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Unpublished picturebook projects from around the world — selected by a jury of 30 leading publishers

We reached out to emerging picturebook talent to submit their unpublished projects to be considered by 30 leading international publishers. We received 350 projects from 60 countries. The jury of publishers voted independently for their favourites, and the 48 projects with the most votes went into a unique showcase at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2019.

On the following pages are illustrations from the 48 projects, and the contact details of their creators.

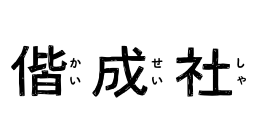
If you're a publisher and acquire one of these projects, please tell us. We'd love to hear of any successes for these emerging picturebook makers, and we'll share the news with our network.

For more about The Unpublished Picturebook Showcase 2019 and news of future showcases, visit dpictus.com/unpublished



Above and left page illustrations by Becky Palmer

The jury of 30 picturebook publishers



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SAMOKAT | RUSSIA

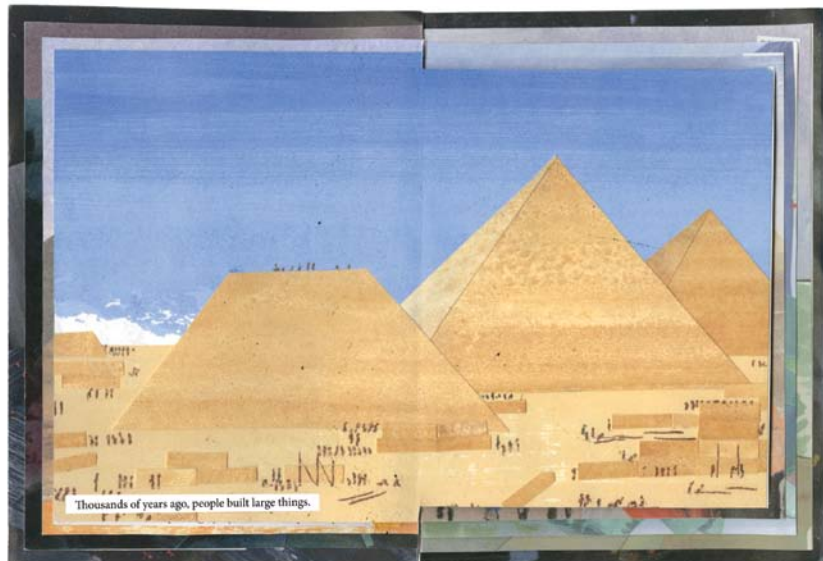
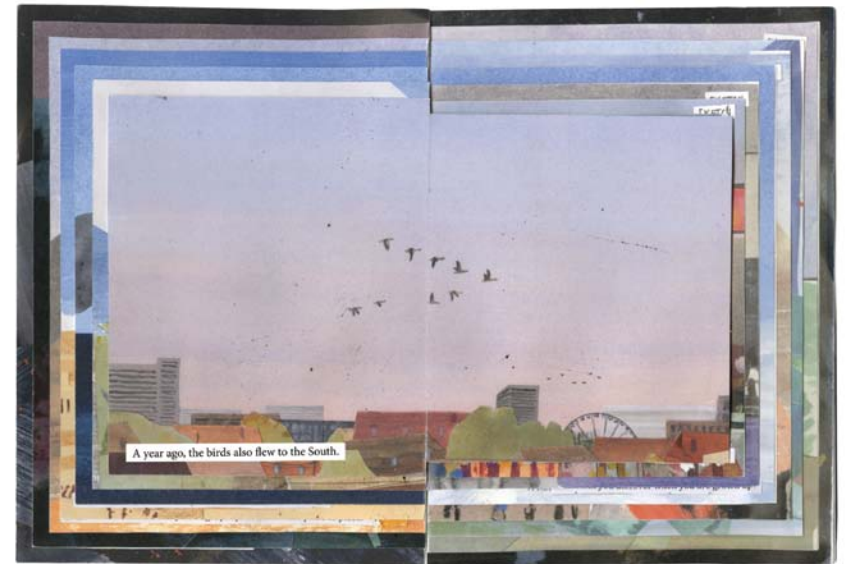
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Hundreds of millions of years ago, land took shape.



23 PUBLISHER VOTES

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18 PUBLISHER VOTES

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NETHERLANDS

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Illustration & Design

Graduation: 2018

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18 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Project title:

Where Is My Baboon Hiding?

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MFA Illustration as Visual Essay

Graduation: 2020

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16 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Lost

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15 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Graduation: 2010

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13 PUBLISHER VOTES

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My Software Heart

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Graduation: 2017

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12 PUBLISHER VOTES

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12 PUBLISHER VOTES

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They Say That...

