



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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### **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 ther 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!



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ISBN: 978-2-924984-12-3

Features

Size: 9" x 101/4" 32 pages/colour Hard cover Price: 19.95 CAD

## PETE AND REPEAT: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

Pete and Repeat went out in a boat. Pete fell out, so who was left? Repeat . . . Pete and Repeat went out in a boat. Pete fell out, so who was left? Repeat . . .

Aren't you fed up of that childhood riddle that keeps going round and round in circles? At last, here's the story of what really happened!

Penned with author Katia Canciani's sharp wit and illustrator's Guillaume Perreault's keen eye for detail, the pages of this remarkably funny picture book turn themselves absurdly well.



# 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.

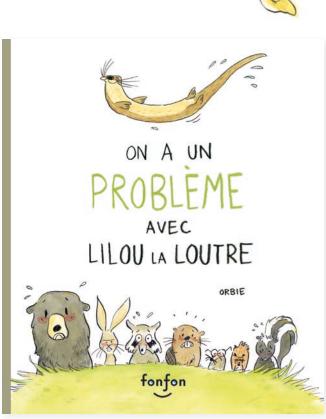
Gus is desperate to go away on holiday, and Gullina can't stand to be alone a second longer. Together they set off on an adventure, but will they find what they're looking for?





"In this hilarious tale about envy and the image we project to others, author Chloé Varin surreptitiously delivers her message to young readers with daring flair. France Cormier's tongue-in-cheek illustrations are the perfect match for the story, adding all the right character to the two protagonists. This is a fabulous picture book that will teach young readers one of life's subtle lessons and make them laugh out loud."

- Chantal Fontaine, Les Libraires



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!



"An endearingly funny picture book with adorable illustrations that's just crying out to be read to kids who can't sit still—and everyone else around them."

- La Presse+

ISBN: 978-2-923813-74-5

"Readers think Ottie the Otter is simply adorable, but the other animals find her impossible to be around. There's only one thing she loves to do, and that's to slide. She slides everywhere, all the time! (. . .) Orbie's first picture book as both author and illustrator is a landslide of a success!"

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## **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



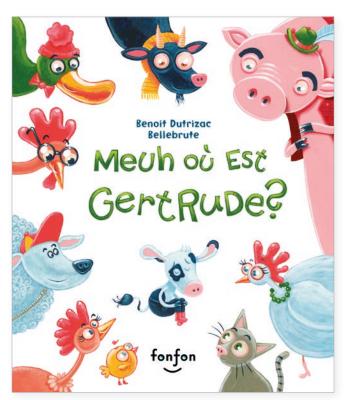
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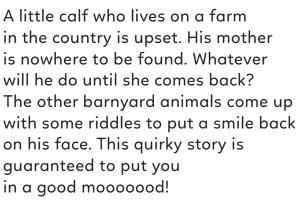


Illustrations: Josée Bisaillon Hardcover: 19.95 CAD 32 colour pages



ISBN: 978-2-923813-45-5

## HAS ANYONE SEEN COWLEEN?



Almost 10,000 copies sold since its release!



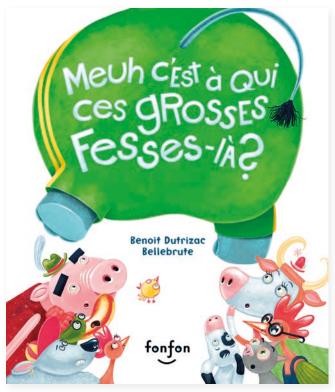


# MOO'S IN THERE?

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!

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.

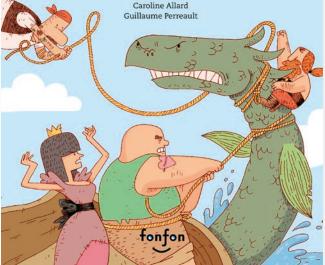


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## QUEEN QUICK-QUICK

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!



"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

### he can't wait to get outside, soak up the sun and swim... so long as it doesn't get too hot

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

**OPERATION SUNSHINE** 

to enjoy all that summer fun. On your marks, get set, go! Operation Sunshine has begun!

