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2019 CATALOGUE



The Fonfon series is designed to spark the joy of reading in children aged 3 to 8, with colourful, engaging books that educate, enrich and entertain, all made entirely in Quebec with eco-friendly materials.

Fonfon holds its talented authors and illustrators in high regard and embraces a vision of sustainability, releasing only a limited number of new publications each year to ensure a focus on carefully curated and beautifully crafted stories that will keep appealing to children's imaginations for years to come.

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OUR COLLECTIONS



STORIES FOR LAUGHING

This collection is all about enabling children to experience the sheer pleasure of diving headfirst into a great story.

STORIES FOR LAUGHING is a collection of beautifully illustrated picture books that dare families to dream, laugh, escape the ordinary and reframe their world. Once you discover these strong, creative, funny and likeable heroes, you'll want to keep coming back to read more!



STORIES FOR LIVING

A collection of picture books for children that tackle sensitive topics or address thought-provoking themes – these are the kinds of books every good bookstore needs!

STORIES FOR LIVING is a compelling collection tackling the sensitive topics that tend to leave us lost for words. These picture books are designed to embrace, comfort and help children who are struggling to come to terms with challenging events, by helping them and their parents to talk about the emotions involved.



STORIES FOR READING

STORIES FOR READING is a collection for early readers designed to spark the joy of reading through short stories that leave ample room for the imagination!

Each series of books is built around a caricature of the author, who becomes the main character and leads the reader on a journey of discovery. Because taking the first steps into reading should be a fun experience!



FONFON APPS

These interactive applications are a gateway for young readers into the world of their favourite characters and a platform for them to create stories of their own!

NEW!



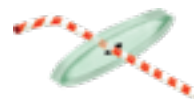
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A CHIP TOO FAR?

Gus the gull is king of the car park, where he guzzles his guts full of crispy chips morning, noon and night.

Alone by the riverside, his cousin Gullina gobbles fish down her gullet all day long.

Gus is desperate to go away on holiday, and Gullina can't stand to be alone a second longer. Together they set off on an adventure, but will they find what they're looking for?



Features

Story: Chloé Varin
 Illustrations: France Cormier
 Size: 9" X 10.5"
 Hardcover: 19.95 CAD
 32 colour pages

NEW!

WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH OTTIE THE OTTER

Ottie the otter is a sweet, playful and energetic character. And she LOVES to slide! The problem is, she loves to slide a little too much...

Ottie is unpredictable. She slides everywhere and on everything. Her friends in the woods have just about had enough of Ottie's obsession with sliding. They need to find a way to stop her from making such a mess!

In her first venture as an author, illustrator Orbie delivers a work of art that's part picture book, part comic strip... and laugh-out-loud funny!



ISBN: 978-2-923813-74-5



Features

Story and illustrations: Orbie
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Hardcover: 19.95 CAD
32 colour pages





ISBN: 978-2-923813-44-8

MOO'S IN THERE?

All the farm animals are sound asleep... until something starts making a deafening racket! Someone is trapped in the barn... but who could it be? This is a story of new friendships, surprising encounters and a soccer tournament to remember. Cowleen and her friends are back in a brand new adventure!

What a MOO-vellous Day!



Features

Story: Benoit Dutrizac
Illustrations: Bellebrute
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Hardcover: 19.95 CAD
32 colour pages

Radio host Benoit Dutrizac reveals his talent as a storyteller, delivering zany tales that come to life through the vibrant illustrations of the duo of illustrators known as Bellebrute.



ISBN: 978-2-923813-45-5

HAS ANYONE SEEN COWLEEN?

A little calf who lives on a farm in the country is upset. His mother is nowhere to be found. Whatever will he do until she comes back? The other barnyard animals come up with some riddles to put a smile back on his face. This quirky story is guaranteed to put you in a good moooooood!

Almost 10,000 copies sold since its release!



Features

Story: Benoit Dutrizac
Illustrations: Bellebrute
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Hardcover: 19.95 CAD
32 colour pages



ISBN: 978-2-923813-43-1

MY HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

Travel the world with an unlikely adventurer and find your own treasures!

