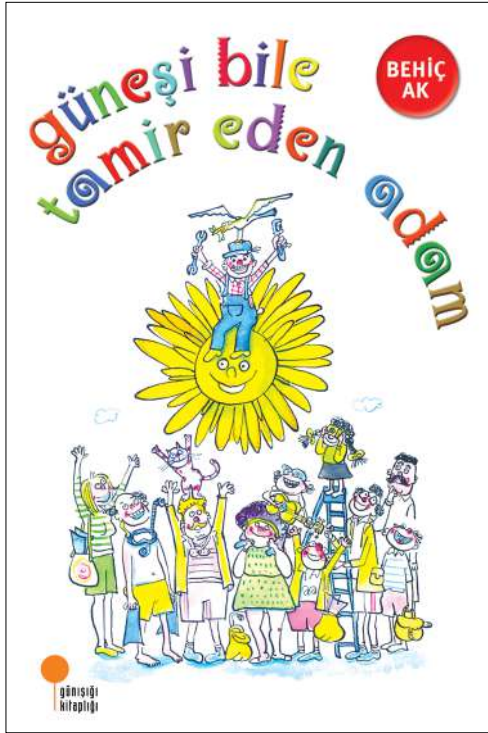
CHEERFUL STORIES series

Turning universal themes and social issues into humorous stories with colourful caricatures, Ak attracts attention of readers from all ages.

Series
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2.8 million
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Behiç Ak

Ak studied architecture at university. Architectural education helped him to develop a better awareness and deep understanding of people, social life, and the world we are living in; which he successfully reflects to his stories.



THE MAN WHO REPAIRS EVEN THE SUN

A humorous story which will make children think about consumption frenzy.

This universal and timeless story questions the excessive consumption habits and makes us think about the value of what we own. With his humorous style, Ak is offering a joyful yet thought-provoking reading experience to his child readers. This story is full of clues about how to change and renew our lives while still respecting the past.

Repairman Mr. Kadir living on an island, mends everything, even the broken hearts! He not only repairs but also tells the stories of everything he repairs. The white goods seller doesn't like the repairman as he sees him as an obstacle to selling new goods. The islanders also are bored of their old possessions and want to buy new things. Eventually, they get together and make a plan to send the repairman away for some time...

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respect | past | old wares | holiday | economy |
consumption frenzy | conservation | communication |
island life | diligence | professions

Short story | Coloured illustrations | 68 pages
130 x 195 mm | 84th edition: 2026



THE STAIRS LEADING
TO THE PAST

HAVVA AND
THE TURTLE

Other books of the series

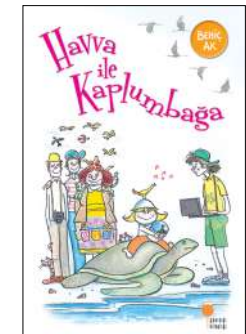


CATS' SEASON OF
DISAPPEARANCE

Rights sold to GERMANY



THE DOG IN
THE FRIDGE



CHEERFUL STORIES series

Each book of the series, which deals with the importance of perceiving and understanding life from different perspectives, reminds us of the value of observation, individual exploration and imagination.



social responsibility | neighbourhood life | municipality | Istanbul | internet | Galata Tower | brotherhood | animal rights | zoo

Short story | Coloured illustrations | 92 pages
130 x 195 mm | 56th edition: 2026



GALATA'S LAZY SEAGULL

The fluttering struggle of loving hearts for living together peacefully in a big city!

The story which takes Galata Tower, one of the historical symbols of İstanbul, in its centre, shows how big social responsibility movements can develop out of a small community. This is a unique city tale making the readers think about how technological communication tools cause people to become alienated from real life and the reality of social media networks.

Unlike her elder brother, Hülya has no interest in internet and technology. What she understands well and is interested in is the language of animals. She is very much worried when she learns that the Galata Tower in their neighbourhood will completely be surrounded with a curtain for renovation. Getting together with her brother to save the lives of baby swift birds in the nests between the wall stones of the tower, they try to find a way to warn the local authorities...



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Behiç Ak

Being a versatile artist, Ak's different way of looking at people, nature, urban space, buildings and objects - in short, everything that surrounds us - is reflected with a humorous and responsible style in all his works.

Other books of the series

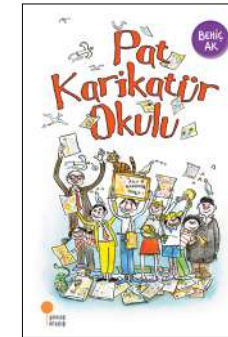


THE BOY WHO LOVES FERRIES

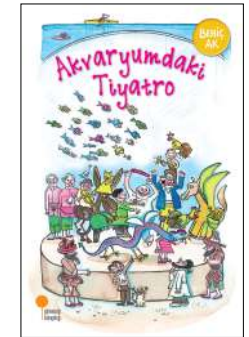


ALAADDIN'S CHATTERING WATERPIPES

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PAT CARTOON SCHOOL

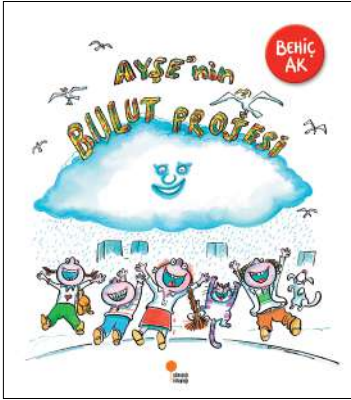


THEATRE IN THE AQUARIUM



Behiç Ak

Behiç Ak's picture books offer a rich visual reading experience and open the way to future philosophy readings for early readers. He's an internationally known author whose books are published in Japan, Germany, Korea and China.



AYŞE'S CLOUD PROJECT

Determined to save the dried-up walnut tree in their garden, Ayşe teams up with her cat Sarman to create a rain cloud. As they embark on a journey on a small cloud, they learn about the water cycle, environmental issues and the importance of water conservation...

ecosystem | water | climate crisis | drought | science | environmental pollution | population | waste | dam | soil | geography | city planning | traffic | air pollution

68 pages | 200 x 230 mm | 4th edition: 2025



THE PLANE TREE WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Ayşe and Ahmet think that their father is just like the old plane tree in the village. He is as big as a giant, and sleeps all the time. When they hear that the giant plane tree has dried, they wonder if the old tree is suffering from high blood pressure like their father?..

love of nature | sea | friendship | brotherhood | community life | game | sickness | childhood | tree | rural life | fairy tales | animals

32 pages | 200 x 230 mm | 19th edition: 2024

Rights sold to CHINA



MARBLES

İbo returns home from the funfair with a cube filled with hundreds of shiny, colourful glass marbles. İbo's father, who's disturbed by his son's obsession, throws the marbles out of the window! However, all children of the neighbourhood are now on the street, charmed by the marbles. All adults get together to stop this madness, but how?..

game | funfair | friendship | marbles | sharing | making plans | family | competition | communication | neighbourhood life

28 pages | 230 x 200 mm | 14th edition: 2025



THE CLOUD THAT CAME INDOORS

Teeny Koko & his dog Bonbon, living on top of a skyscraper, aspire at the life below. One day a cloud glides in through the open window. This soft cloud, continuously changing shape, turns into a plane and flies them out to the sky. A blue, fluffy adventure awaits the two friends...

love of animals | traffic | solidarity | sky | play | friendship | freedom | city life | imagination | skyscraper

28 pages | 230 x 200 mm | 7th edition: 2025



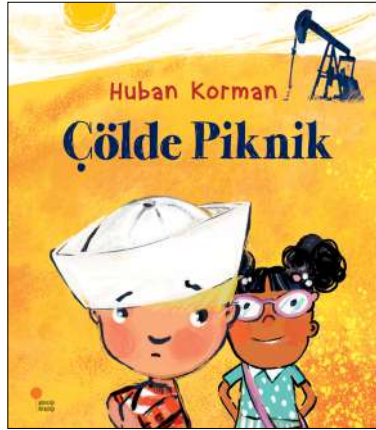
This book was first published in 2007 by WWF Türkiye. It was updated under the consultancy of water expert Akgün İlhan.

CHILDREN
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ADULT
Fiction

Huban Korman

Internationally acclaimed artist Huban Korman brings young readers illustrated stories filled with the joy and colours of our planet Earth and of the Turkish Republic...



environmental pollution | nature | clean energy | wind turbine | picnic | siblings | imagination | oil refinery | fear | dragon | words | colours | monster | engineer

Picture Book | 36 pages | 200 x 230 mm
Coloured illustrations | 1st edition: 2025



WOW, WHAT A DAY!
Picture Book | 36 pages

PICNIC IN THE DESERT

Master artist Huban Korman tells a sun-drenched story based on memories of her childhood in Batman, southeastern Türkiye. Told through the eyes of a child, the story transforms the picnic adventure of a family living near an oil refinery into a colourful tale, which illustrates the importance of increasing clean energy sources. She plants a wish full of hope for the future of the world's children.

When his father suggests going on a picnic, Mustafa starts packing his bag. But on the road to their breezy picnic dream, they cannot find a single tree for shade. As they move through the golden desert to take shelter in the shadow of a giant oil pump, Mustafa hears frightening sounds and clings to his sister's skirt. Listening to the siblings' colourful dreams, Uncle Yücel who is an engineer, promises them a surprise...

Füsun Çetinel | Cansu Dinç

Author Füsun Çetinel and illustrator Cansu Dinç bring to life a warm and playful story about a bear family whose hibernation is disturbed by careless visitors.



natural life | bears | hibernation | picnic | environmental pollution | nature | forest | ecosystem | seasons | animals | family | emotions | imagination | humour

Picture Book | 36 pages | 200 x 230 mm
Coloured illustrations | 2nd edition: 2026



THE QUEEN'S ADVENTURES
3 Cheerful Stories
Illust. Merve Atılğan
Short story | 100 pages

WARNING: BEWARE OF HUMANS!

Beloved for her books written for children and young adults, Füsun Çetinel this time creates a playful story for little ones about how humans disrupt nature's balance. The untimely awakening of a bear family from hibernation comes to life through illustrator Cansu Dinç's unique, colourful drawings, taking readers on a delightful visual reading adventure.

The brown bear has just been awakened from hibernation. The noises coming from outside the cave have interrupted the bear family's sleep before winter has even arrived. When they step out of the cave, they are astonished to see the source of the noise in their forest: HUMANS! The meadow is full of plastic trash and trout are being caught... The bear family looks for a way to chase away the humans, who, with their shouting and commotion, have disturbed the peace of the entire forest...

CHILDREN
Books

YA
Books

Karin Karakaşlı

As one of the most prominent authors of Turkish contemporary literature, Karakaşlı writes books not only for adults but also for children and young adults.



VOLANTE THE FLYING GIRL

Illust.: Merve Atılğan

The story of a child who paints her dreams across the sky!

Volante feels different from her “perfect” older sister, her constantly crying little brother and her mother. One day she slips away from her family. While wandering around she meets with new people who will influence her dreams...

talent | siblings | trip | imagination | drawing | airport | writing | intergenerational communication | family | boredom

88 pages | 12th edition: 2026

THE NIGHT SUN

Illust. Şirin D. Yenen

Short story | 92 pages

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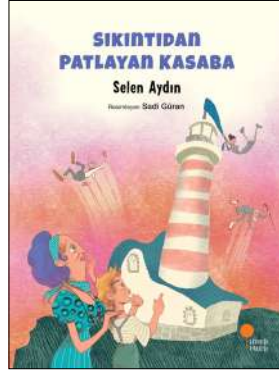
CHILDREN
Books

YA
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BRIDGE
Books

Selen Aydın

Writing joyful, colourful stories for young readers, Selen Aydın celebrates curiosity, discovery and imagination with a playful sense of humour and a mischievous eye.



