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# About Us



Founded in 1921, we are the oldest publishing house of children's literature in Poland.

Nasza Księgarnia publishes traditional classic as well as modern works for younger children, teenagers, young adults, and has successfully launched its adult publishing list.

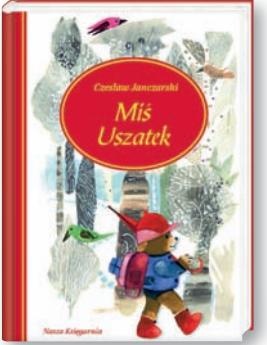
A number of our books have received various prestigious Polish and foreign awards, granted by children-jurors as well as generally recognised literary organisations and committees. All our books are published according to the highest editorial standards. Nasza Księgarnia still keeps abreast of the times, skilfully uniting tradition with modernity.



Illustrations by Marcin Piwowarski  
(from *Fairy Tale Therapy*)

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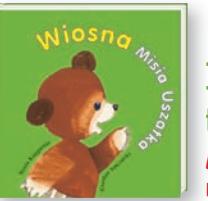
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### Droopy Ear the Bear

**AUTHOR** Czesław Janczarski  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Zbigniew Rychlicki

A collection of stories about the adventures of a widely loved little bear with a droopy ear, a popular character from the long-time TV bedtime stories. Droopy Ear's adventures have been entertaining children all over the world for over 40 years. The beautiful colour illustrations by Zbigniew Rychlicki won him the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Medal. Luxury edition consists of *Droopy Ear the Bear* and *Droopy Ear the Bear's Wanderings*.



### Droopy Ear the Bear's Spring

**AUTHOR** Czesław Janczarski  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Zbigniew Rychlicki

Little books about a nice and well-known character. Droopy Ear the Bear keeps teaching and amusing next generations of young readers! This time the bear will have spring and summer adventures – he will experience Wet Monday, meet a stork and discover catkins on a willow.

**SIZE** 159 x 159 mm, 64 pages  
**COVER** hardcover  
**SOLD** Slovakia



### Droopy Ear the Bear's Summer

**AUTHOR** Czesław Janczarski  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Zbigniew Rychlicki



### Droopy Ear the Bear's Wanderings

**AUTHOR** Czesław Janczarski  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Zbigniew Rychlicki  
**SIZE** 165 x 237 mm, 64 pages  
**COVER** paperback  
**SOLD** Japan



### Fairy Tale Therapy

**AUTHOR** collective work  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Marcin Piwowarski

The world of a child is full of problems which we adults often underestimate. This is why, together with Katarzyna Klimowicz, the advocate of fairy tale therapy, we have decided to show how one can help children in difficult moments.

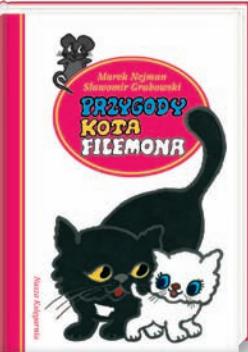
Therapeutic fairy tales are exceptional stories, constructed and written in such a way that children find in them an element of themselves, their feelings, emotions and problems. Healing tales give support, a sense of security and often help release guilt. They also include many suggestions as to how a child

can deal with a given problem. They have one more advantage: anyone can become a fairy tale writer. In our collection we have stories written by cinema, television and theatre celebrities: Artur Barciś, Olga Borys, Ryszard Cebula, Katarzyna Dowbor, Cezary Harasimowicz, Paulina Holtz, Krzysztof Ibisz, Rafał Królikowski, Grażyna Wolszczak, in addition to those by professional writers like Małgorzata Stępkowska-Zaremba, Dorota Suwalska, Agnieszka Tyszka, and Janusz Wiśniewski. They are accompanied by advice and comments by Katarzyna Klimowicz and Dagna Ślepowrońska. We hope that they will be helpful to parents and children, and that they will inspire conversation, games and above all reflection on the most pressing problems.

*The book is mature literature, a good read, and from a social perspective, a valuable proposition directed at children and their guardians. It wisely and subtly suggests how to talk about a given story, without ruining the reading experience or invading the child's privacy.*

Professor Grzegorz Leszczyński, Warsaw University

**SIZE** 165 x 215 mm, 240 pages  
**COVER** hardcover



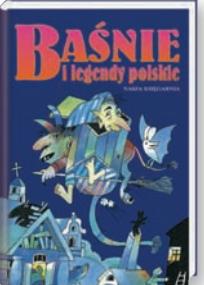
### The Adventures of Filemon the Cat

**AUTHOR** Sławomir Grabowski, Marek Nejman  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Julitta Karwowska-Wnuczak

There are a lot of great challenges awaiting this curious little cat in the yard and in the house. There is so much going on – mice running, frogs croaking suspiciously, some weird creature looking from the mirror! You have to look everywhere, see everything, and maybe even wave your paw at something? Sometimes Filemon meets something mysterious or dangerous, but luckily the experienced Bonifacy is always there to advise him and to help.

Luxury edition, first after many years. A popular cartoon was based on the book.

**SIZE** 168 x 240 mm, 280 pages  
**COVER** hardcover

**Polish Tales and Legends****AUTHOR** Miroslaw Tokarczuk

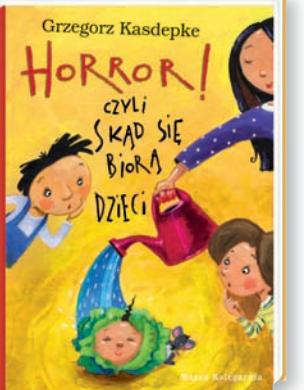
This beautiful, colourful book contains over fifty legends, stories and tales from different parts of Poland – Warsaw, Krakow, Silesia and many others. These are stories of Polish kings and queens, brave knights and beautiful maidens, hidden treasures and many more.

**SIZE** 207 x 280 mm, 292 pages**COVER** hardcover**Shaggy and an Alien Civilization****AUTHOR** Tomasz Trojanowski**ILLUSTRATOR** Dorota Szoblik

In the forest, on a beautiful clearing there lives a family of Shaggies. Bubble, the youngest, clever, inquisitive, and endowed with vivid imagination, is waiting for aliens to come. He believes that one day an alien spaceship will land in front of his burrow. He dreams of making friends with envoys of alien civilization and prepares himself for this moment carefully. He does not know that you do not need to look for friendship in faraway places. It comes when you least expect it...

**SIZE** 165 x 215 mm, 64 pages**COVER** hardcover**The Adventures of Elemelek the Sparrow****AUTHOR** Hanna Łochocka**ILLUSTRATOR** Zdzisław Witwicki

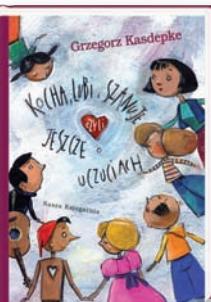
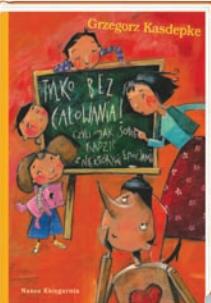
A collection of short stories in verse about a sweet and friendly little sparrow called Elemelek. Always eager to learn more about the world around him, Elemelek gets into all sorts of trouble.

**SIZE** 162 x 237 mm, 96 pages**COVER** paperback**SOLD** Germany**The Horror! Or Where Babies Come From****AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke**ILLUSTRATOR** Marcin Piwowarski

Miss Nicely has swallowed a child! And she does not even try to hide it! Kids are terrified. Who will be next? Clever Bodzio, Rozalka or Grześ? Just in case it is best to hide in the toilet... or in the changing room... or in the headmistress's office... But what if she acts in collusion with Miss Nicely? You should immediately call the police! It will be a true horror, before kids discover where babies come from...