This poetic picture book beckons readers to embark on a voyage of discovery to the Great Wall of China, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Grand Canyon, Machu Picchu and more magical places, and its exquisite word play and a treasure hunt of illustrations make it a story to remember!



Winner of the Prix Illustration Jeunesse du Salon du livre de Trois-Rivières, Picture Book category



Shortlisted for the Peuplier Award, Picture Book category, part of the La forêt de la lecture contest 2018



Features

Story: Danielle Chaperon
Illustrations: Josée Bisaillon
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Hardcover: 19.95 CAD
32 colour pages



ISBN: 978-2-923813-60-8

QUEEN QUICK-QUICK

Set sail with Queen Quick-Quick and her dilly-dallying deckhands as they hit the high seas for a rollicking rescue. Along the way, our hot-tempered heroine encounters a scary sea monster, pokey pirates, mesmerising mermaids and whacks of wonderful words that are guaranteed to get grins, giggles and guffaws galore!

A picture book that masterfully combines the rich language of Caroline Allard and the modern illustrations of Guillaume Perreault!



Une fois les amarres détachées, le navire ne bouge pas.
La Reine Et-Que-Ça-Saute accourt sur le pont.
- Je suis entourée de gamins, maugrè-t-elle.
Nom d'un mijoté de marmottes à moteur, les rameurs!
Les avirons ne sont pas faits pour jouer à l'épée!
Assoyez-vous et au travail! Et que ça saute!
Et le navire se met à avancer.

Features

Story: Caroline Allard
Illustrations: Guillaume Perreault
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Hardcover: 19.95 CAD
32 colour pages

"Playing with rhymes, alliteration and a repetitive structure, Caroline Allard has created a simply exquisite character who makes readers want to read this delightful picture book over and over again!"

– Sophie Gagnon, *Campaign for Reading*



FOLLOW ANTOINE IN HIS COMICAL ANTICS THROUGH THE FOUR SEASONS!



ISBN: 978-2-923813-15-8

OPERATION SUNSHINE

Summer is finally here! Ah, the smell of freshly mown grass, the baking sun and no school for weeks! It's Antoine's favourite season and he can't wait to get outside, soak up the sun and swim... so long as it doesn't get too hot to enjoy all that summer fun. On your marks, get set, go! Operation Sunshine has begun!

Features

Stories: Valérie Fontaine
Illustrations: Tommy Doyle
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Softcover: 14.95 CAD
32 colour pages



ISBN: 978-2-923813-16-5

OPERATION WINDSTORM

The leaves are starting to fall, carried off by an unforgiving breeze. Is autumn really here? Antoine quickly gathers his friends and, together, they come up with some crazy ideas to hold on to summer. Get swept up in the fun of Operation Windstorm!



ISBN: 978-2-923813-01-1

OPERATION SNOWFLAKE

Antoine is fed up with perpetually frozen feet and sopping wet mittens. He is bound and determined to find some cool ways to get rid of the snow that is messing up his yard – and his life. Follow in his footprints he puts Operation Snowflake into action!



ISBN: 978-2-923813-18-9

OPERATION MUD

Spring isn't always everything it's cracked up to be. The ground is muddy, the wind is chilly and the air smells horrible! Antoine has just wrapped up Operation Snowflake, but he's got lots of new ideas in mind to make the transition to summer a little smoother.



THE BAD HAIR DAY

Something quite out of the ordinary is happening to Juliette this morning. It's as though her fringe has taken on a life of its own! No matter how many times she combs or sticks each hair in the right place, they simply will not stay put. Will she ever tame that unruly mane? Find out how Juliette attempts to untangle one of life's greatest mysteries: the BAD HAIR DAY.



ISBN: 978-2-923813-14-1



Juliette est de plus en plus affolée, et sa mère tente de la calmer. Habitée au caractère flamboyant de sa fille, elle la rassure en lui parlant d'un outil qui pourra l'aider à régler son problème capillaire.



Si je le crois? Comment penses-tu que je suis venue à bout de mon propre retousse-pet quand j'étais enfant?

Juliette ouvre le fameux manuel, mais elle ne sait pas trop quoi en penser.



