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Established in 1984, Tudem celebrates its 35 years with more than 1600 titles published. We are dedicated to contemporary, high quality literary fiction and reference books for young readers.

With an ambition to promote young writers and artists, Tudem organizes an annual literature award. Our independent monthly literary review, *lyikitap*, is a meeting point for the children's literature scene in Turkey.

This catalogue is a selection of works by renowned Turkish children's authors and illustrators. We wish you a happy browsing and hope you like our titles as much as we do.



## ÇİĞDEM GÜNDEŞ

Çiğdem started her career as a children's author in 2003. Her short stories, novels and illustrated books were published by several publishing houses. She lives in Istanbul and gets inspired from the children of the town.

5+

Picture book,  
28 pages, 19 x 22.5 cm  
Themes: quest,  
love, playing  
Uçanbalık, 2019

# A red shoe, a girl and an emotional quest full of fantasy



## Red Shoe

KIRMIZI AYAKKABI

Çiğdem Gündeş  
Mavisu Demirağ

The girl loves her red shoes and starts searching in despair when one of them is lost. She asks the people and animals around. But can a shoe go anywhere by itself? Is the shoe really lost or is it a game? The girl will find out at the end, and so will the reader!

A PDF review copy in English is available.



## OĞUZ DEMİR

Oğuz Demir started his caricature adventure at the famous *Gırgır* magazine. His caricatures and illustrations won 25 international prizes, among them are *Art of Resistance* (NL) and *Urziceni International Cartoon Contest* (RO).

4+

Illustrated story  
32 pages, 20.3 x 25.3 cm  
Themes: Creativity,  
yearning, curiosity,  
animals  
Uçanbalık, 2019

# Perseverance, adventure, flying feathers and lots of chuckles



## An Ostrich Can Do Everything

BİR DEVEKUŞU HER ŞEYİ  
YAPABİLİR

Oğuz Demir

Days are hard for the ostrich. He keeps on running, because the big tiger chases him all the time. While looking at the flying parrots with yearning, he comes up with a great idea. But will that save him from the tiger at the end?

With this inspiring and humorous story, Oğuz Demir offers a first comic book for little readers.

A PDF review copy in English is available.





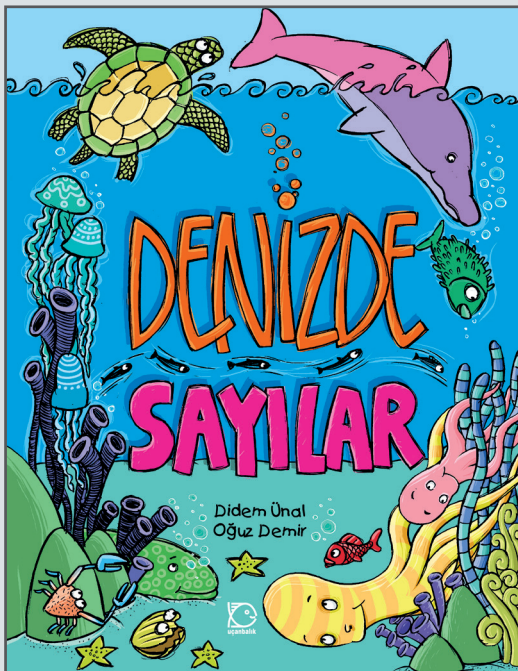
## DİDEM ÜNAL

Didem was born in 1974 in Ankara. Since 1995, she is active as a publisher. Her short stories were published in several literary magazines and she works as an independent editor.

4+

Picture book,  
48 pages, 20 x 25 cm  
Themes: Sea and sea  
animals, numbers,  
discovery  
Tudem, 2018

# A playful counting book and an adventure overseas



## Numbers in the Sea DENİZDE SAYILAR

Didem Ünal  
Oğuz Demir

This book allows little readers to get acquainted with numbers and counting, while enhancing their concentration with the help of little pictorial hints. The fishermen hope to catch some fish, but plenty of baby animals get tangled to their nets. Mother animals will think about a trick to save their kids.

A PDF review copy in English is available.



