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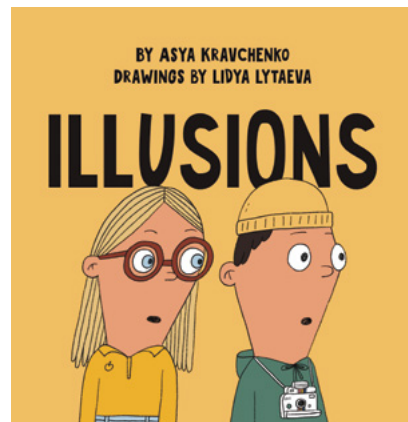
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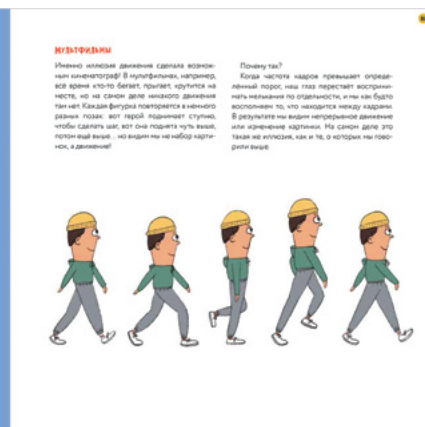
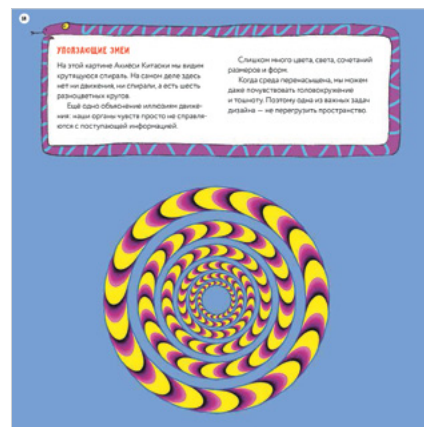
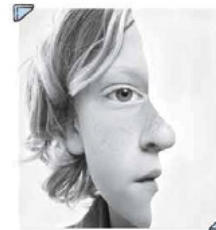
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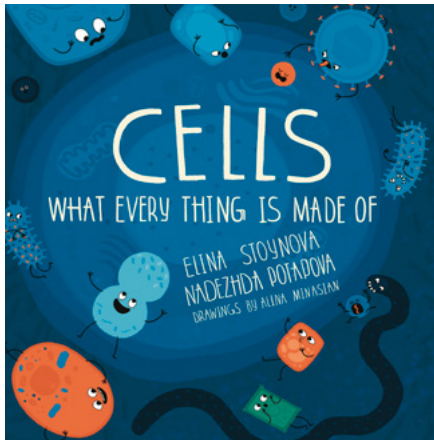
ILLUSIONS I CAN'T BELIEVE MY OWN EYES!

By Asya Kravchenko
 Drawings by Lidya Lytaeva

"I saw it myself!" – we say and the argument is over. Our eyes – what could be more reliable? But sometimes the eye does not see exactly what actually exists, or it sees something that is not there at all. Sometimes we encounter illusions – tricks that our eyes and brain perform over and over again. It seems that illusions are something exceptional, rare. But that's not true. Under certain conditions, illusions are natural phenomena. This book is about the tricks of our vision. We have collected the most famous and impressive illusions and will try to find an explanation for them. However, some tricks of vision have still not been explained by science and remain a mystery for us to solve.

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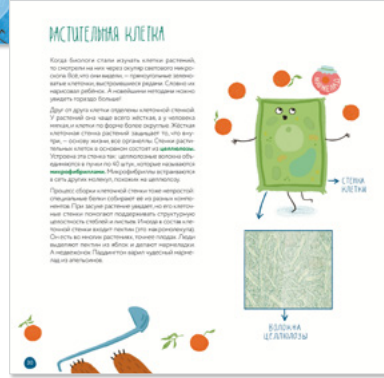
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CELLS
WHAT LIFE IS MADE OF

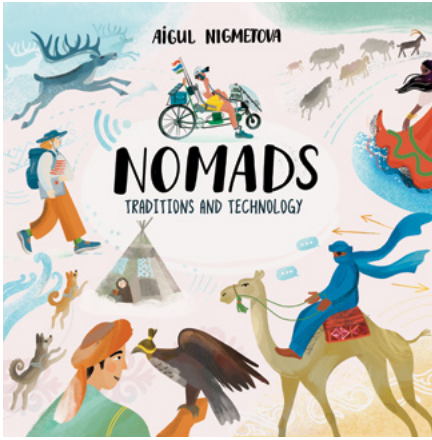
By Elina Stoyanova and Nadezhda Potapova
Drawings by Alina Minasian

Cells – surprisingly similar and different in all living things. The one structure that unites a human, a baobab and bacteria in yogurt is the cell. It can live alone, but also loves to gather in large groups, which amazingly make up all of us. How is this done? How does a tiny cell live? Are there differences between whale cells and algae cells? You will find answers to these and many other questions in this book.