Features

Story: Dominique de Loppinot
Illustrations: Bach
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Softcover: 14.95 CAD
32 colour pages



ISBN: 978-2-923813-05-9

Features

Story: Valérie Fontaine
Illustrations: Fil
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Softcover: 14.95 CAD
32 colour pages

THOMAS, PROFESSIONAL PRINCE

Thomas is a prince whose full-time job is to save princesses from untold dangers. After years of doing it, he has developed some very unusual methods. Follow Thomas on his daring escapades and find out why the princesses never fall in love with him in the end. You've never seen a rescue mission like this before, but the charming Prince Thomas is sure to win your heart!



Winner of the 2012 Best Children's Book award, *Enfants Québec* magazine



Longlisted for the 2012 Booksellers' Award for Children's Books



Shortlisted for the Peuplier Award, Picture Book category, part of the 2014 *La forêt de la lecture* contest



Montérégie Children's Author Award presented to Valérie Fontaine



Special mention to Fil for his illustrations at the Salon du livre de Trois-Rivières 2012



ISBN: 978-2-923813-06-6

THE MAGIC TELEPHONE

While she's rooting around in her grandmother's attic, Alexe finds a strange-looking telephone. She makes sure nobody else is around and then presses one of the buttons. But who's on the other end of the line? Pick up this book to find out more about the fun characters Alexe meets as she searches for the answer!



Features

Story: Valérie Fontaine
Illustrations: Josée Masse
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Softcover: 14.95 CAD
32 colour pages



ISBN: 978-2-923813-08-0

PATSY THE PARROT

Juju and her pet parrot Patsy are inseparable companions... until the day the door is left wide open and Patsy vanishes. Poor Juju is beside herself! Will she ever see her beloved bird again? Team up with her to search for her missing avian pal in this action-packed, emotion-filled and giggle-worthy story.



**Winner of the 2015
Lancemot Contest**



**Shortlisted for
the grand prize at
the 2015 Montérégie
children's book awards.**

Features

Story: Lucie Papineau
Illustrations: Julie Cossette
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Softcover: 14.95 CAD
32 colour pages



TREASURE HUNTERS

Jade and Samuel are two young explorers with a taste for adventure. One day, a simple walk in the woods turns into an all-out treasure hunt. Follow in their footsteps and get swept up in the wild and wonderful stories inspired by their surprising discoveries.



**Shortlisted for the
Peuplier Award, Picture
Book category, part of
the 2014 La forêt de la
lecture contest**

Features

Story: Alain M. Bergeron
Illustrations: Julie Cossette
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Softcover: 14.95 CAD
32 colour pages



ISBN: 978-2-923813-04-2



NEW!



ISBN: 978-2-923813-91-2

HEY, THAT'S ME!

Lawrence is a boy who knows a lot about plants, excels at mathematics and loves to call a spade a spade.

But his classmates sometimes give him a hard time because of his odd behaviour. Will the class trip to the botanical gardens at the end of the year help them to see Lawrence in a different light?

This picture book delves with honesty and understanding into the daily challenges of life for a boy with autism.

Theme: Autism

Features

Story: Stéphanie Deslauriers
Illustrations: Geneviève Després
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Hardcover: 19.95 CAD
32 colour pages



AVERY AND THE FLOOD

"My little brother had just turned four when he started crying. And he never stopped crying. He cried in the morning. He cried in the afternoon. He even cried when he was eating and sleeping, when it was sunny out and everyone was happy and smiling. He cried a flood of tears."

Avery was inconsolable. Nothing and no one can comfort him and stem the flood of tears. Until his big sister Rebecca sets out on a mission to get to the bottom of what is making him so miserable.

In her first venture into children's literature, Stéphanie Boulay sheds light on a profound search for identity. A charming, impactful and timely tale to foster self-acceptance and reassure children that it's OK to be different.