*I read this book with a real satisfaction. It is written skillfully and wittily. The issue of reproduction is discussed openly, comprehensibly, and to the point, without the overload of information, but also without blushes of shame. Though with charm and a large dose of warmth. The children live through the horror when a reliable knowledge is replaced with random information. I think that the book carries an important message for both younger and older readers. Not only regarding the issue of reproduction, but also children's fears. Strongly recommended!*

Dagna Ślepowrońska, psychologist

**SIZE** 165 x 215 mm, 64 pages**COVER** hardcover**Just No Kissing!  
Or How to Handle Certain Emotions****AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke**ILLUSTRATOR** Marcin Piwowarski

One day Miss Nicely, a teacher who will deal with special tasks, shows up in the kindergarten. She will talk to the children about their feelings. It will not be easy even though she brought an unusual helper, a puppet, with her. Rozalka's kisses, envy about fringe, Bodzio's anger or a disgusting overboiled leek are only some of problems she will have to face...

**Loves, Likes, Respects...  
More on Emotions****AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke**ILLUSTRATOR** Marcin Piwowarski

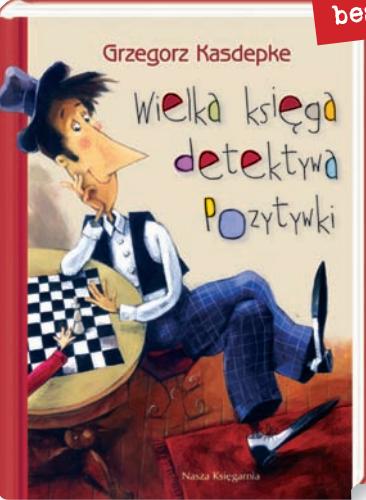
Sometimes the mood at the kindergarten goes sour... Thankfully, the children have Miss Nicely. She can handle anything: cheering up grumpy Bodzio, putting on a play, even chasing ghosts away!

*Loves, Likes, Respects... More on Emotions* is a collection of amusing stories on love, hate, fright and guilt, among others.

At the end of each story there is a description of a given emotion and practical advice for both children and adults.

Thanks to this little book emotions will no longer be a mystery!

**SIZE** 165 x 215 mm, 64 pages**COVER** hardcover

**bestseller**

### The Great Book of Detective Jolly Head

**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke**ILLUSTRATOR** Piotr Rychel

*Detective Jolly Head is a nice person, although a bit weird. An example? Here it is – he insists to use a cactus as his only weapon to fight criminals! A cactus and intellect – these are his means of persuasion. No need to add that they are very effective...*

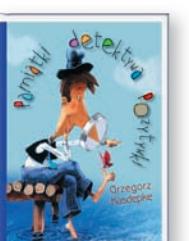
*The Great Book of Detective Jolly Head consists of three titles published earlier: Detective Jolly Head, New Cases for Detective Jolly Head and Souvenirs of Detective Jolly Head. In this book readers will find all the "criminal" cases that our character has dealt with until now.*

**SIZE** 165 x 215 mm, 192 pages**COVER** hardcover

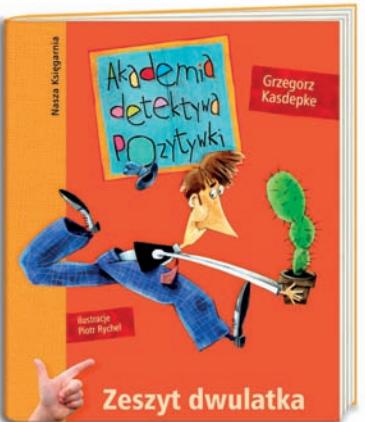
### Detective Jolly Head

**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke**ILLUSTRATOR** Piotr Rychel**SIZE** 165 x 215 mm, 64 pages**COVER** hardcover**SOLD** Slovenia, Ukraine, Russia

### New Cases for Detective Jolly Head

**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke**ILLUSTRATOR** Piotr Rychel**SIZE** 165 x 215 mm, 64 pages**COVER** hardcover**SOLD** Slovenia, Ukraine, Russia

### Souvenirs of Detective Jolly Head

**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke**ILLUSTRATOR** Piotr Rychel**SIZE** 165 x 215 mm, 64 pages**COVER** hardcover**SOLD** Slovenia, Ukraine, Russia

### Detective Jolly Head's Academy: Activities for 2-Year-Olds

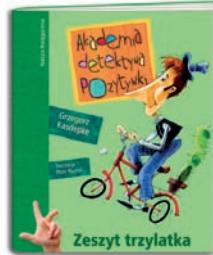
**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke, Katarzyna Piętka**ILLUSTRATOR** Piotr Rychel

Detective Jolly Head, a very popular character of Grzegorz Kasdepke's books, has a new very important task ahead! He has become a guide at a certain Academy. Together with detective Jolly Head and other familiar tenement residents, kids will become real explorers in the world of things, phenomena, and notions.

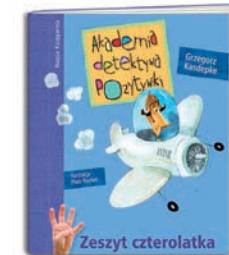
We truly recommend a new series of educational exercises for 2- to 5-year-olds. Believe us, learning can be both pleasure and fun!

*Detective Jolly Head's Academy is a series of educational books with sets of activities for 2- to 5-year old children. All tasks, appropriately fitted for kids' age and capabilities, guarantee great fun and support the development of cognitive, intellectual and emotional competences. The series is compatible with the current kindergarten syllabus and can be very useful not only for pre-school teachers but also for parents looking for inspiration.*

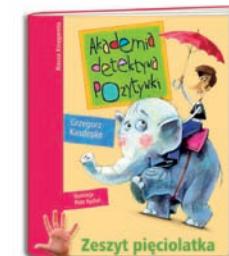
Lidia Marszałek, Ph.D., preschool education specialist

**SIZE** 200 x 240 mm, 32 pages**COVER** paperback

### Detective Jolly Head's Academy: Activities for 3-Year-Olds

**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke, Katarzyna Piętka**ILLUSTRATOR** Piotr Rychel**SIZE** 200 x 240 mm, 32 pages**COVER** paperback

### Detective Jolly Head's Academy: Activities for 4-Year-Olds

**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke, Katarzyna Piętka**ILLUSTRATOR** Piotr Rychel**SIZE** 200 x 240 mm, 32 pages**COVER** paperback

### Detective Jolly Head's Academy: Activities for 5-Year-Olds

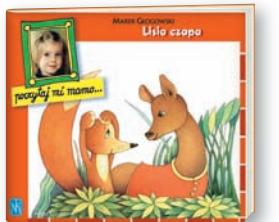
**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Kasdepke, Katarzyna Piętka**ILLUSTRATOR** Piotr Rychel**SIZE** 200 x 240 mm, 32 pages**COVER** paperback

## Read Me a Story, Mum...

A very popular series loved by all generations of children, parents and grandparents, has been published by NK since 1951. Updated and published in a new format and typography, the series contains works which vary in their form and subject: little poems, tales, short stories, riddles in verse, all of them beautifully illustrated by Polish and foreign artists.