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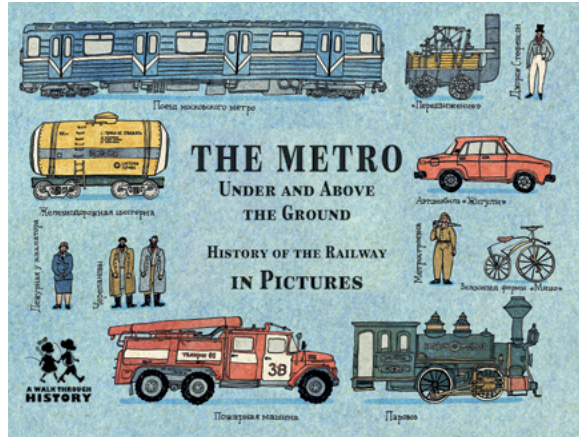
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**THE NOMADS:
TRADITIONS AND TECHNOLOGY**

By Aigul Nigmatova

We are used to thinking that nomads are people who constantly move from place to place, following herds of animals, and live in complete unity with nature. This is true, but only partly. Nomads are herdsmen of the steppes, the far north and deserts, and hunters and gatherers of Africa and Australia, and also wandering craftsmen: gypsies, vanlifers and just people working online and traveling around the world. But no matter what a nomad is, he never stands still and always looks forward. Freedom and nomad are almost synonymous.

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History of the Railway in Pictures**

By Alexandra Litvina
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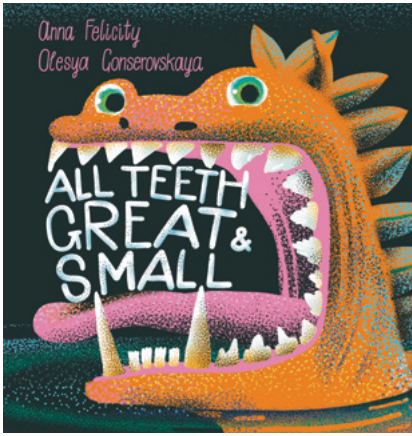
An amazing picture book about the wheel transport history, the steam engine invention, first locomotives and first railways in Europe and Russia. Learn everything about the history of bicycle design, the first car engine, about the world's first metro in London and metropolitan railways worldwide. This book encompasses everything: less known chapters of the transportation history, scientific discoveries, comics, games and a quiz.

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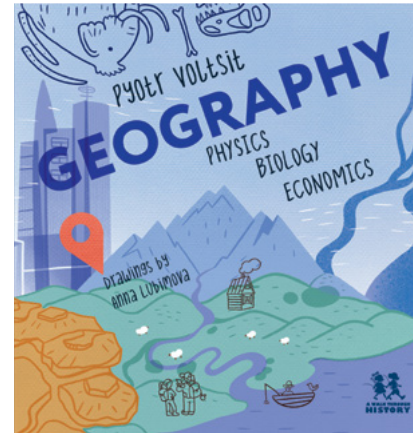
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ALL TEETH GREAT AND SMALL

By Anna Felicity
Drawings by Olesya Gonserovskaya

Both humans and animals have them! They mostly grow in the mouth, but also can be found on the tongue, in the esophagus, and even in the head. Has your imagination already started to work? Then another clue: most often they are milky white, but they can also be yellow, orange and brown! And what a bizarre shape they can be: some look like spoons, others like sabers or even a grater. Guess what we are talking about? Well, of course, the teeth! Amazing and fun facts! This book, with absolutely no risk to health, will allow you to look at the jaws of many animals, both living and extinct.

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GEOGRAPHY: PHYSICS, BIOLOGY AND ECONOMICS

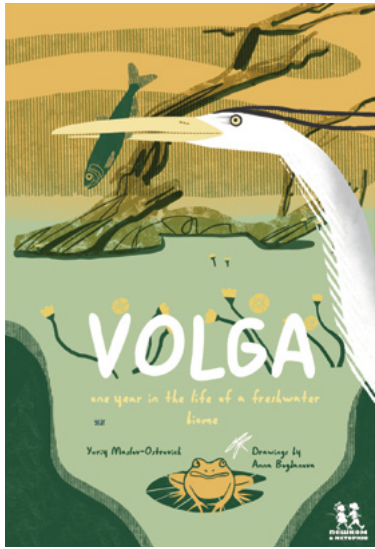
By Pyotr Voltsit
Drawings by Anna Lubimova

Nothing boring about this book. You'll find in it all the general subjects of the science: a review of regions, both ocean and land, how people interact with the environment and so on. Why? – explanations of complex processes How? – stories and interconnections Where? – an overview of the regions What? – the introduction of new concepts that you need to know WHAT?! – latest discoveries

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VOLGA

one year in the life of a freshwater biome

By Yuri Maslov-Ostrovich

Drawings by Anna Bogdanova

A book about the life of the river and its inhabitants throughout the year. There are many great rivers: Nile, Amazon, Mississippi, Ganges, Yellow River, and each forms an integral part of the nature, history, and culture of the country or countries through which it flows. In Russia, the most important and the largest river is the Volga. It crosses several climatic zones. A variety of birds, fish, and animals live nearby and around it. Which animals consider it home, and which just come to visit? People changed the Volga dramatically while adapting it to their needs. How can we preserve its beauty and originality?



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For children up to 3 yrs and up

THE BOOK OF SKIES

Written and illustrated

by Mariya Pavlikova

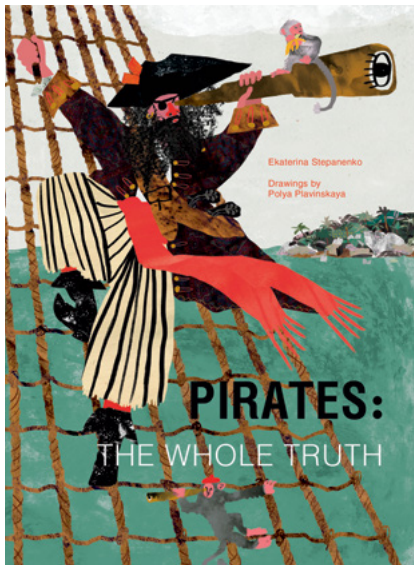
The history of skis, from the start to contemporary models that can reach an incredible speed! Readers will learn how cross-country skiing differs from jumping, whether it is possible to ski where there is no snow at all, what snowboarding has to do with it and who Nansen was. In addition, the book is full of various activities: you will build a ski track from plasticine, find all the hidden skiers on the pages, make skis for the Lego-man!