Themes: Gender identity, differences and stereotypes



ISBN: 978-2-923813-73-8



Features

Story: Stéphanie Boulay
Illustrations: Agathe Bray-Bourret
Size: 6.5" X 8.5"
Hardcover: 24.95 CAD
80 colour pages




ISBN: 978-2-923813-58-5

Features

Story: Frédérick Wolfe
 Illustrations: Marie-Ève Tremblay
 Size: 9" X 10.5"
 Hardcover: 19.95 CAD
 32 colour pages

 **Shortlisted for the Peuplier Award, Picture Book category, part of the La forêt de la lecture contest 2018**

 **Frédérick Wolfe, winner of the 2017 Cécile Gagnon Award for his first picture book**



PEBBLES IN MY POCKETS

Alice feels sad and lonely. Her parents are always arguing. She can't stand all the bickering at home, so she picks up pebbles and confides to them what is breaking her little heart. But soon, all the pebbles will be too heavy for her to carry. Will Alice find a way to ease her worries and get rid of the pebbles in her pockets that are weighing her down?

This picture book deals honestly and intelligently with the theme of loneliness and raises children's awareness about their inner feelings.

Theme: Loneliness



"Rarely has a picture book touched me as deeply as this one. It plunges us into the daily life of little Alice, a life that has nothing in common with Wonderland. Relevant, touching and disturbing, the final words alone easily bring a tear to our eye, despite their joyful colours."

– Harold Gilbert, *Les Libraires*



ISBN: 978-2-923813-75-2



POSTMAN PAUL

Postman Paul is a mail carrier for Tralala Post. He loves his work. He can always be heard singing as he does his daily rounds. His mail bag is full of all sorts of packages – the kind of packages he'd like to receive himself, one day. This book explores the joys of everyday life – from the comfort of routine to the excitement of daring to make a change...

Themes: Daily routines, being happy as you are



Winner of the 2015 award for children's book illustration at the Trois-Rivières book fair, Picture Book category



Winner of the grand prize at the 2015 Montérégie children's book awards



Shortlisted for the 2016 Lancemot Contest

Features

Story: Nathalie Ferraris
Illustrations: Josée Bisaillon
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Hardcover: 19.95 CAD
32 colour pages





ISBN: 978-2-923813-13-4

CHARLIE FIGHTS BACK!

Charlie Fights Back! is an allegorical story that takes a light-hearted, endearing approach to dealing with the delicate topic of illness for children. Funny monsters, bespectacled doctors and white blobs are the stars of the show for this brave young boy and his favourite stuffed toy!

Theme: Illness



Features

Story: Jannick Lachapelle
Illustrations: PisHier
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Softcover: 14.95 CAD
32 colour pages



“This funny and touching story puts into words the battle Charlie must wage against cancer. Imagining a regiment, a spaceship, armour or a magic potion, Charlie lives out his adventure with his imagination and his creativity, because they’re the best weapons he has.”

– Chantal Fontaine, *Les Libraires*

ME AND MY MINI-MES

Lil-Louis is a likeable little boy, only sometimes he loses his temper and does things without thinking them through first. Sometimes this can get him into a lot of trouble. As he tries to come up with ways to overcome his emotional outbursts, he imagines himself in a boxing ring. Will he come out on top and learn how to control his reactions and his feelings?

Theme: Dealing with emotions



Winner of the AQPF-ANEL teachers' literary award Picture Book category



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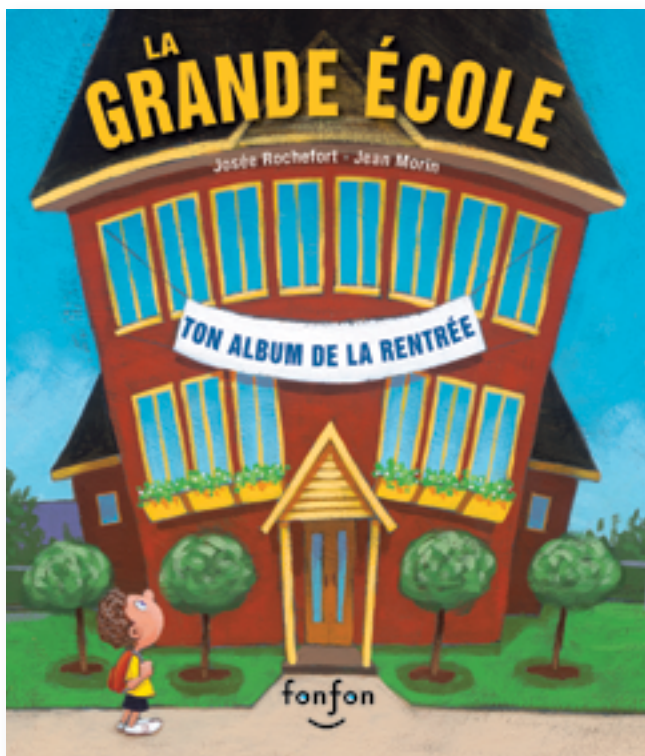


