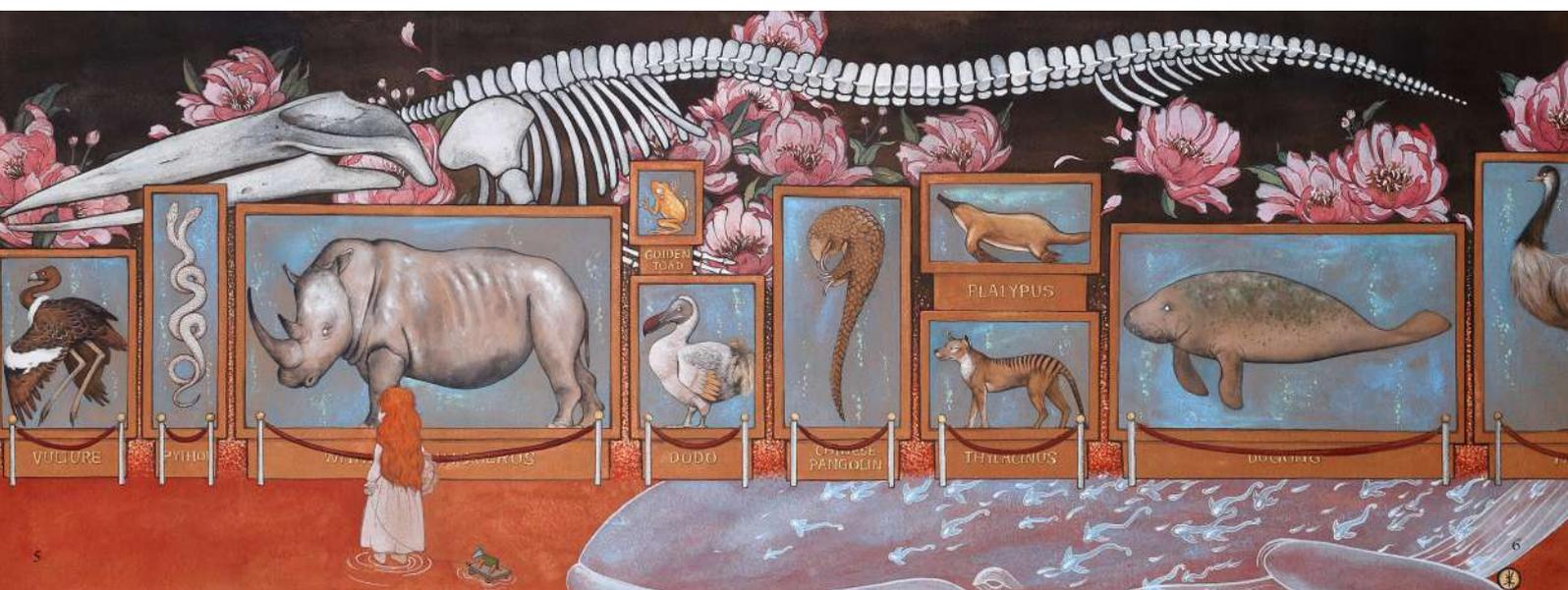


# Chinese Children's Books Catalogue

## Spring 2022

### Picture Books



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## Charlotte's Dream Museum



Matt Jirges

Sherley Cheung

Work In Progress

\* provisional cover

5 years old +

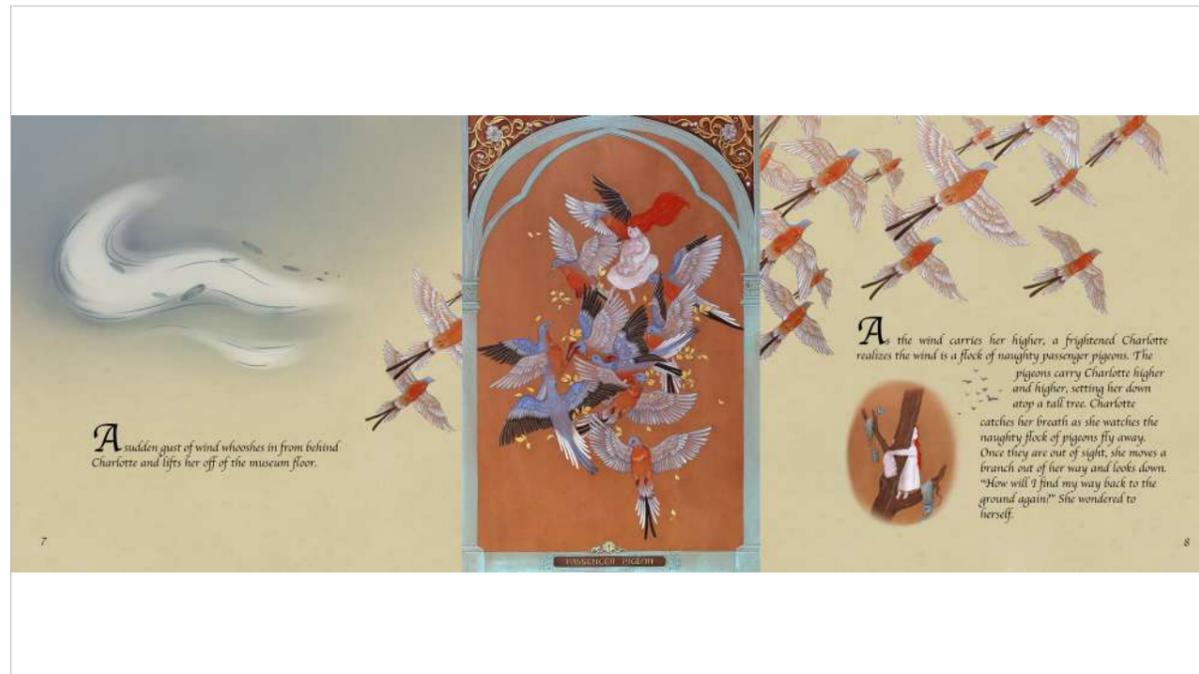
adventure, reverie, animals, museum

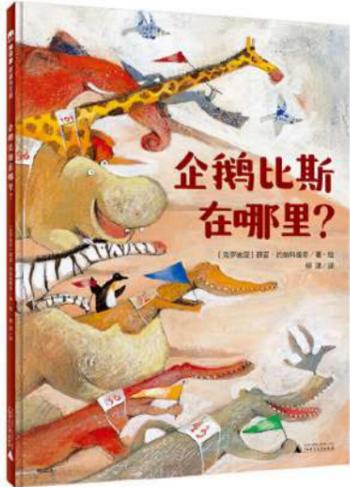
**An adventure to the museum of natural history: let yourself get lost in reverie, and care more for endangered animals!**

Charlotte's mother is reading a bedtime story next to the fireplace. Gradually, as mother's voice gets softer and softer, Charlotte's mind flows away with her mother's gentle narrative: she then steps into a grand museum of natural history. There, she meets animals that are going to disappear from the planet...

- ♥ An adventurous visit to Natural History Museum through the eyes of all curious young and adult readers!
- ♥ A creative and impressive fusion of occidental scenarios and traditional oriental painting techniques!
- ♥ Delicate gansai painting (traditional Japanese watercolour) with meticulously depicted details and original composition.

Sherley Cheung is a freelance illustrator from China. With ink, mineral pigmentations and her unique graphic approach, her works mostly relate to Chinese ancient folk tales and fantasies. She majored in Sculpture in BA degree and later earned her master's degree in Global Media Management at University of Southampton in England(2017-2018). She is currently running her own art studio - Sherlex & Co. in Shenzhen, China.





## Where is Penguin Pips?

Svjetlan Junaković

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27 \* 19 cm

32 pages

2 years old +

animals, adventure, look&find



Penguin Pips has lost his way in the city. He wants to return to the Antarctic. Following Penguin Pips, we will go through a lively city, watch a fierce football game, enter a busy shopping mall, run a fun marathon, have a refreshing walk on the beach, and finally board a ship and head for the iceberg!

Now Penguin Pips is eventually at home! Yet hold on and take a look. Where is his exactly?

♥ A fun Look and Find picture book for early years readers !

♥ Numerous details and various animals keep readers busy looking for the little target.



## Take a Guess Series

LIU YANG

Svjetlan Junaković

27 \* 19 cm

56 pages

2 years old +

animals, basic notions (colours, shapes, sounds etc.)

"Take a Guess" series is a set of 9 creative picture books with both knowledge and fun. Each title is related to animals. Via quiz games, it helps children learn to know more about animals. The folding page design is full of surprises!

9 titles available :

Whose Baby is It?

Whose Home is It?

Who Is Playing the Instrument?

Who Love This Most?

Who is It With This Color?

Whose Voice is It?

Who does This Toy Look Like?

Who is Playing Sports?