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For children up 8 yrs and up

PIRATES: THE WHOLE TRUTH

By Ekaterina Stepanenko
Drawings by Polya Plavinskaya

Is it true that all pirates were always one-legged and one-eyed, hid treasure chests on secret islands and swam under the Jolly Roger? This book tells you the whole truth about pirates, their habits, harsh life and wanderings, so that all myths will be dispelled.

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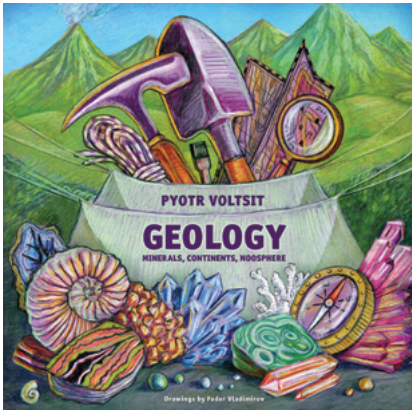
WILD CITIES

By Pavel Boev and Dmitry Burenko
Drawings mina.milk

Cities also have wildlife, and there is more of it than we think. How do wild animals and plants get along with humans in a modern city? In this book we visit various cities of Russia, meet the Baltic seal, tiger, mandarin duck, gray whale, karakurt spider and Lusitanian slug... We learn how urban ecosystems function, how green spaces help purify the air and make climate more comfortable, swamps purify water, and urban meadows save pollinating insects.

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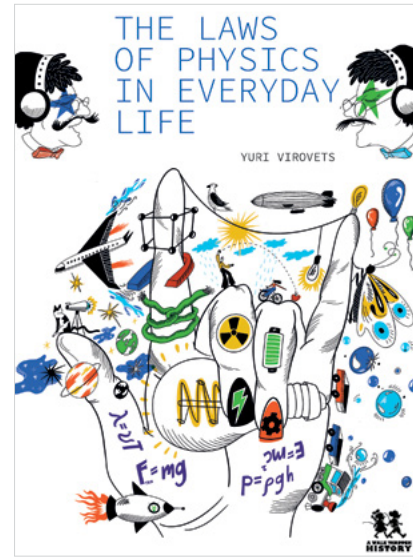
GEOLOGY: MINERALS, CONTINENTS, NOOSPHERE

By Pyotr Voltsit
Drawings by Fedor Vladimirov

This is not a geology textbook, but a fascinating story about our planet and the people who study it. Interesting facts, lively language, witty illustrations and experiments, which are easily carried out in the kitchen with a pot, a vacuum cleaner, an iron and a bunch of water-cress. Transformations of rocks and minerals, emergence of volcanoes, growth and disappearance of islands, the origins of coal and oil, the history of the Earth and even other planets. How does dill help to learn the secrets of the earth's bowels? Why is the Dead Sea so salty? Do you need to buy a lead umbrella? What do all these questions (and many more) have to do with geology? Read and find out!



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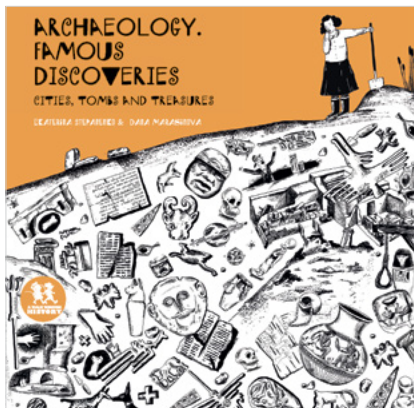
THE LAWS OF PHYSICS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

By Yuri Virovets
Drawings by Liza Kazinskaya

This book is not a physics textbook. There are no calculations, no formulas. It gives a simple and understandable explanation of physical laws and examples of how these laws work in the daily life of each of us.

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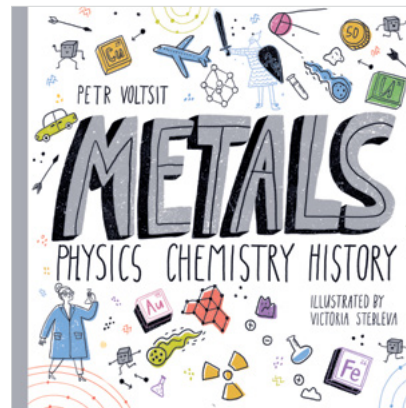
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ARCHAEOLOGY. FAMOUS DISCOVERIES
CITIES, TOMBS AND TREASURES
By Ekaterina Stepanenko
Drawings by Dana Marasynova

Is it possible to build a railway and accidentally discover an unknown civilization or to believe stories told by an ancient poet and dig up a legendary city? Is it possible not to lose hope against all odds and become a discoverer of the richest tomb ever found? Everything is possible in this book! Dreamers and adventurers, treasure seekers and scientists are waiting for you as well as their outstanding discoveries – whether accidental or the result of many years' work: burials, treasures, ancient cities and mysterious inscriptions. You will learn how archeology was born and became a real science, what mistakes and difficulties it had to go through, and how even the smallest find can change our understanding of the ancient history of mankind.