Features

Story: Marylène Monette
Illustrations: Marion Arbona
Size: 9" X 10.5"
Softcover: 14.95 CAD
32 colour pages

"Lil-Louis is just as adorable as any other little boy, but at times he loses control, anger gets the better of him or he is overcome with laziness. How can he control all the mini-mes duking it out within him like boxers in a ring? This story is a fantastic illustration of how children can learn to control their emotions."

– Les Libraires



ISBN: 978-2-923813-03-5

GOING TO BIG SCHOOL

Evan will be starting kindergarten soon. Everyone around him tries to tell him what to expect. But his imagination begins to run wild. Will it be anything like what he thinks? Take a big step forward with Evan to see the world from his unique perspective and find out how his first day at school turns out.

Themes: Starting school, fear of the unknown

Features

Story: Josée Rochefort
 Illustrations: Jean Morin
 Size: 9" X 10.5"
 Softcover: 14.95 CAD
 32 colour pages

NEVER FAR AWAY

A mother shares a myriad of colourful experiences with her son to tell him more about a certain someone who has passed away. Together, they explore the little pleasures in life that help keep the memories of people we love alive.

Themes: Loss and grief

Features

Story: Valérie Fontaine
 Illustrations: Ninon Pelletier
 Size: 9" X 10.5"
 Softcover: 14.95 CAD
 24 colour pages



ISBN: 978-2-923813-00-4



STORIES FOR READING

STORIES FOR READING is a new collection designed to spark the joy of reading through short stories that leave ample room for the imagination! The books are intended to help early readers easily decode words and draw on their comprehension skills.

Each series of books is built around a caricature of the author who becomes the main character and leads the reader on a journey of discovery. Because taking the first steps into reading should be a fun experience!

FEATURES FOR EARLY READERS

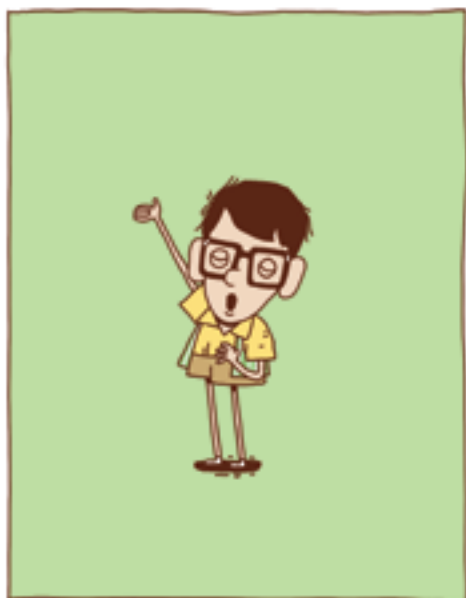
- ▶ One to two sentences per page, with constant placement
- ▶ Stories of 12 pages in length, containing 95 to 150 words
- ▶ A repetitive structure
- ▶ Accessible but varied vocabulary
- ▶ Funny stories with unexpected twists
- ▶ Texts approved by a committee of education advisors, remedial tutors and teachers



Features

Size: 5.5" X 7.5"
16 colour pages
Softcover: 6.95 CAD
Digital format: 4.99 CAD

Simon Boulerice • Guillaume Perreault



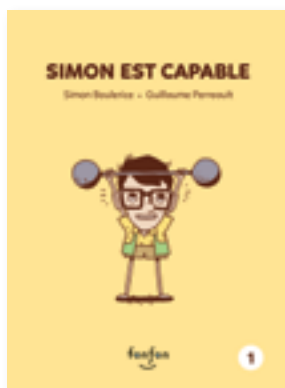
My name is Simon and I'm a poet.