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Graphic Design

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11 PUBLISHER VOTES

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11 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Good Good Study, Day Day Up!

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Illustration

Graduation: 2017

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11 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Small Encyclopedia of the Couple

Education:

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Project title:

Let's Dance!

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11 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Project title:

Cyril and the Crusades

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Graphic Design

Graduation: 2013

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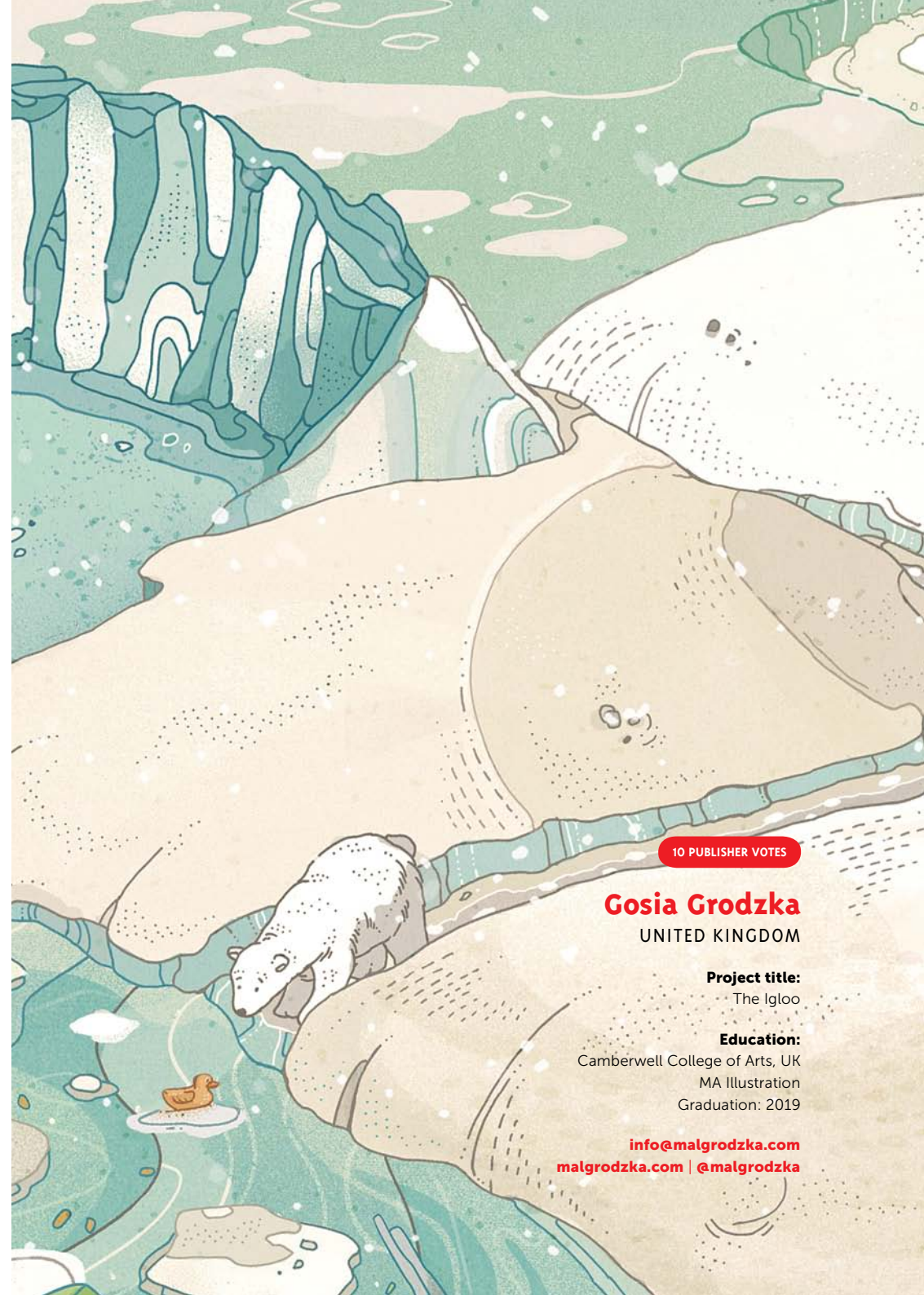
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10 PUBLISHER VOTES