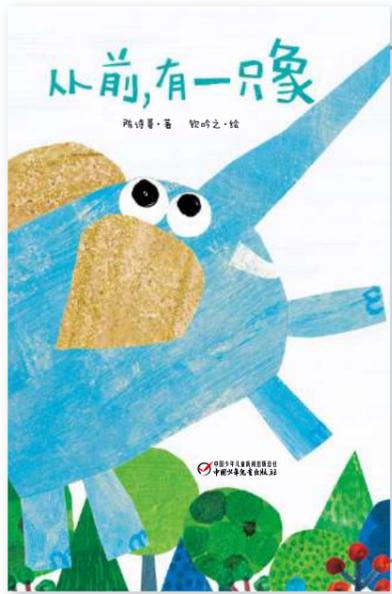
Who is It With This Pattern?

♥ Dive in the basics of knowledge: nine animal characteristics such as colours, shapes, sounds, and habits are revealed to satisfy children's curiosity.

♥ Move hands to flip pages: each folding page is a creative riddle, making reading a fun game.

♥ A question-and-answer interaction stimulates children's creative thinking and imagination.





## There was an elephant...

Shige CHEN

Yinzhi QIU

26 \* 17 cm

36 pages

3 years old +

nature, transformation, world

A little elephant is slowly approaching. He is amazed by everything in the world and tries to learn, absorb and transform into each kind of thing. He turns himself into the starry sky, a river, a sand, a piece of cloud, a cup, an egg, a bus and everything !

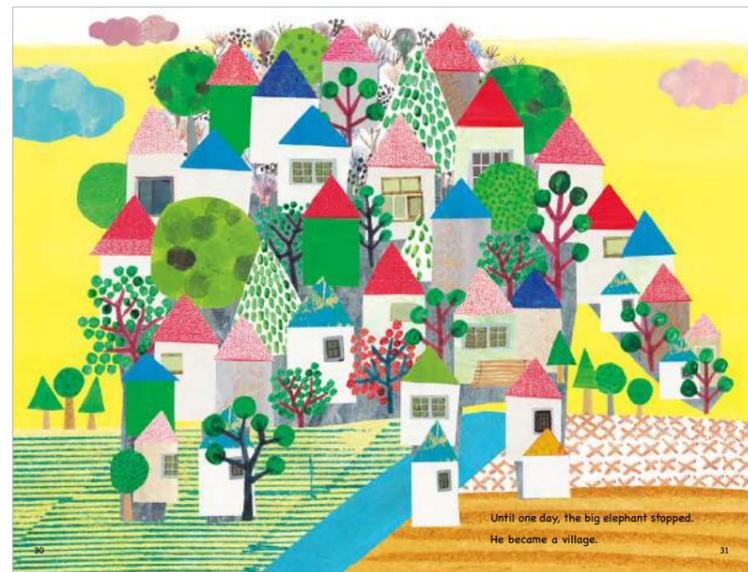
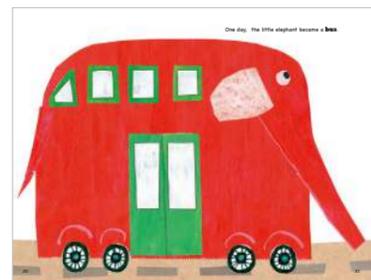
Surprisingly, his adventure ends up in a whole new world – the Elephant Village, where people live a peaceful and wonderful life.

Isn't there always an elephant around us? Where there is life, there is an elephant!

♥ A creative perspective of the world presented by a transforming elephant, helping young readers to associate the reality and an imaginative figure.

♥ The unbound imagination in the book expresses the wonder of the transforming nature.

♥ Story written by Chen Shige who has won several children's literature awards.



## The Elephant that ate the Night

Bing BAI

Yuanyuan SHEN

25 \* 23 cm

44 pages

3 years old +

dark night, imagination



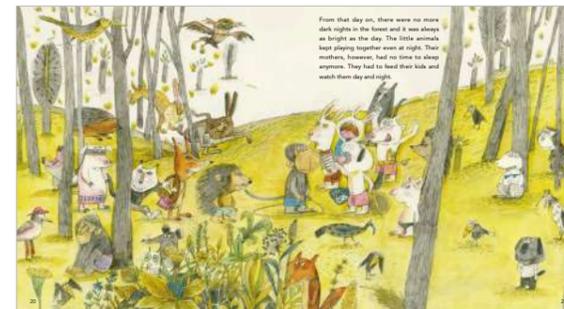
The animals living in a dark mushroom forest are all scared of the night. Whenever night falls, cries could be heard throughout the forest.