THE TOWN OF BOREDOM

Illust.: Sadi Güran

Bring an old dream, take home a new one!

Mrs. Tepedenbakan found it very strange that people cared about nothing but their work. To her, the town seemed frozen in place. Then one day, the townsfolk began to burst from boredom. When the town's doctor also burst, an imaginative child came up with an idea...

imagination | boredom | discoveries | curiosity | town life | geography | professions | painting | animals | hobbies | idioms | plants | lighthouse

72 pages | 4th edition: 2026



THE CANDLE AFRAID OF THE DARK

Illust. Huban Korman

Picture book | 44 pages

Ömer Açık

Known for his compelling storytelling, Ömer Açık offers young readers a colourful story that celebrates human connection and the power of solidarity.



AN AMAZING DAY TO REMEMBER

Illust.: Eylem Koçyiğit

Keeping memories alive gives significance to our stories...

Güneş loves stories and spending time in the park. When her grandfather shares a memory from the past, she begins to follow its traces. The camp night they organize with neighbours and friends will turn into a time of remembering bittersweet days around the fire...

children's park | father-daughter | game | storytelling | memories | earthquake | solidarity | prejudice | recollection | neighbourhood life | refugee | grandfather-grandchild |

68 pages | 2nd edition: 2025

CHILDREN
Books

Short story | 150 x 200 mm | Coloured illustrations

İrem Uşar

She is a well-known children's and young adult fiction author. Before starting to write books, Uşar worked as a reporter, editor and scriptwriter. She is also a tai chi trainer. She lives in İstanbul with her dog.



trust | toy | sleep | night | exploring | dreams | differences | curiosity | animals | shelters

Picture book | 28 pages
200 x 230 mm | 11th edition: 2025

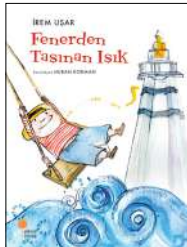
THE KID SEARCHING FOR HER SLEEP

Illustrator: Merve Atılğan

In this amusing one-night journey of a small girl, the child reader witnesses the sleeping styles of various animals, while walking on the line between dreams and reality. A colourful reading experience not only with its simple and impressive storytelling style, but also with its marvelous illustrations.

It was nightfall and all dark outside. Losing her sleep, the girl was tossing and turning in her bed. She eventually decided to go out to find it. She first visited the neighbour horse but couldn't sleep standing like him. Then visited the bear, bat, flamingo and many more... She knocked on the doors of all her neighbours. Guess where did this sleepy child, walking in the streets in her pajamas, eventually fall asleep?..

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THE LIGHT THAT MOVED FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

Illust. Huban Korman

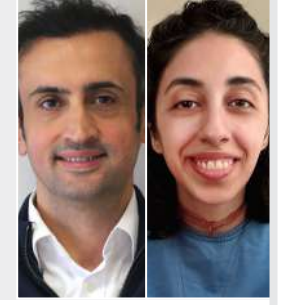
Short story | 92 pages

CHILDREN
Books

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Şener Şükrü Yiğitler Büşra Kaygın Gafarov

Award-winning author Şener Şükrü Yiğitler and illustrator Büşra Kaygın Gafarov bring to life the "hibernation" adventure of two sibling bears affected by global warming.



seasons | hibernation | books | bears | journey | North Pole | imagination | fairy tales | game | penguin | robot | health | digital | curiosity | natural life | brotherhood | exploring | global warming

Picture Book | 32 pages
200 x 230 mm
Coloured illustrations
1st edition: 2024



CHILDREN
Books



SWEET DREAMS, SLEEP TIGHT

Academician and author Şener Şükrü Yiğitler, who is loved for his novel *A Distant Sea*, tells the story of two sibling bears who cannot hibernate and a child who helps them. The colourful adventure extending from an attic to the poles comes alive with Büşra Kaygın Gafarov's unique illustrations. The illustrated story, which travels on the border between dream and reality and glorifies the magic of books, brings readers of all ages together on a loving journey of "sleep".

Big Bear and his sister Little Bear can't sleep because of the extreme heat. İnci, who wants to help the siblings living in the attic, takes out the fairy tale books that will make it easier for the sibling bears to fall into hibernation and starts to read them. But this doesn't work either. Eventually, İnci finds the solution in a book she reads: In order for the sibling bears to hibernate, they have to go to the North Pole and İnci has a brilliant idea for this!..

Aysel Gürmen

Beloved children's author with many award-winning books. She founded and managed a children's publishing house for 13 years.



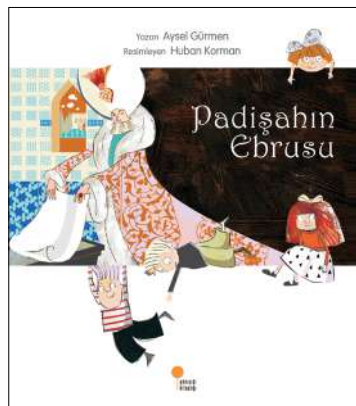
Gökçe İrten

She studied Children's Book Illustration at Central Saint Martins, London and received the children's books illustration achievement award in 2019.



Müge İplikçi

An academician and a journalist, İplikçi received many literature awards with her books and her stories are translated into many languages.



MARBLING OF THE SULTAN

Illustrator: Huban Korman

The magical water painting technique of traditional Turkish arts, meets with children in a fascinating story!

One day an old man visits the Hop-Hop School, whose students are bouncing around all day long without paying attention to anything. When he starts to do marbling in the garden they watch him calmly all day long...

tales | marbling art | education | creativity | communication | master-apprentice | school life | game | cultural heritage | hobby

Picture book | 48 pages | 200 x 230 mm
7th edition: 2023



WHO IS COMING?

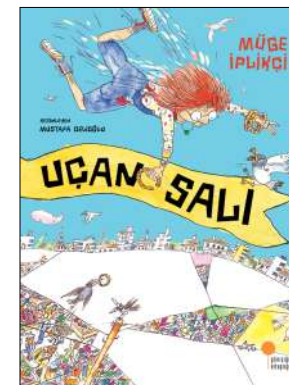
The mystery of the unknown has never been this much fun!

A distinctive title that will catch both children's and adult's attention. This silent book whose surprise is hidden inside, is literally for the parents who would like to spend quality time by doing visual reading with their children...

voices | reasoning | big-small | fear | curiosity | courage | communication | stubbornness | animals | associations | silent book

Silent book | 42 pages
235 x 220 mm | 3rd edition: 2023

Rights sold to GERMANY



FLYING TUESDAY

Illustrator:
Mustafa Delioğlu

A colourful story about a daydreamer girl that takes readers back and forth between reality and fantasy.

Like all children, Sibel dreams of flying —even on trips to the market with her mother and twins. However, she is scared when she loses her mother in the crowd. Who will help this flying enthusiast kid?..

professions | imagination-reality | getting lost | family | holiday | poverty | prejudice | Kadıköy | marketplace | helping

Short story | Coloured illustrations
88 pages | 150 x 200 mm
28th edition: 2026

Rights sold to SWITZERLAND

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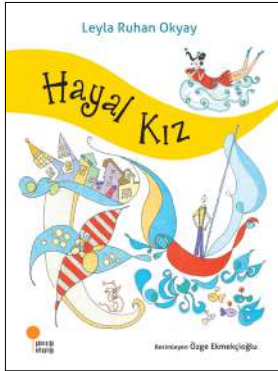
A STRANGE VOYAGE
Illust. Sedat Girgin

Short story | 100 pages



Leyla Ruhan Okyay

With her simple and cheerful narration style Okyay's books are loved by all age groups. Besides her stories for early readers, she also writes children's and YA novels.



DREAM GIRL

Illust.: Özge Ekmekçioglu

Dreams and games are the best friends of a child!

Mavi is a child whose imagination knows no bounds. Despite her unlimited imagination and loving friends, Mavi sometimes feels very lonely. The news about a new friend makes her excited, but she doesn't know the surprises awaiting her!..

mother-daughter | learning to read | game | friendship | family | dreams | discoveries | love of animals | sibling | imagination

104 pages | 6th edition: 2024



Pakize Özcan

She started to write children's books after having worked as a teacher for long years. She touched the hearts of children and young adults with her award-winning books.



THE KING WHO LOST HIS POWERS

Illust.: Mustafa Delioğlu

The story of those who came together for their freedom!

As the lion king gets older and loses his power, unemployment, poverty and corruption increases in the forest. In order to take things under control again, the lion king gets more cruel and the other animals decide to give an end to his tyranny...

animals | forest | administration | justice | tolerance | solidarity | good-bad | sayings | bullying | tyranny

96 pages | 16th edition: 2025



Dilek Emir

The debut children's book of experienced publisher Dilek Emir invites readers to world of childhood games. The illustrations by artist Huban Korman enrich this powerful tale about imagination.



THIS IS OUR HOME NOW!

Illust.: Huban Korman

Does childhood fit into playing house?

Four friends play house in the garden of their apartment building. They must divide important tasks such as who will cook, who will go to work, who will care for the sick child, who will catch the frog. The joy of childhood overflows from balconies and gardens...

games | books | friendship | neighbours | animals | professions | disease | imagination | intergenerational communication

68 pages | 1st edition: 2021

Betül Sayın

She is a well-known picture book illustrator and author. Some of her illustrations were used in the greeting cards of UNICEF. As an honour-listed and award-winning illustrator of IBBY, her books have been translated into many languages.



5 CHILDREN 5 İSTANBULS

Story of İstanbul, from ancient times to today!

Mert who lives in today's İstanbul finds an old fez in his grandmother's attic which belongs to Hamdi who lived during Ottoman Empire times. That fez unfolds the story of İstanbul starting from ancient times till today...

İstanbul | history | family | discovering | daily life | curiosity | competition | animals | civilizations | change | mythology | Ancient Age

Picture book | 32 pages | 200 x 230 mm | 36th edition: 2026

Rights sold to GERMANY and GEORGIA



KUKİ THE MOLE

Living in peace altogether is possible!

Kuki the Mole always upsets his friends with his misbehaviors and one day he finds himself all alone. To gain his friends back, he had to learn that living in peace together requires respect and empathy...

apology | love | joking | friendship | forgiving | bullying | communication | game

Picture book | 32 pages
200 x 230 mm | 23rd edition: 2024

POWDER LOOKING FOR HIS COLOUR

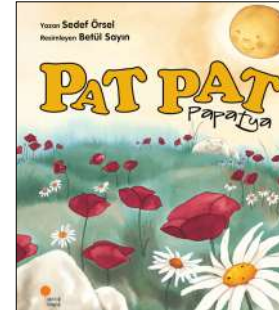
Picture book | 32 pages

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Sedef Örsel

She is a sociologist and she works as a family coach with parents, individuals and companies. She lives in Westchester, New York. She has two daughters.



PAT PAT THE DAISY

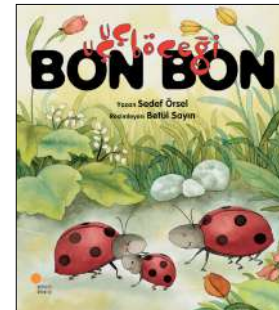
Illustrator: Betül Sayın

A nice and warm story about the beauty of differences.

Pat Pat is a very beautiful daisy. She is surprised to see her best friend growing up as a tall, bright red poppy. She asks, "Why am I not a poppy?" The differences between her and her best friend were upsetting in the beginning but afterwards she starts to realize that beauty is hidden in differences...

nature | flowers | friendship | differences | living creatures | beauty | knowing yourself | emotions | growing up | imitating someone

Picture book | 24 pages | 200 x 230 mm | 12th edition: 2026



BON BON THE BEETLE

Illustrator: Betül Sayın

A colourful book about the excitement of waiting for a sibling.