**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



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## to summer. Get swept up in the fun of **Operation Windstorm! 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!

## **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.





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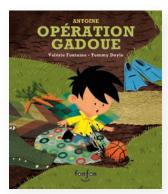
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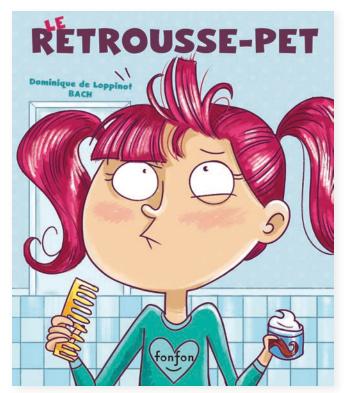




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THE BAD HAIR DAY

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.



mm Qu'est-ce que tu en sais? Aaahhh! Hum... tu crois que ça vaut le coup d'essayer ne peux pas aller à Mais non, ma chovette. Un toupet qui retrousse 'école comme ça! N ce n'est pas bien grave Juliette est de plus en plus affolée, et sa mère tente de la calmer. Habituée Juliette ouvre le fameux manuel, mais elle ne sait pas trop quoi en penser. 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 retrousse-pet quand j'étais enfant ? Je pense avoir quelque part un manuel de secours pour victimes de toupet déchaîné. Je l'avais conservé au cas où ... Ah! Features Story: Dominique de Loppinot 11 Illustrations: Bach Size: 9" X 10.5"

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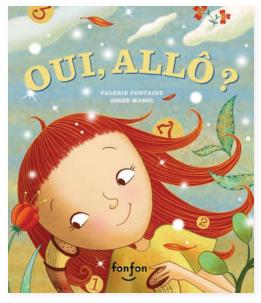
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Story: Valérie Fontaine Illustrations: Fil Size: 9" X 10.5" Softcover: 14.95 CAD 32 colour pages

## 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



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

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## 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



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## THEA AND HER THORNS

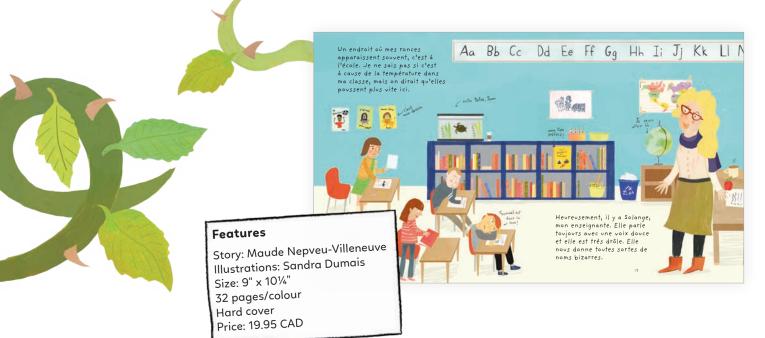
Thea has her own bike with two wheels, a pair of red shoes with stars on them and a super-soft stuffed lion. And she has thorns: lots of spiky branches that grow in her tummy and stop her from doing anything when she's worried or scared. Thea is desperate to tame her thorns, but how can she go about it?

# This picture book explores the topic of anxiety in a gentle, understanding way.

Theme: Anxiety



ISBN: 978-2-923813-99-8



"This book is not only stunningly beautiful and exceedingly well written, it tackles the tricky topic of anxiety, such a painful truth for an increasing number of children in today's world. With a hint of innocence to the whimsical illustrations that lightens Thea's story just enough, it's nothing short of a work of art!" **STORIES FOR LIVING** 

– Blogue TPL Moms



# 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

ISBN: 978-2-923813-91-2



#### Features

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

"Lawrence is a very endearing and very different kind of boy. He has autism, and he loves flowers with a passion. Through a carefully crafted narrative and rich vocabulary, this story helps to open readers' eyes to the way an autistic child might behave. The thoughtful, inspiring illustrations are simply magnificent."