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快到山頂的時候，嘿？



是一片好大好漂亮的葉子。

10 PUBLISHER VOTES

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A Big Yellow Leaf

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9 PUBLISHER VOTES

Verity Pease

UNITED KINGDOM

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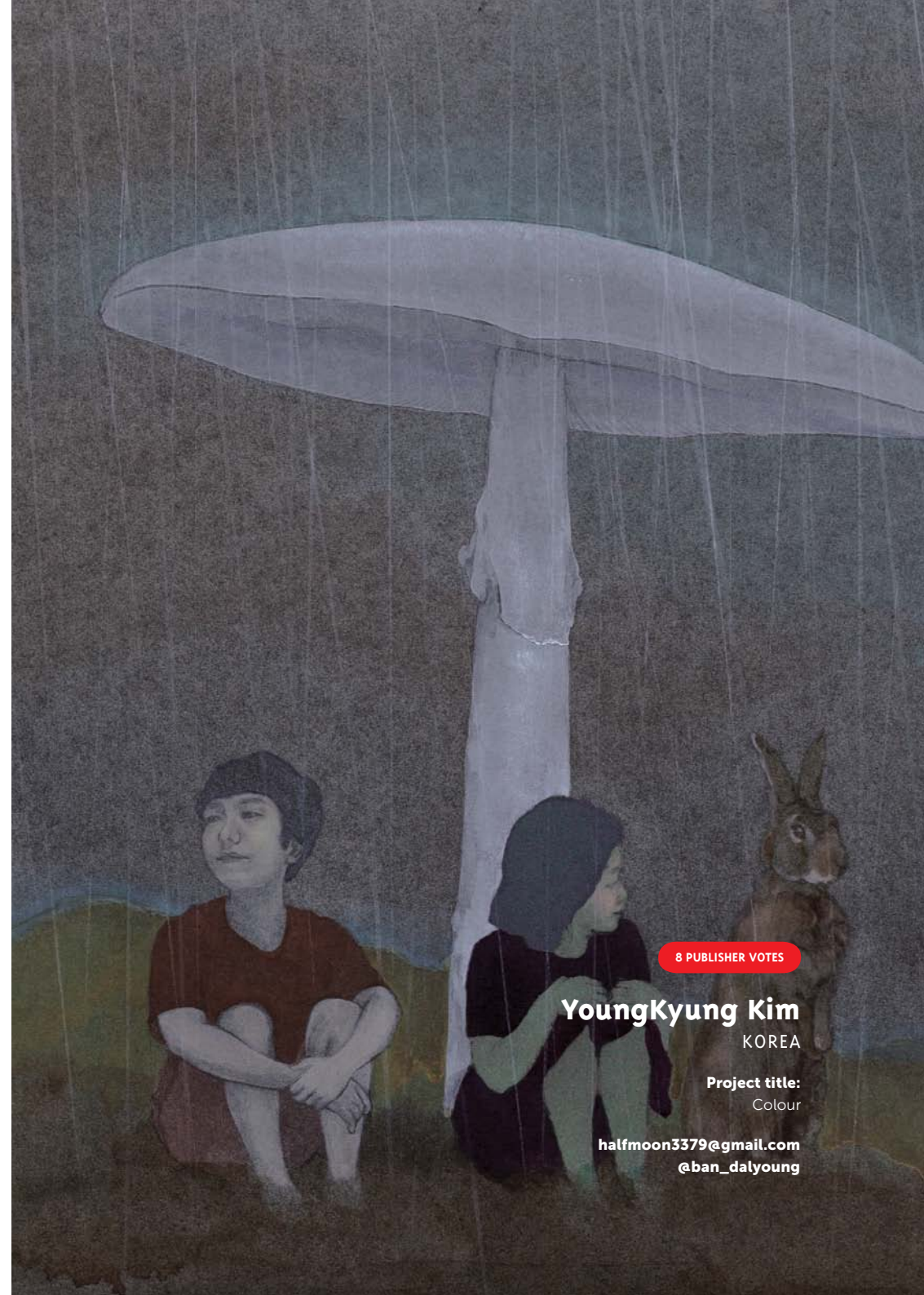
In the Clouds

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Communication Design
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8 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Archibaldo y Reinaldo