As the only child of his family, Bon Bon the Beetle has some problems. He doesn't like to be the last one in their line while they're flying. One day he learns that a new baby is coming to the family. Maybe his life will change and he will no longer be the last one in the line...

devotion | sibling | love | flying | family | baby | growing up | nature | living creatures | learning

Picture book | 24 pages | 200 x 230 mm | 10th edition: 2025

JASMIN AND THE LAVENDER series

Illustrator: Merve Atılğan

A colourful and mischievous adventure series offering a rich world of fantasy woven with nature and history.



1

JASMINE AND LAVENDER

Jasmine travels to her grandma's home for summer holidays. She unfortunately loses her favorite doll on the way and gets ill. The rag doll Lavender, made by her grandma would be her closest friend for the summer adventures!..

vacation | toy | snow | planet | journey | intergenerational communication | family | adventure | sickness | fantasy

68 pages | 5th edition: 2025



2

GICIR IN BOOTS

Jasmine and Lavender's friendship gets stronger when Gıcır in Boots joins them. Gıcır is the grandchild of the famous Puss in Boots! One night, when they slip into the kitchen and open the refrigerator, they see something amazing and unbelievable!..

sickness | school life | nature | game | Puss in Boots | courage | animals | friendship | adventure | fantasy

80 pages | 3rd edition: 2020



3

CAPTAIN AMAZON

Jasmine and Lavender's summer camp turns into a real adventure with the attendance of legendary Amazons! As a great team, they all resist against the annoying boy gang of the camp group!..

summer holiday | solidarity | love for animals | camp life | Amazon legend | game | mythology | dreams | fantasy

68 pages | 3rd edition: 2023



4

CYBELE, THE LIFESAVER

After having a small accident during their antique city tour, Jasmine finds herself on the prow of the ancient boat Cybele, together with Simirna, a mythological character she admires...

the boat Cybele | Amazon legend | war-peace | summer holiday | ancient cities | love | accident | mythology | adventure | fantasy

80 pages | 3rd edition: 2023

Sevgi Saygi

She worked as an assistant film director for long years and wrote several film scripts. She's currently a famous and beloved author writing novels for children and young adults, as well as story books for early readers.



CHILDREN
Books

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Short story | 130 x 195 mm | Coloured illustrations

KARABÖCÜ series

Illustrator: Gözde Bitir

The adventures of Nisan and her kitten Karaböcü offer a humorous and realistic glimpse into a child's everyday life.

Series
of 4 books
360.000
copies sold

Niran Elçi

She's an industrial engineer and business professional who's much loved by child readers with her long-selling Karaböcü series. Besides writing for children, Elçi makes literary translations from English to Turkish.



1

WELCOME KARABÖCÜ

On her way back from school Nisan finds a black kitten. The cute kitten seems to understand everything Nisan says. Nisan takes the kitten home secretly and while washing the dirty kitten, she realizes that it has extraordinary qualities...

responsibility | neighbourliness | making plans | choices | love of animals | family | domestic life | moving | imagination | cat

46th edition: 2026



2

KARABÖCÜ, THE PARTY'S FAVORITE

Nisan feels sad about not being able to celebrate her birthday with her classmates during the school year as she was born in summer. So, she decides to organize a fake birthday party to introduce her new kitten Karaböcü to her friends...

game | tolerance | good-bad | celebration | sharing | social life | birthday | imagination | cat | friendship | being cross

29th edition: 2026



3

HOLIDAY ADVENTURES WITH KARABÖCÜ

Nisan visits her grandparents at their summer house with her kitten. Karaböcü rescues Nisan who's carried away to the open sea by the wind. Her grandparents decide to keep a close eye on her for the rest of the holidays...

vacation | sea | friendship | funfair | fear | intergenerational communication | having fun | imagination | cat | street children

28th edition: 2026



4

KARABÖCÜ IS LOST

While Nisan is at school, Karaböcü is much too bored. Scolded by Nisan's mom because of playing with the goldfish, Karaböcü feels sad and runs away from home...

urban life | love of animals | curiosity | pet | using one's mind | vet | imagination | cat | danger

26th edition: 2026



Short story | 64 pages | 130 x 195 mm | Black and white illustrations

“ZEYNO BOOKS” series

Illustrators: Merve Atılğan, Sedat Girgin

An entertaining series that reverses gender roles, suitable for early readers, who are just starting their reading journey.



Ahmet Büke

Award-winning storyteller Ahmet Büke narrates a loving family story for little readers in the four-book “Zeyno Books” series.



PASPAS ON MY HEAD, KAPIŞ AT MY ANKLE

Her cat Paspas is so entangled in Zeyno's hair that she can't get rid of him. When the neighbourhood dog Kapiş recognizes the situation, a funny chase begins. Zeyno climbs a tree with Paspas on her head, but this time crows appear. Luckily, her father is nearby...

love of animals | father-daughter | solidarity | neighbourliness | adventure | neighbourhood life | communication | appearance | cat | dog

40 pages | 200 x 230 mm
3rd edition: 2023

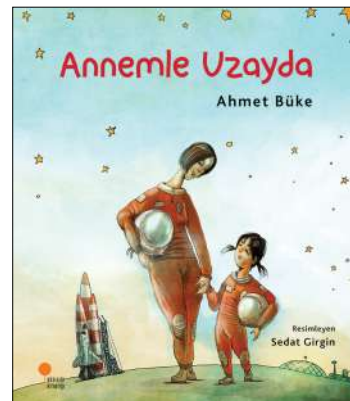


HAPPY DAYS

When Zeyno's parents become unemployed, living in the big city becomes difficult. They move to Uncle Selçuk's house in a small town by the sea. Her father becomes a fisherman, and her mother works through internet. Zeyno will experience entirely new emotions, thanks to a girl named Neşe at her new school...

inter-family communication | friendship | moving | fishing | unemployment | solidarity | saving money | internet | town life | marketplace

68 pages | 150 x 200 mm
13th edition: 2023



IN SPACE WITH MOM

Zeyno's days are spent watching her astronaut mother and laughing at her father's clumsiness with household chores. One day, her father tells her he's leaving his job and will work at a wafer shop from now on. Her mother surprises Zeyno with exciting news. The two of them are about to embark on a long journey together...

space travel | family | astronaut | adventure | gravity | responsibility | fear | cat | poetry | mother

44 pages | 200 x 230 mm
11th edition: 2025



OH NO, DAD IS WRITING POEMS!

Zeyno is a happy child. Her mother, Sevinç, is an astronaut. Her father, Ahmet, works at the help desk of the municipality. When her mother embarks on a long space journey, Zeyno and her father spend fun days together. Until, of course, Zeyno has to listen to her father's poems...

family | poetry | space | science | love | working life | father-daughter | municipality | adventure | longing | professions

36 pages | 200 x 230 mm
7th edition: 2022

Young Adult

Books

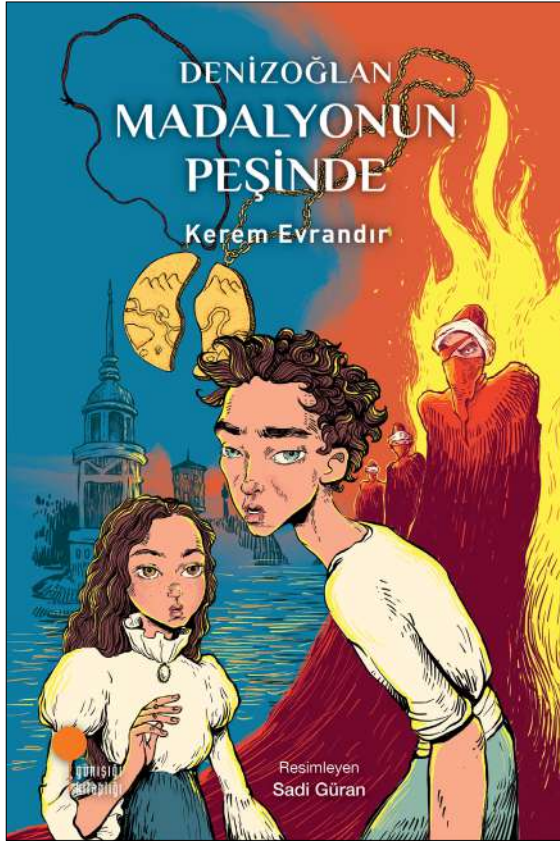
Ages 12+



Books with dynamic fictions covering rich themes for young readers of age 12+. For young adults who find literature books boring and who resist reading, these books cover current themes from their own lives written in a youthful language with the purpose of motivating them to become literature readers.

DENİZOĞLAN: CHASING THE MEDALLION

Illustrator: Sadi Güran



İstanbul | Ottomans | fire | tracking | mystery |
marine | fire brigade | danger | father-son | piracy |
responsibility | sense of belonging | courage |
adventure | justice | galley | Galata | journalism

Novel | 304 pages | 120 x 180 mm
Black and white illustrations | 1st edition: 2026

Kerem Evrandır

In his first book, screenwriter, editor and translator Kerem Evrandır takes readers back to İstanbul two centuries ago, opening the door to a fast-paced and thrilling adventure.



A mystery-filled adventure in Ottoman İstanbul!

In his first novel for young adults, Kerem Evrandır tells a breathtaking adventure set among fires and the *tulumbacılar* –volunteer firefighters who operated hand-pumped fire engines in 19th century İstanbul. Distinguished by its vivid historical atmosphere, this powerful story centres on courage, belonging, justice and loss. As it leads readers through the streets of Ottoman İstanbul, around a mysterious medallion and a deep bond with the sea, it also follows the trail of hope.

A great fire in Balat, on the shores of the Golden Horn, turns Denizoğlan's life upside down overnight. The thirteen-year-old boy, whose name means "son of the sea", finds himself caught in a dangerous chase between bandits and the tulumbacı firefighters while trying to save the medallion entrusted to him by his father. From the walls of Galata to the shores of the Golden Horn, and even into the cold currents of the Bosphorus, this fierce struggle forces him to confront the ruthless bandit leader Kızıl Bayram, who is determined to seize the medallion. With the tracking skills of the young journalist Alina and the streetwise children living among the ruins of an old house, Denizoğlan continues the fight. But will he ever be reunited with his father and find the medallion?..



Mine Soysal



Author and founder of Günışığı Kitaplığı, Mine Soysal revisits the present through the lens of her masterpiece *Oh No, Books!*, a passionate defence of young people's right and freedom to read. She invites readers to reflect on the importance of books in young lives.



books | reading | journey | book club | earthquake | seasonal worker | competition | book fair | school life | artificial intelligence | screen addiction | communication | immigration | self-censorship | professions | art

Stories | 1st and 2nd editions: 2025

HOORAY FOR BOOKS!

Mine Soysal, whose masterpiece *Oh No, Books!* was read with great interest not only by young people but also by educators and parents, now invites readers of all ages to say *Hooray for Books!* 30 new short stories portray in striking detail the psychological, economic and social conditions that directly affect the reading habits of today's youth. This new journey will serve as a haven for youth while also renewing everyone's perspective on the concepts of "books" and "reading."

Depicted in the stories are: those accused of being screen addicts, those who do homework with artificial intelligence, those who set out on a long journey all alone, those who try to ease the pain of losing their loved ones in the earthquake, those who attend a reading club, those who lose their neighbourhood bookstore, those who go to therapy for anger management, lonely migrant workers, those who find their career path with the guidance of books, and unexpected suggestions hidden between the lines...



books | reading habits | responsibility | self-criticism | homework | social development | punishment | school life | knowing oneself | communication | family | reading culture | reading lists | rights | freedom

Essays | 84th edition: 2026



550.000
copies sold

OH NO, BOOKS!