- Choix des Libraires, Librairie Monet - Montréal



## 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.

# ANATOLE QUI NE SÉCHAIT JAMAIS



ISBN: 978-2-923813-73-8



**Themes:** Gender identity, differences and stereotypes

Shortlisted for the 2019 Espiègle Award



### Features

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



"Stéphanie Boulay delves oh-so-gently into the delicate question of identity and the importance of being yourself, no matter what other people think. Writing from a child's perspective with an air of innocence and whimsy and a punchy pen, she does a marvellous job of capturing how awkward and difficult it can be for little ones to tell grown-ups what's bothering them. A kaleidoscope of flowing watercolours, Agathe Bray-Bourret's delightful illustrations defy all convention and go wonderfully with the theme of being proud to be different." NEW!

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– Marie Fradette, Le Devoir



ISBN: 978-2-923813-58-5

Shortlisted for the

## PEBBLES IN MY POCKETS

Alice feels sad and lonely. Her parents are always arguing. She can't stand all the bickering a 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



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

"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



# Un à zéro pour Charlot



# **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



ISBN: 978-2-923813-13-4



"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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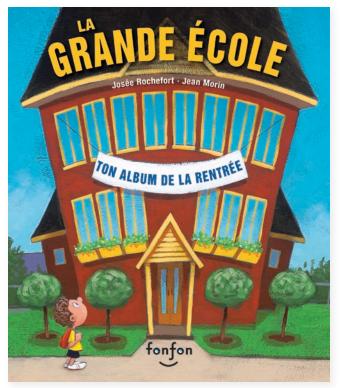




Story: Marylène Monette Illustrations: Marion Arbona Size: 9" X 10.5" Softcover: 14.95 CAD 32 colour pages

"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.

> Story: Valérie Fontaine Illustrations: Ninon Pelletier

### Themes: Loss and grief

**Features** 

Size: 9" X 10.5" Softcover: 14.95 CAD

24 colour pages



ISBN: 978-2-923813-00-4



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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

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- Accessible but varied vocabulary
- Funny stories with unexpected twists
- Texts approved by a committee of education advisors, remedial tutors and teachers