**SIZE** 240 x 210 mm, 12 pages

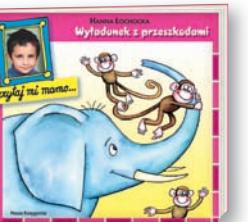
**COVER** paperback



### A Fox Hat

**AUTHOR** Marek Głogowski

**ILLUSTRATOR** Elżbieta Gaudasińska



### Unloading with Trouble

**AUTHOR** Hanna Łochocka

**ILLUSTRATOR** Tomasz Borowski



### The Kidnapping of Princess Firleyka

**AUTHOR** Jolanta Sztuczyńska

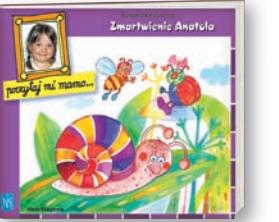
**ILLUSTRATOR** Jowita Płoszajska



### The Triangular Caroline

**AUTHOR** Danuta Wawiłow,  
Natalia Usenko

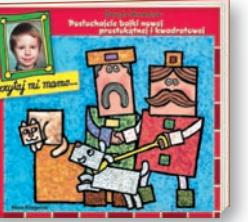
**ILLUSTRATOR** Miroslaw Tokarczyk



### Anatol's Worry

**AUTHOR** Agnieszka Galica

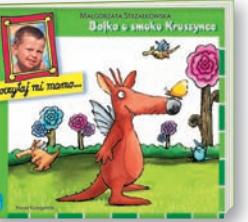
**ILLUSTRATOR** Maciej Trzepalika



### Listen to a Story Rare, New, Rectangular and Square

**AUTHOR** Danuta Wawiłow

**ILLUSTRATOR** Martin Pierce



### A Tale of Crumbling the Dragon

**AUTHOR** Małgorzata Strzałkowska

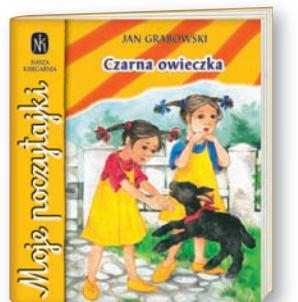
**ILLUSTRATOR** Marcin Bruchnalski

## My Reading Stories

The series contains books of a great literary and artistic value. The titles and authors have been carefully selected and the illustrators represent various trends in contemporary Polish art. The logo on the cover serves as a guide for parents and teachers who search for interesting books for young readers. The level of difficulty and the range of the subject matter are chosen to draw attention of those children who try to read on their own as well as those to whom the books will be read out by their parents and grandparents.

**SIZE** 195 x 220 mm, 24 pages

**COVER** paperback



### The Little Black Sheep

**AUTHOR** Jan Grabowski

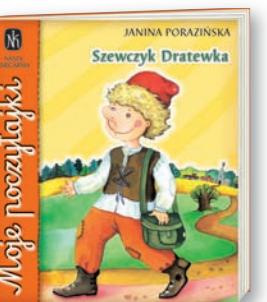
**ILLUSTRATOR** Aleksandra Michalska-Szwagierczak



### How Wojtek Became a Fireman

**AUTHOR** Czesław Janczarski

**ILLUSTRATOR** Żejmo



### Dratewka the Shoemaker

**AUTHOR** Janina Porazińska

**ILLUSTRATOR** Elżbieta Waga



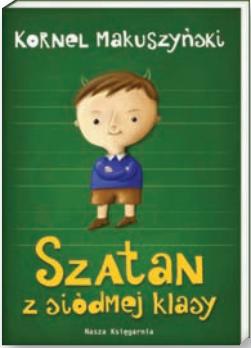
### The Magic Fence

**AUTHOR** Alina and Czesław Centkiewicz  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Robert Jabłoński



### The Princess Who Saw Only What She Wanted

**AUTHOR** Agnieszka Galica  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Monika Żylińska

**Schoolclass Devil****AUTHOR** Kornel Makuszyński

Surprising ideas, vivid action with a detective case to solve are the reasons why this has been one of the favourite books for generations of readers.

**SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 272 pages**COVER** paperback**SOLD** Lithuania**Ewa's Follies****AUTHOR** Kornel Makuszyński

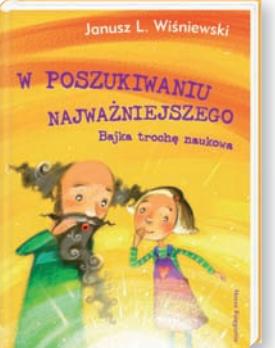
The adventures of 16-year-old Ewa begin when she runs away from the house of her father's housekeeper, where she is staying temporarily while her father is working in faraway China. The girl eventually finds new and friendly guardians who, however, cannot save her from getting into all sorts of trouble. Ewa's vivid imagination and desire to make the world a happier place bring her a lot of challenges which she faces with a lot of bravery and humour.

**SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 264 pages**COVER** paperback**Much Ado about Basia****AUTHOR** Kornel Makuszyński

Full of warmth and good natured humour, this is a story of a little orphan girl. As a result of a chain of mistakes, a number of strangers take turns in looking after her. The delightful little girl wins her guardians' affection thanks to her frankness and optimism.

**SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 192 pages**COVER** paperback**SOLD** Lithuania**The Girl with a Wet Head****AUTHOR** Kornel Makuszyński

Irenka, the main character of this book, is a charming young girl who can make the gloomiest person happy and kind-hearted, although some cases are more difficult than others!

**SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 208 pages**COVER** paperback**In Search of the Most Important Thing:  
A Little Bit Scientific Fairy Tale****AUTHOR** Janusz L. Wiśniewski**ILLUSTRATOR** Marcin Piwowarski

The bestselling author Janusz L. Wiśniewski wrote a long expected book for children, actually a fairy tale for readers of all ages!

Marcelinka, the main character in *In Search of the Most Important Thing: A Little Bit Scientific Fairy Tale* sets on a fascinating journey around the Universe to discover the Most Important Thing. Her guide is a mysterious little ghost. With him the girl and the readers will find out why stars die, what eternity and a grain of sand have in common, if the Universe had a fever and if the light is as slow as a snail and what would happen if it accelerated even a little bit. But will Marcelinka, even with the help of Mister Photon himself, the fastest in the Universe, fulfill her plan? Do you have to travel the whole Universe, even reach its end, to find out what the Most Important Thing is?

*In Search of the Most Important Thing: A Little Bit Scientific Fairy Tale* is a combination of a beautiful and wise story with a pleasant lecture on physics, astronomy and philosophy.

Using simple and funny language Janusz L. Wiśniewski explains the most complex mysteries of the Universe! The book has colourful illustrations, a glossary for curious readers and colourful inserts with original photographs of cosmic objects.

**SIZE** 168 x 228 mm, 104 + 8 pages**COVER** hardcover**SOLD** Russia**Galactic Spies****AUTHOR** Anna Onichimowska**ILLUSTRATOR** Joanna Zagner-Kołat

Virgil the Dragon, a mad inventor, makes absurd improvements to reality, littering the world with gadgets. His wife Aurora, a TV show hostess, promotes his products. Rupert, their artist son, protests in his play against civilisations developed to the point of ecological destruction (example – the remote planet Earth). His unexpected ally is Zula, a beautiful dragoness, a police officer and individualist who works unconventionally but is often effective. Luckily, the pair discovers a dangerous plot of a pair of grey dragons who go by the lovely names of Holz Apfel and Apfel Strudel.

**SIZE** 140 x 197 mm, 128 pages**COVER** hardcover

**Hard to Scare**

**AUTHOR** Marcin Palasz  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Katarzyna Koczubiej

When a new family arrive with a removal firm to a house which had been abandoned for the last 100 years, its ghosts hope to finally have someone to scare. But... it's not that easy! And very often ghosts find the human behaviour so strange that they have to take to their heels themselves...

**SIZE** 165 x 215 mm, 96 pages

**COVER** hardcover

**The House of Eight Mysteries**

**AUTHOR** Liliana Bardjewska  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Monika Kaniotis-Starczyk

A Man, a Woman and a Boy come to a new town and move in an old tenement house that obviously has a very rich past. On the opposite side of the street a construction of a new block of flats starts. However, it is not the new apartment block, but the old tenement house where the Boy finds some amazing adventures which take him back in time, showing the history of the house and its residents.

Polish Section of IBBY Book of the Year Award Winner 2006. IBBY Honour List.