Inspired by conversations with students about their reading habits, Mine Soysal's unusual book has reached thousands of young and adult readers. Its 32 short stories capture young people's surprising and often humorous experiences with reading, offering fresh perspectives especially for educators and parents. In the 33rd story, she shares her own experience and suggests that the answer lies in offering quality choices and maintaining open communication with young people.

The voices in this book belong to those who think they hate the classics; those constantly told, "Go to your room and read!"; those forced to choose between computers and books; those afraid that being seen reading will ruin their image; those who feel at ease only when they read; those expected to read even on holiday, though no one else in the family ever does; those who want to read nothing but Harry Potter; those who hate the book assigned by their teacher, and many more...

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Mine Soysal

Author and archaeologist Mine Soysal holds a distinctive place in Turkish young adult literature. Drawing on the subtle details of real life, her novels and stories give voice to young people, diverse experiences and İstanbul.



IN A TIGHT SPOT

The summer before Mete starts high school brings its share of worries. Life is already difficult in his loving but impoverished family and he is deeply concerned about his disabled sister. Then disturbing sounds from the new neighbours' home reveal a violence he has never witnessed before, shattering the quiet rhythm of his life. When their son unexpectedly becomes part of Mete's world, his university-student aunt offers them hope that they can find a way through their problems.

violence | unemployment | solidarity | lie | neighbourliness | library | school life | disabled life | crime-punishment | family | brotherhood | aunt-nephew | friendship

Novel | 224 pages | 120 x 180 mm
8th edition: 2024



THE STORY OF İSTANBUL

Illust. Betül Sayın

Drawing on historical research, this engaging book for readers of all ages traces the story of İstanbul, one of Europe's great cities. Beginning with the region's geological formation and earliest settlers, it journeys from Yarımburgaz Cave and the first villages to the port city of Byzantium, the Byzantine capital Constantinople, the heart of the Ottoman Empire and modern-day İstanbul. Betül Sayın's miniature-inspired illustrations bring the city's remarkable history to life.

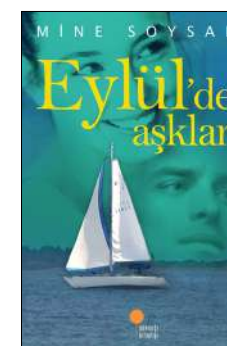
İstanbul | history | geography | monuments | urban life | mythology | change | immigration | legends | cultural communication | Ancient Age

Narratives | 108 pages | 200 x 230 mm
14th edition: 2025

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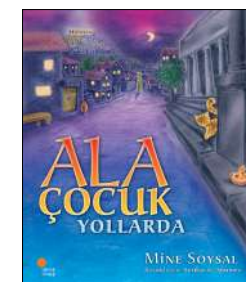
Other books of the author



THE LOVES OF EYLÜL



ALONE IN THE ROOM



ALA, THE CHILD ON THE ROAD

Illust. Serdar G. Sönmez

Children's Books | Ages 8-12

Tolga Gümüřay

An important name of not only children's and young adult but also adult literature books. Having travelled all over Türkiye in his childhood because of his father's profession, enriched his writing style and theme selections. He's an advertising professional and a marathon runner.



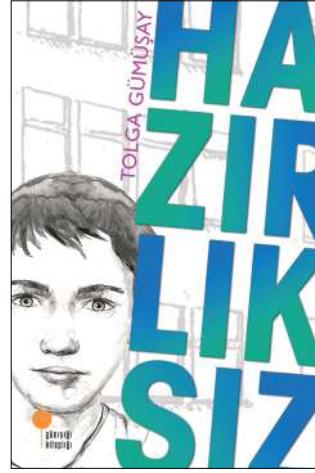
SIX YEARS FULL BOARD

An intriguing novel about boarding school life.

Friendship, love and future concerns from a boarding high school student's point of view. The sincerity of the language makes readers a part of the story.

school | first love | İstanbul | friendship | living as a boarder | exam | graduation | tolerance | solidarity | separation | loneliness

Novel | 240 pages | 120 x 180 mm
33th edition: 2026



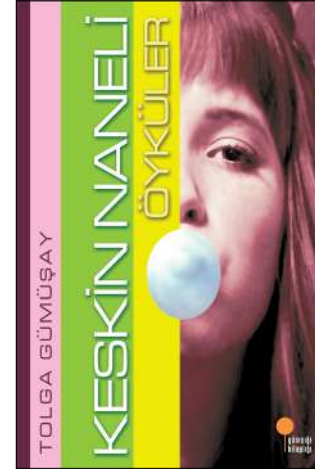
FRESHMAN THE UNREADY

How can an adolescent be ready for the imperatives of life?

Gümüřay narrates the life in a boarding school from a freshman's eyes, while making the young readers think about being prepared for the unexpected.

solidarity | school | longing | family | exams | living as a boarder | ideals | friendship | foreign language | earthquake | Erzurum

Novel | 180 pages | 120 x 180 mm
14th edition: 2024



PEPPERMINT STORIES

Fascinating stories mirroring the issues of being a youngster!

Ten stories about the dramatic issues in the lives of youngsters such as success-failure, miscommunication with parents, love and friendship enriched with the joyful school memories.

theft | lies | internet | friendship | first love | university exam | family | communication | working life | anxiety

Stories | 112 pages | 130 x 195 mm
7th edition: 2019



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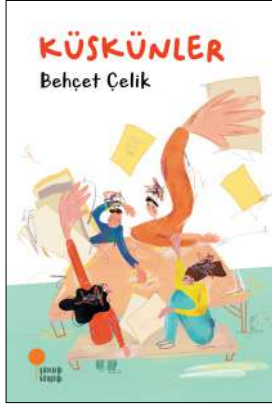
Illustrator: Bahadır Barış

Stories | 160 pages

Children's Books | Ages 8-12

Behçet Çelik

Highly acclaimed author Behçet Çelik brings both his distinctive literary voice and, for the first time, his legal background to this young adult novel.



THE ESTRANGED

A fast-paced legal adventure that brings four very different friends together around a shared goal.

Ferhat cannot write about the long-standing rift between his father and grandfather. Determined to reunite them, his friends devise a mock trial—but will the defendants agree to take part?..

school life | law | friendship | grandfather-grandchild | trial | homework | love | solidarity | father-son | advocacy | being cross | essay | justice

160 pages | 2nd edition: 2026

CHILDREN
Books

BRIDGE
Books

Irmak Zileli

Irmak Zileli traces the reflections of a devastating loss, fragile relationships and bullying within the confines of a high school in her young adult novel.



I SAW IT ALL

Zileli's gripping novel follows a mysterious witness after an unexpected loss shakes a high school.

Five students sneak into the schoolyard at midnight, hoping for a wild adventure. Instead, the school's beloved dog dies. Emails from a mysterious witness throw the school into turmoil...

writing | school life | witnessing | letter | death | crime-punishment | dog | peer bullying | teacher-student communication | courage | love of animals | fear | identity | questioning | prejudice

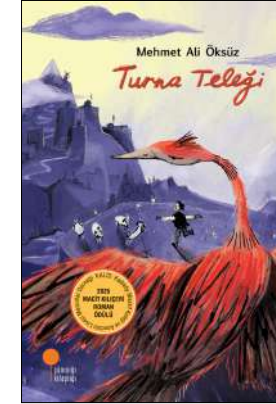
168 pages | 3rd edition: 2026

BRIDGE
Books

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Mehmet Ali Öksüz

Award-winning author Mehmet Ali Öksüz invites readers on a moving journey, told in a clear yet literary voice.



CRANE FEATHER

A child struggling to survive alone in an unfamiliar land, finds hope in nature and words.

Left alone in the mountain village of Bahrata, Ati finds comfort in its legends, wild beauty and a wounded baby crane separated from its flock. As he nurses the bird back to health, he hopes spring will reunite them both with their families...

village life | migratory birds | family | legends | longing | nature | intergenerational communication | brotherhood | separated parents | growing up | fairy tales | loneliness | love | wisdom | storytelling

216 pages | 3rd edition: 2026

Neslihan Önderoğlu

As an award-winning and one of the most distinguished names of contemporary literature, her genuine storytelling style captures attention. Her page-turner young adult novels help the readers to meet with and understand different worlds.



WHATEVER YOU WANT

Untold stories of the young worlds!

Stories about the details of daily life, touching the feelings of young adults delicately and carefully while reminding them that another way of communication is possible through "literature".

summer vacation | social media | music | freedom | communication | jealousy | exams | discrimination | working | social responsibility | anxiety

Stories | 148 pages | 130 x 195 mm | 4th edition: 2025



SAD CLOWNS SOCIETY

Stories from the doorsteps of different worlds...

Melancholy and joy, hope and disappointment, childish curiosity and naive acceptances all interlace in these stories reflecting the colours, sounds and feelings of the early adolescence years.

solidarity | right to education | moving | friendship | jealousy | family | discrimination | disabled life | death | class difference | neighbourhood life

Stories | 140 pages | 130 x 195 mm | 5th edition: 2019



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Hacer Kılçioğlu

After writing many beloved novels and story books for children, Kılçioğlu started to write also for young adults who still want to enjoy her amusing and pleasant narration style.



WE WERE THREE CHILDREN IN İZMİR

Sezen - Haluk - Meltem

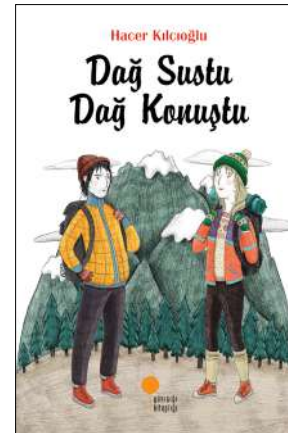
Illust.: Huban Korman

Childhood story of three renowned names who grew up in the same neighbourhood.

Three rare birds who feed on curiosity and stand out with their talents bearing the sparks of their future...

talent | professions | past-future | neighbourhood life | İzmir | childhood | brotherhood | music | theatre | family | neighbourliness | bicycle

Stories | 224 pages | 130 x 195 mm | 9th edition: 2024



THE MOUNTAIN CALLS

The self-exploration journey of young mountaineers...

On their way to conquer a mountain top, the young climbers also try to overcome the obstacles in their minds...

nature | Mount Kaçkar | memories | love | friendship | family | East Black Sea | climbing and tracking | camping | adoption

Novel | 184 pages | 120 x 180 mm | 6th edition: 2023



Aslı Der

Beloved author Der adds new questions, curiosities, interests to their lives by offering contemporary readings to young people who are overwhelmed by social judgements.



inter-family communication | keeping a diary | music | illness | reading books | school life | neighbourliness | first love | mother-daughter | peer bullying

Novel | 144 pages
120 x 180 mm | 11th edition: 2025



MESSED UP

Novel | 148 pages



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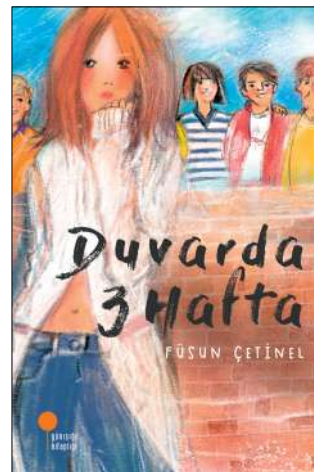
WAITING FOR DEFNE

The novel narrates the blind alleys that individuals are driven to by family, school and business life through the eyes of a high school girl who relates her rebellion with words. Der draws attention to the disappointments, hopes and efforts of youngsters dragged into loneliness by adults who pursue their own dreams and objectives.

Defne is a fourteen-year-old who is going through the blues, anxiety and excitement of stepping into adolescence. One day she is found lying unconscious in her bed. Her mother finds a notebook in her bed and takes it with her while taking Defne to the hospital. While waiting anxiously at the emergency ward, she realizes that the notebook she found in the bed is her daughter's diary and despite being very sensitive about respecting private life, she starts to read it, finding the hints of peer bullying...

