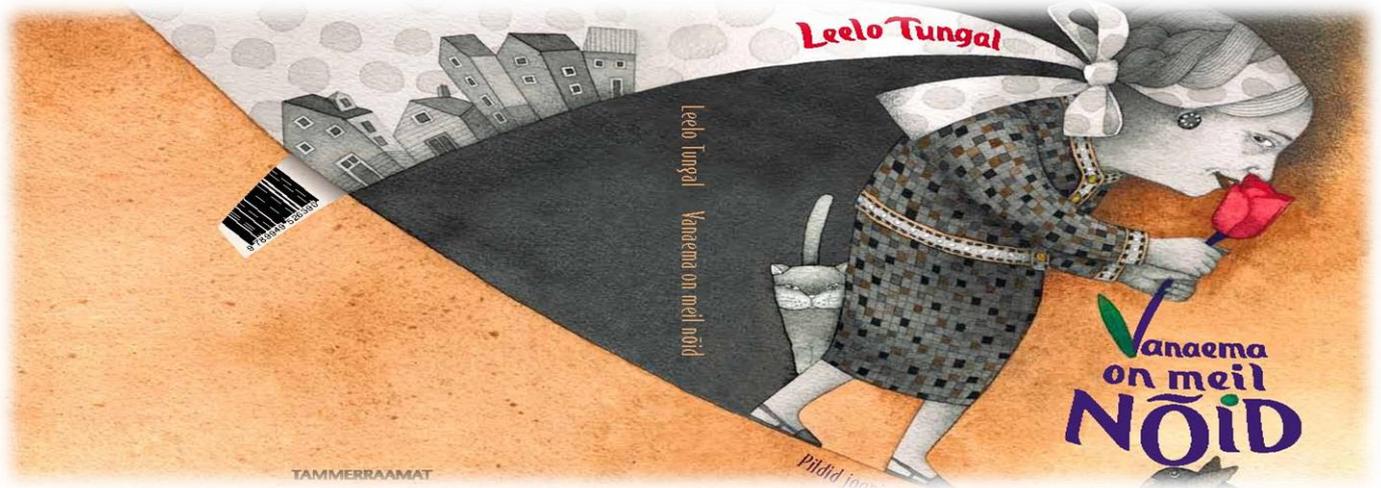


Our Grandma is a Witch!

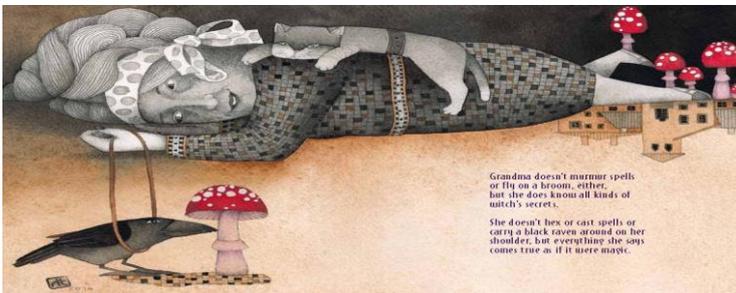


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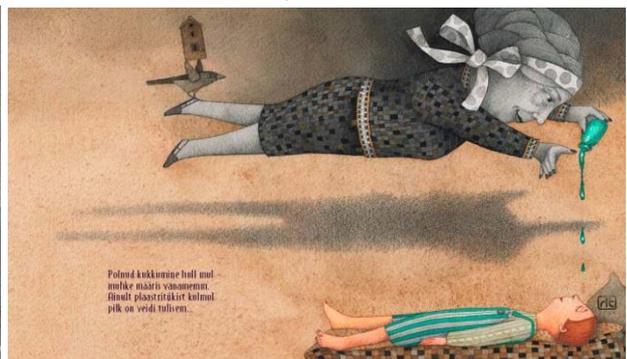
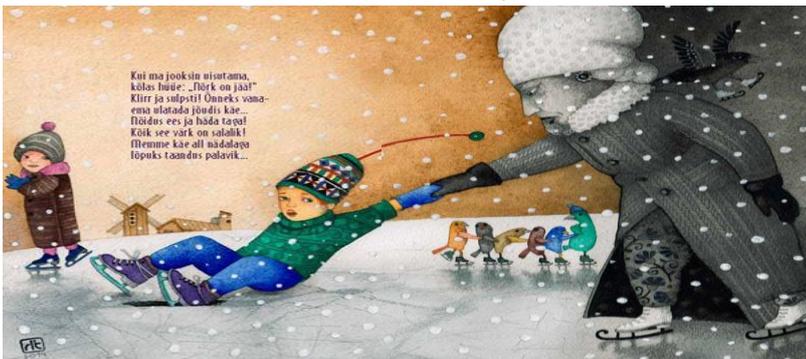
Our Grandma is a Witch is a rhyming story about a grandmother who is really a witch. She does not cast spells or fly around on a broomstick, but her words have the tendency to magically come true. When she says that a fourth helping of ice cream will make your throat ache, then without a doubt, that is what it will do.