**SIZE** 118 x 180 mm, 160 pages  
**COVER** hardcover

**Holidays with a Cow, a Tank and a Criminal**

**AUTHOR** Małgorzata Strękowska-Zaremba  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Joanna Zagner-Kołat

Kuba and Wojtek are best friends. They are doing their best not to spend holidays in the countryside. They think it must be extremely boring there. Maybe if their parents knew that a criminal is going to follow the kids, they would not send them away from home. But parents cannot predict everything. That is why our protagonists will have funny, unusual and scary adventures.

**SIZE** 160 x 157 mm, 136 pages

**COVER** hardcover  
**SOLD** Slovenia

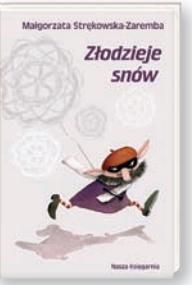
**He Plus She**

**AUTHOR** Elżbieta J. Bartosik-Trebicka  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Anna Nożko-Domaszewska

An unusual and funny book written in the form of a dialogue between Piotr and Magda. It includes their homework essays written as punishment for "sins" committed at home and school. It gives a humorous picture of family life and interesting viewpoints of two extraordinary children.

**SIZE** 160 x 157 mm, 132 pages

**COVER** hardcover

**Dream Thieves**

**AUTHOR** Małgorzata Strękowska-Zaremba  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Marta Kurczewska

Little Basia cannot sleep anymore after her parents broke up. In the place where her colourful dreams used to be there is only an empty space now, that fairy tales, toys or sweet medicines cannot fill. Bartek, her big brother, discovers the truth – it's the thieves. The children set on a journey to find the stolen dreams...

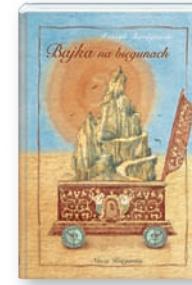
*It is a parable about how difficult it is for a child to feel safe in an adult world.*

Małgorzata Strękowska-Zaremba

Polish Section of IBBY Book of the Year Awards 2008  
Honourable Mention

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 80 pages

**COVER** hardcover

**Rocking Fairy Tale**

**AUTHOR** Henryk Bardziejewski  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Ewa Beniak-Haremksa

Four boys go to the Glass Mountain – two of them want to find treasure and for the other two it is a research expedition. Will they choose a shorter route through the Evil Pole or will they choose a longer way through the Good Pole? Grandpa Kornel and Auntie Fairy Tale watch their efforts, but the boys – just like all of us – have to make this decision on their own and ask themselves questions: What is happiness? What would be good without evil? Where does my road lead to?

This is a fairy tale a little bit the other way around; it covers serious meanings with humour. Simply a rocking fairy tale.

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 72 pages

**COVER** hardcover

**The Witch's Puppets**

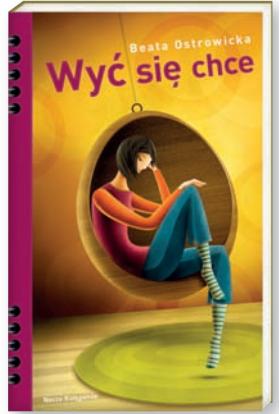
**AUTHOR** Dorota Suwalska  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Dorota Suwalska

Is it easy to cause confusion in a loving family? Maciek, Ania and their parents are happy together. But a sneaky witch wants to set them against each other.

How can you help your mum who gets sadder and sadder every day because of an invisible stone weighing down her heart? What can you do to make your dad stop disappearing? There is a tough test awaiting the protagonists, because only together they can reverse evil fate.

A thoughtful story of understanding, family bonds and overcoming difficulties. In this fairy tale-like story the author discusses problems that anyone can face.

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 80 pages  
**COVER** hardcover



## Makes You Want to Howl

**AUTHOR** Beata Ostrowicka

Everything seems to be raining down on Julka lately... Trouble at home, constant fighting between her parents (who probably don't love each other anymore...), quarrels with her mother, a very cold and withdrawn person. On top of all this, Kamil, the boy she fancies, doesn't notice her. But

the worst thing is that Julka doesn't believe in herself and allows other people to control her life. In many situations she simply goes with the flow... She agrees to go to the school chosen for her by her parents, accepts the hairstyle suggested by a friend, and even gets into trouble at the persuasion of her so-called best friend... How will Julka free herself from the toxic relationship with her friend and become a more independent and self-assured person? Will Kamil become her boyfriend? Julka is certainly in for many changes...

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 200 pages

**COVER** paperback



## How to Eat Humble Pie

**AUTHOR** Beata Ostrowicka

Julka has to eat humble pie, that is bear the consequences of the wrong decisions she makes. And there are more and more of them, because she chooses to be reserved rather than to face life challenges. It is the middle of summer holidays. Unfortunately, Julka cannot spend them with her boy-

friend Kamil. He went with his pals to the Masurian Lakes and she goes with her mum to Chalupy. The stay at the seaside is boring and tiring until the girl meets Weronika. A new friend learns to surf and she makes Julka meet a group of instructors. However, Julka's thoughts are occupied with Kamil and the crisis they are going through. Meanwhile, a new boy appears on the horizon...

*How to Eat Humble Pie* is a continuation of *Makes You Want to Howl*. It is a book about the good side and the bad side of love, about rebellion and fight for oneself, for one's dreams and hopes.

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**COVER** paperback



## Happiness Finder

**AUTHOR** Agata Hajda

Laura is convinced that her older sister leads a lot more interesting life than she does. Danka was fascinated with many things and she could enthuse other people with her passion. No matter whether it was a spontaneous happening, taking care of shelter animals or saving the endangered frogs.

Eventually, Laura has had enough listening about her sister's colourful life and decided to have an adventure herself. That is how she ended up at the theatre workshop. It will not be easy to rehearse, though... Radek, a calm bookworm, and Przemek, a judoka about whom all girls at school go crazy, will considerably complicate everything...

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**COVER** paperback



## Craving Sour Grapes

**AUTHOR** Irena Matuszkiewicz

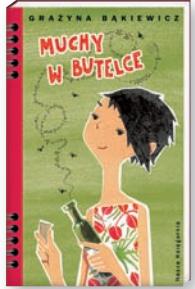
*The dream of being grown-up belongs only to very young people. Once we are adults it is no longer valid. Craving sour grapes also applies to this age. Later, when we are allowed to eat everything, even what isn't good for us, this craving often passes.*

Lilka, Oliwia and Mikotaj have known each other for years and have always counted on one another. They're just about to begin a new stage in life. A new school, new challenges, new friends – not always the desirable kind... Besides Lilka has another test ahead of her: she will have to stay home alone for longer while. Meanwhile, temptations are everywhere. Lilka's new friends are drawn to her empty house, the ideal place for parties...

Irena Matuszkiewicz, a well-known author of books for adults, tells of the beauty and strength of friendship, and of the dark and bright sides of youth, including issues which can be difficult and awkward.

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 272 pages

**COVER** paperback

**Flies in a Bottle****AUTHOR** Grażyna Bąkiewicz

Marcelina's life is not easy... She misses her parents who received a scholarship abroad long time ago. She lives with her grandpa who loves her a lot and with

her a little bit crazy but caring aunt, but parents are still parents. At school she has to constantly adapt to overwhelming mediocrity while she is attracted to the world and knowledge. On top of that her best friend Filip is moving, they will probably never see each other again. But the real troubles are still ahead of her. She will go to Italy and try to help her parents with solving their problems – could Marcelina's life become even more complicated?

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 320 pages**COVER** paperback**Drip with Dreams****AUTHOR** Marta Madera

After a car accident and a long stay in hospital 13-year-old Lilka is forced to stay at her eccentric aunt's house in Cracow for further rehabilitation. Far from

home, family, and friends, the girl learns to live in a completely different environment among strange people and unknown places. Will she do well in a new school? Will she find a kindred spirit, friendship and assistance?

Full of wisdom and humour, the book is about adolescence and searching for the most important values in life – truth, responsibility, understanding another person and, above all, love...