One day, an elephant named Ah-who came along and swallowed the night whole. Immediately after that, the forest turned as bright as daylight could be. Being happy though, these animals found that they couldn't fall asleep at all, tired and yawning all day long. The whole forest has now become a place with yawnings everywhere! What should they do ?

♥ **Story about fear of the dark night, an essential topic among young children.**

♥ Written by Bing BAI, renowned Chinese children's literature writer, winner of National Award for Outstanding Children's Literature, Bing Xin's Children's Literature New Book Award and Chen Bochui Award for Children's Literature.

♥ Detailed and delicate illustrations created by Yuanyuan Shen, winner of on the Best Children's Book in Bologna Children's Book Fair for twice and Golden Apple Award BIBF in 2015.





## Daddy Sea Lion and His Daughter

Wenqin LI  
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 21 \* 28.5 cm  
 40 pages  
 3 years old +  
 father, family, tenderness



Daddy Sea Lion is always busy with his work and hardly happy, but he has a lovely daughter who is always happy. Today, Daddy Sea Lion wants to kiss his happy daughter who, surprisingly refuses his kiss!

- ♥ A lovely story dedicated to all busy daddies and their kids!
- ♥ The figure of father represented by a sea lion makes the story more appealing to young readers.

She would only say yes if Daddy spends time playing with her. That sounds not easy as he is super busy. Would Daddy manager to kiss his daughter in the end?



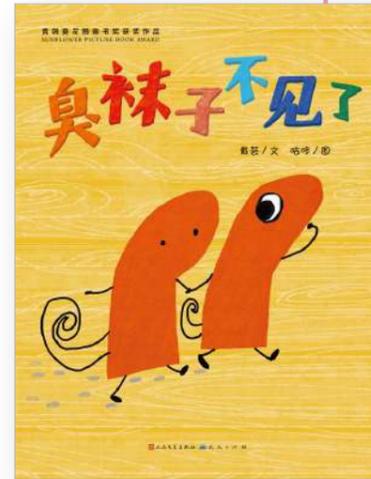
于是，海狮爸爸和小女儿一起玩。



玩完游戏，海狮爸爸想亲他快乐的小女儿，可小女儿还是说：“不要！”  
 “为什么呢？”海狮爸爸伤心地问，“我们已经玩完游戏了啊。”  
 “因为你还没有带我骑自行车！”小女儿说。



和他的小女儿一样快乐！



## Socks are missing!

Yun DAI  
 Gudong  
 21.6 \* 26.5 cm  
 40 pages  
 3 years old +  
 daily life, pop up game book



What? Smelly socks are gone? The socks are really gone!

♥ A funny game book with suspense and surprise!

It's a "wandering" anecdote of a pair of smelly socks... The story is simple but full of childlike charm, guiding children to establish good living habits. The flaps design of the book creates suspense and stimulate childrens' curiosity, inviting readers to help find out the missing socks throughout the reading.

♥ Unusaly look and find story book desigend with various kinds of flaps and pop up.

♥ The story takes place in an ordinary scene that can be easily reproduce as a game for little ones and their parents.





## Hurry up!

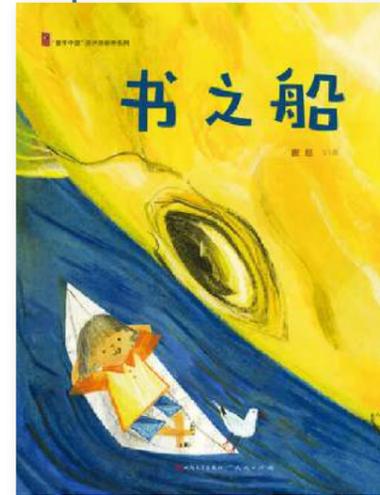
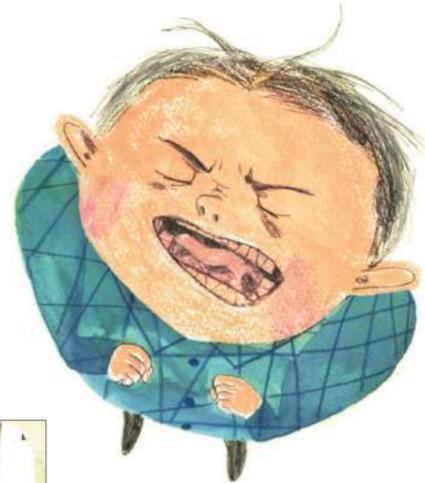
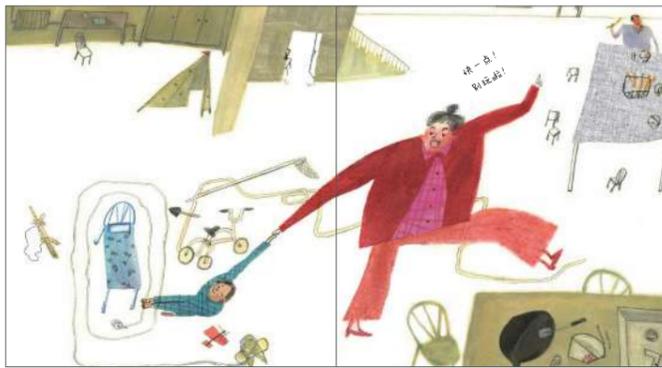
Chao CUI  
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21 \* 28.5 cm  
40 pages  
3 years old +  
daily life, family, humour