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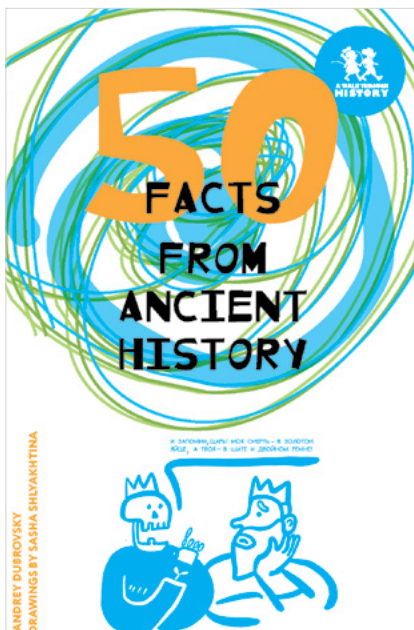
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METALS
PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, HISTORY
By Pyotr Voltsit
Drawings by Victoria Stebleva

Metals are all around us, but what do we know about them? Which ones are poisonous, which corrode easily, which are the most expensive and the most rare, which are needed by our body, which have influenced history the most? This book tells all about metals together with an introduction to basic chemistry, physics and metallurgy in fun facts and easy experiments. Most enjoyable and educational reading for the whole family.

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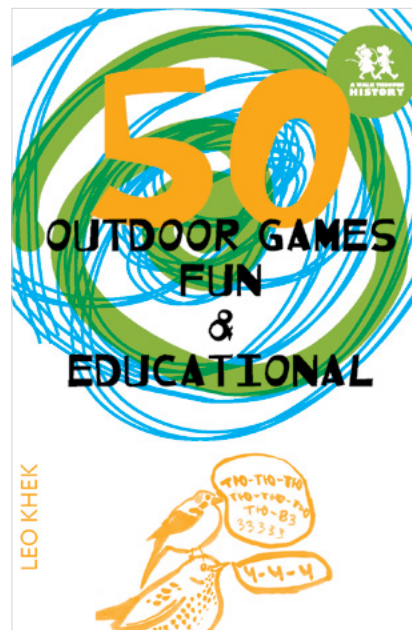
50 FACTS FROM ANCIENT HISTORY

By Andrey Dubrovsky
Drawings by Sasha Shlyakhtina

50 interesting facts about the culture, politics, religion of the main civilizations of the ancient world! Kings and philosophers, incredible inventions of the past, the secrets of hieroglyphs, archaeological discoveries — all this awaits you under one cover.

This book opens a new pocket series "The World in 50 Facts".

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50 OUTDOOR GAMES FUN & EDUCATIONAL

By Leo Khek

All kinds of activities: games, recipes, creativity and science. And to do all this you need to spend a lot of time outdoors! This book tells you how to find out who lives in the pond, which animal has the biggest legs, what the queen of chestnut looks like, how to open a cafe for hedgehogs, where birds hide their nests and so on. And you'll be reluctant to go indoors!

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ДРЕВНИЙ ЕГИПЕТ

НИЛ – КОРМИЛЕЦ

«Есть Нил – есть Египет, нет Нила – нет Египта» – мог с полным правом сказать каждый древний египтянин. Именно благодаря этой реке стало возможным зарождение древне-египетской цивилизации. Недаром знаменитый греческий историк Геродот назвал Египет **ДАРОМ НИЛА**.

Нил пронзает с юга на север огромную пустыню Сахару. Именно на узкой – шириной не больше 15 километров – скамьи с обеих сторон пустыней, полосе плодородной земли вдоль берегов реки, в V тысячелетии до н.э. и сформировался Египет.

Для земледелия важны орошение и удобрение почвы, и Нил обе эти вещи делал за людей. Каждый год в результате дождей, которые обильно проливались далеко на юге, в глубинах Африки, в июле начинался разлив реки. Паводок напильвал землю влагой на долгие месяцы вперед. Когда же вода отступала и Нил возвращался в свои берега, он оставлял египтянам ещё один бесценный подарок – ил, отличное удобрение для полей.

Нил сформировал и древнеегипетский календар. Год начинался с разливом реки – с середины июля, и делился на три сезона, по четыре месяца каждый: время половодья, время всхода, время засухи. **НИЛА** и **ЦЕПУПЕТА** – греческие названия. Египетские названия Нила – **ХАПИ** или **ИТЕРУ** (река).

Свою страну египтяне называли по-разному, но чаще всего – Та-Кенет – **ЧЕРНАЯ ЗЕМЛЯ** (плодородия, цвета ила), в противоположность «красной земле» – безжизненной, смертоносной пустыне.

Нил не только кормил египтян, но также одаривал и снабжал «букагой»: на полях выращивали лён, по берегам реки собирали **ПАПИРУС** – растение, из которого делали писчий материал для всего Средиземноморья. Стебли папируса разрезали на продольные полосы, которые плотно укладывали друг на друга крест-накрест и высушивали. Потом листы склеивались между собой и сворачивались в свитки (а не листы валились в книги, как сегодня). Если бы не папирус, не на чем было бы писать не только египтянам, но даже грекам и римлянам. А ещё Нил соревнуется с Амазонкой за звание самой длинной реки на Земле.



ПРОВЕСТИ ВРЕМЯ С ЖАБАМИ И ЛЯГУШКАМИ

В конце весны лягушки и жабы начинают петь. И это лучшее время, чтобы познакомиться с ними в природе. Для начала нужно научиться отличать их друг от друга. Это очень просто.