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 216 pages**COVER** paperback**Pepa, Don't Play the Fool!****AUTHOR** Ida Pierelotkin

Karina, Mela, Ziu, Wanda and Pepa are best pals. Though each of them is different, they are a harmonious bunch. Karina is a wordy individualist constantly reading romance,

Mela is unforeseeable and sensitive, having continuous problems because of her fairly large breasts, Ziu – difficult to catch up with, Wanda – probably the most ordinary one gifted with an unusual imagination, and Pepa – confident, in love with gossip and intrigue. Their quite ordinary life is interrupted by Pepa's love affairs. Recently, she has been trying to get rid of a boy she met through the internet dating service. He is (horror!) a dairy technology college student which disqualifies him entirely. But when the news break that Krystian Sorbet, a heavenly handsome TV series actor with whom Pepa is deeply in love, is attending a nearby high school, troubles are only about to begin...

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 288 pages**COVER** paperback**Tear Squeezer****AUTHOR** Agnieszka Tyszka

Marianna's life is not so easy... Her dad died and her mum focuses on her career, and has no interest in her daughter. The girl attends a high school run by strict nuns

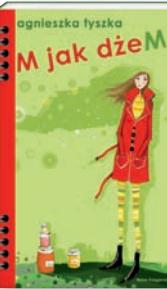
and does not make friends easily. No wonder that she rebels and wears black. However, when she thinks that nothing good will ever happen to her, she meets an elderly lady whom she can talk to. And it is only the first big change in her life...

Agnieszka Tyszka is the author of popular and esteemed books about Nela (*M for JaM, Coffee for the Cat, Love, No Added Preservatives*). In her newest novel she tells her readers about loneliness and difficult family relations.

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 192 pages**COVER** paperback**What Ears Don't See****AUTHOR** Agnieszka Tyszka

Black clouds have crept over the Bronzik family... Mum left on a long business trip, while dad has decided to re-evaluate his priorities and is off somewhere leading

the life of a hermit. With only each other to count on, three sisters think nothing worse could happen. But this is the tip of the iceberg, as it turns out. The arrival of their cold and demanding grandfather is the beginning of their troubles...

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 176 pages**COVER** paperback**M for JaM****AUTHOR** Agnieszka Tyszka

Nela is 13 years old and her life is similar to a steeplechase. She is bullied at school and she misses her dad terribly. What is more, she has to face her terrifying grand-

mother, whom she has never met. Fortunately, she gets to know a few strange but friendly and kind-hearted people who make her life a bit more pleasant. It is thanks to them as well as the all-time reliable jam that Nela manages to deal with the problems she encounters. Nela's amazing adventures include short entries from her diary.

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 160 pages**COVER** paperback**SOLD** Slovenia



## Coffee for the Cat

**AUTHOR** Agnieszka Tyszka

Nela's new role of a big sister and a babysitter, staying on her own at the seaside where she meets an extremely nice, coffee drinking Cat, and difficult meetings with her dad are all new challenges that she will have to face. Will she manage her love and be a responsible babysitter? How will she settle her complicated relations with her dad?

Luckily, Miss Lila and her invaluable *The Flowers Book* come to the rescue, and also the Artist – Nela's stepfather. They will make everything a lot easier...

*Coffee for the Cat* is a very successful and gripping continuation of an extremely popular book *M for JaM*.

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**COVER** paperback



## Love, No Added Preservatives

**AUTHOR** Agnieszka Tyszka

Nela feels nothing is going right... She doesn't have many reasons to be happy lately: spring is late, the Cat has no time for her, and in school she's being tortured by her maths teacher, the Great Untruth. But it isn't until Sophie, Nela's little friend, falls severely ill that she understands what real troubles are...

*Love, No Added Preservatives* teaches understanding and optimism, and shows that the support of the loved ones can solve all problems!

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 144 pages

**COVER** paperback



## Operation Chaps

**AUTHOR** Barbara Stenka

Roma is lonely... as lonely as only one can be in a family made up of mum, dad, two grandmas, a married sister, and an old dog lovingly called The Poo Factory. She has no friends and the relation she has with her overbearing parents is hardly sincere... Despite this, Roma has no intention of giving up! In her search for acceptance and feelings, she triggers a series of events which will change her life forever. Add the terrible consequences of an ordinary walk and there is nothing left for a girl to do but commence Operation Chaps!

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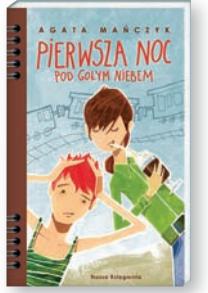
## A Guy with a Simple Manual

**AUTHOR** Agata Mańczyk

There were three of them: Scar – sharp-tongued and cynical to the bone, trying to earn a reputation of the worst hooligan in the neighbourhood; phlegmatic Grandpa – being brought up to be a good person, from whom you can nonetheless expect only trouble; and Cheyenne – a subversive of promise with a pigtail, a bored rebel, and a lover of dark-haired blue-eyed girls. They have only one goal – good fun. Until it turns out that bad luck is a terrible thing. The three friends are caught after serious excess and it seems that this time their reputation of tough guys is going to be shattered. As if this was not enough, their old friend, Shrew, comes back to school. Soon it turns out that she will try to set these inseparable friends against one another. What is really the point of this game? Scar, Grandpa and Cheyenne are going to experience the strangest six months in their crazy lives.

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## First Night Under an Open Sky

**AUTHOR** Agata Mańczyk

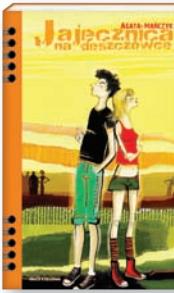
Bazyl and Inka accidentally meet in a café on a train station. Lately they both had a lot of problems and decided to run away from them. An unfortunate event makes them start a journey together.

At first glance there is a huge gap between them. He is a rebellious freak with dyed red hair, she is a diligent student from a good family. They are both stubborn, convinced they are right and... have unbelievable talent for getting themselves into new trouble. Simply an explosive mixture!

*First Night Under an Open Sky* is a humorous road novel. Chases, hitchhiking, gangsters, sudden turns of plot, mysterious treasure, and of course love... This gripping book will not let you get bored!

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 288 pages

**COVER** paperback



## Scrambled Eggs on Rainwater

**AUTHOR** Agata Mańczyk

A group of teenagers meet for the first time at a summer camp. There are some real characters amongst them – Wanda, Szprycha, Klema, Marita among the girls and

Kajtek, Max, Zyga and Franek among the boys. Szprycha and Zyga make an honorary bet and their supporters help them win it by carrying out various tasks which lead them to many amazing adventures. Who is going to be the winner? This is what this funny summer story is about. It is full of humorous situations, dramatic actions and incredible night escapades, all taking place in the beautiful scenery of the Masurian Lakes region.

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**COVER** paperback





## A Big Pocket for Troubles

**AUTHOR** Agata Mańczyk

Greta, Pola, Gutek, and Nikodem, four rebellious teenagers, are spending their holidays at the Polish seaside. It has been raining for many days

now... They will get involved in an unusual adventure because of boredom. Accidentally, they will fall foul of gangsters, locals, and whoever gets in their way. They will also make friendships and experience first enchantments... Each of them, however, will get to know oneself better and they will understand what really matters in life.

Agata Mańczyk's new book will keep readers in suspense, surprise them with unexpected turns of plot, and leave no one indifferent, discussing the most troublesome teenage problems.

**SIZE** 135 x 204 mm, 352 pages

**COVER** paperback



## Factor of Love

**AUTHOR** Anna Łacina

If the Cullen family attended Patrycja's high school... everything would be different. But such things happen only in novels. Ordinary life is right here: a despotic father with his noisy parties, an intimidated mother and sarcastic teachers. What is more, Patrycja's best friend has fallen in love with a Mysterious Poet...