8 PUBLISHER VOTES

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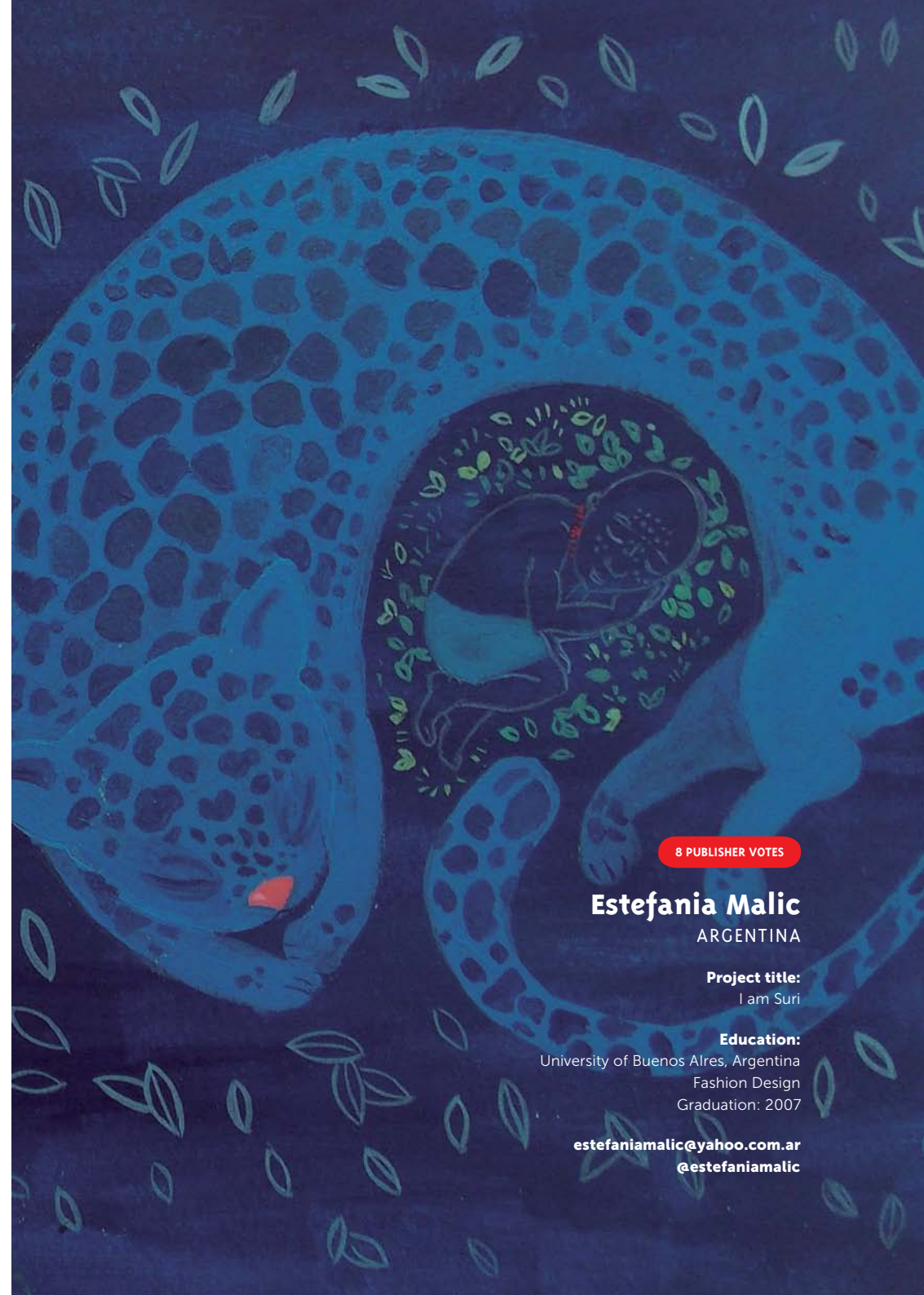
Project title:

Archibaldo & Reinaldo

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8 PUBLISHER VOTES

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8 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Project title:

Where Are The Sounds?

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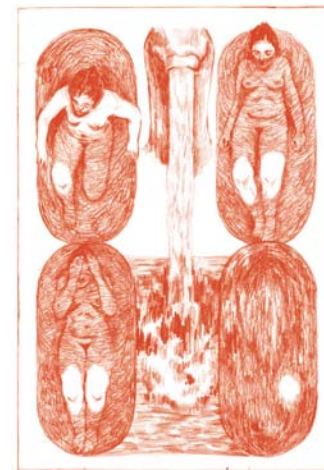
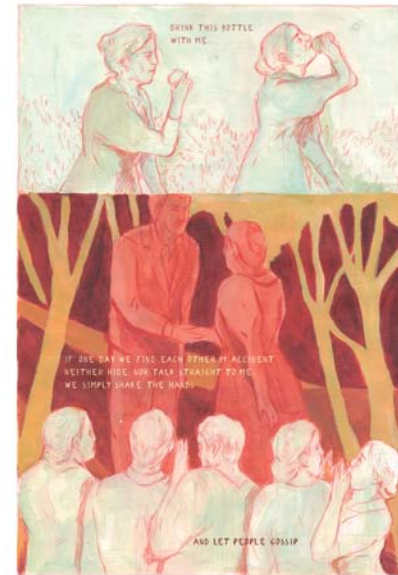
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7 PUBLISHER VOTES

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SPAIN

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The Ones Who Cry (Las que lloran)

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7 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Cockroach The Great

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7 PUBLISHER VOTES

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7 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Dream Museum