I' ll tell you a secret now – I hope it doesn' t make you too jealous.
The thing is – our grandma is an honest-to-goodness witch!



No, she is no bag of bones and she doesn' t have a tuft of hair growing from her chin like some other witches do. Actually, she' s quite pretty – almost as pretty as I am. She doesn' t murmur spells or fly on a broom either, but she does know all kinds of witch' s secrets. Everything she says comes true as if it were magic.



.....So, now you see – our grandma is a bona fide witch!

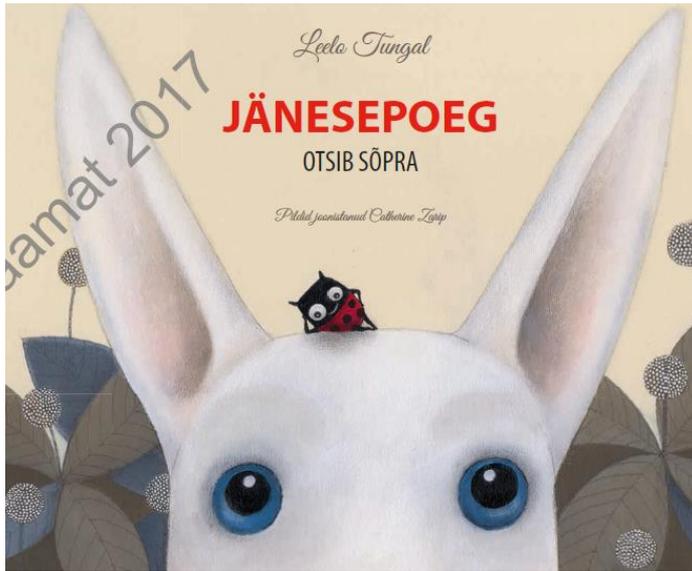
But sometimes, she concocts a magic batter out of ordinary flour, butter, eggs, and sugar. She pours it onto an ordinary pan, smiles, and then says a couple of secret spells. Do you believe me?

Joseph the Bunny looks for a friend



Written by Leelo Tungal; Illustrated by Catherine Zarip

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Joseph the bunny and his family moved to a new forest, leaving all of Joseph's friends in their old neighbourhood-woods. Joseph sets off to look for a new friend on foot in the new forest, after failing to find any friends by telephone. On the way to find a new friend, Joseph the bunny meets a big bear cub, a silky-tailed squirrel, and a teensy-tiny ladybug.

Can the bunny find a friend in the new forest? This book describes the fear of moving to new places and making new friends through the eyes of a cute bunny named Joseph and talks about accepting each individual as who they are.



“You know, I just had a great idea! I thought that maybe I could be your LITTLE friend, and you could be my BIG friend. What do you think of that?”

Joseph the bunny cheered. “It would be so nice to be a big friend! You’re one smart ladybug!” With the ladybug on his shoulder, the bunny quick-snap hopped into the fir-tree forest, where Oscar the squirrel was still snacking on juicy pinecone seeds.



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Ludwig the Snowman's Lucky Day



Written by Leelo Tungal; Illustrated by Regina Lukk-Toompere 24 pp *sold to Germany

Leelo Tungal's simple and heartfelt Christmas story is complemented with Regina Lukk-Toompere's mild and wintery, nuance-filled pictures.

Ludwig the snowman has everything he needs to make him happy: a sparkling head, a sturdy body, and a handsome orange nose that can constantly smell carrot.