Fusun Çetinel

Writing for children and young adults, Fusun Çetinel explores the changing worlds of young people with warmth, sensitivity and keen observation.



youth camp | different cultures | friendship | responsibility | prejudices | trip | communication | solidarity | first love | self-confidence

Novel | 204 pages
120 x 180 mm | 6th edition: 2024



THREE WEEKS ON THE WALL

In her first novel written for young adults, Fusun Çetinel invites her readers on a journey starting from Türkiye and extending to Germany. Enriched by the different cultures of the young people, who come together for a common purpose, the novel makes the reader think about freedom, responsibility and solidarity; and promises an entertaining reading.

Melisa couldn't go to Los Angeles with her best friends, because her mother lost her job. Despite having America on her mind, she has to spend three weeks of her summer holiday in a work camp in Germany. Following the trip that started with mishaps, young people from different countries such as Ukraine, Spain and South Korea, await Melisa, who reaches the small town in Stuttgart. The days spent working on the renovation of an old wall, amidst nature, will bring unforgettable memories to all of them...



UNSPOKEN THINGS

Stories | 120 pages

FIRST
Books

CHILDREN
Books

Karin Karakaşlı

Award-winning author and journalist, Karakaşlı started her writing career with books for adults. Now she also writes for children and young adults.



Neslihan Acı

In addition to her unique books, Acı wrote articles for various newspapers and presented a literature-based TV show, hosting many authors.



Pakize Özcan

Having worked as a teacher in different parts of Türkiye, Özcan started writing books based on her long years of experience with children.



Çiğdem Sezer

Award-winning poet and author, Sezer uses her lyrical narration skills, to encourage her readers to hold on to life against all odds.

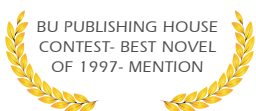


WHEN THE MOON MEETS THE SEA

The friendship story of two young people told with a poetic language shows us how we can overcome the difficulties in our lives with the power of new friendships.

writing | vacation | music | motherhood | love | friendship | family | neighbourliness | loneliness | father-son | change | loss of a parent

120 pages | 13th edition: 2023



FIRST
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CHILDREN
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BRIDGE
Books



THE THEN-AND-NOW FAMILY

The entertaining story of a family that clings to each other in difficult times. Leaving behind the luxurious life in the city, the family's journey to nature is based on realistic characters.

wealth-poverty | village life | prejudice | diary | intergenerational communication | friendship | family | consumption | arrogance | agriculture | immigration | social media

284 pages | 6th edition: 2025

CHILDREN
Books

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SNOW FALLING ON ME

The struggle of a young girl who is forced to get married at an early age while she longs for continuing her education... Based on true observations.

family pressure | right to education | kinship | freedom | violence | loneliness | village life | the future | questioning | anxiety

232 pages | 10th edition: 2022

FIRST
Books



THE LAST CHANCE STOP

The adventure of a group of young people who grew up with loss and hardship. The group finds healing in solidarity, their teacher, as well as arts and sports...

poverty | sports | arts | losing parents | teacher-student relationship | death | painting | family | writing | success | neighbourhood life | difficult conditions

164 pages | 5th edition: 2025

CHILDREN
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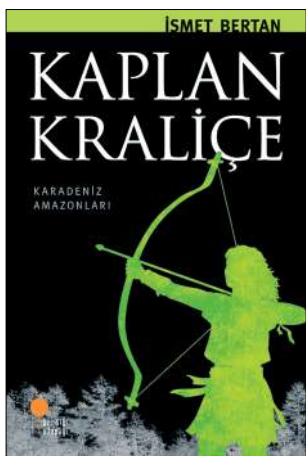
ONCE UPON A TIME IN ANATOLIA series



İsmet Bertan



Author and documentary producer Bertan appeals to readers from all ages with his film-like historical novel series for young adults, telling extraordinary stories from different regions and periods of Anatolia. He writes entertaining books for children as well.



TIGER QUEEN Blacksea Amazons

A legendary story narrating the revolt of Black Sea Amazons against cruelty! The Hatti Kingdom was no longer able to protect the communities under its rule. The troops of the Scythian King kidnapped young Tigira. When Tigira met the female warriors named Galops and her whole life changed.

Amazon legend | war | history | ideals | justice |
Anatolian Civilizations | freedom | mythology |
old technologies | Black Sea | woman-man

308 pages | 6th edition: 2024

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THE KING'S AMBASSADOR Hittite, the Land of Thousand Gods

The story of the messengers, tradesmen and caravans during the Hittite period. Mana-Putu's dream was to become a messenger like his father. During their first trip together, a violent raid changes his life unexpectedly. When he met Princess Katalpa his only aspiration would be to become the King's herald...

Hittites | trade | messenger | beliefs |
choice of profession | traditions | heralds |
love | ideals | history | Anatolian Civilizations

264 pages | 5th edition: 2024

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MIDAS AND THE MAGICIAN Legendary Kingdom Phrygia

A breathtaking adventure from 3000 years ago extending from Phrygia to ancient Egypt. Honas goes to Egypt to find his father and gains special powers thanks to a magician whose life he saved in Memphis. His special power and the dancer group he meets on the way back home would change the lives of Prince Midas and all others...

Phrygia | Ancient Egypt | travelling | dance |
mythology | legends | choice of profession |
beliefs | love | history | friendship | mystery |
Anatolian Civilizations

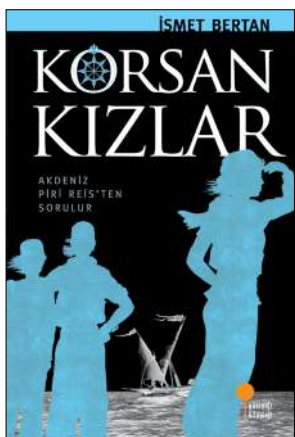
236 pages | 7th edition: 2026

From the Hittites to the satrapy of Cappadocia, from the Black Sea Amazons to Phrygia, ancient civilizations of Anatolia are coming to life with this exclusive series of stand-alone historical novels.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN ANATOLIA series



The exceptional collection of epic novels portraying ancient Anatolian civilizations impresses readers of all ages.



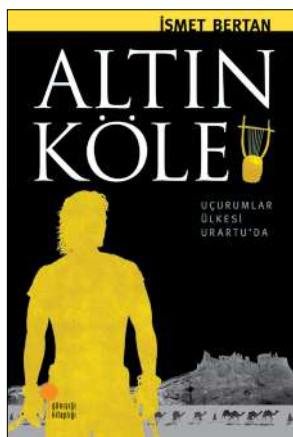
PIRATE GIRLS

Ask Captain Piri for the Mediterranean Sea

The 15th century voyage, extending from Anatolia to Egypt and Spain, sheds light to the youth years of Captain Piri. While the three Pergean sisters, Turkmen Selim and the old Greek Homer were tracking down the brigands who kidnapped their loved ones, their paths cross with terrifying Ottoman galleys.

Captain Piri | Ottomans | marine | mapping | courage | piracy | trust | friendship | sea | history | slavery | Anatolian Civilizations

308 pages | 3rd edition: 2020



GOLDEN SLAVE

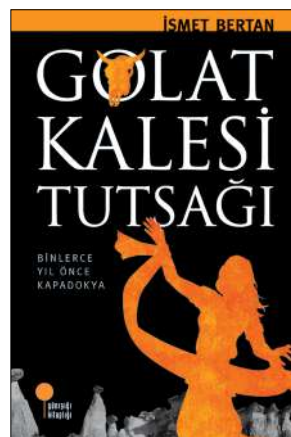
In the country of cliffs, Urartu

An epic novel taking place in 800 BC in the harsh geography of Urartu land, ruling east Anatolia, where legends and wars are intertwined. Young Orion was a famous traveler and storyteller. His life gets upside down when he's captured by the pirates and sold to Urartu royal house in a Mediterranean slave market.

Urartus | slavery | freedom | mythology | earthquake | war | legends | storyteller | history | Van | Anatolian Civilizations

276 pages | 2nd edition: 2020

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PRISONER OF GOLAT CASTLE

Thousands of Years Ago in Cappadocia

The story of five courageous friends, gives a full picture of life in Cappadocia, with its underground cities, festivities, fairy chimneys and temples carved in rocks. The lives of beautiful Muşela, famous rider Kosraş, ironmonger Şutiyyu, talented Şula and musician Puruş change because of Aryo, the spoiled son of Golat Satrap.

Cappadocia | wisdom | slavery | struggle | oracles | solidarity | friendship | professions | history | Anatolian Civilizations

264 pages | 8th edition: 2024

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CHILDREN
Books

İsmet Bertan

Each stand-alone book of award-winning author İsmet Bertan's collection lights on the historical periods of Anatolia and revives ancient cultures with a unique perspective.



BULL FIGHTER

New Home Byzantium

A story about the immigration journey of a Turcoman nomad, inspired by the real events which took place between Seljuks and Byzantines in 11th century. Courageous wrestler Böke participates in the bull fights organized in Byzantium during the wish festival and is fascinated by the princess among the spectators.

Seljuks | Byzantium | nomadic living | ruling | bull fighting | love | communities | history | epic | friendship | struggle | Anatolian Civilizations

328 pages | 3rd edition: 2024

BRIDGE BOOKS Ages +10

Series editor: **Semih Gümüř**

Prepared for publication by: **Müren Beykan**

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Inviting children and young adults to make new discoveries in the boundless world of literature, the Bridge Books collection is edited by critic, author and publisher Semih Gümüř and prepared for publication by editor Müren Beykan. Bringing together previously published and newly written works by leading voices in contemporary Turkish literature, the collection continues to grow through the collaboration of these two experienced editors.

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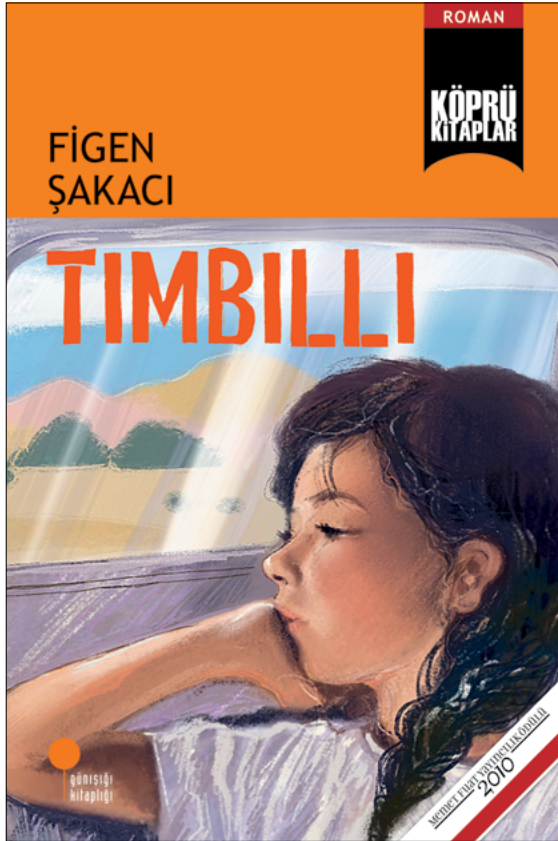


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TOLGA GÜMÜŞAY
TURGAY FİŞEKÇİ

The 30th title in the award-winning Bridge Books collection, edited by Semih Gümüş, is written by acclaimed contemporary author Figen Şakacı.



TENDERHEARTED



Could you draw what it feels like to be hurt?

Acclaimed author Figen Şakacı tells a tender coming-of-age story in her first children's novel. She explores the mind and inner world of a girl struggling with both the changes in her life and emotions that grow more intense each day. With authentic characters, rich language and powerful storytelling, this hopeful and delicate novel offers comfort through the pains of growing up, guidance to those searching for themselves and courage in the face of loss.