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6 PUBLISHER VOTES

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6 PUBLISHER VOTES

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6 PUBLISHER VOTES

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6 PUBLISHER VOTES

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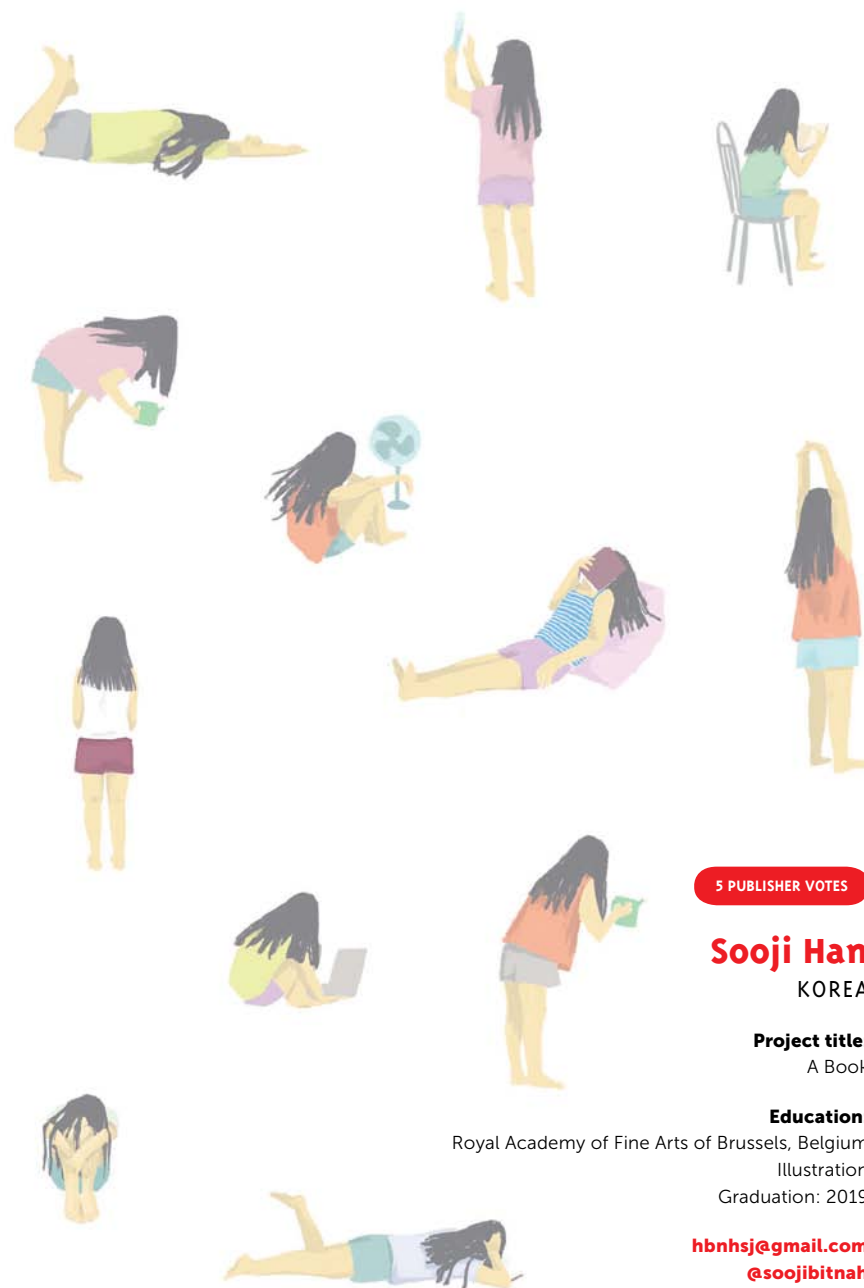
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The Giant Who Became Small