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I like words that rhyme. I think they're divine.

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LES RÈGLES DE SIMON
Simon Bouderize - Guillaume Perrault



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Simon Boucherie • Guillaume Perreault



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Simon Boulerize • Guillaume Perreault



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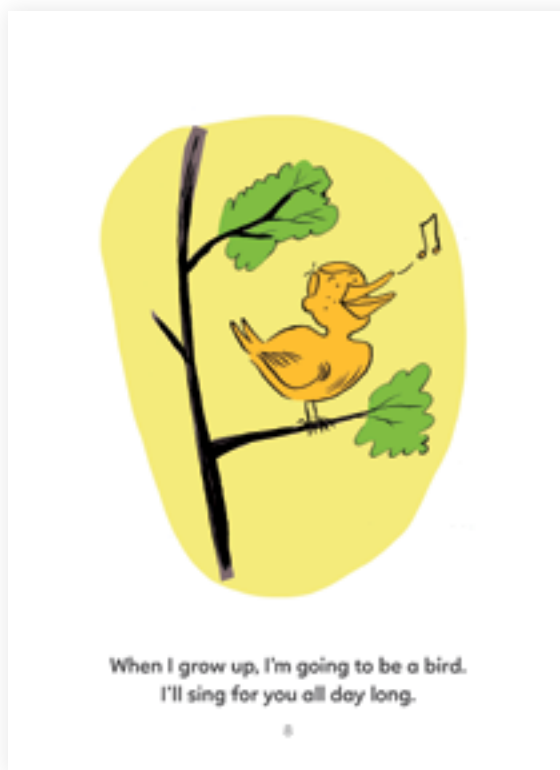
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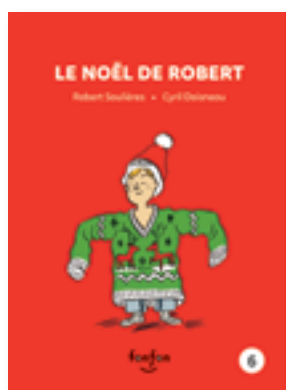


ROBERT AND ME

Robert Soulières • Cyril Doisneau



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CHLOE AND ME

Chloé Varin • Orbie



My name is Chloe and I like animals.

4



My mum says I like them a bit too much.

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CHLOÉ ET LES ANIMAUX

Chloé Varin • Orbie



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FÉE CHLOÉ

Chloé Varin • Orbie



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CHLOÉ PART EN VOYAGE

Chloé Varin • Orbie



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L'HALLOWEEN DE CHLOÉ

Chloé Varin • Orbie



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CLAUDIA AND ME

Claudia Larochelle • Jimmy Beaulieu



I make a mess when I'm looking for a book in the library.

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But it isn't my fault: my favourite stories are the best at hiding.

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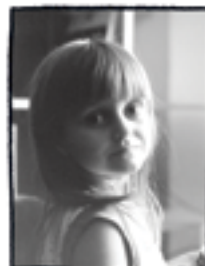


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DOMINIQUE AND ME

Dominique Demers • Boum



My name is Dominique and I love to exercise.

4



My mum says I'm a bundle of energy.

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ANDRÉ AND ME

André Marois • Iris



My name is André and I like to investigate.

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I see suspects everywhere, all the time!

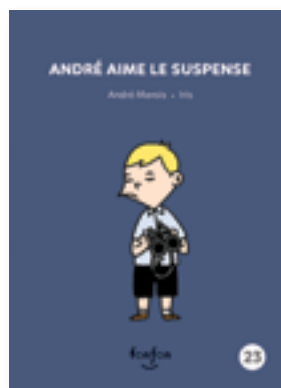
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FONFON APPS

These tablet applications immerse children in a story and empower them to try their hand at being an author themselves.. The apps are designed to appeal to 3- to 8-year-olds and have been developed for both home and school use.