- Ж – короткая бултыха
- гуле
- гурбегурит
- заблуживает
- рыскает
- или делает
- мелкие прыжки



Существует миф, что если поглотить жабу, то на руках появятся бородавки. Это неправда! Однако трогать их всё равно плохая идея. Когда жаба что-то пугается, у неё на бугорках появляются капельки яда. Это защита от врагов. Попробуй журавль их на расстоянии. К тому же все вышесказанное надо себе куда интереснее, если их не пугать и не отпугивать от обычных дел.

ПОСТРОИТЬ ШАЛАШ

Шалаши – это убежища, у которого сразу несколько полезных функций.

- укрывается от дождя
- погреться в уютной дырке
- уединиться, когда все наскучило
- пообщаться с друзьями
- тайком от всех съесть конфету

В общем, шалаши – это жилище человека. Как же его построить? Самое важное – это выбрать для шалаша подходящее место. Отлично подойдут деревья с низко свисающими ветками или куст, под который можно забраться.

Чтобы шалаши наклонная дырка, нужно сделать его чуть более уютным. Для этого понадобятся длинные ветки. Деревяч полка не нужна, просто возьми те, что валяются под ногами. Если ветки будут с листьями, это просто супер! Так шалаши будут лучше знакомы.

Приветствую в лагере! Поздно динька? Пареньки их ерзавкой или трюномки притягивают. Если стены кажутся гнилыми и прогнившими, вложить между панелей небольшие травки, мох, листья. И не забудь устроить носовосел! Позови друзей или своего кота, собаку. Мочко даже принесёт с собой лимонад и печенье! Какое же носовосел обидается без уютной?





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MASKS

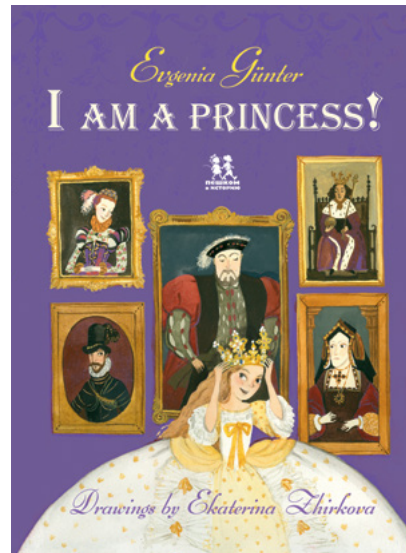
By Pavel Boev
Drawings by Alisa Yufa

This is a fresh and creative approach to present the masks humans wear for the last 30,000 years. The book tells about various ways we use masks. Made from wood, metal, wax, palm leaves and even human hair, here you can find ritual, stage and functional masks from all the continents. An anthropologist tells us all about them.

The expressive and humorous drawings for this book were made by Alisa Yufa, a rising star of Russian book illustration.

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I AM A PRINCESS!

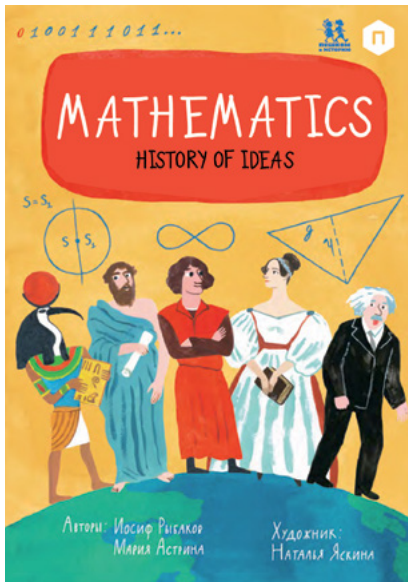
By Evgenia Günter
Drawings by Ekaterina Zhirkova

What girl does not wish to become a princess? Many dream of a luxurious dress with a long train, rich jewelry, a large retinue and, of course, that their life becomes a pleasure – like that of a real princess. Or is that so? We decided to check how princesses used to live in various countries. How did they dress, what did they love or hate, what did they study, whom were they afraid of, how did they spend their time? Now girls will be able to choose exactly what kind of princess they like most: one from Ancient Egypt or Medieval Europe, Chinese or Tuareg, or one of many others.

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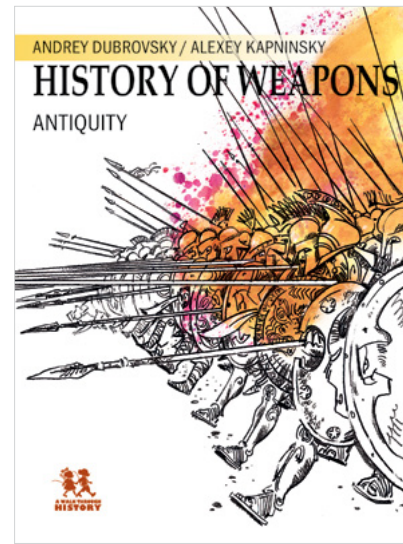
MATHEMATICS: HISTORY OF IDEAS

By Maria Astrina and Isosif Ribakov
Drawings by Natalia Yaskina

This history of mathematics from prehistoric times till the 21st century tells about mathematicians and discoveries of each period, solutions to mathematical problems that led to unexpected discoveries in other fields of knowledge and the changing language of science. The authors concentrate not only on personalities and facts, but on the history of ideas and their progress, including the circumference of a circle, the ∞ , the law π , of gravity, the theory of relativity, Euclid's axioms and multidimensional Riemann spaces.

