HØST CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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LENKA BRODECKÁ LOOKING FOR A STAR / HLEDÁ SE HVĚZDA

A THRILLING TALE OF ADVENTURE FOR LITTLE PRINCESSES AND YOUNG DETECTIVES ALIKE



Beyond seven mountains and seven centuries lies a kingdom called Shining Stars. For many years calm and peace reigned in this land because it was protected by a mythical meteorite that once fell from the heavens. On that miraculous night all criminals were turned into eggs made of stone. Wickedness was banished. But now the meteorite has been stolen! Can a couple of adorable detectives — a remark-

able jester with only one bell and a little, rather lonely princess — save the kingdom?

AWARDS: White Ravens, 2016 RIGHTS SOLD TO: Serbia

LENKA BRODECKÁ born 1972, author of three books for children

TEREZA ŠČERBOVÁ born 1982, illustrator and creative artist; in 2015 she won the Zlatá stuha [Golden Ribbon]; she debuted as an author in 2016 with a book *Kooki / Krtník*

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PETRA SOUKUPOVÁ BERTIE AND THE SNUFFLER / BERTÍK A ČMUCHADLO

THIS FIRST CHILDREN'S BOOK BY ONE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC'S MOST REMARKABLE WRITERS TODAY IS A STORY ABOUT FINDING AN INNER BALANCE



Bertie is nine. His parents are divorced and he lives with his mum. Mum has found a new boyfriend. Bertie is struggling to deal with the changes in his life. It feels like a betrayal. Then in the holidays he encounters a talking creature called a snuffler and his view of the world changes. Bertie discovers that relationships between people are not as simple as he would like them to be.

AWARDS: White Ravens 2015 FOREIGN EDITIONS: Polish (Afera, 2015) RIGHTS SOLD TO: Croatia

PETRA SOUKUPOVÁ born 1982, author of five books, winner of the Jiří Orten Prize and Magnesia Litera, more than 80.000 copies of her books sold in the Czech Republic alone, her books published in 7 languages

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PETR}}$ KORUNKA born 1980, illustrator, graphic artist and comics author



PETRA DVOŘÁKOVÁ JULIE AND WORDS / JULIE MEZI SLOVY

THE BOOK TOUCHES ON THEMES THAT ARE FREQUENT IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE BUT RARELY FULLY GRASPED



Ten-year-old Julie doesn't have things easy. She has recently lived through the divorce of her parents. Against the background of little Julie's story the reader is acquainted with a veritable dictionary of terms from the adult world (*divorce*, *sex*, *cyberbullying*, *disability*, *dental hygiene*, *credit card*...) that often and inadvertently penetrate the world of children and may well be a source of worry as well as humour.

AWARDS: Golden Ribbon, 2014; Teachers' Prize for Contribution to Children's Reading, 2014 FOREIGN EDITIONS: Slovenian (MIŠ, 2016)

PETRA DVOŘÁKOVÁ born 1977, author of six books; she won a Magnesia Litera prize for Journalism for her book *Transformed Dreams / Proměněné sny*

KATARINA GASKO born 1980, regular contributor to children's magazines; works with publishing houses in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Canada



PETRA DVOŘÁKOVÁ FLOUK AND LILA / FLOUK A LÍLA

ABOUT A GREAT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN A COMPUTER MOUSE AND A MAGIC CAT



Lila isn't an ordinary mouse, she's a computer mouse! She's not having much fun in the office, so she's looking for friends in the real world. But she should watch out for Flouk the nasty cat, who practically lives here in the skyscraper and wants to get inside the computer. And guess what? He really does get inside! And as soon as he's in, he tries to go to the toilet in it. Yuck! That's not all — he gets

into fights, too. This book is a modern fairy tale about differences between the real world and virtual reality.

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KATEŘINA HIKADOVÁ born 1989, illustrator, graphic designer and teacher; *Living Paper / Papíři*, which she submitted for her Bachelor's degree, was selected as one of the best Graduation Projects of 2013

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JONÁŠ OVANUL WHO DID A POPSY AT COURT / KDO SI PRDNUL U DVORA

A CHARMING PICTURE BOOK, FOR SMALL CHILDREN AND OTHERS TOO



Kindly come with us to the posh, pretty world of the royal court, where Prince Joachim is asking for the hand of the lovely Princess Lenka. And then it happens! The question of the book's title presents us with a real mystery. The book handles with humour a situation well known to every child of

nursery-school age. Everyone breaks wind sometimes — dinosaurs, cows and monkeys did or do it, and people too, of course. And whoever says that he doesn't is the biggest popsy-artist of them all!