Every morning, mother yells at the whole family: "hurry up!" urging me to get up quickly, eat quickly, go out to kindergarten quickly... and I just don't understand the urge, and that gets my mum even more grumpy. Why hurry up?

When the day is over and mum arrives at the gate, I suddenly feel the need to go the toilet but it's occupied. I keep knocking on the door: "Hurry up!"

♥ A dawdling child and a hurrying mum: every family's common daily life scene depicted in a humorous and comic way, an absolute hilarious story to share in family!

♥ With a warm and soft tone, the characters are vividly depicted, the figure outlines are simple but the expressions are agile, giving the whole story a lively and humorous atmosphere.



## A Boat from the Book

Chao CUI  
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21.6 \* 26.5 cm  
40 pages  
4 years old +  
self-abasement,  
reverie, confidence

The story begins with a lonely and introverted girl who isolates herself from the world until the day when a boat mysteriously appeared from her book.

She embarked on the boat and sailed into the magical world of the book. There, she was saved from danger by animals and became their friends. She gradually became cheerful and feels no more self-abased. By the time she left the book and sailed back to the real world, she's become more confident and starts to talk to people around her...

♥ A subtle story about self-abasement and shyness that allows young readers to recognize their feelings.

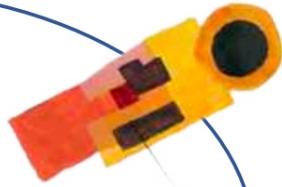
♥ The fairy world of reverie is carefully captured by a vibrant yet gentle style of illustration.





## I Want to Fly

Jin BO  
 Javier Angel Zabal  
 21 \* 28.5 cm  
 40 pages  
 4 years old +  
 Kites, fly, hope

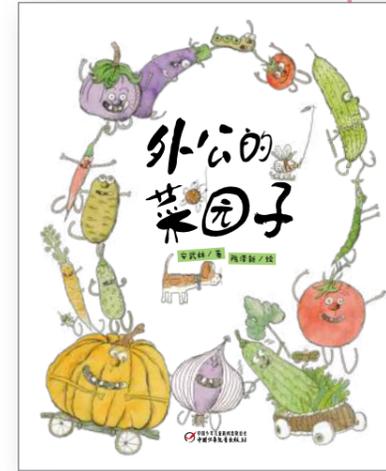


An old man is too frail to go out. He has made hundreds of kites at home and hung them on the walls.

One day, a sparrow encourages a kite to flap its wings; and it does! It flies out the window and into the sky! So do all the other kites! The old man gets on one of them and flies far away, into the starry sky...

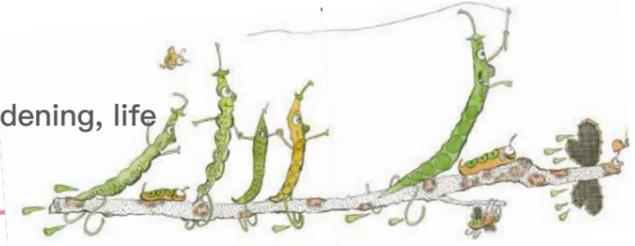
This is the perfect ending for the old man's life. The whole book is illustrated with a poetic and surrealistic colour palette.

- ♥ The philosophic enlightenment that is most poetic — a touching story about dream and perservance.
- ♥ The open-ending stimulates children's imagination!
- ♥ The Excellent Book of the Year of Chinese Book List 2016.
- ♥ The Gold Prize of the first age Picture Book Award 2016.