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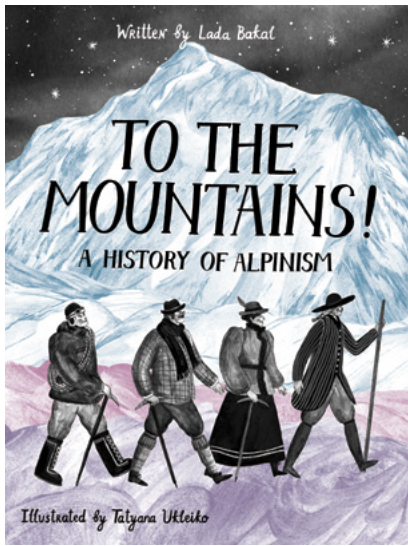
HISTORY OF WEAPONS: ANTIQUITY

By Andrey Dubrovsky
Drawings by Alexey Kapninsky (Kapych)

The book describes the invention of weapons, war tactics, strategy and famous generals from the Stone Age to the fall of the Roman Empire. Weapons and war have always been one of the forces that ruled the course of history. The change from bronze to iron, the introduction of the horse and the chariot, the use of ships or battle elephants are all major steps in the history of weapons and in the fate of nations. The Assyrian kingdom, the large Hellenistic empire of Alexander the Great and Pax Romana were built by war and perished by war. Illustrations for this book were done by the famous Russian animation and book artist Alexey Kapninsky.



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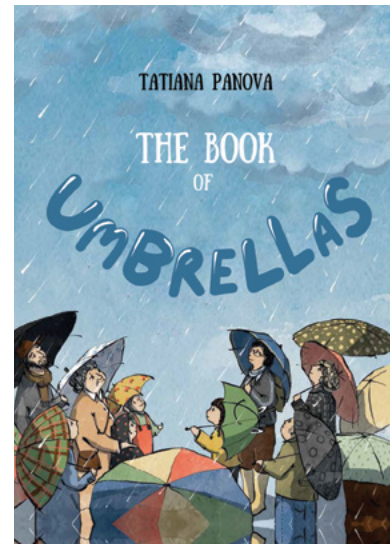
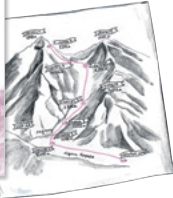


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TO THE MOUNTAINS!
A history of mountaineering
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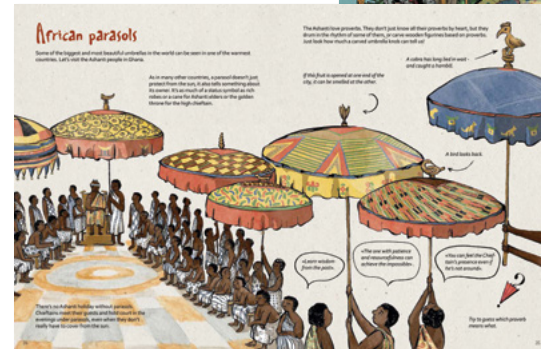
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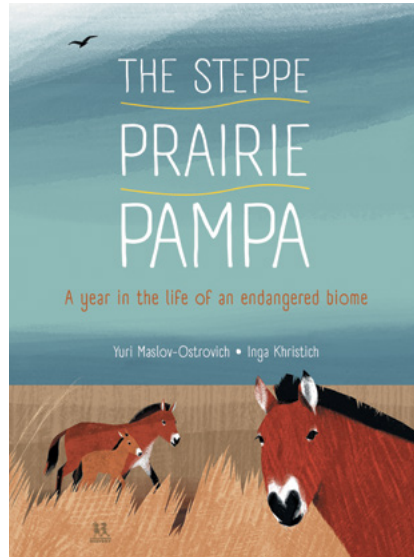


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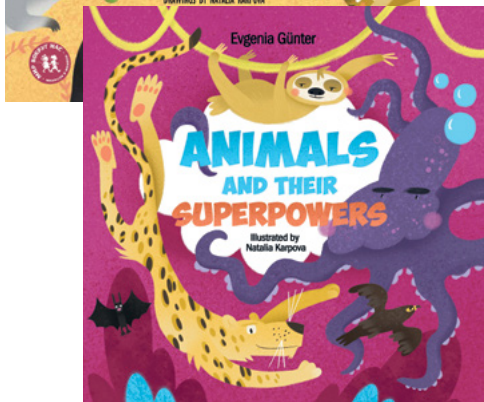