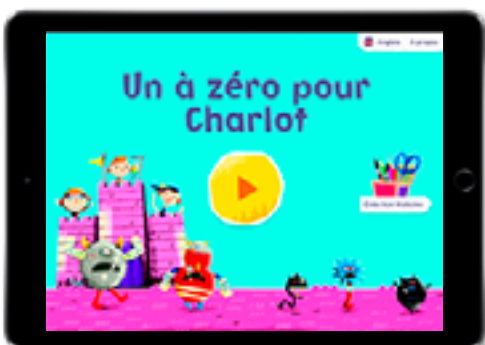
HAS ANYONE SEEN COWLEEN?

Story: Benoit Dutrizac
Illustrations: Bellebrute
Narration: Normand D'Amour and Anthony Imperoli
Original music: Samuel Laflamme
Sound effects: Louis-Philippe Quesnell – Productions Bulle



QUEEN QUICK-QUICK

Story: Caroline Allard
Illustrations: Guillaume Perreault
Narration: Catherine Trudeau
Original music: Samuel Laflamme
Sound effects: Louis-Philippe Quesnell – Productions Bulle



CHARLIE FIGHTS BACK!

Story: Jannick Lachapelle
Illustrations: PisHier
Narration: Elliot Miville-Deschênes
Original music: Samuel Laflamme
Sound effects: Louis-Philippe Quesnell – Productions Bulle

- An enriched book, including animations, sound effects, pre-recorded narration and interactions
 - A creation platform, enabling children to create their own books while having loads of fun!
 - These ergonomic apps are specially designed for young users, with no time limits and infinite opportunities for shared family time. They're perfect for when you're on the go!
- Available in English and French.

La Boîte à pitons is a young Montreal-based company that designs, develops and markets interactive digital experiences to entertain and enrich young audiences, their parents and their teachers. The applications have been developed in collaboration with AKUFEN studio, and with the pedagogical input of education specialists at the Université du Québec à Montréal. Their production has been made possible thanks to the support of the Canadian Media Fund and the MITACS Acceleration program.



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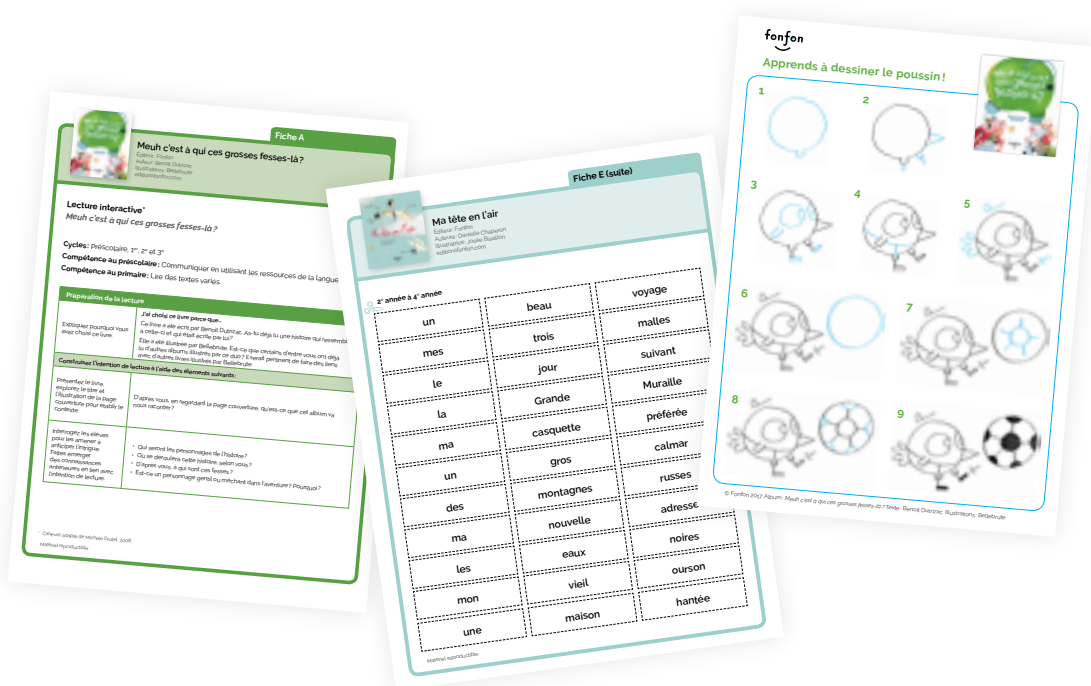
For children

On our website, you'll find three fun activities for each of our books, including games and colouring sheets based on your favourite Fonfon characters, all created by our very own illustrators!