## The Vegetable Garden of Grandpa

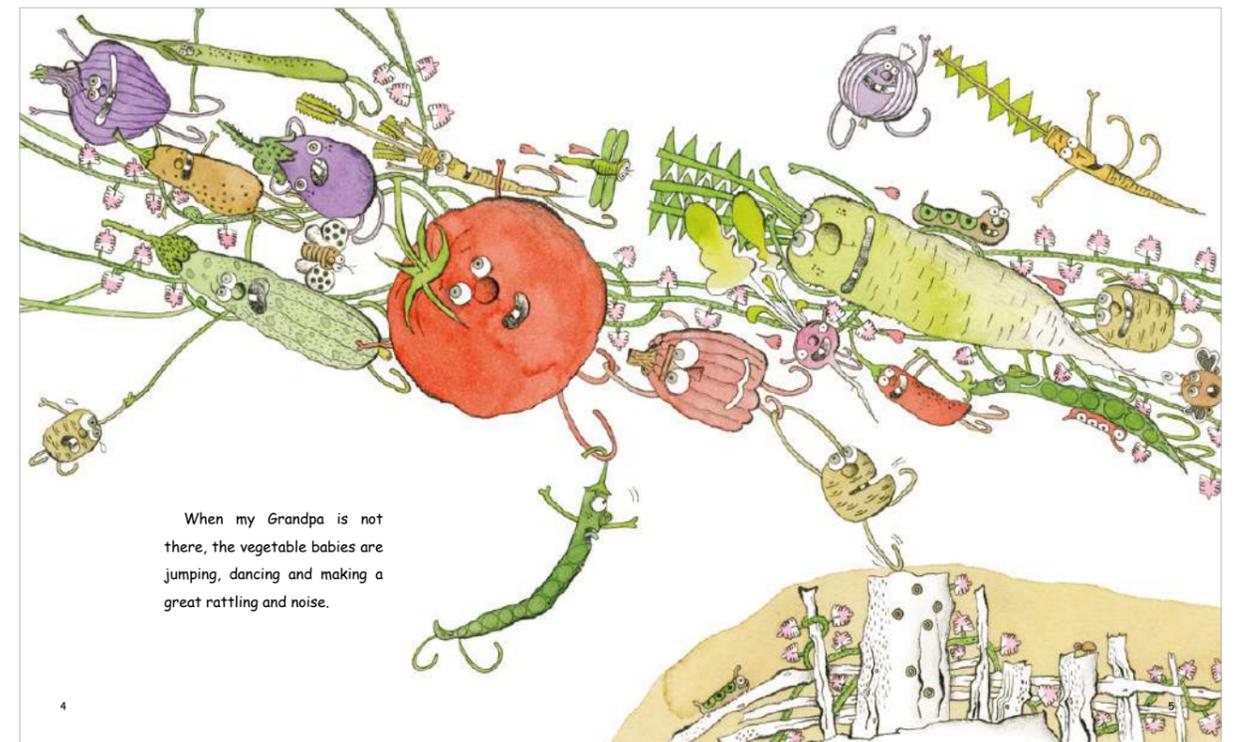
Wulin AN  
 Zexin CHEN  
 21.6 \* 26.5 cm  
 40 pages  
 4 years old +  
 vegetables, gardening, life

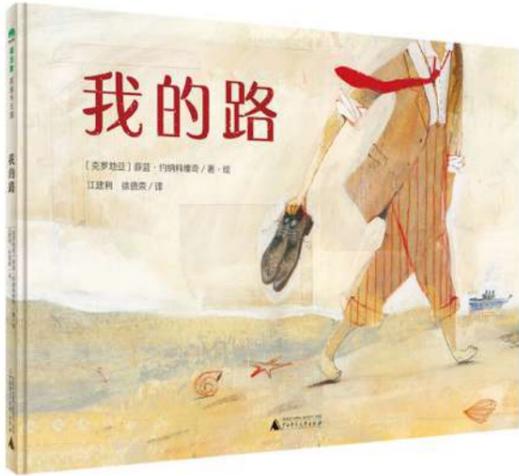


Grandpa's vegetable garden is a magical place to me: long beans are waving their slim whips, a zucchini showing its big belly, a round onion holding its hands at its sides. When grandpa is out, the vegetable babies will jump, dance and play crazily with each other, such a carnival!

Shhh... Grandpa is coming back, I have to calm them down before Grandpa steps in...

- ♥ A story of a crazy vegetables festival, inviting young readers to have fun with little veggie creatures!
- ♥ Cartoonish and humorous characters make vegetables more interesting to young readers!
- ♥ Story written by Chinese renowned Children's Literature writer and awards winner.