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5 PUBLISHER VOTES

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5 PUBLISHER VOTES

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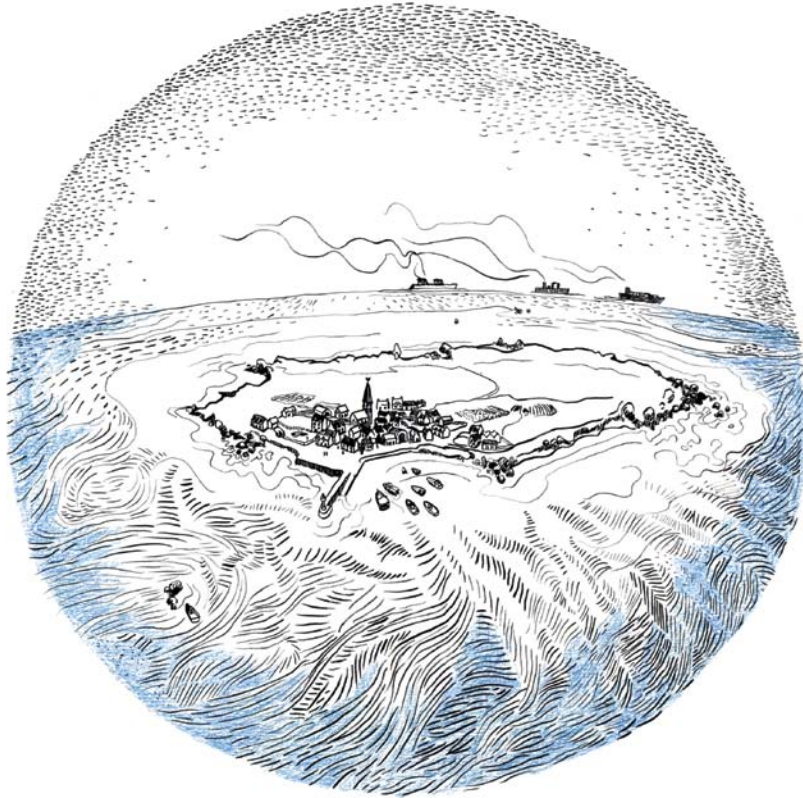
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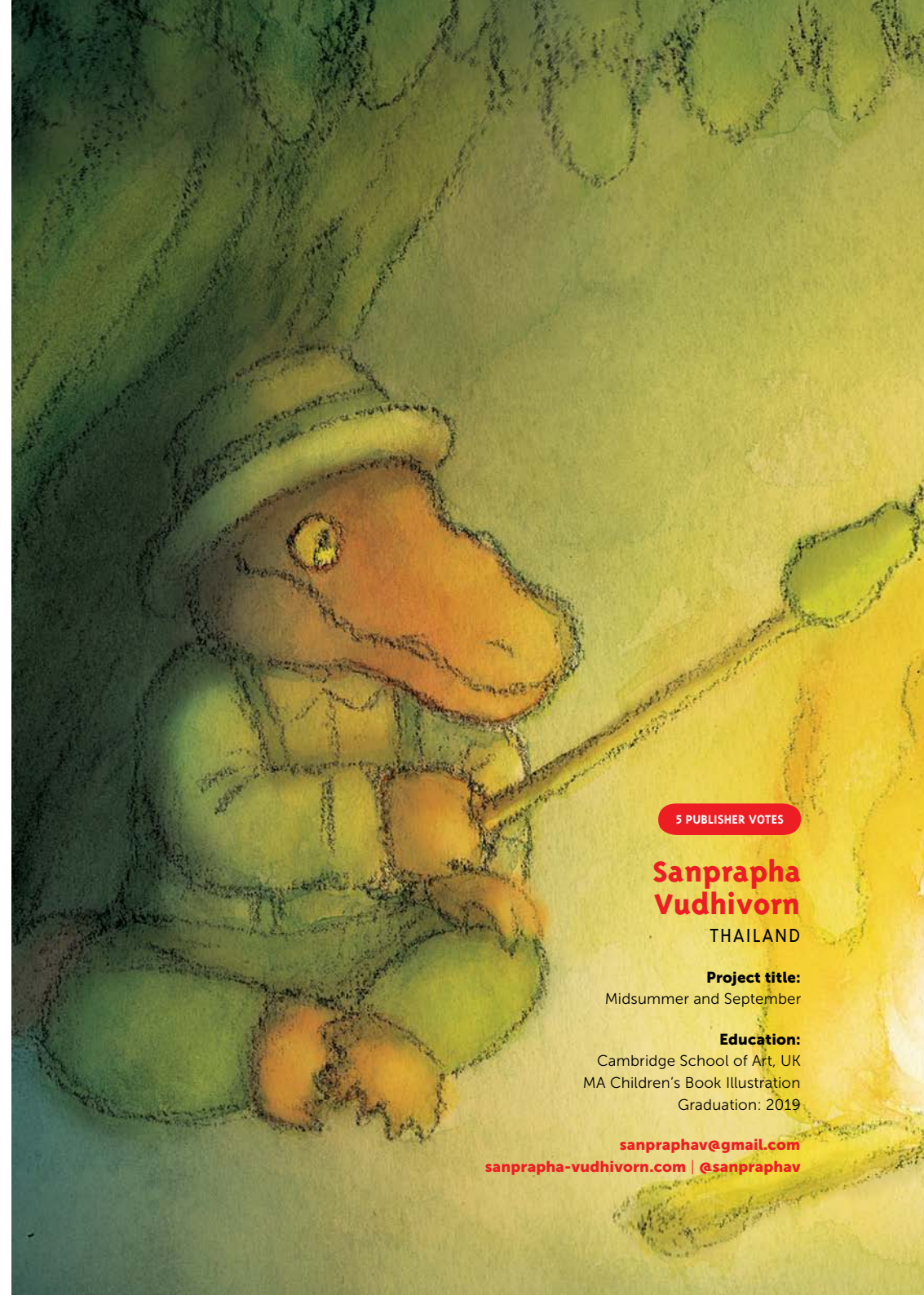
