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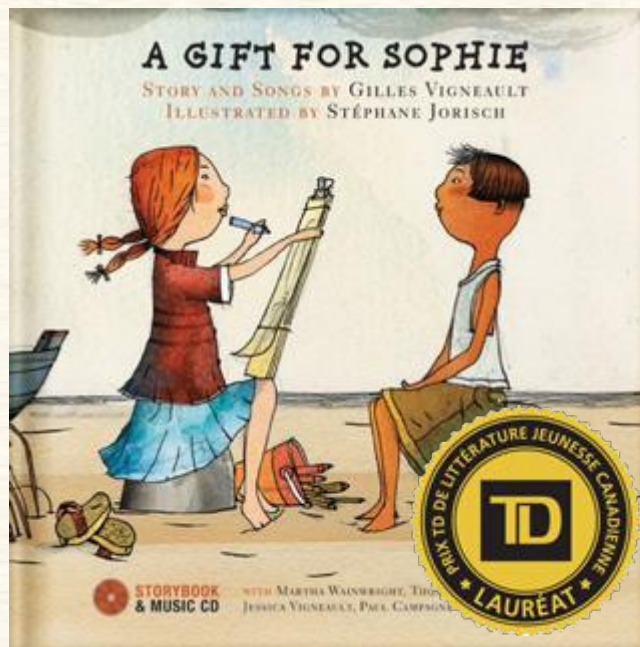
## STORIES AND MUSIC FOR ALL EYES AND EARS!

Founded in 2000, The Secret Mountain publishes books and music for children, in English and French. Our diverse list of critically acclaimed award-winning albums blends literature, oral traditions, music and visual arts. As a small independent company based in Montreal, we take pride in promoting collaboration between talented authors, musicians and illustrators from around the world.

Most of the titles presented in this catalog can be published as stand-alone picture books or with audio, whether it be the narration of the story or music that can be offered on a CD or online (QR code, streaming platforms, downloads...).

The Secret Mountain owns the master recordings along with the music publishing rights for all works featured. Acquiring the rights for audio is therefore, effortless and cost-effective.

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*A rare gift for lovers of timeless tales.*  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

## A GIFT FOR SOPHIE

Story and songs by Gilles Vigneault

Illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch

Songs performed by Martha Wainwright,  
Thomas Hellman and Jessica Vigneault

LISTEN  
TO  
AUDIO

Sophie and Emilio spend their days enjoying life's small discoveries in a tiny seaside village with their best pet friend 'Sir' and a mischievous crow. Sophie's regular visits and gift exchanges with her great-uncle leads to teachings about how value is determined by the intentions of the heart. The wisdom of Old Man Tom's eloquent quote "It's all in the nature of things", sums up this poetic tale of friendship, inevitable change, values, mentorship, old age, overcoming loss, discovery and rites of passage.

Gilles Vigneault is hailed as one of French-Canada's most influential music figures of the 20th century. He has received numerous distinctions including the "Grand prix du disque de l'Academie Charles-Cros" in France and the "Medaille Vermeil" offered by the City of Paris.

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

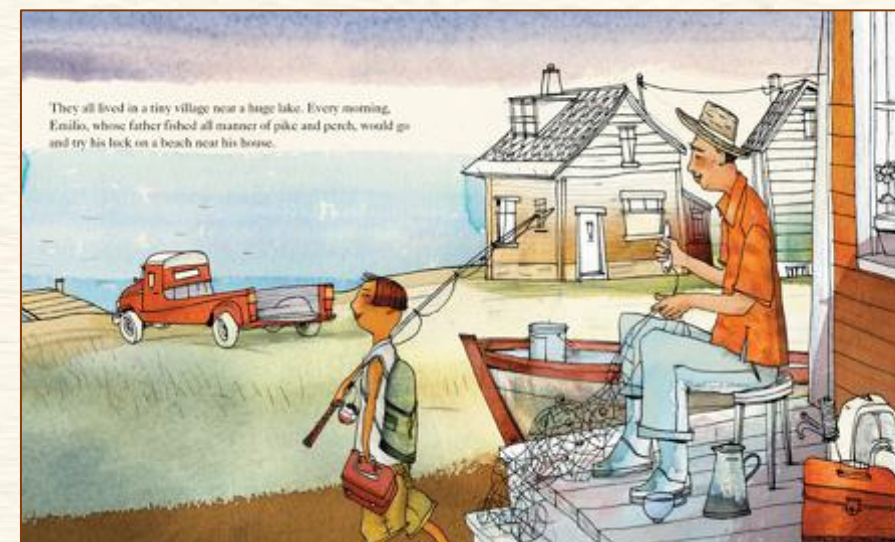
Hardcover / 44 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age 7 +