## My Way

Svjetlan Junaković

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27 \* 19 cm

56 pages

4 years old +

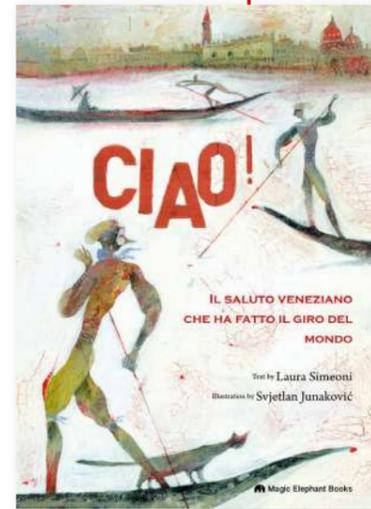
hometown, life, growth

The toddler got his first pair of shoes. He grew up and became an orchestra cellist. Since then, he stayed far, far away from home. On the way, he met all kinds of passengers, it made him feel so wonderful think that he was living a full life. When finally, he returned to his birth city, everything seems unchanged, the streets and crowds, just like in the past. Of course, the pairs of shoes owned by everyone are still there.

♥ **The short film of the same name, adapted** from this book, has won several awards.

♥ Comparing shoes to growth, it shows people's life in changes.

♥ Everyone has a road of their own. Hope we can take every step.



## Ciao!

Laura Simeoni

Svjetlan Junaković

27 \* 19 cm

56 pages

4 years old +

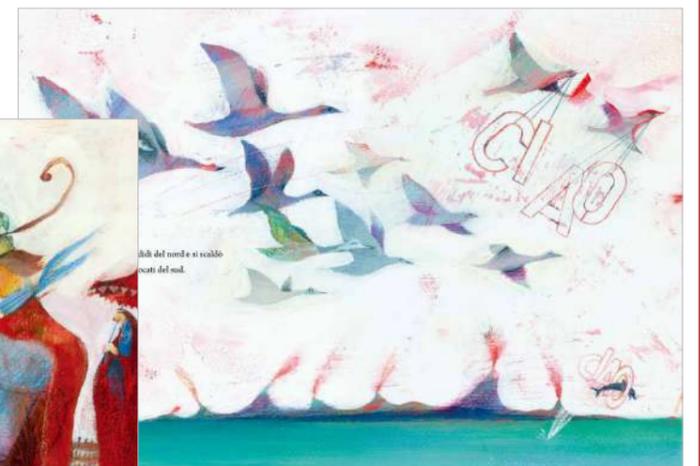
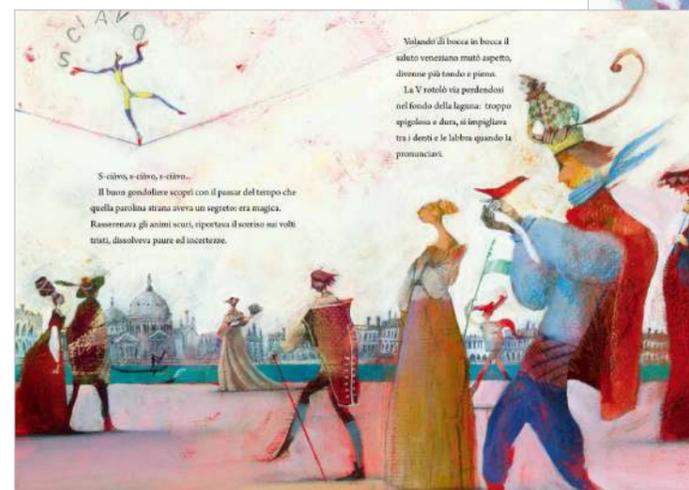
greeting, culture, relationship

One day in Venice, the Duke went out of the door of his Palace. A gondolier greeted to him: "Good morning Serenissimo!" In accordance with practice, the Duke only needed to give a nod, but the Duke replied to the gondolier unexpectedly: "S-ciávo!", breaking a widespread rule throughout the Venetian dominion. The gondolier appreciated the greeting so much to repeat "S-ciávo! S-ciávo!" to everyone he met. The gondolier discovered over time that this little word had a secret: It was magic. It brought back the smiles on sad faces, dissolving fears and uncertainties. Very soon, it spread around the world.

♥ **Created by artist-writer Svjetlan Junaković, twice finalist of Hans Christian Andersen Award!**

♥ Restore the true moments in history and plant the seeds of goodwill in everyone's heart.

♥ CIAO is not only a word, but an element that the artists use, as well as a common emotion of human beings.