For teachers

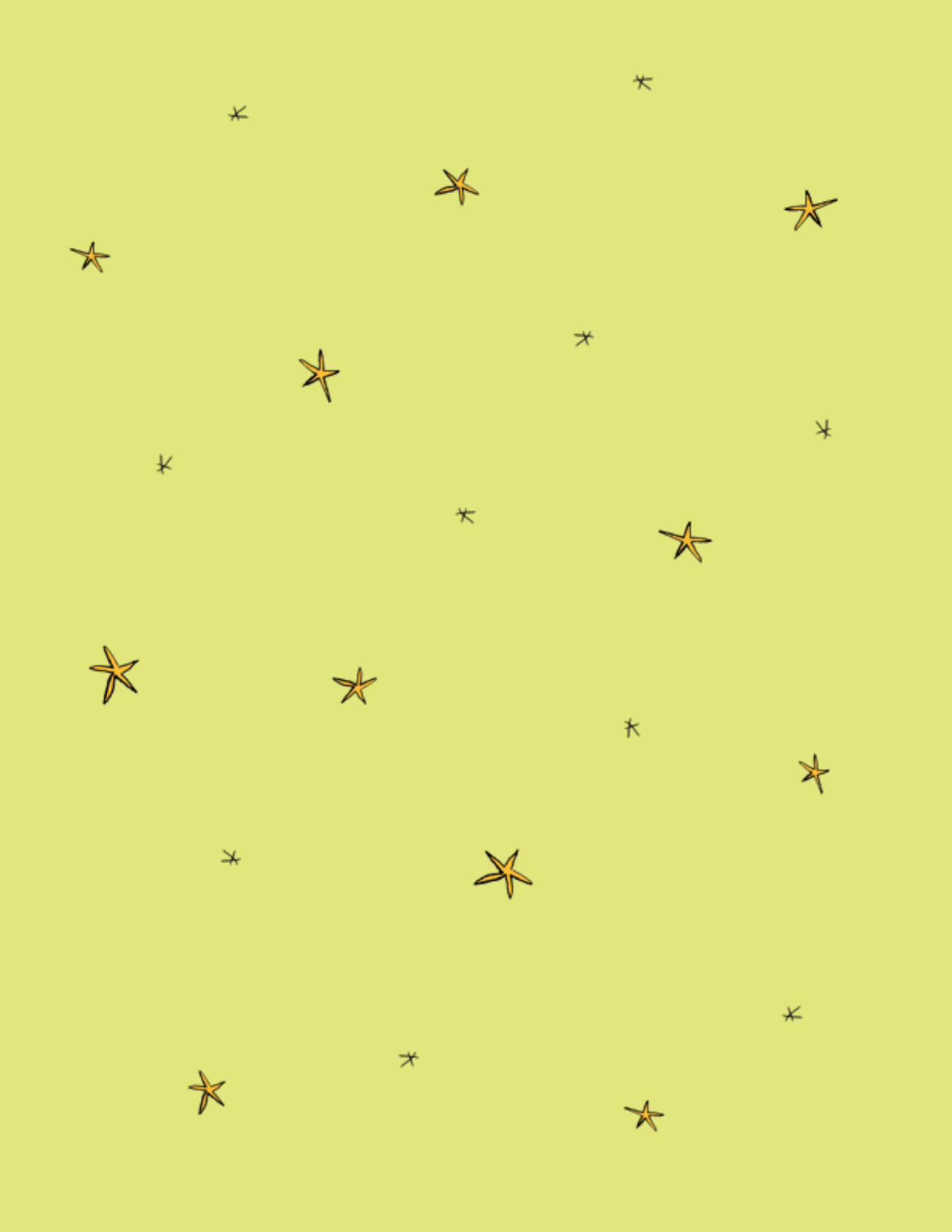
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