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

33 minutes / narrated story + 9 songs in French and English

### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book without audio
- Picture book with audio (English or French narration and songs)







*Simply blissful!* PARIS-MÔMES

## GAYA ET LE PETIT DESERT (GAYA AND THE LITTLE DESERT)

Story and songs by Gilles Vigneault  
Illustrated by Stephane Jorsch

LISTEN  
TO  
AUDIO

Young Gaya, a curious little girl full of ideas, discovers one morning near her grandfather's house that his well has gone dry. She then sets off to ask her friends in the forest why that is. Advice is given freely by a wise old oak tree, a loquacious owl, a hare-footed squirrel and a workaholic beaver. Each one however, seems to blame the other and it turns into one huge headache for her. Gaya does realize though, that in life one can always inspire new beginnings.

Stephane Jorsch is a four-time winner of the Governor General's Literary Award, the Ruth Schwartz Children's Book Award and the Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Illustrator's Award.

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

Hardcover / 52 pages / 21 cm x 21 cm / Age 7 +  
Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms  
47 minutes / narrated story + 10 songs in French

### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book without audio
- Picture book with audio (French narration and songs)







*A must for young and old at any time of the year!* **LE DEVOIR**

## LEO ET LES PRESQU'ÎLES (LEO AND THE PENINSULAS)

Story and songs by Gilles Vigneault  
Illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch

LISTEN  
TO  
AUDIO

Young Leo sets off to discover the world—the five peninsulas near his seaside home. His mother approves, knowing Leo will finally meet the eccentric friends of his father who disappeared at sea. After all, Leo's old enough to be “the captain of his own boat” as the song he likes to sing goes.

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

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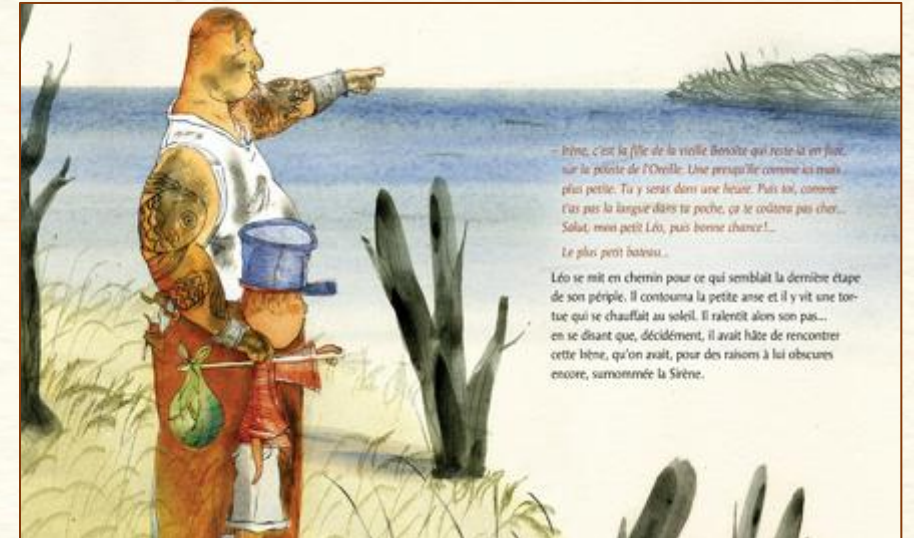
Hardcover / 64 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age 7 +

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

54 minutes / narrated story + 11 songs in French

### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book without audio
- Picture book with audio (French narration and songs)







Amazing quality... very cool presentation!