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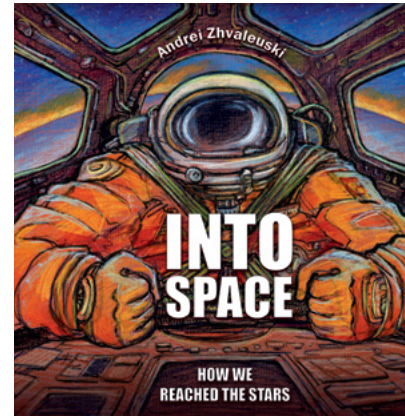
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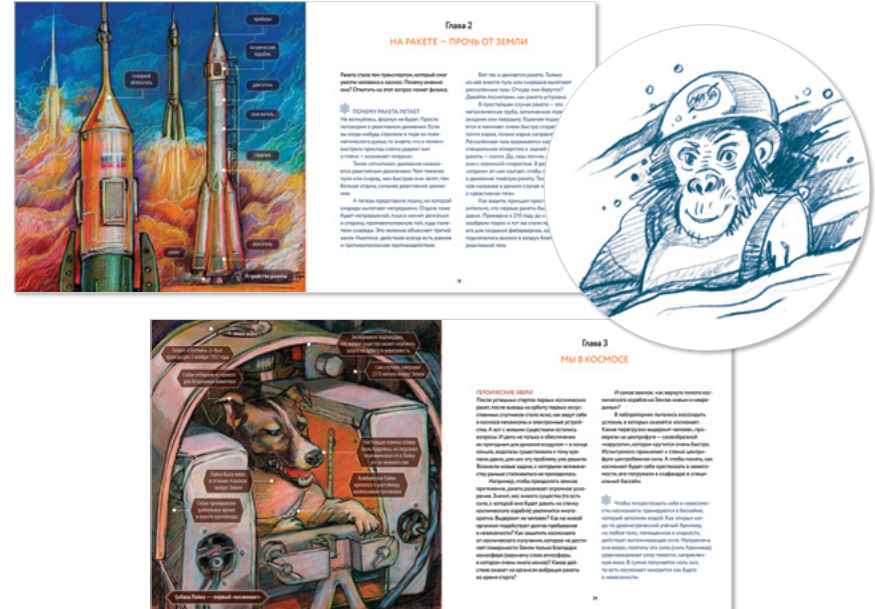
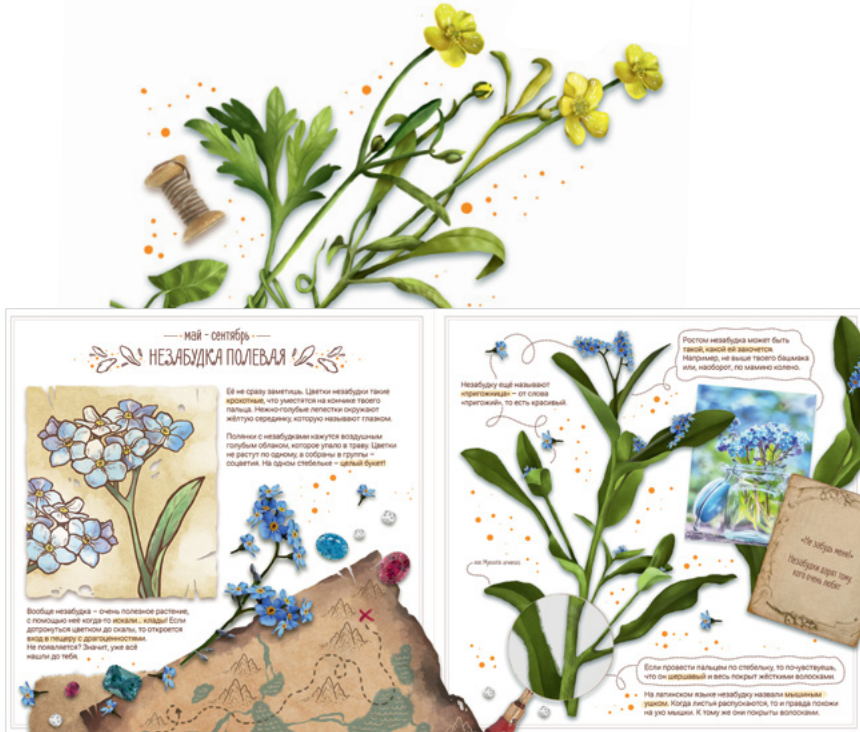
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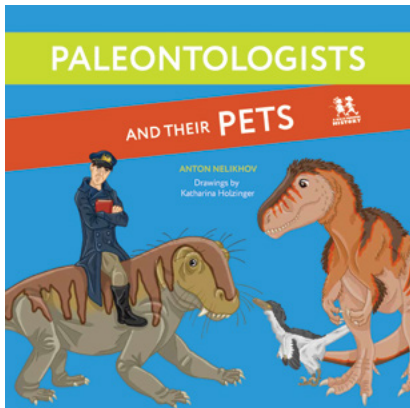
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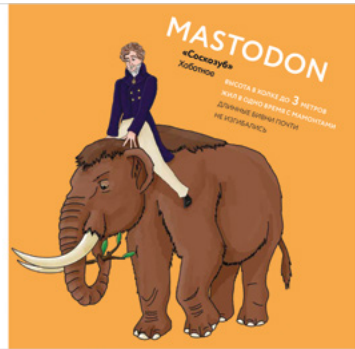
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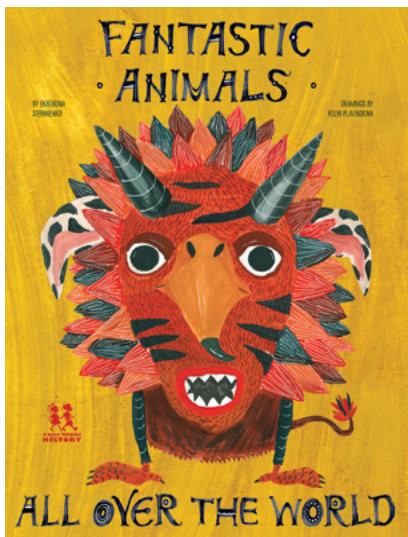
In the ancient times people had many ways of sending messages to each other. For example, if an enemy attacked, people would light fires on signal towers and sound bells calling warriors to arms. But there was a problem: not only friends would receive these messages, but enemies too! Then how could people send a private message? They used messengers – sometimes mounted ones – and pigeons. But they had to wait for hours, even days for a reply. Only after many many scientific breakthroughs people found a way to communicate faster and easier.



WATER TELEGRAPHY

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To send a signal from one camp to another Romans used identical barrels of water. Each had a bubbler inside with a cork at different depths. One camp lit a torch. The other signaled by lifting one, too. After that both camps opened the valves of barrels simultaneously. Then they signaled with a torch to close valves. This way water in both barrels was on the same level, where the bubbler with a cork was lifted or lowered. That's why Romans have won and destroyed Carthage!