JONÁŠ OVANUL is writing under a pseudonym

ALŽBĚTA GÖBELOVÁ born 1991, student of Animation in Zlín; the picture book *Who Did a Popsy at Court / Kdo si prdnul u dvora* is her debut as an illustrator

PUBLISHED 2015, HARDBACK, 40 PP · ISBN 978-80-7491-574-1



VENDULA BORŮVKOVÁ ANNIE AND THE BERLEPS / ANNIE A BERLEPSOVÉ

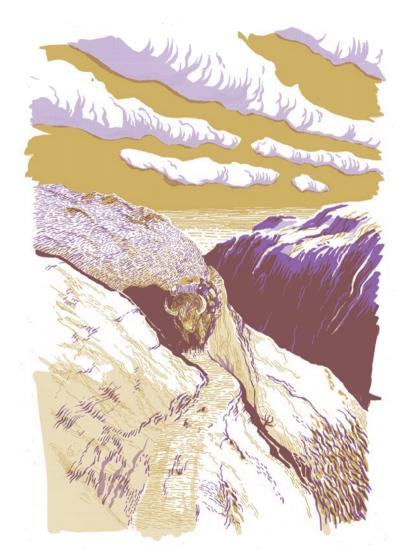
A HEART-WARMING ADVENTURE TALE ABOUT A JOURNEY FROM THE MALAYSIAN JUNGLE TO OLDEN-DAYS TIBET AND BACK AGAIN



Thirteen-year-old Annie travels to Singapore. She is really looking forward to being with her mother, with whom she stayed when her parents split up three years ago. Mum is on her way to the jungle when she loses a precious talisman. The girl sets out on a peculiar rescue mission on which she encounters the Berleps, a mysterious nation of dogs, and has incredible adventures that lead her to a place she has always dreamed of. Perhaps this place holds the key to the future for all of them...

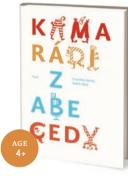
VENDULA BORŮVKOVÁ born 1977, writes for children and creates LARPs; her short story *Chocolate the Bear / Medvěd Čokoláda* was adapted for Czech Radio

JINDŘICH JANÍČEK born 1990, illustrator of books and book covers, a comics author and a designer of film posters



RADEK MALÝ, FRANTIŠEK PETRÁK FRIENDS FROM THE ALPHABET / KAMARÁDI Z ABECEDY

A UNIQUE PUBLICATION THAT TEACHES CHILDREN THE ALPHABET IN A NATURAL WAY



If we adults see letters as anything at all, then as a regular system of lines and arcs. Mostly we don't see even that, because we read words at a glance, giving no thought to how letters are composed. So it sometimes happens that a child alerts us to what a letter actually looks like. A roof. A fat granny. A crescent moon. Each letter contains a great, hidden story, as Radek Malý's short poem suggests.

And don't believe the grumpy types who tell you that you can't draw in books!

RADEK MALÝ born 1977, renowned poet, translator and author of award-winning books for children

FRANTIŠEK PETRÁK born 1961, active in the fields of painting, drawing, graphic art, graphic design, literature, drama and scenography

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TEREZA ŠČERBOVÁ KOOKI / KRTNÍK

A PHILOSOPHICAL TALE FOR TEENAGERS SOON TO KNOW THE ADULT WORLD AND FOR ADULTS WHO WANT OR NEED TO REMEMBER HOW TO BE HAPPY



Kookis aren't born, they appear. They don't die, they disappear. Kooki lives in the hills, where he sings to the foxes and talks with the stones. He lives in the here and now, wanting for nothing — until he meets Bear from the town, whose vivid stories of the big, wide world make his head spin... A story about attachment,

overambition and keenness to adapt to the expectations of those around us. It is also about resignation and courage — the courage to take responsibility for your own life and to find a way back to what you are.

TEREZA ŠČERBOVÁ born 1982, illustrator and author; graduated in Illustration and Graphics from the Academy of Art, Architecture and Design in Prague; she studied under Pierre Thomé in Lucerne, Switzerland; in 2015 she won a Golden Ribbon award in the category Books for Older Children and Young Adults for her illustrations for the book *Cracks / Śkvíry* by Marka Míková

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