## Mysterious stories coming from a phone booth

### MIYASE SERTBARUT

A passionate children's author, Sertbarut often addresses to difficult topics like poverty, education system, criticism of value systems and commercialization... Sertbarut was nominated for Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award in 2016.

8+

Novel

136 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm

Themes: Mystery,

fantasy, books

Tudem, 2019



## Yuan Huan's Booth

YUAN HUAN'IN KULÜBESİ

Ilhami enters into a phone booth at a dumpsite and starts listening to strange stories from the phone. Then he comes up with the idea of writing these stories for his homework. So, he keeps on hearing stories in the booth, from a voice he considers recorded. But the real mystery is about the voice on the phone...

A sample translation in English is available.



## HANZADE SERVI

Born in 1978, Servi completed her studies of Media and Publications at the Communication Sciences Faculty. She worked as a screenwriter for a number of media projects. From humor to horror, Hanzade Servi produces works of many genres.

8+

Novel,  
120 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm  
Themes: Love, believing,  
solidarity  
Tudem, 2019



If you like something,  
don't cry for not  
having it. Create it  
yourself.

## The Carrot Tree

HAVUÇ AĞACI

Mina, an 8-years old girl, moves to countryside with her family. She's excited and curious about the new environment. Moreover, a famous director comes to the village to shoot a strange movie, which multiplies all the mystery in the village. It all remains to Mina to solve the mystery, which she does gracefully with her broad imagination..

A sample translation in English is available.



# A new kitten, adoption plans and a great surprise

## MAVİSEL YENER

Mavisel Yener wrote more than hundred works; poetry, stories, novels, tales, theater and radio plays. Her books are translated into many languages and met children around the world. She was awarded with the Tudem Literature Award in 2003 and was nominated for 2018 Hans Christian Andersen Award.

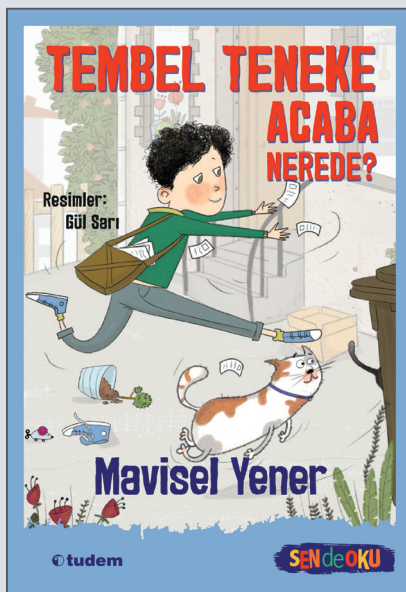
7+

Short story

72 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm

Themes: Pets, love,  
surprise

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## Finding Lazybones

TEMBEL TENEKE  
ACABA NEREDE?

Gül Sarı

Ata is a boy who loves animals. One day, he finds an abandoned kitten. Ata has already a cat at home and now he needs to find a new home for the little one. He writes creative ads in order to “advertise” the kitten to potential catlovers. Ata’s Project works better than he expects but a surprise awaits them: The kitten is not there anymore.

A PDF review copy in English is available.



## GÜZİN ÖZTÜRK

Güzin Öztürk is a lawyer by profession. She has five novels published by Tudem. Güzin believes that children can change the world and make it a better place.

7+

Short story,

56 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm

Themes: Smartphones,  
online addictions, family  
Tudem, 2019



## My Grandma is an Online Zombie

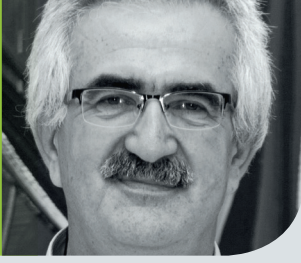
SANAL ZOMBİ ANNEANNEM

Cemre Arslan

Ali likes playing internet games on his smartphone. His parents are worried about it, but he thinks they are overreacting. Ali loves her grandmother, who will visit them soon. When the grandma arrives, Ali realises she is playing games on her smartphone the entire day. Ali feels alone and wants his old grandma back. But trouble will arise soon...