After the death of her grandmother Mamiş, aspiring artist Çağla learns that her family is moving to İstanbul. Heartbroken at the thought of leaving behind her memories of Mamiş, her loyal dog Püskül, her best friend Nuriye, Mert –whom she has never dared to tell how she feels– her beloved teacher and her class, Çağla must also learn to manage her emotions and overcome the sensitivity that earned her the nickname “Tenderhearted”...

moving | family | grandmother | memories | drawing |
change | keeping a diary | sensitivity | friendship |
love | school life | dog | habits | village life |
anxiety | teacher-student communication

Novel | 108 pages | 130 x 195 mm | 1st edition: 2026

Doğu Yücel

In the 29th book of the award-winning Bridge Books collection Yücel narrates the relationships and emotions planted during youth, within the orbit of a meteorite falling into the sea.



sea | technology | love |
summer holiday | mystery |
doing research | meteor |
science | aliens | adventure |
environmental pollution |
bullying | fantasy | letter |
friendship | İzmir, Çeşme

Novel | 212 pages
130 x 195 mm
3rd edition: 2026

WORLDS APART

Instead of being deceived by appearances, trust in the skill of words!

Award-winning author Doğu Yücel, known for blurring the lines between fantasy and reality, presents an extraordinary young adult novel. The story of a vibrant group of young people encountering a stranger from afar, prompts us to reflect on the depth of connections we form with the world and each other. While making us consider how communication could be possible in entirely different ways, it reveals the power of love in giving meaning to life.

Hello, Stranger! We haven't met, but we will introduce you to a guest from a distant planet who says, "Life first, always!" Don't worry, we also delivered our message to them, but before that, we stood up against a bully, transformed No-man's-land, opened up to our loved ones, and said the farewells we had postponed. On top of all this, we managed to have a giant tech company on our tail. So, what was our message? What does it take to survive in life? You tell us...

Tolga Gümüşay

In the 28th book of the award-winning Bridge Books collection, Tolga Gümüşay masterfully narrates the memories, dreams and emotions that leave lasting traces in a child's growth journey.



memories | family | games |
collection | emotions | adventure |
friendship | dream | the past |
good-evil | theft | growing up |
lodgement | anxiety

Stories | 156 pages
130 x 195 mm
5th edition: 2025

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THE BOY WHO FILLED HIS POCKETS WITH FLOWERS

Stories from the mysterious chest of memory...

Tolga Gümüşay, who began his literary career with YA novels, presents eleven autobiographical stories. Blending strong storytelling with clear narration, he delves into childhood memories, capturing the first excitements, fears, joys, and sensitivities of growing up. He beautifully narrates the magical moments, memories and dreams experienced during the transition from childhood to adolescence in the small towns of Anatolia for those who, despite everything, cherish their childhood feelings.

Memories hidden in a third dimension between dream and reality... The voice of a bouza seller mixing with the heat of the stove, the uncertainty of the first days at a new school, encountering new excitements, coming to terms with guilt, a mess made by a rooster, friends climbing the same hill with mule's stubbornness, anxieties where dreams and reality are intertwined, an author who emerges into today from the hidden "canteen" of his grandfather's house...

Haydar Ergülen

Haydar Ergülen, master of Turkish contemporary poetry, essayist and critic, tells the story of his childhood and youth, where his father left deep traces shaping his life with his colourful personality.



memories | family | siblings | books | father-son | friendship | solidarity | journey | university | writing | music | Eskişehir | poets | illness | football | Atatürk

Narrative | 160 pages
130 x 195 mm | 2nd edition: 2023

OH, MY BLUE DAD

Family is like the sun shining in the courtyard of childhood!

Haydar Ergülen, one of the most prominent names in Turkish poetry after 1980, wrote his childhood and youth memories for award-winning Bridge Books collection. The master poet who is also admired for his essay books, tells the history of his family in a lyrical way, creating a multicoloured, multi-layered picture of the last 60 years of Türkiye, from writers to musicians, from politics to education, from cars to furniture. A unique narrative through books, places, thoughts and dreams, as well as extraordinary people like his father who have influenced his life.

According to him, his body shop worker father, Bald Hasan was sometimes a blue bald ibis, sometimes a green hearted man. They were six brothers; with their mum, dad and grandmother they were a large family like a "tribe". He thinks the world smiles when his father smiles and he grew fond of books thanks to his father. Writers and poets from Yaşar Kemal to Sait Faik, from Füzruzan to Edip Cansever were his companions...

Nazlı Eray

Being considered as the most important representative of magical realism in Turkish contemporary literature, Eray wrote more than seventy books throughout her writing journey of half a century and received many awards.



museum | history | mystery | archaeology | communication | theft | mansion | love | diary | legends | letter | mummy | İstanbul

Novel | 180 pages
130 x 195 mm | 3rd edition: 2026



THE LOVE OF FERAMUZ THE CROW

Crazy, funny, unexpected...
A museum piece story beyond time!

Nazlı Eray, the fantasy master of Turkish contemporary literature, has contributed to the Bridge Books collection. The novel, which traces a different love from the gardens of a mansion to the corridors of a museum, presents a mysterious world through the eyes of a child. An unforgettable novel in-between the past and the present, it makes you feel the power of emotions that transcend time.

Reading the diary that has fallen from the tree, Nazlı finds out that the eighty-year-old Feramuz the Crow is in love with the owner of the mansion. She befriends the gatekeeper of the İstanbul Archeology Museum and the Pharaoh Skeleton. Venus, Egyptian slave and all the other statues who want to be free decide to leave the museum, wishing to live in İstanbul. Agrippina from the Crying Women Sarcophagus has also found a job in the mansion in Erenköy. Will the statues return to the museum and will Nazlı be able to help the heartbroken Crow?..

Irmak Zileli

Being one of the most productive names of contemporary literature, Zileli attracted attention with her works in different genres and received prestigious “Duygu Asena Novel Award” in 2020 and “Yunus Nadi Novel Award” in 2012.



friendship | prejudice | Bursa | differences | family | painting | travel | doubt | comic strip | tracing | equality | education | orphanage | loneliness

Novel | 188 pages
130 x 195 mm | 2nd edition: 2023



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FOR MY FRIEND

Your family is those who you walk with!

Winner of prestigious awards like Yunus Nadi and Duygu Asena Novel Awards, Irmak Zileli authored the 26th book of the Bridge Books collection. The novel tells the story of a wounded young man holding on to life and searching for his family. It shows the value of listening and trying to understand each other, and voices the pains of growing up. It interprets friendship, the strongest pillar that keeps youth alive in a world of prejudice and doubt, from the perspective of two young people who come from different backgrounds.

At first, Ezgi just wants to portray the scarred face of Yunus. In this way, she becomes friends with the young man she has come to know. She helps Yunus find his family who abandoned him when he was a baby. In their adventure extending from İstanbul to Bursa, nothing would be as easy as they think. They would have to confront both the parents of Ezgi and the past of Yunus and think about the meaning of being a family. Discovering the power of friendship, these young people find new answers to their questions, even if they are sometimes cornered...

Sibel K. Türker

Having received important awards with her story books and novels, Türker wrote her first YA novel for the Bridge Books collection, hosting masters of Turkish contemporary literature. Novels of Türker were published in many languages.



communication | solidarity | responsibility | family | letter | separated parents | first love | sickness | fancy cake making | love of siblings | winter | Ankara

Novel | 176 pages
130 x 195 mm | 1st edition: 2021



THE WINTER SUN

Life is about both laughing and crying!

Sibel K. Türker, one of the award-winning authors of our contemporary literature, wrote the 24th book of the Bridge Books collection. The novel, told through young Ekin, is about the price a broken family pays to create hope. It is a realistic story outlining the effects of understanding each other, confrontations and love. In her first YA novel, Sibel K. Türker touches our hearts with her plain narration and elegant style and takes us for a walk on the paths of growing up, full of pain and discovery.

Everything has been difficult for Ekin that winter. Her separated parents came together years later for the sake of her brother Can. Her working mother copes with her obligatory pregnancy and her father who returns home, tries to heal himself by baking fancy cakes, to support both Can and the family. Although Ekin is impressed by her parents' adaptation to the conditions, she never brings herself to go and visit her brother. If it weren't for her high school friends Gizem and Özgür, it seemed like winter would never come to an end...

Berna Durmaz

A talented modern times storyteller with award-winning story books. Besides writing, she works as a primary school teacher. She wrote her first YA novel for the prestigious Bridge Books collection of Güneşli Kitaplığı.



village life | urbanization | stutter | relatives | poverty | love of nature | immigration | right to education | child worker | big city | inter-family communication

Novel | 108 pages
130 x 195 mm | 2nd edition: 2022



THOSE WHO CAN HEAR THE TREES

There is a voice heard by those who grow up in the shades of trees!

A lyrical novel which underlines the resemblance between the people whose lives are ruined by extreme urbanization and the nature which is being mercilessly destroyed. With the realistic yet elegant style of Durmaz glorifying the people who encounter various challenges in life and who live in harmony with nature; this novel will impress readers of all ages.

Hayal's biggest dream is to be able to continue her education, as the school in their small village is closed down. Her family sends her to her uncle's home in İstanbul, to take care of her grandmother Gül who is ill. A slum with its muddy streets in the shadow of giant skyscrapers welcomes her in the big city...

Kadri Öztopçu

His writing career started with poems and continued with stories and novels. He received important awards with his books. He passed away in 2020 shortly after receiving another prestigious story award with his last book published in 2019.



family | friendship | environment | tourism | village life | fishing | transformation | urbanization | consumption | income | plunder of nature

Novel | 156 pages
130 x 195 mm
Black and white illustrations
8th edition: 2024



THE BIRDMAN OF SAKLIKÖY

Illustration: Tan Oral

An epic novel about how mankind destroys the real beauties of our lives...

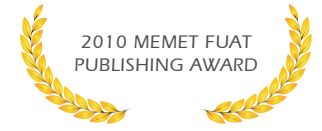
The book, which depicts with a poetic language the brutal “destruction” of nature by mankind talks about the environmental and social destruction caused by urbanization. Öztopçu shows us that everything is in our hands to stop this destruction. His only concern is to utilize refined and quality literature to make the readers think about these issues, without giving any advice to anyone. The book is enriched with original drawings of the master cartoonist Tan Oral.

Life in Saklıköy is woven with joy, and is full of games. The hill Çamtepe with its forests and waters full of trout, and the hill Keltepe with its historical ruins seem like they'll be there forever. Villagers were curious about the Birdman who settled on one of the hills years ago and the colourful bird that never leaves his shoulder. Neither the Birdman nor the bird is at ease however, because of the danger approaching from the city, eager to swallow and destroy whatever is “abundant” in Saklıköy...

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Series editor: **Semih Gümüş** | Prepared for publication by: **Müren Beykan**

An award-winning collection that aims to build bridges between young readers and the master authors of our contemporary literature.



Bringing together the master authors of contemporary Turkish literature for the common purpose of providing children and young adult readers with unique and insightful books, the Bridge Books collection is the fruit of the collaboration between two distinguished editors, Semih Gümüş and Müren Beykan.