However... Someone like Edward, Patricia's favourite book character, unexpectedly enters her life: pale complexion, dark circles under his eyes and unearthly beauty... Does the boy really conceal a dark secret?

Anna Łacina's novel tells a story of growing up to the mature and responsible love, of difficult choices which can change the whole life.

**SIZE** 135 x 204 mm, 280 pages

**COVER** paperback



## Stolen Roses

**AUTHOR** Anna Łacina

Jaśmina, a medical student, goes on her dream vacation to Greece. She travels with a group of friends which has been joined by Romek, her old sweetheart. Will they fall in love again among ancient ruins and breathtaking views?

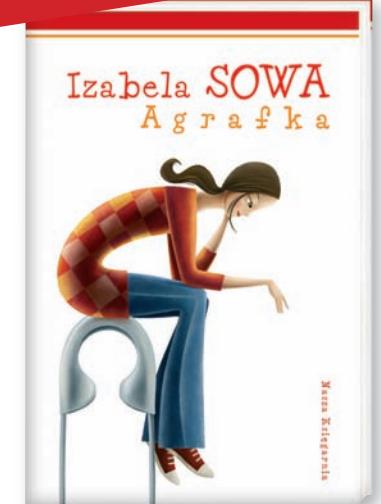
Meanwhile, Róża, Jaśmina's younger sister, sets off on a pilgrimage to Częstochowa she will never forget...

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**COVER** paperback



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## Safety Pin

**AUTHOR** Izabela Sowa

Designer furniture, a new SUV every three years, brand name clothes for every season, a two-level condo and holidays for dessert, plus the awe of relatives, respect of neighbours and jealousy of Facebook friends, even those you barely remember...

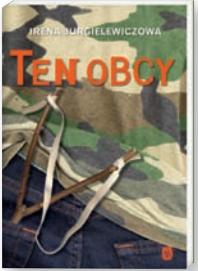
According to Milka's parents, these things are enough to be the happiest person alive. But Milka sees it differently. She no longer wants to be a good girl. She tries it to take a different road, not the one mapped by her perfect older sister (called The First) and her family, for whom only appearances count. Milka's unexpected ally turns out to be her grandfather. The irreproachable image suddenly reveals a few painful blemishes...

In her new book, Izabela Sowa, one of Poland's most popular writers, conducts a bitter-sweet crackdown on the Polish mess, its stereotypes and small-town mentality. She encourages us to face our fears and examine our feelings.

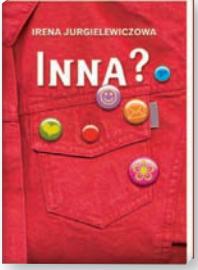
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**The Stranger****AUTHOR** Irena Jurgielewiczowa

The novel's fascinating plot keeps the readers intrigued from the beginning to the end. The main characters – Ulka, Pestka, Marian and Julek are surprised to find that a strange young boy has appeared on their island. The children help him hide but they have no idea that Zenek, the newcomer, has had some painful experiences in his life which affect him greatly and make him hide his true identity from his saviors. Soon the situation gets terribly complicated and the truth must be revealed.

**IBBY Honour List****SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 256 pages**COVER** paperback**The Outsider?****AUTHOR** Irena Jurgielewiczowa

A psychological novel about a teenage girl brought up in an orphanage, who tries to overcome loneliness and a feeling of alienation.

*...Danka was standing with her head lowered, feeling as if the overwhelming hatred was growing inside her. ...If only they knew what she has just experienced to avoid the humiliation, to be like others! Will she win the struggle to overcome her “otherness”?*

**SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 256 pages**COVER** paperback**Restless Hours****AUTHOR** Irena Jurgielewiczowa

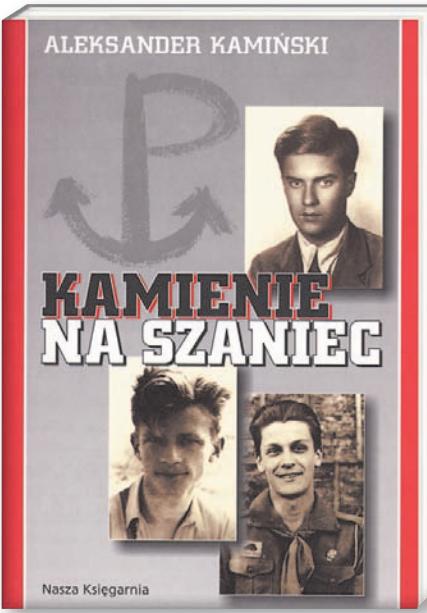
A novel about the need of trust and acceptance as well as love that fulfills these needs. The main character, Kasia, gets to know Janusz, a boy who is going through some difficulties at home and at school. It is a chance encounter that changes them forever.

*He looked at the girl. She was standing motionless, leaning over the balustrade, fallen into silent reverie.  
– Sometimes, as I look down – he said quietly – I feel like jumping.*

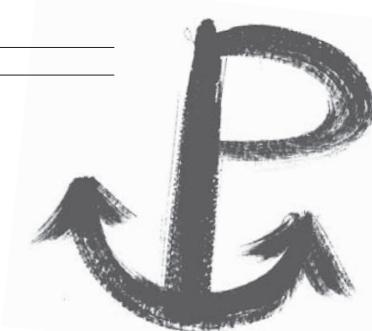
**SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 208 pages**COVER** paperback**The End of Holidays****AUTHOR** Janusz Domagalic

*We stood under a tree for a moment, to catch our breath. I brushed aside her wet hair from her forehead... and quickly leaned in and kissed her. Just a second earlier I didn't know I would do it. And a second later I would not dare to.*

Great holidays, a wonderful girl... Suddenly this idyll is interrupted by news of his parents' divorce. Whose side will Jurek take? Will he prove to be mature and responsible?

**IBBY Honour List****SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 192 pages**COVER** paperback**Stones for the Barricade****AUTHOR** Aleksander Kamiński

This is a true story about lives of a few teenagers under the Nazi occupation in Warsaw. Alek, Rudy and Zośka are young schoolboys for whom friendship, loyalty, sense of duty and patriotism become the most important values. The book contains many photographs from the period, which supplement the story.

**SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 256 pages**COVER** hardcover and paperback



## When the Clock Strikes Ten

**AUTHOR** Agnieszka Blotnicka

Janek is convinced that this will be the worst vacation ever. Instead of going with his pals to the sports camp, he will be stuck with his dad in a boring town far away from real entertainment.

And this Kuba, a local boy, a swot, whose company he will have to suffer... Janek does not even suspect that very unusual things will be happening in this small town soon. Kazimierz will turn out to be a nest of dangerous criminals and a place of secret actions in which boys will get tangled (as usual) completely by accident. The night operation which will decide about the success or failure of their investigation starts when the clock strikes ten...

**SIZE** 140 x 204 mm, 336 pages

**COVER** paperback



## Black Operation

**AUTHOR** Agnieszka Blotnicka

A year has passed since Janek and Kuba first met. The school has ended but Janek is staying in Warsaw. His parents bought a new

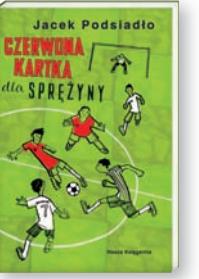
apartment and the removal is going on. Fortunately, Kuba drops in. Empty and sleepy capital does not seem to be the best place to spend holidays, but the adventure lurks behind the corner. A coincidence will cast two boys in the center of dangerous events. The stake is high: a precious formula which will revolutionize the IT market... Industrial espionage, intrigues and a ruthless international gang... Two friends do not even suspect what troubles they will get into.