A PDF review copy in English is available.



**MEHMET ATILLA**

Born in Bodrum, Mehmet Atilla worked a long time as a teacher. Since his retirement he writes passionately for children and for adults. With his naive writing and inspiring style, Mehmet Atilla brings social conflicts and even political issues to words in a most elegant way.

7+

Novel

96 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm

Themes: Family,

democracy, justice

Tudem, 2019

# Managing school responsibilities and family relations together



## A School Manager Who Smiles

GÜLMİYİ BİLEN  
MÜDÜR ARANIYOR

Doğa Can Ertürk

Esin just received an important task at school. The school needs a new manager and Esin will be part of the election committee. She comes home happy to inform her parents but to her surprise, her father, who is a teacher has put his candidacy for the position. Esin is at a loss, what should she do now?

A PDF review copy in English is available.



# Two little stories about growing up and finding answers

## SEZA KUTLAR AKSOY

Seza Kutlar Aksoy is known for her fiction and sensitive, playful language. Aksoy is a member of PEN and the Association of Children and Youth Publications.

4+

Picture book,  
16 pages each, 20 x 20 cm,  
Themes: Childhood,  
questions, sleep  
Uçanbalık, 2013-2014



Nil Asks  
Questions  
NİL SORU SORUYOR

The Sleep Tree  
UYKU AĞACI

Seza Kutlar Aksoy  
Serap Deliorman

Just like any little child, Nil likes to be stubborn and to question. Here are two small story books that would take little readers to the dream world, encourage them to think and to ask questions.

A PDF review copy in English is available.



## AYTÜL AKAL

A passionate writer for children, Aytül Akal was Turkey's nominee for ALMA in 2010. Her works consist of short stories, novels, poetry and were translated to several languages. Akal's works sold more than 800.000 copies under Tudem imprints.

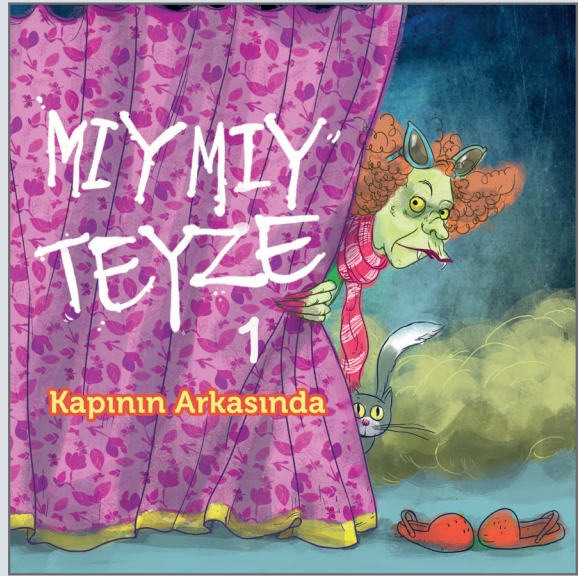
4+

Picture book,  
32 pages, 20 x 20 cm,  
Themes: Humor, generations  
conflict, optimism, friendship  
Uçanbalık, 2015