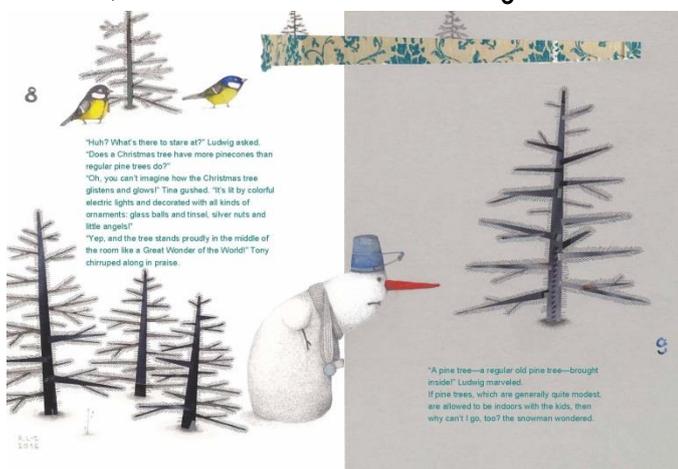


The snowman has no complaints about where he lives, either: he stands at the edge of a little clump of trees next to a house. There, he can chat with the forest animals and keep an eye on the kids who live in the house.

"I must say: it's an absolute joy to peek in through the window and see the kids staring at the Christmas tree in wonder!"

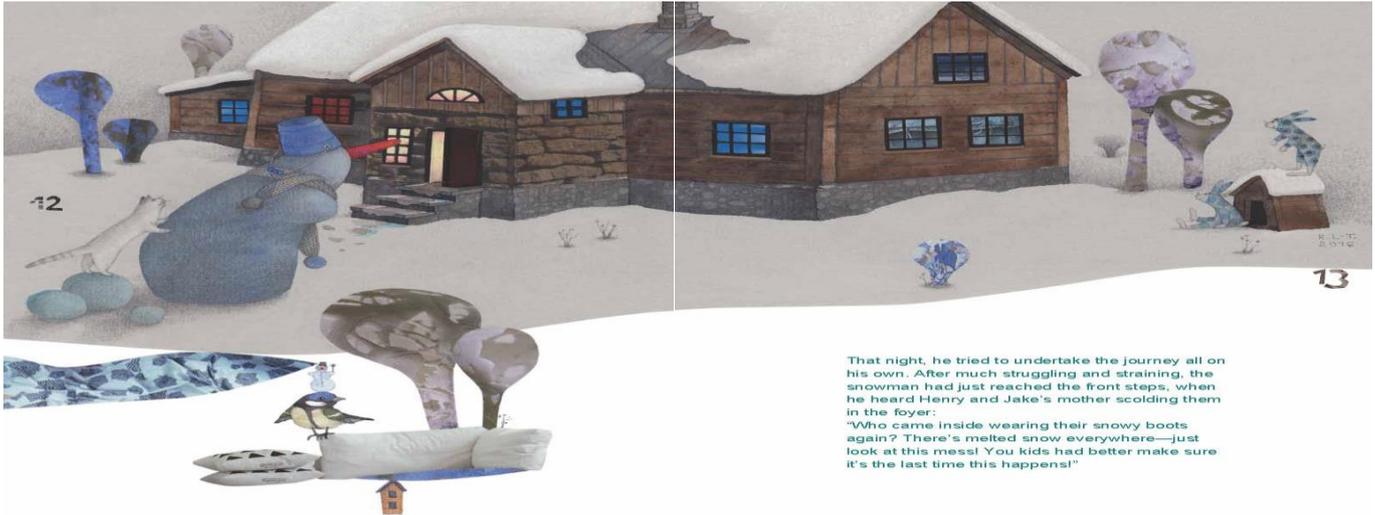
"Oh, you can't imagine how the Christmas tree glistens and glows!"

"It's a lit by colorful electric lights and decorated with all kinds of ornaments: glass balls and tinsel, silver nuts and little angels!"



Yet when a few chickadees tell Ludwig about a Christmas tree that the children are staring at in wonder inside, the snowman realizes that he wants to see it for himself.

That night, he tried to undertake the journey all on his own. After much struggling and straining, the snowman had just reached the front steps, when he heard the kids' mother scolding them in the foyer: "Who came inside wearing their snowy boots again?"



That night, he tried to undertake the journey all on his own. After much struggling and straining, the snowman had just reached the front steps, when he heard Henry and Jake's mother scolding them in the foyer: "Who came inside wearing their snowy boots again? There's melted snow everywhere—just look at this mess! You kids had better make sure it's the last time this happens!"

"What a shame!" Ludwig the snowman thought. "If they get into trouble just for snowy boots, then what'll she say about me, who's made of snow from head to toe?!"

Inch by inch, the snowman shuffled back to his old place, dreaming and feeling sad the whole way there.

This longing ate away at the snowman more and more every day, and won't let him find peace. Can Ludwig's Christmas wish come true?

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