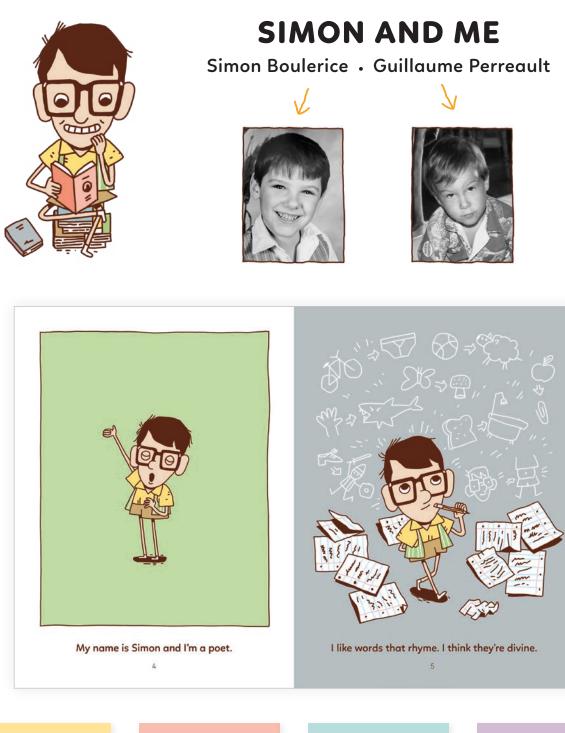


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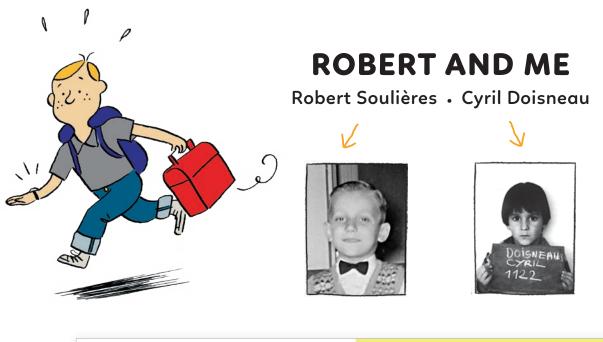
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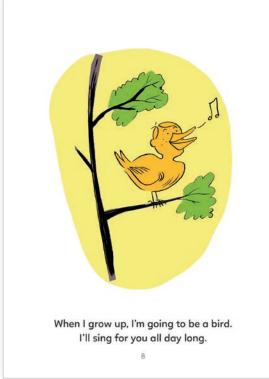
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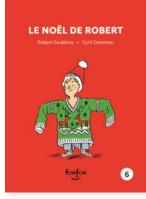




When I grow up, I'm going to be a tear hunter so I can make everyone happy.



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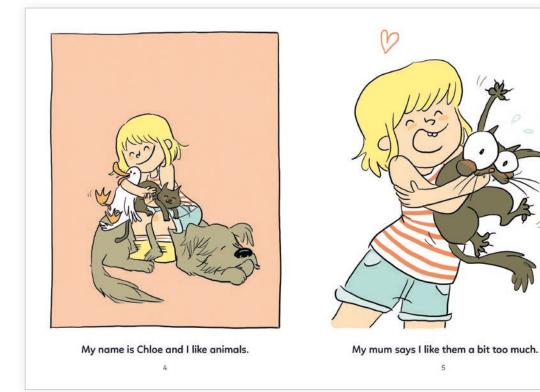




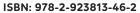
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# **CLAUDIA AND ME**

Claudia Larochelle • Jimmy Beaulieu







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



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

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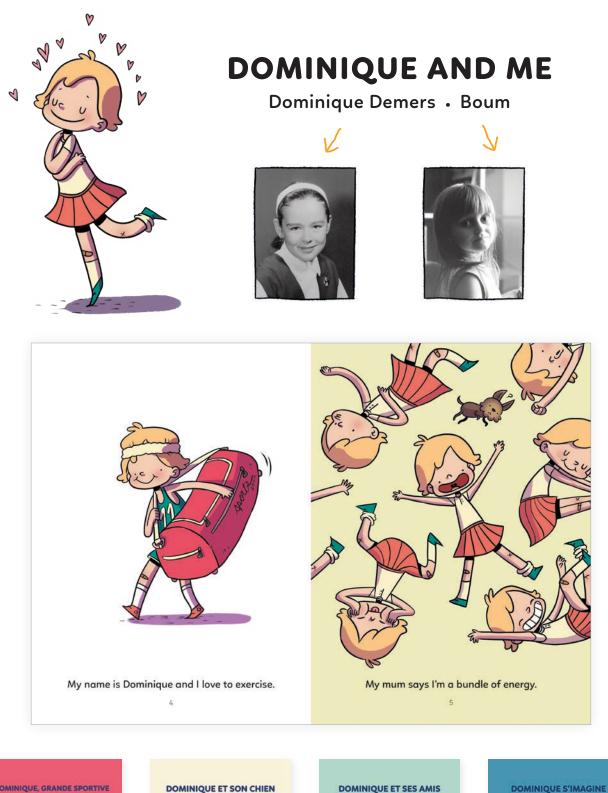


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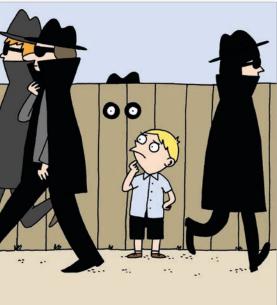








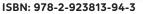
My name is André and I like to investigate.



I see suspects everywhere, all the time!  $$_{\rm 5}$$ 



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# VALÉRIE AND ME

Valérie Fontaine . Aurélie Grand







My name is Valérie and I love the planet I live on.





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VALÉRIE JARDINE



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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.







- 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.

### HAS ANYONE SEEN COWLEEN?

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

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## QUEEN QUICK-QUICK

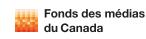
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## **CHARLIE FIGHTS BACK!**

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