## Grumpy Auntie MIYMIY TEYZE

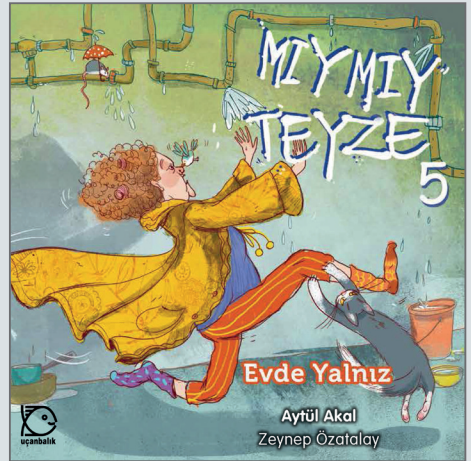
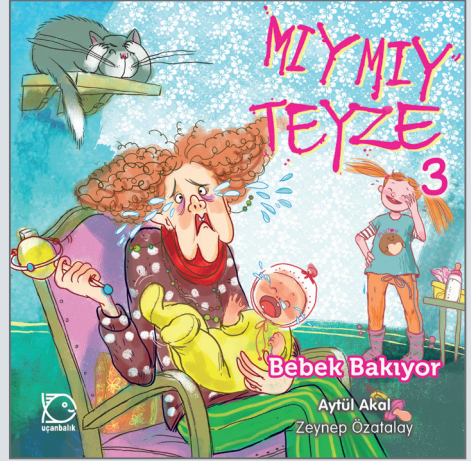
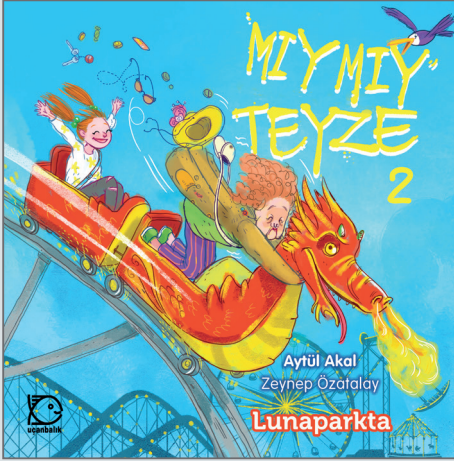
Aytül Akal  
Zeynep Özatalay

# Don't ever ring the bell! Grumpy Auntie is behind the door!



Grumpy Auntie hates children as they are annoying her by ringing her doorbell, and children think of her as some sort of witch. One day, Grumpy Auntie meets Mine, the girl from next door, and a crazy friendship will bloom! Grumpy Auntie is a humorous series about optimism and friendship between old and young people.

A PDF review copy in English is available.



4+

Picture book,  
32 pages, 20 x 20cm,  
Themes: Humor, generations  
conflict, optimism, friendship  
Uçanbalık, 2015





## AYLA ÇINAROĞLU

Ayla Çınaroğlu has been writing and illustrating children's books since 1972. She was listed in the certificate of Honor for Writing of IBBY.

4+

Picture book,  
32 pages, 20 x 20 cm,  
Themes: Starting  
school, socializing, skills  
Uçanbalık, 2012  
*Rights sold: Chinese (Simple)*

## Whiny Kitty

MIZMIZ MIRNAV

Ayla Çınaroğlu  
Mustafa Delioğlu

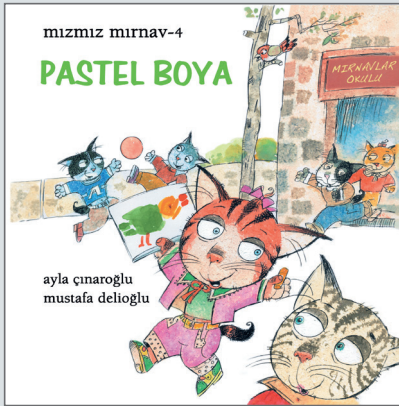
A lovely companion for  
all school-starters who  
are not enthusiastic  
about school



Whiny Kitty is a 7-episode illustrated story of a little kitten who starts the school and encounters a brand new environment. She is a single child and she has to learn skills to tackle with new situations...

A PDF review copy in English is available.





4+

Picture book,  
32 pages, 20 x 20cm  
Themes: Starting school,  
socializing, skills  
Uçanbalık, 2012  
Rights sold: Chinese (Simple)



## YILDIRAY KARAKİYA

Yıldiray studied Art History. He writes and blogs for children in the site *Bir Dolap Kitap* (A Cupboard Full of Books) and he worked as an editor at *Dünyalı*, a monthly educational magazine.

5+

Picture book,  
32 pages, 19.5 x 23 cm  
Themes: Girls'  
empowerment, achieving  
dreams, humor  
Uçanbalık, 2018

# Who wants to be a princess when there's football?



## Princess Nutmeg

PRENSES OLMAK  
İSTEMEYEN PRENSES

Yıldiray Karakiya  
Gökçe Yavaş Önal

The princess who does not want to become a princess, but to play football with her friends is a classical tale revisited with unconventional gender roles. A story empowering girls and showing that every individual is entitled to choose her own life.