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Çiğdem Sezer



**THOSE WHO PAY
NO HEED**
Murat Yalçın



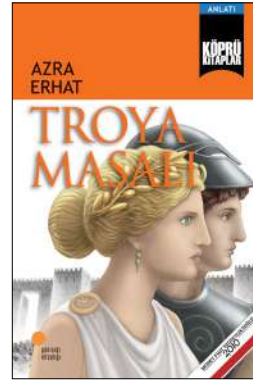
FALSE WITNESS
Müge İplikçi



GÖKÇE'S WAY
Ahmet Büke



AT LIFE'S ONSET
Cemil Kavukçu



TALE OF TROY
Azra Erhat



THE VOICE IN ME
Gaye Boralıoğlu





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NEW KID IN CLASS
Behçet Çelik



LEND ME YOUR VOICE
Neslihan Önderoğlu



FOUR PINE CONES
Karin Karakaşlı



ALONE IN THE STREETS
Ayhan Bozfirat



WANDERLUST
Leyla Ruhan Okyay



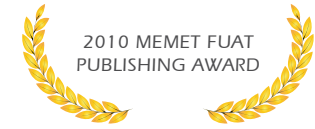
SILENT HEART
Necati Güngör



NINE MONTHS IN KATUNA
Osman Şahin

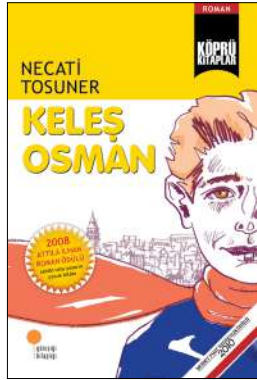
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Featuring books to suit all tastes, the Bridge Books collection takes readers on an expedition along the endless paths of literature.

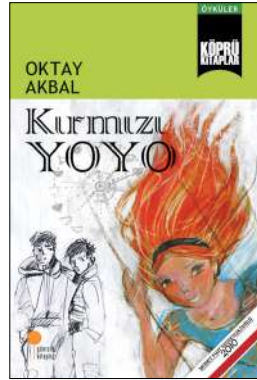
The growing collection includes books on a variety of themes, such as friendship, archaeology, loss, urbanization, love of animals, adolescence, the co-existence of good and evil, memories, and many more. Penned and edited with utter care, the collection takes offering thought-provoking, inspirational and captivating books as a mission.



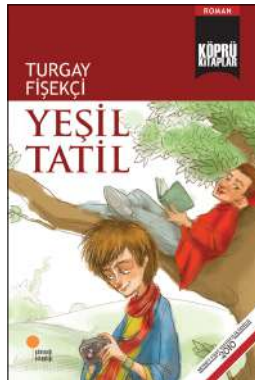
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SYDNEY, HERE I COME
Nihat Ziyalan



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Oktay Akbal



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Stories rooted in life, reaching beyond time...

ON8, consisting of books prepared by Güneşli Kitaplığı for young readers over the age of 15 and adults, continues to open the doors for quality readings with extraordinary examples of contemporary literature.

Followed with interest by young readers of high school and university age, ON8 offers books that shed light on the future of the world and humanity shaped by technology, with a focus on young individuals and topics. While introducing readers to contemporary and original literary examples, it mentally prepares them for the discussions of today and tomorrow.

Sevgi Saygi, known for her young adult novels where reality and imagination intertwine, presents a moving story of grief, friendship and resilience in her new novel *That Thing Called Life*. Following a teenager devastated by the sudden loss of his closest friend, the novel explores how mourning can turn into anger, resistance and solidarity. Blending humour, emotional intensity and an unexpected touch of the fantastic, this powerful novel opens up fresh perspectives on friendship, family, justice, loss and finding one's way back to life.

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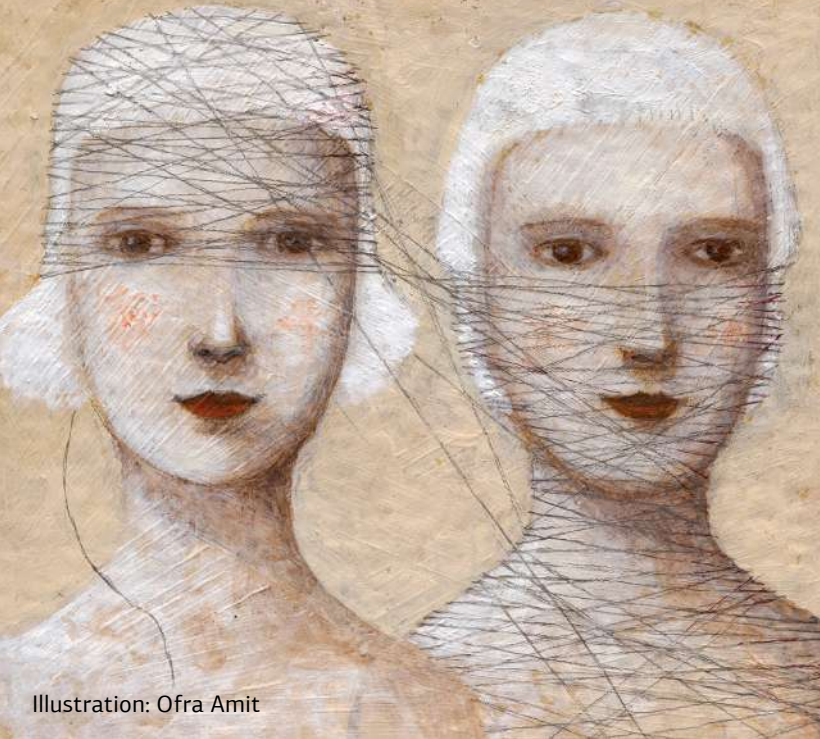
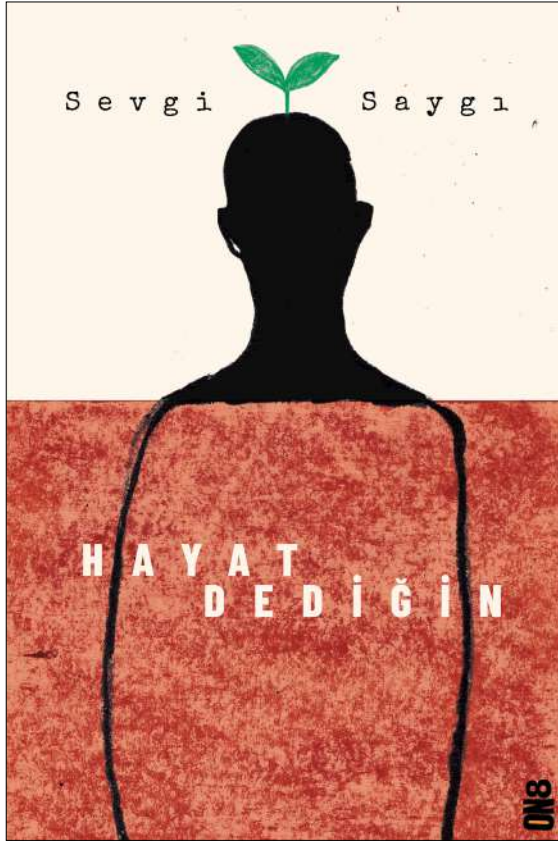


Illustration: Ofra Amit



Acclaimed for the mysterious atmospheres she creates in novels such as *Peri Efsa* and *The Wanderer*, Sevgi Saygi tells the story of a young man struggling to cope with life's unexpected turns and the people he has lost.

THAT THING CALLED LIFE



friendship | psychology | grief | accident | love | death | domestic violence | solidarity | poetry | cemetery | crime | art | emotions | intensive care | music | memory | siblings | hallucinations

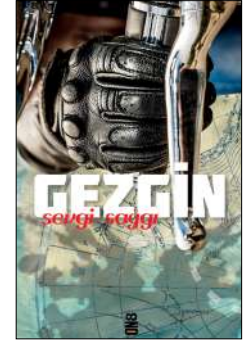
Novel | 208 pages | 130 x 195 mm | 1st edition: 2026

A story of those who hold on to a tree and refuse to lose hope...

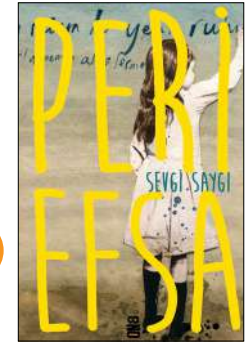
Known for her unconventional plots and memorable characters, Sevgi Saygi portrays the wounded inner world of a young man trying to break free from a cycle of violence. The novel follows the long and difficult journey of those who resist life's hardships and are transformed in the process. Clinging to ghosts, sometimes losing his way, its young protagonist stumbles forward with courage and hope in his heart. Saygi explores love, grief, devotion and solidarity with understated yet clear-eyed realism.

When Çınar loses Sinan, his closest friend since childhood, in an accident, he does not know how to cope. He takes long walks, writes constantly and tries to speak to Sinan. At times, he even believes he can see and hear him. But when Çınar and his friends decide to plant a tree beside Sinan's grave, everything spirals out of control. Injured when the cemetery guard, followed by his father and the police, intervenes violently, Çınar spends a long time in intensive care. His future will now be shaped by endless questions, healing new relationships and difficult confrontations...

Other books of the author



THE WANDERER



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Neslihan Önderoğlu

Owner of many prominent awards, Neslihan Önderoğlu has added a new book to her very popular collection of stories. Essentially being a part of ON8 Blog, the stories have poured out into a book and present different portraits of young lives.



A SMALL MATTER

Neslihan Önderoğlu, one of the award-winning storytellers of our literature, tells stories that come out of the world of young people from all walks of life. Adding new stories to the ones she has collected in her popular column Cin Atı on ON8 Blog, she whispers the feelings and memories of her youth to the reader in her own unique story language. She tells the stories that “happen to us” in a cafe, at the university, at the beach, at home, in a red minibus, and sometimes on a taxi ride, with fine details and authentic characters...

communication | friendship | social media | animals | loneliness | cinema | university | festival | holiday | relationships | music | love | tourism | yoga | İstanbul

Stories | 156 pages | 130 x 195 mm | 2nd edition: 2024

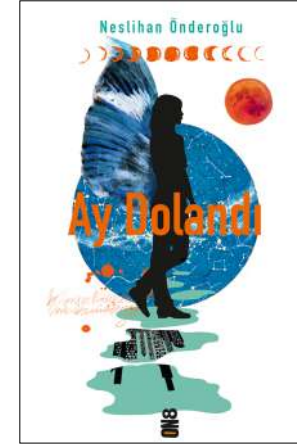


WEIRD THINGS ARE HAPPENING MR. TARANTINO

Evren, who watches films all the time, is a cinephile. When he gets into the cinema major at university, his addiction takes a strange turn. He starts to compare everyone he meets to a film character or to find himself inside film scenes. Travis from Taxi Driver, Mia Wallace portrayed by Uma Thurman from Pulp Fiction, and many more were right next to him. Over time, Evren starts to get confused and everyone starts to disappear one by one. And what a disappearance!..

cinema | university life | film characters | cinephile | lie | student houses | love | documentary | loneliness | getting lost

Novel | 156 pages | 120 x 180 mm | 2nd edition: 2020



TANGLED MOON

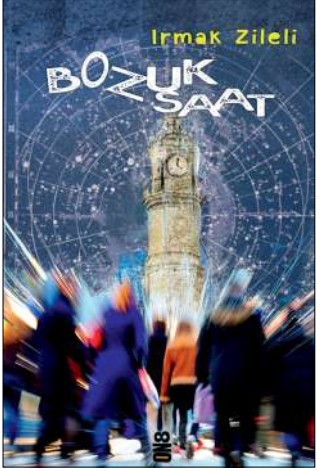
Saliha met Miran at the shopping mall, where she started working in order to save money for the university preparation course. But before she could enjoy having butterflies in her stomach for the first time, her family's life began to change. The house that her father built with his hands has ceased to be a home; as he was offended by Güldal, whom he admired. Saliha was among those who waited patiently, those who left, those who stayed behind and those who set off on their way. How would she get out of this mess?..

poverty | organ transplantation | urban transformation | loss | lack of communication | death | discrimination | love | family

Novel | 180 pages | 120 x 180 mm | 2nd edition: 2023

Irmak Zileli

TV reporter, literary critic, editor and award-winning author who recently received prestigious 2020 Duygu Asena Novel Award. With her extraordinary and elegant narration style, she continues to write for adults and young adults.



communication | authorship |
separated parents | loneliness |
time | park | unemployment |
urban regeneration | narration |
clock tower

Novel | 188 pages | 120 x 180 mm
1st and 2nd editions: 2019



BROKEN CLOCK

A walk that flows with time rather than with steps...