## Birds' Biological Clock



LIU Xianping

Hooayo

27 \* 19 cm

40 pages

4 years old +

nature, birds, time, seasons



I found later that birds were still on time: when the drongo sang, the first rays of the morning sun appeared in the east to present a dim outline of the forest; when the great tit sang, the sky was further lighted up and the forest was unveiled; when the Indian cuckoo sang, the early morning sunlight shone across the sky.... It was not the birds breaking their schedule; it was the sun rising earlier and earlier.

A day passes when the Earth completes one rotation. There is 24 hours in a day, but the length of the day and the night doesn't always stick to 12 hours. There is a saying goes that after having the noodles on the Winter Solstice, the day grows longer day by day; after having the noodles on the Summer Solstice, the day becomes shorter day after day. This was why the birds' biological clock of Dad's went wrong.

In the forest, the birds perform a chorus every day, but the time of their singing will not be always the same.

The birds that attend the chorus will also change in different seasons, do you know why ?

**A fairy world of various birds : every page is full of surprises!**

♥ From the perspective of a father and son, the story tells readers about the relationship between birdsong, gatherings and seasonal changes.

♥ Beautiful oil paintings with delicate brushstrokes: colourful scenery of the forest in four seasons and over dozen kinds of birds are vividly represented.

♥ Scientific facts about bird and seasonal changes told in a poetic tone and stunning paintings.



SI-SI-RRUP!

Si-si-rrup! This was the clear voice of the great tit. It sang the song once again - there was a regular interval between each piece. It liked performing giant circles by using its claws to clasp the branch.  
The sky was further lighted up. The forest was unveiled.  
It was 4:40. The birds' biological clock of Dad's did work!

04 : 40



ONE MORE BOTTLE!  
ONE MORE BOTTLE!

One more bottle! A bird sang while flying in the sky until it finally went out of sight. It was an Indian cuckoo.  
The early morning sunlight shone across the sky.  
It was 4:49. The birds' biological clock of Dad's did work!

04 : 49





## Lemon Butterfly

Wenxuan CAO

Roger Mello

21 \* 26.5 cm

26 pages

4 years old +

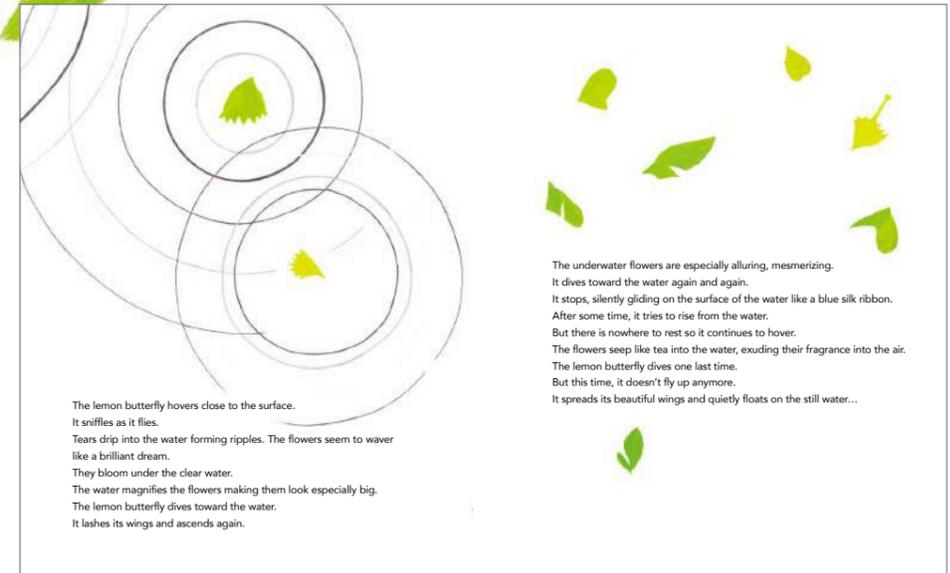
dream, strength, beauty, die-cut & accordion design

This is a story about dream, strength, and the pursuit of beauty. A butterfly flew across deserts, broad rivers, steep mountains, and terrible storms in search of a field of flowers. Finally, it was found underneath roaring currents. Fascinated by the stunning beauty of the flowers, the butterfly made a decision and dove into the water ...

♥ Joint work by **two winners of Hans Christian Andersen Award.**

♥ Unique artistic design – full-page spread, hollow-out and light & shadow effects.

♥ A story of pursuing a dream, full of poetry and suspense. Lemon Butterfly's uncompromising pursuit of beauty and dreams, along with various effects of light and shadow, makes readers feel the strength of life.





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