A PDF review copy in English is available.



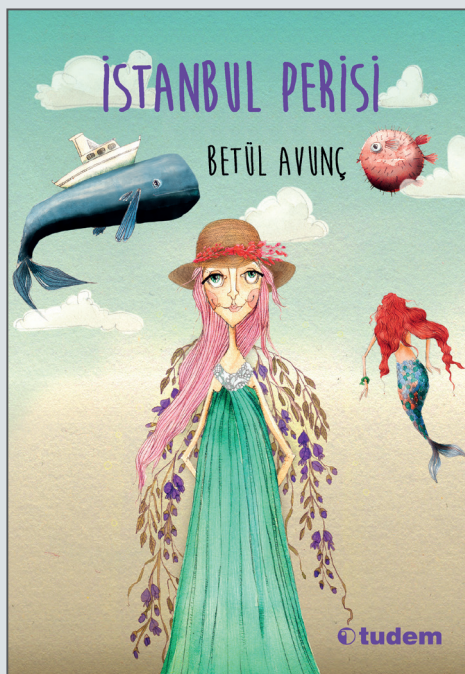
# An enchanting cultural trip into the history of Istanbul

## BETÜL AVUNÇ

Betül Avunç is an archaeologist by profession. As a children's author, she finds her biggest inspiration in the universal world of archaeology and mythology.

8+

Novel,  
144 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm  
Themes: Mythology,  
archaeology, Istanbul  
Tudem, 2014  
Rights sold:  
Macedonian, Georgian



## Istanbul Fairy İSTANBUL PERİSİ

Betül Avunç

A girl encounters a very old woman who claims to be a fairy. Together they go to a trip at the back of a whale and discover the city's majestic monuments, mythological and historical characters and mysterious tales. *Istanbul Fairy* brings history and archaeology together in a fictional story.

A PDF version in English is available.



## İCLAL DİKİCİ

İclal loves dreaming with kids, writing about her dreams, passing through old doors and looking through new windows. She prefers the guidance of the heart to that of the mind. *Autoville* is her second novel published by Tudem.

9+

Novel,

136 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm

Themes: Rights and liberties, totalitarianism, friendship  
Tudem, 2018



## Autoville

### TENEKE UYGARLIĞI

İclal Dikici  
Maria Brzozowska

Atila and Defne meet for the first time when a giant traffic jam causes cars to pile up on top of each other. At the end, a huge hill of cars is formed. Its residents call it Autoville and elect a president who turns the car town into a totalitarian state. Meanwhile, the two kids dream about finding back the nature...

A chapter translation in English is available.





## OSCAR BRENIER

After completing his doctoral degree in Philosophy, Oscar specialized in philosophy teaching, practical philosophy and philosophy for children. He has founded the Institute of Philosophical Practice and his books were translated into more than 30 languages.

9+

Reference,

176 pages, 15 x 20 cm

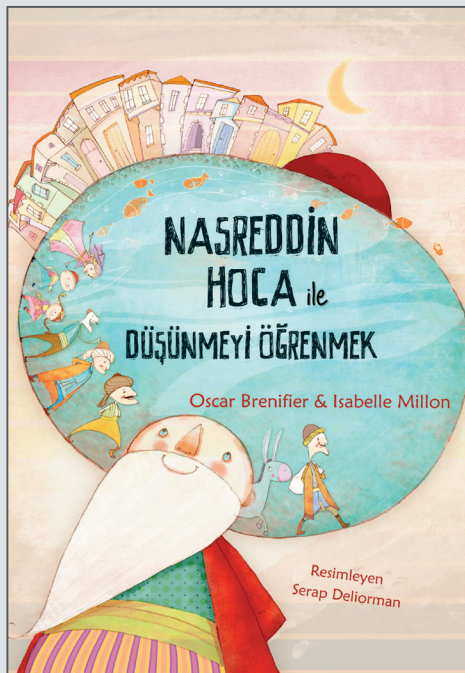
Themes: Philosophy,

awareness, responsibility, judgement

Tudem, 2011

Rights sold: Spanish (South America)