*Agnieszka Blotnicka is true to the best traditions of sensational novels for teenagers, to Edmund Niziurski's style above all. She creates expressive characters, capable of a sharp retort; intelligent and cunning.*

Professor Grzegorz Leszczyński  
Warsaw University

**SIZE** 140 x 204 mm, 448 pages

**COVER** paperback



## Red Card for Bounce

**AUTHOR** Jacek Podsiadło

Daniel's dreams may come true. He's been noticed by a fantastic football coach and has begun real training. His new friends at the

football club are true characters... They have one thing in common – they love football and are eager to play. But the moment of truth, their first serious playoff in the Junior Gold League, is relentlessly approaching. They must win the Warsaw championship! The boys will strive for victory with all their might. In the meantime, there is a lesson to be learned...

Unforgettable football thrills guaranteed!

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Honourable Mention*

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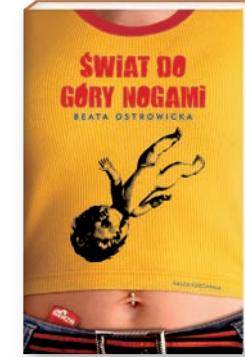
## The World Upside Down

**AUTHOR** Beata Ostrowicka

The tragic death of her mother changes the life of 16-year-old Ola. Burdened by everyday life she has difficulty communicating with her father and a younger sister. With time she grows more apathetic. How will she deal with the reality which no longer includes the most important person, her mother? Mateusz, her first great love, will no doubt help her.

*The World Upside Down* is a story of growing up, the generation gap and of searching for one's own place on Earth.

*Polish Section of IBBY Book of the Year Award runner-up 2002  
IBBY Honour List*



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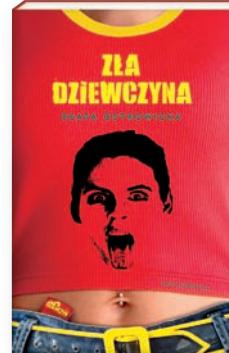
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## Bad Girl

**AUTHOR** Beata Ostrowicka

18-year-old Marcyśka, who has been at school in Kraków for the past few years, dreams of university and doesn't want to return to her hometown. An unexpected inheritance from her aunt allows her to begin a new, better life but also causes conflicts with the loved ones. Will "Bad" Marcyśka allow her family to control her life and force her to forget her plans, or will she make a more difficult decision of going her own way?

Marcyśka will have to make painful choices and learn about responsibility and love that isn't always the kind we dream of...



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**COVER** paperback



## 13th Cross Street

**AUTHOR** Małgorzata Gutowska-Adamczyk

When the world seems completely senseless and everyday life leaves you only with disappointments, when you cannot find any target

and suppress desire for happiness, maybe in the darkest hour you will find your path.

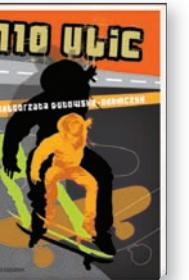
Agata, Zosia and Klaudia, three teenagers from Warsaw, are so different that it is hard to believe that their paths had ever crossed. But they are connected by a common dream...

The book shows difficult meanders of growing up to friendship, searching for happiness and the not-always-rosy everyday life of teenagers.

Polish Section of IBBY Book of the Year Award Winner 2008

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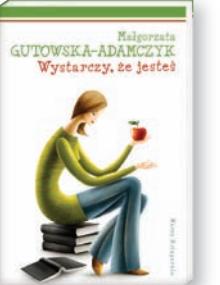


## 110 Streets

**AUTHOR** Małgorzata Gutowska-Adamczyk

Michał leads a stress free life. Amongst his friends, family and teachers he has a well-earned reputation of an easygoing guy. Thanks

to his wealthy parents he has style, designer clothes, swanky vacations, and can be really generous. Unfortunately, nothing lasts forever, especially in a teenager's life. Suddenly his parents' problems at work make him land in a little village, light years away from the capital. When he goes there, he is full of bad feelings. Luckily, nothing of what he fears turns out to be true.



## It's Enough That You're Here

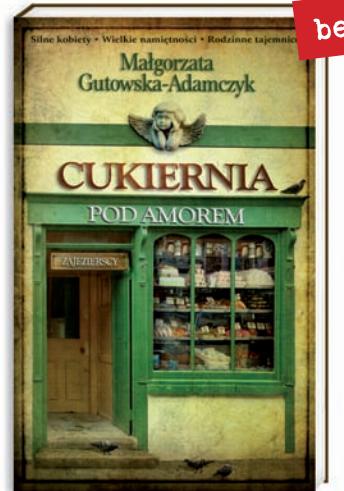
**AUTHOR** Małgorzata Gutowska-Adamczyk

Weronika is a natural born pessimist. She doesn't believe in herself or in the fact that she'll find love and happiness in life. An avid *Twilight* reader, she secretly dreams of exceptional feelings and a prince who is too perfect to be true. The ideal boy is conceived in the girl's imagination and lives in the virtual world of her blog. Can reality come to resemble her dreams?

Małgorzata Gutowska-Adamczyk's novel tells of being ready for love, the need to love and be loved, first disappointments and the difficult road to understanding what is truly valuable.

**SIZE** 130 x 197 mm, 296 pages

**COVER** paperback



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## Cupid's Café Trilogy Book One: The Zajezierski Family

**AUTHOR** Małgorzata Gutowska-Adamczyk

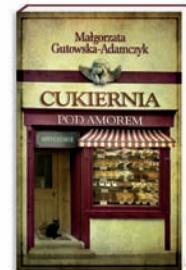
While excavating the Gutów market square, archaeologists make an unusual discovery. It induces interest of the *Cupid's Café* owner's daughter. Will Iga solve an old family mystery? Has the prophecy from before ages been fulfilled?

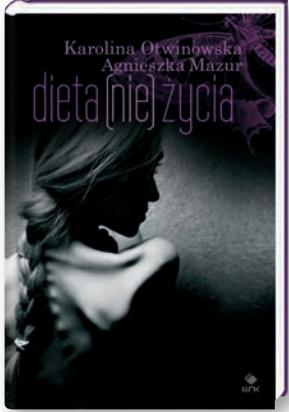
Searching for an answer we will trace the fascinating history of rise and fall of one of the most excellent Mazovian houses.

*The Zajezierski Family* is the first volume of *Cupid's Café Trilogy*.

The author describes the fates of several women generations in a picturesque scenery of the 19th century manor-houses and present province. She superbly shows the colour of those times, both realities of everyday life and historical events. She creates a unique tale of strong women, their dreams and passions.

Fot. Barbara Szczęsna





## Diet of a Lifetime (Not!)

**AUTHOR** Karolina Otwinowska,  
Agnieszka Mazur

*I only had myself, my empty room and my faithful friend anorexia again. She always showed up when there was no one left. We would organise our time together. Preparing meticulous calorie charts or checking the nutritious value of new products took up all of our days. Together with anorexia we went on long walks to lose what had been forced into me during the few weeks in hospital. Why was I doing it again? I felt that the thinner I was the more SHE liked me. I wanted to feel that someone liked me. I was grateful to anorexia. She was the only one who didn't let me down. She gave me so much of her time, I had to make it up to her somehow. I wanted to lose weight fast. For her. So that she would be proud of me. So that she would never leave me.*

A moving true story of a girl's ten-year battle with anorexia. She is now twenty, has been hospitalised six times and made several suicide attempts. She has decided to tell about the nightmare of her disease. The turning point was the death of a friend also suffering from an eating disorder. To warn others, Karolina Otwinowska reveals the most intimate details of her life with the disease and describes with great precision the code of the body- and soul-destroying anorexia.

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**COVER** hardcover



## A Baby From Clouds

**AUTHOR** Justyna Bigos,  
Beata Mozer

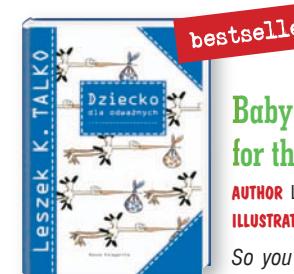
A moving tale of adoption and maternity. The authors met at the university. At first they stayed close because of common hobbies. Soon they discovered that they had struggled with similar problems. When infertility was no longer a taboo for both women, they decided to fulfill their dreams. Today they are both happy mothers. They wanted to

share their experience to give hope and example to all couples which suffer from infertility. This is also a very good read for infertile couples' family and friends.