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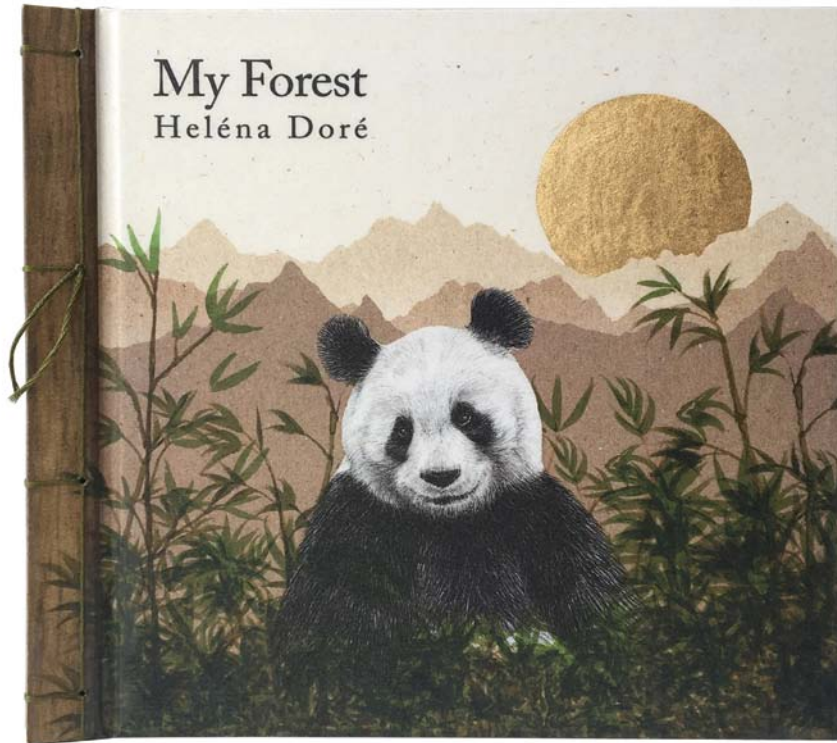
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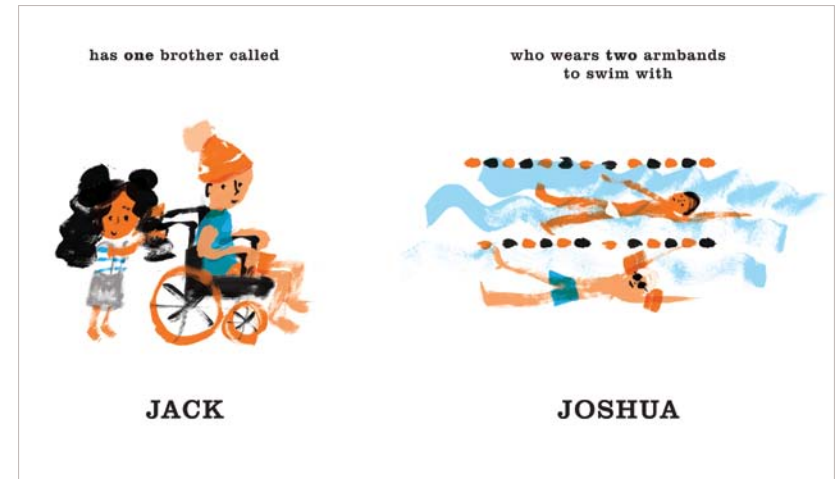
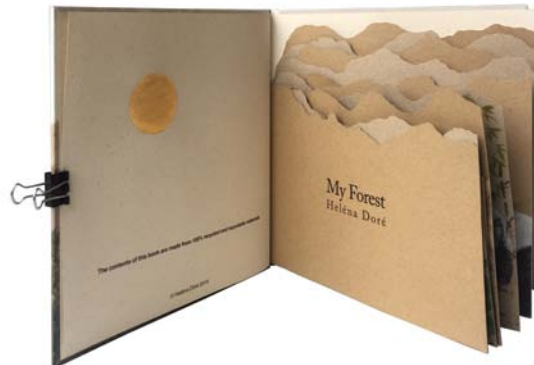
5 PUBLISHER VOTES