A novel which holds mirror to the glory of storytelling and to the limits of the memory. Zileli is standing in homage matchlessly to the stories of people passing through life from the eyes of a broken tower clock. Tracking the depths of human spirit, tenor of the objects and all the voices in nature, this novel is inviting readers to a breath-taking walk.

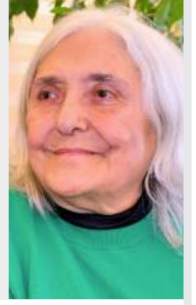
*Fear would do no good to a broken clock!
As soon as I jumped into its pulse, a new
anger exploded in our ears. It was as strong
as the first one. Just like the moment when
you dive into the water. It was in a rush.
Its anger was because of this rush. It was
looking for something. But what was it?..*

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Sevin Okyay

One of the leading names of Turkish cultural world as an author, translator, journalist, film and music critic, radio commentator. She's well-known as the translator of Harry Potter books.



friendship | books | family |
İstanbul | music | theatre | sport |
memories | cinema | journalism |
literature | festival | translation

Narrative | 376 pages
120 x 180 mm | 1st edition: 2018



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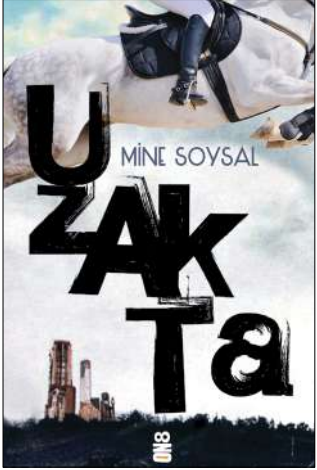
Like quicksilver, like herself, a crazy İstanbulite.

One of Türkiye's influential intellectuals, Okyay, with her versatile and colourful personality, portrays the culture and art world of İstanbul after 1980. Okyay presents famous artists, writers, poets, intellectuals along with her colleagues and family members in a sincere and cheerful style. Among the 72 portraits that overflow from her sharp memory and put a smile on readers' faces, there are names such as Haluk Bilginer, Nûkhet Ruacan, Murathan Mungan, Hrant Dink, Tarkan, Mina Urgan, Jak Deleon, Cem Karaca, Enis Batur, Meral Okay. This collection of unforgettable memories and stories is for readers of all ages.

The multi-award-winning author is very popular for her sports articles, radio programs, translations, and critiques. She is Türkiye's first female film critic and has been writing about cinema since 1984. She has also contributed to ON8 Blog with her original writings in her column titled "Zamanlı Zamansız" for many years.

Mine Soysal

Soysal is a well-known author and publisher who dedicated her life to the development of contemporary children's and young adult literature in Türkiye. She stands by the freedom of children and young people also with her books.



family | existence | equality | differences | labour | loneliness | youth | Malatya | class conscious | university | Istanbul | riding | labour accidents

256 pages | 4th edition: 2022

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FAR AWAY

How can you measure the distance between two intersecting lives which are actually too apart?

Author and publisher Mine Soysal, skilled in taking young people's pulse, this time lends an ear to the young and nameless construction workers, introducing 19-year-old Erdo to her young readers. Soysal is telling the story of two young people living in very close but totally different worlds, successfully staying at equal distance to both.

As "civilisation" goes higher and higher up in the sky, the increasing glory of living spaces is pushing the close lives further away from each other. Some are tired of living inside those places and some are tired of building them. While Erdo feels himself drowning in the extravagances of metropolis life he's not familiar with, another young woman, Dünya feels squeezed in her "giant" but enclosed world. Can the depth of this cliff between two young lives be measured by the number of "floors"?..



working | solidarity | secrets | immigration | friendship | family | first love | domestic violence | fire | disappointment | death | accident

148 pages | 2nd edition: 2024



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Çiğdem Sezer

Sezer is a well-known poet and author of Turkish contemporary literature. Besides her award-winning poetry books for adults and children, she wrote city monographies, biographies and novels for adults, young adults and children.



MISSING SPRING

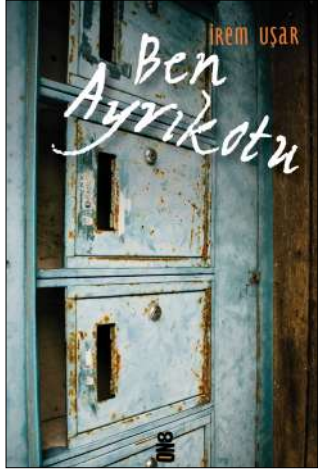
Sometimes your past becomes your future...

While skillfully narrating the life of four youngsters who are trying to shape their future, Sezer is taking a photo of today's Türkiye. The story which eases difficult themes like forced marriage, parental pressure and forced displacement, with hope and love is reminding the reader about the importance of courage and moving on against all odds. A fascinating story woven with music and poetry.

Bahar's mind is busy with questioning how she can build up a good future in her life full of constraints. While studying for the university entrance exam, she dreams of her platonic love Umut. Merve who's having problems with her dominating parents and Cihan whose only dream is to enter the university are her best friends. A message coming from an unexpected person disrupts her steady life. Opening of the old wounds of her family lead to the start of unexpected clashes and confrontations...

İrem Uşar

Writing beloved books for a wide range of readers including children, young adults and adults, Uşar creates interesting bridges between the past, future and current times. Besides writing, Uşar is a dog trainer and tai chi instructor.



friendship | communication |
İstanbul | death | letter |
loneliness | youth | post office |
social phobia | confrontation |
observation | psychology

236 pages | 1st edition: 2015



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ME, WITCHGRASS

Platonic letters from a 19-year-old...

A nineteen-year-old man, feeling detached from life, seeks comfort in writing as he no longer wants to speak or be misunderstood. Closing himself off, he opens his heart through letters –sometimes mailed, sometimes left in a stranger's mailbox.

A nineteen-year-old nameless protagonist decides to write anonymous letters to various people. Sometimes he follows them to find their addresses, and sometimes he writes to imaginary recipients. For him, the important thing is to write –to express what he can't say to their faces. How will these letters impact the lives of those who receive them?..



friendship | lie | war | media |
private teaching centre |
intergenerational communication |
confrontation | family history |
women's rights | history

200 pages | 2nd edition: 2013



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Müge İplikçi

İplikçi is an author addressing human rights and relations in modern times with special emphasis on disadvantaged groups. She received many prestigious awards with her works and her stories are translated to many languages.



HIDE AND SEEK

Two different periods, two different “hide and seek”, and neither is a game!

İplikçi opens up a corridor between two different periods in time. Between the ruthless truths of the official history forcing the real memories to be erased, and the real pains dissolving in the mixture of show business and media drug. Two different games of hide-and-seek, none of them are games anymore. The seekers are as much afraid as the hidden.

“The truth is tiring. We should not be frightened of those who feed on lies! A lie is more condemned in this world than the truth itself,” says Sami Bey, Funda's grandfather. Looking for a way out of the constraints of school, family and identity, Funda follows the footsteps of the past. When you are asked to silence your memory and your words, playing hide and seek is not that much fun. It's a tasteless game. There is one question that pops up. You may think that the only solution is to run away, but to where?..

Neslihan Acu

Known for her keenly observed novels, Neslihan Acu portrays young people's anxieties, sorrows and the pressures surrounding them with striking realism.



Z-AGE LONELINESS

Serap, a full-scholarship student at a private school, feels caught between her struggling family and her wealthy classmates. When she meets Candan, she thinks she has found a true friend. But communicating with Candan proves far from easy...

friendship | generation z | loneliness | adolescence | poverty | social media | domestic violence | shopping | class differences | psychology | scholarship

Novel | 260 pages | 120 x 180 mm | 2nd edition: 2018



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Sibel Oral

Told in a lyrical and deeply emotional voice, journalist and author Sibel Oral's debut novel follows two young women as they discover both themselves and the society around them.



WAITING FOR MYSELF

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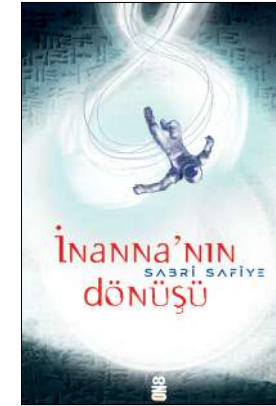
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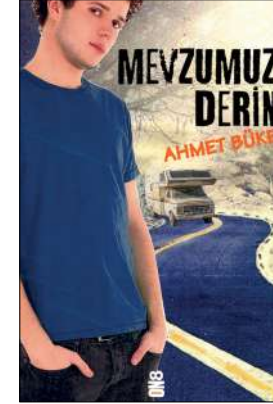
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Behiç Ak's new novel turns İstanbul itself into a stage, where past and present converge in the lives of his characters. Through shifting memories, fragile bonds and unanswered questions, he portrays a city where literature and life are inseparable.



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Behiç Ak follows the traces of a 35-year-old story in the orbit of İstanbul. In a literary club, he brings together those who carry the weight of memories buried under dust, those who find themselves trapped in the tensions of social roles and class divisions, and those whose only possession is a single poem. In this novel, every road in İstanbul ultimately leads to a single poem, where betrayal and waiting, literature and silence, unanswered questions, unresolved reckonings, and even hopeless love all come together.

“Even the people he loved would say to him, ‘Come on, come on! Do exactly as they tell you! Plunder everything in sight! In this city, anything that brings profit is considered right! Do not forget, in the end, just as in your poem, İstanbul will be yours.’

“But would it be the city that conquered and enslaved him, or would he be the one to emerge as its conqueror? Or perhaps, both at once? He knew he could make no concessions. He wanted neither to be master nor slave. All he longed for was to lose himself in reverie, wandering through the mysterious streets of this enigmatic city.”

Behiç Ak explores societal dynamics and individual identity through the lens of his characters. The narratives offer a nuanced portrayal of society, woven with contrasts and set within the framework of a city.



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THE IDLENESS OF STARS

In his stories, which could be both funny and dramatic, Behiç Ak takes the reader on a journey through the labyrinths of memory. The book, consisting of extraordinary examples of the art of storytelling, where subtle humour is intertwined with compelling philosophy, holds up a mirror to lives that waver between the normal and the absurd. While showing that the ordinary can be surprising and unsettling, it takes truths, distorts them and turns them inside out. Among the pages that sometimes trace ludicrous or hilarious emotions, The Idleness of Stars Law in astronomy winks at us: “Every star maintains its most idle state and moves within those limits.”

“My problem was this, you see, in no way could I manage to be what I was supposed to be. If I hired a cleaner, I’d soon find myself working alongside them; trying to rescue a detained friend, I’d end up getting detained myself; if a thief stole money from me, I’d feel like a thief stealing money...”



Novel | 156 pages
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SLEEP CITY

Behiç Ak includes the rapidly evolving city that is becoming stagnant and rootless, in the narratives we inherit as we construct our identities. He articulates the silent reckonings of characters from three different generations through their intertwined stories, each questioning their role, home, street and often blaming the other. In three different locations of İstanbul, he sprinkles magic dust over the ordinary lives of three generations and gently tells their stories. Behiç walks through Sleep City, sometimes as a flaneur and sometimes as a time traveller, offering a lively and striking social perspective that is transforming into nihilism.

“Neglect and dust become a culture. Habit is the strongest force. Clouds sliding through the blinds, ferries, forgotten colours, slow songs from the past that even car cassette players can’t carry, melancholy not invited to gatherings anymore, and the funny things that can only be laughed at when thought about for a long time are always there. Even stories banned for slowing down life...”

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