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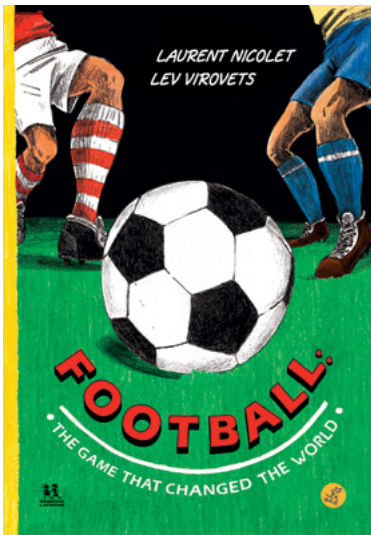
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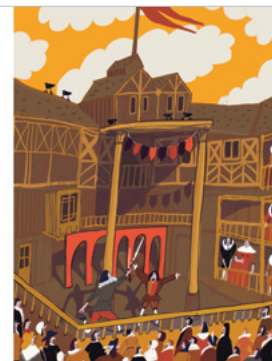
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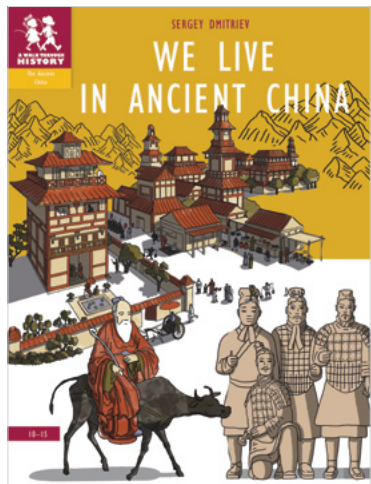
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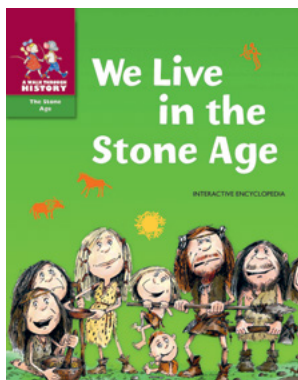
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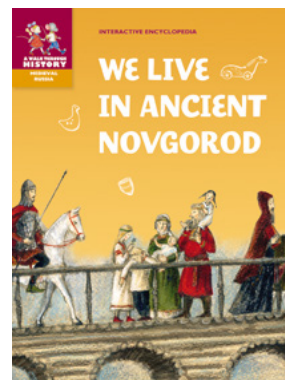


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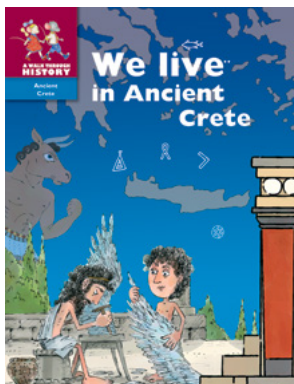
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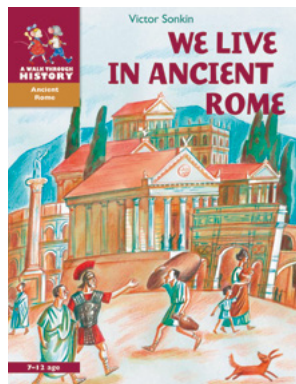
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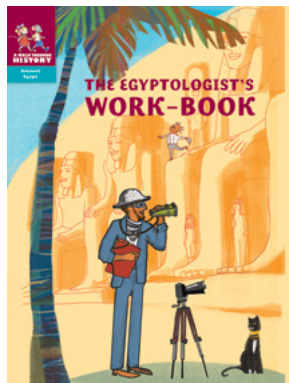
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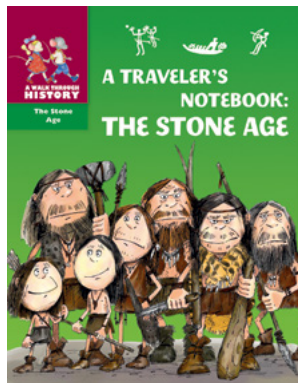


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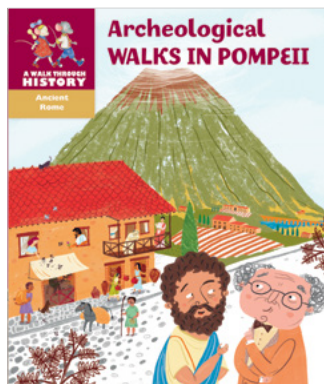


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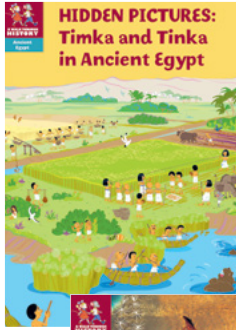
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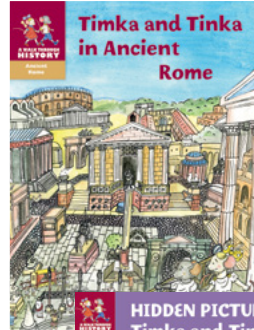
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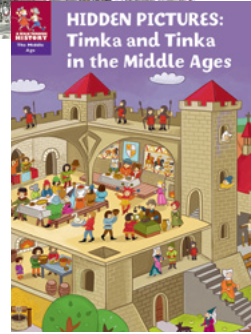
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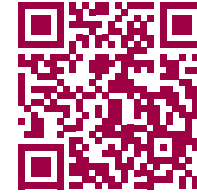
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