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5 PUBLISHER VOTES

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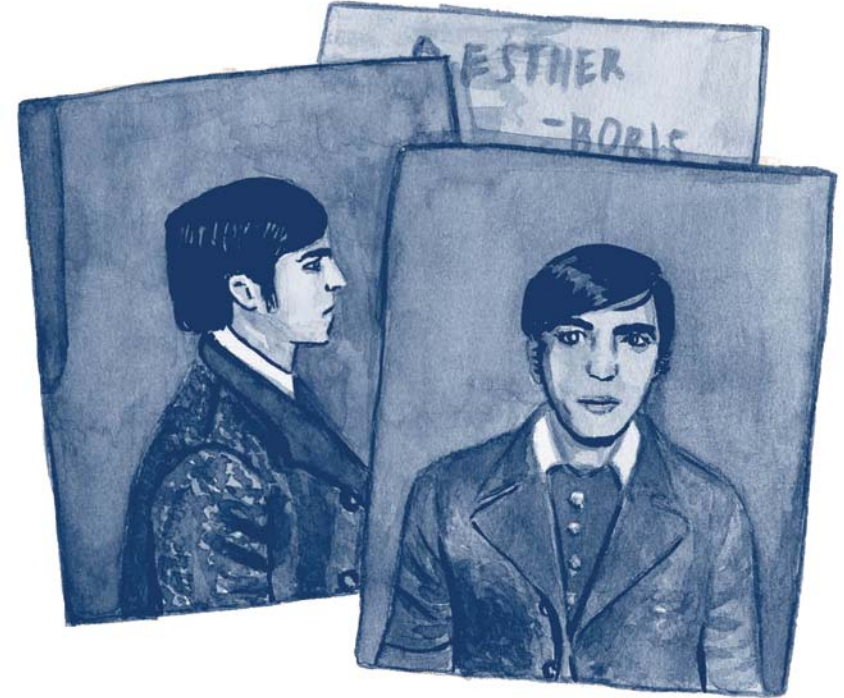
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5 PUBLISHER VOTES

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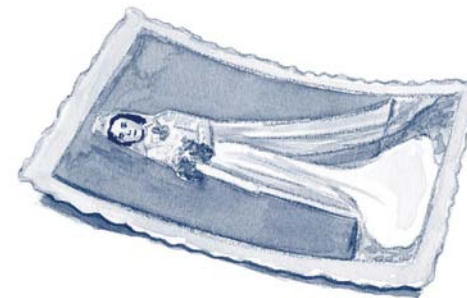
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5 PUBLISHER VOTES

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Feedback from the jury

After viewing the 350 submitted unpublished projects, publishers on the jury commented on the overall high quality, and that it was challenging for them to narrow the projects down and choose their favourites.

Publishers said they chose projects based on a number of aspects: the subject, the development of the idea, the story, and the quality of the illustrations/graphic work. Publishers were looking for projects which demonstrated a true understanding of the genre.

Several publishers said they found it touching to see all the different themes tackled from creators in so many countries.

One said there were lots of interesting submissions with much potential, but that the story endings often didn't quite work.

A publisher commented that a significant number of projects were more about state of mind and introspection, and not so much about telling a great story. He said that to him, story is the most important thing.

Several publishers made the point that their choices weren't necessarily based on what they could or would publish, but on projects which promised something interesting or original... Projects which called their attention.

Publishers said the submitted projects were generally of a far higher standard than much of what they receive in the post or via email on a regular basis – and that this new initiative is a wonderful way for them to discover international talent. At the time of writing, several members of the jury have expressed an interest in publishing one of the submitted projects.

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dPICTUS is a curated platform and active community where international picturebook publishers and agents promote their titles, secure rights deals, discover emerging talent, and make new publishing connections to meet at book fairs. Members view outstanding new releases and backlist titles online, in full, from world-class publishers, including winners of the BolognaRagazzi Awards and the Bologna BOP Prize. We work with international specialists in picturebooks and illustration to highlight titles on the dPICTUS platform and curate picturebooks for book fair exhibitions.

PICTUREBOOK MAKERS

Picturebook Makers is a blog and online gallery where the world's finest picturebook artists talk about the creation of their books and share development work and illustrations. The target audience is publishing professionals, illustration students, and anyone else with a passion for picturebooks and a curiosity about the different approaches taken to make them. The resource has so far been visited over a million times by people from more than 200 countries.

Frankfurt Kids

The Frankfurter Buchmesse is the world's largest trade fair for books, based both on the number of publishing companies represented, and the number of visitors. It is considered to be the most important book fair in the world for international deals and trading. The five-day annual event in mid-October is attended by more than 7,300 exhibitors and 286,000 visitors from over 100 countries. The Frankfurt Kids hub in Foyer 5.1/6.1 was initiated by Hendrik Hellige, who previously worked as a publisher at Gestalten, and is now Business Development Manager for Children's Books at the Frankfurter Buchmesse.







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