*Justyna Bigos and Beata Mozer were brave enough to tell a story of their way to adoption. They approach this subject in a very fresh way. They talk about difficult moments of two people who dream about having a baby and describe a road which led them to the decision... The road to adoption.*

Joanna Skurska, head of the For the Family Foundation

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## Baby for the Brave

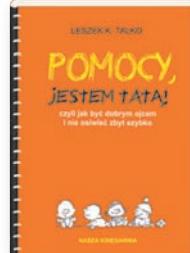
**AUTHOR** Leszek K. Talko  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Ewa Olejnik

*So you are going to have a baby. Congratulations. Or maybe your friends are expecting a child? Great. You think it is going to be beautiful. And you are right. You think that your life is going to change – and you are right. You dream about the kind of life resembling a picture from a magazine: you both are relaxed and your tiny one babbles delightfully. Well, that is not entirely true. You think your life is going to be only better? You could not be more wrong. Your marriage will turn upside down. You will have problems at work and will be tired like never before. And maybe one of you is going to end up crazy.*

*You think I am exaggerating? Let me tell you something – it is not even half of the truth.*

Leszek K. Talko

**SIZE** 168 x 228 mm, 400 pages  
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## Help, I am a Daddy! Or How to Be a Good Father and Avoid Turning Grey Too Quickly

**AUTHOR** Leszek K. Talko  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Joanna Zagner-Kotat

*Do you read additional information on contracts written in small print? It contains the most important rules: that if you do not pay the mortgage the bank will put your house on auction for example. You are going to be a dad. Or you already are. You are happy and do not think what it actually means. Right now fatherhood is about buying a model railway, little car with pedals and a heap of other toys. You think that is all. If there were contracts for having children then at the end written in small print there would be a paragraph:*

*The undersigned realizes that his life will change completely. He gives up all his hobbies and he will not lay any claims because of that. He will not be surprised that the behaviour and character of his wife and of himself, as well as their lifestyle, will change. No complaints will be considered.*

*Probably you would not notice and sign anyway. That is what this book is about.*

Leszek K. Talko

**SIZE** 146 x 204 mm, 176 pages  
**COVER** hardcover  
**SOLD** Lithuania



## Save us, Supernanny! Or the Baby Rules Again

**AUTHOR** Michał Daniel Mordarski  
**ILLUSTRATOR** Ewa Olejnik

*Your home changed into a fortress full of gruel, rompers and nappies. You never sleep, constantly running, nervously checking if your precious one is having a nap or its nappy is dry. Full of hope you wait until your baby grows up. Damn, it is because you do not know what will happen next. Soon the baby will stand on its own feet and then it all begins. Suddenly, probably at dawn, it will attack. You will get hit with a block, end up unconscious, wake up tied up. Maybe as a useful slave you will survive... So if you are reasonable enough and dream about a reasonable baby, do not wait any longer but read this book. Too late? The slaughter has already begun? Run, call for help, the Supernanny is keeping watch!*

**SIZE** 122 x 190 mm, 168 pages  
**COVER** paperback



## Shadow Zone: Three Years with a Psychopath – a True Story

**AUTHOR** Wiktoria Zender

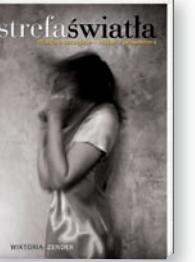
*Shadow Zone. Three Years with a Psychopath – a True Story* is a debut of Wiktoria Zender. This is a pseudonym of one of the many victims of Eugeniusz G., still having an arrest warrant. He was compared by a Polish press to Hannibal Lecter. The author was in a relationship with him for a few years and when she decided to break up with him he mutilated her bestially. Now after over ten years she decided to break the silence and tell the story about what happened to her.

*In this book I described three years of my life. Three dramatic years, ended with a tragic crime. Each word is true. My thoughts, feelings and the story I experienced. Probably to some readers it will seem impossible that one young woman could have endured so much and live on. I live despite everything, despite the suffering, humiliation and disability. [...]*

From the author's introduction

**SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 320 pages

**COVER** paperback



## Light Zone: Fight for Happiness – a True Story

**AUTHOR** Wiktoria Zender

The continuation of *Shadow Zone. Three Years with a Psychopath – a True Story*. The description of a long and painful treatment, of waking from a nightmare, of getting one's life back. When Ula regains consciousness her face is horribly burned by acid. The man she used to love did this to her. For months Ula remains on the brink of death. She undergoes over 80 operations. Slowly Ula comes back to life. She learns how to deal with being different, and about rejection and both physical and psychological pain. Though no one believes she could ever be happy again, she wants to conquer fate and, who knows, maybe even find true love.

It would be very difficult to invent such a story. As a matter of fact, it wasn't invented. Everything really happened. Wiktoria Zender is the pseudonym of one of the many victims of Eugeniusz G. who is wanted by the police and compared by the Polish press to Hannibal Lecter. For this brave woman, writing became a form of autotherapy. *Light Zone* proves that one can lift oneself from any tragedy. It's possible to live on and be yourself no matter what!

**SIZE** 140 x 202 mm, 272 pages

**COVER** paperback



## Bad Blood

**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Gortat

This is a story of a certain childhood, for which Łódź was the backdrop in the 1960s. It's also a tale of the shadows of the city's pre-war Jewish Baluty district, and of Warsaw's 13 Tłomackie Street, with its array of would-be Nobel Prize winners. Of the Gomulka era and of Mickiewicz's *Forefathers*, the accidental patrons of March. And of the brothers Karamazov, who marched into the protagonist's life together with a chronicler of the Auschwitz Sonderkommando. It is a subjective story, as is any attempt to retrieve the past when the longing for by-gone days mingles with grievances against history.

*Considering that time can deform the events which have been imprinted on our memory, while the author's objectivity, despite his intentions, readily succumbs to the whispers of the imagination, I decided it would be appropriate to assign fictional names to my characters, not excluding the narrator.*

The Author

**SIZE** 130 x 197 mm, 256 pages

**COVER** hardcover



## Rats and Wolves

**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Gortat

15-year-old Henry considers himself a true Pole. He fervently defends the "purity" of Polish blood. Henry's authority is Adolf Hitler, his bible *Mein Kampf*. "No mercy for the enemy. Mercy is a sign of weakness", "The sick must be separated from the healthy. Cretins, midgets, Jews, degenerates: to eliminate them is to correct a mistake of nature," he zealously repeats after the leader of a neo-Nazi organisation. He is ruthless and brutal.

But does he really understand what he is fighting for? Would he be equally devoted to the cause if he had experienced the hell of Auschwitz?

Grzegorz Gortat's novel leads us to reflect upon how very real and dangerous continue to be the convictions that led to last century's Holocaust.

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**COVER**

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**Czech Republic**



## Incompleteness

**AUTHOR** Grzegorz Gortat

A lonely and disillusioned painter wanders the city among the shadows of the past. More a craftsman than an artist, a self-appointed poet, he feels a spiritual kinship with the masters of literature who died by their own hand. For years he has been deluding himself that art will protect him from his parents' fate. Demented by the unrequited love, he paints the last portrait of a dying prostitute. He uncovers the unfamiliar emotions with every stroke of the brush.

Both fictitious and real characters appear in this tale of unfulfilled desires, lapse of time, art, and death. *Incompleteness* is a praise of fidelity to literary and life ideals.

*"Incompleteness"* is a very good novella, in the best tradition of Central European prose. This is an epitaph for the European modernism, a voice from another world, full of respect for the art of storytelling and for beautiful language.

Professor Grażyna Borkowska  
Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute for Literary Studies

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