# Learning philosophy basics by humor and questions



## Learning to Think with Nasreddin Hodja

NASRETTİN HOCA İLE  
DÜŞÜNMEYİ ÖĞRENMEK

Oscar Brenifier - Isabelle Millon  
Serap Deliorman

*Learning to Think with Nasreddin Hodja* is no ordinary book: This book puts together 12 satirical Nasreddin stories and 12 philosophical concepts together. Learning is aimed by asking open-end questions and not by dictating what is right or wrong. A suitable reading for both adults and children.

A PDF reading copy in English is available.





## BANU AKSOY

Banu Aksoy studied Art History in Istanbul. Since 2010, Banu writes children's books and makes radio programs about children's literature. *Miss Tilted* is her second story published by Tudem.

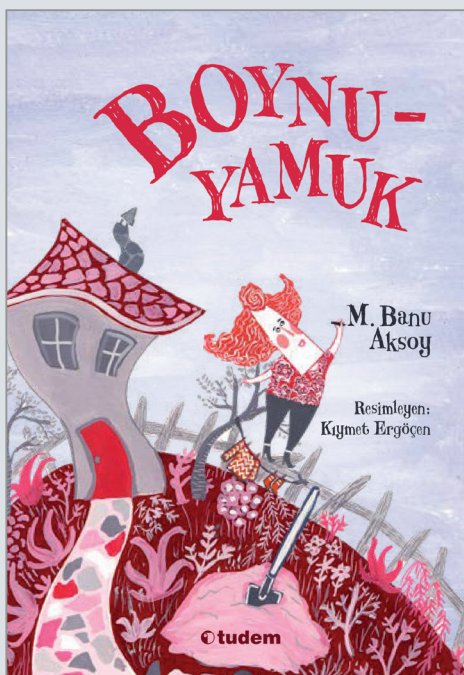
7+

illustrated story,  
40 pages, 15 x 21 cm  
Themes: Prejudices,  
being different,  
communication, love  
Tudem, 2018

## Miss Tilted BOYNUYAMUK

Banu Aksoy  
Kıymet Ergöçen

## A beautifully illustrated story celebrating friendship and diversity



In a flat, straight town, people have strict rules and habits they can never let go. Panic breaks up when they see a strange, small, crooked house at the edge of the forest. People are cautious about their new neighbour. But she will bring color to their lives...

A PDF review copy in English is available.



## GÜZİN ÖZTÜRK

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8+

Illustrated story  
48 pages, 15 x 21 cm  
Themes: Consumption  
culture, needs and  
wants, family, humor  
Tudem, 2019

# If we can buy more, let's go and buy more!



## Tumpatumpa

TUMPATUMPA SAKIN  
KAYBOLMA

Güzin Öztürk  
Emre Karacan

When the little boy loses his beloved toy, the parents hurry to buy another one. But they like buying so much that at the end they lose themselves (and each other) in a crowd of gadgets.

TumpaTumpa is a short, illustrated story reflecting the modern problem of consumption with an absurd, dark humor.

A PDF review copy in English is available.



## SUZAN GERİDÖNMEZ

Born in 1966 in Germany, Suzan studied German Literature and worked as a librarian. She is still active as a book translator and when she finds a good idea, she writes for young readers.

10+

Novel,

120 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm

Themes: materialism,  
societal norms,  
expectations, change

Tudem, 2016

# A world where children are prestige objects for perfectionist families



## But This Kid is Defective

AMA BU ÇOCUK DEFOLU

Suzan Geridönmez  
Çağla Vera Kılıçarslan

In a fictive world, families purchase perfectly-made kids to enhance their wealth and status. A boy comes to the family as a second child, but he has a big problem: every time he is stressed, he is farting! Hell breaks loose when the parents realise this and exclaim: “But this kid is defective!”

A PDF review copy in English is available.