RADIO-CANADA

## LITTLE STORIES OF GREAT COMPOSERS

Stories by Ana Gerhard

Illustrations by Marie Lafrance

Music by I Musici de Montréal

Narrated by Colm Feore

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### Collection of 6 titles

Travel through time following a charming little mouse called Minim who loves cheese and music as he witnesses special events in the life of Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Haydn, Paganini, Schubert and Vivaldi. Introductory notes on the composer are included.

Colm Feore achieved fame as one of Canada's premiere stage actors, playing virtually all of Shakespeare's leading men. He also frequently acted in film and is especially known for his supporting roles in notable Hollywood productions *The Sum of All Fears*, *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*, and *House of Cards*.

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

Hardcover / 32 pages / 18 x 25 cm / Age 4 +

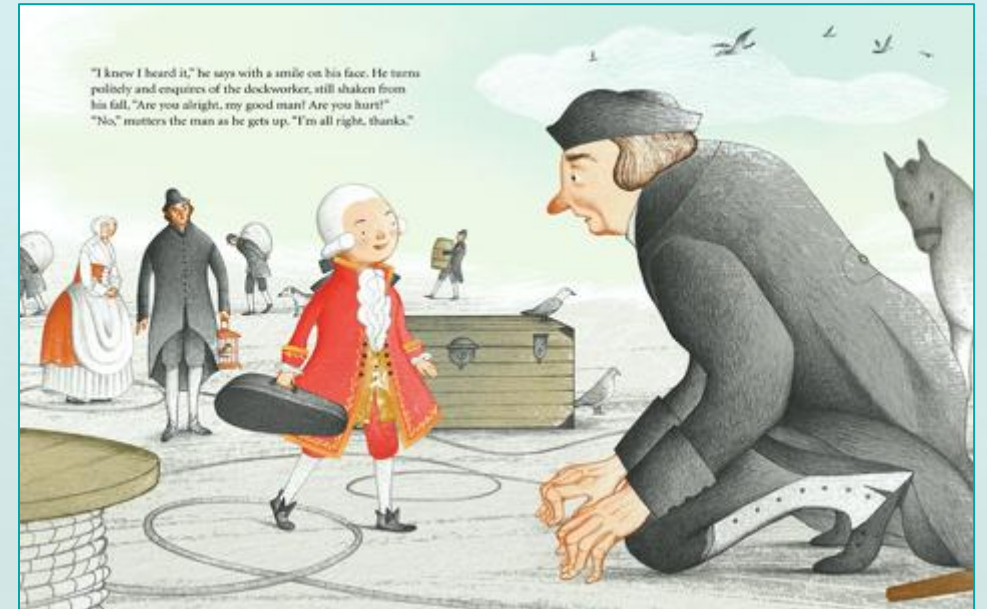
Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

12 to 16 minutes / Narrated story + instrumental mpieces

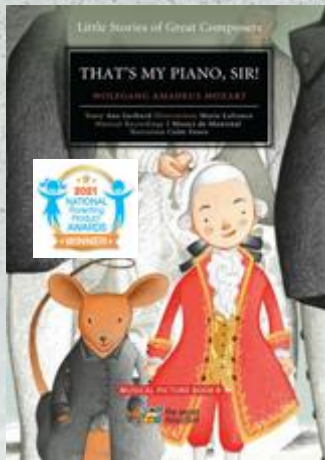
### POSSIBLE FORMATS

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- Picture book with audio (English or French narration and instrumental pieces)