# The coolest story ever about the Theory of Relativity

## TOPRAK IŞIK

An engineer by profession, Toprak Işık inspires young readers with his unique entertaining language, while delivering interesting scientific facts along his stories. Işık's 9 books published under Tudem imprints reached a sales figure of 230.000 copies.

9+

Novel,

120 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm

Themes: Science,  
theory of relativity, girls'  
empowerment, success

Tudem, 2017



## It's all Relative!

KİME GÖRE NEYE GÖRE

Toprak Işık  
Doğan Gençsoy

Beril is not the best student in her class and she has no clue about the theory of relativity. Yet she chooses to explain it to her classmates for a school project. No one can draw so much attention as what Beril will tell about the theory of relativity, including Einstein himself!

A PDF review copy in English is available.



## BUKET KILIÇ

After studying Economics, Buket started her professional life as an investment banker. "Searching for Monday" is her first children's book.

4+

Picture book,  
32 pages, 20 x 20 cm  
Themes: Cats, numbers,  
objects, quest  
Uçanbalık, 2018

# An adventurous kitty-search in a room full of objects



## Searching for Monday

KEDİM PAZARTESİ

Buket Kiliç  
Özlem Arslanoğlu Sağol

Little Nil has seven cats which she named after the days of the week. But she is not the tidest person of the world. One day, she realizes that one of her cats is lost... A funny, colorful story for all the little cat people.

A PDF review copy in English is available.





## ITIR ARDA

Itir Arda studied civil engineering in Turkey and Germany. Since she prefers words to numbers, she is active as a writer, scenarist and translator. She wrote a number of children's books and created scenarios for TV serials.

9+

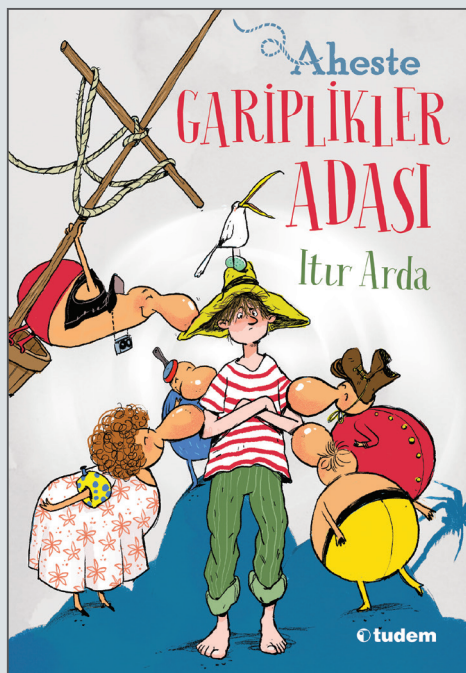
Novel

120 pages, 13.5 x 19.5 cm

Themes: Communication,  
languages, cultures,  
finding solutions

Tudem, May 2019

**Not every island is  
a treasure island...  
Some are way more  
entertaining!**



## A Very Strange Island

AHESTE - GARIPLIKLER  
ADASI

Itir Arda

A storm carries away a sailor and his boat to a very strange island, inhabited by friendly people who have very big noses. They cannot even see the tip of their nose, which makes communication very difficult. Moreover, the sailor needs to repair his boat and a gull decides to lay an egg on his hat...

A PDF review copy in English is coming soon.



## CAN GÖKNİL

After studying painting in New York, Göknil became one of Turkey's leading children's illustrators. She was Turkey's 2010 Hans Christian Andersen and 2015 ALMA candidate. Göknil's illustrations won a number of international awards, including the Jenny Smelik Kiggenprijs (1988) and the Golden Balloon Award (1989).

4+

Silent book  
36 pages, 21.5 x 25 cm  
Themes: Differences,  
growing up, friendship  
Desen, 2019

# We are not the same, but together we can do great things



## Some Fly Some Run

KİMİ UÇAR, KİMİ KAÇAR

Can Göknil

A blackbird and an ostrich crack their eggs and say hello to the world. Their experience with the world will be entirely different: One can fly and the other can run. But at the end, they will find each other and be great friends.

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