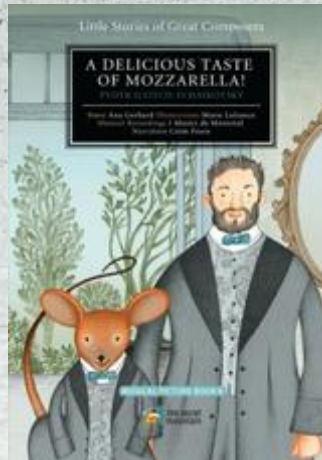
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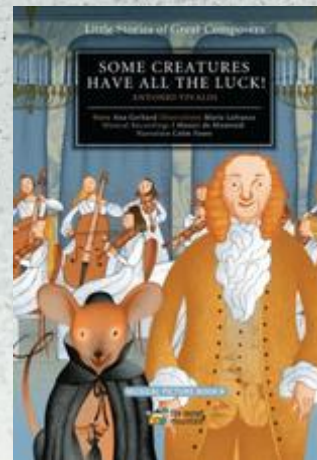




THAT'S MY PIANO, SIR!  
(MOZART)



A DELICIOUS TASTE  
OF MOZZARELLA!  
(TCHAIKOVSKY)



SOME CREATURES HAVE  
ALL THE LUCK!  
(VIVALDI)



CURIOSITY KILLED  
THE CAT!  
(SCHUBERT)



WE ARE ALL EARS!  
(PAGANINI)



A BRILLIANT PLAN!  
(HAYDN)



## INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICAL MUSIC

Text and music selection by Ana Gerhard

### Collection of 4 titles

The works of famous composers are introduced to children in four volumes through themes that often inspired them: birds, fantastical characters, water and insects. An original and interesting way for younger listeners to discover classical music with a concept that pairs four centuries of music history with stunning and evocative illustrations.

Also included: a listening guide, a glossary of musical terms and a short biography of each composer, followed by a playlist of performances available online by world-class luminaries such as the London Symphony Orchestra, the Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra, and La Scala Chorus.

#### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

Hardcover / 64 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age 7+

Recordings on music streaming platforms

Approx. 30 minutes / Instrumental pieces

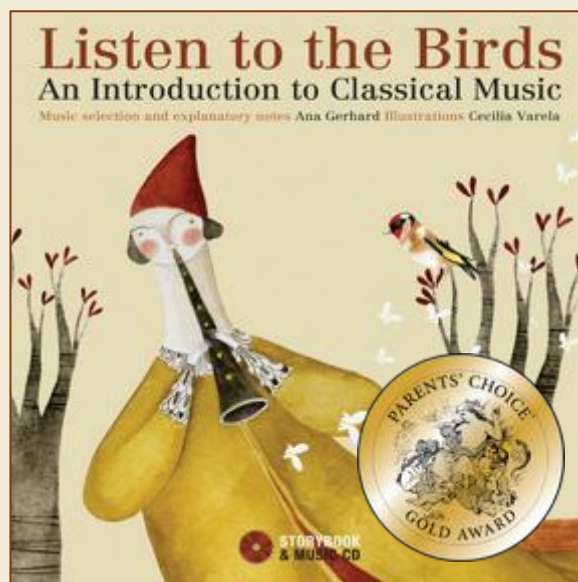
#### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book without audio with playlists for music streaming platforms

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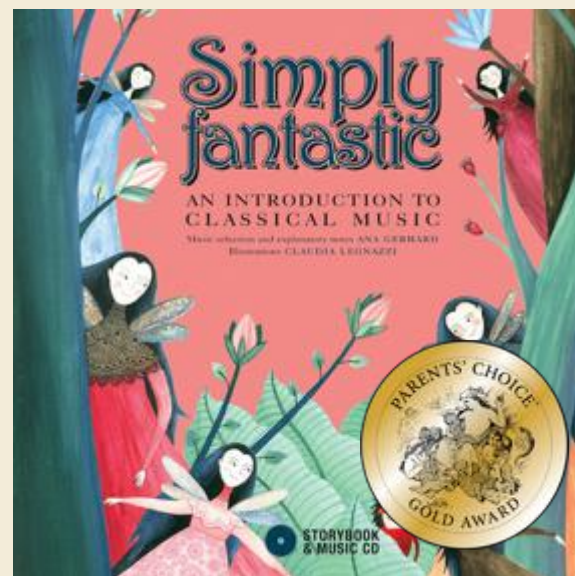




### LISTEN TO THE BIRDS

Text and musical selection by Ana Gerhard  
Illustrations by Cecilia Varela

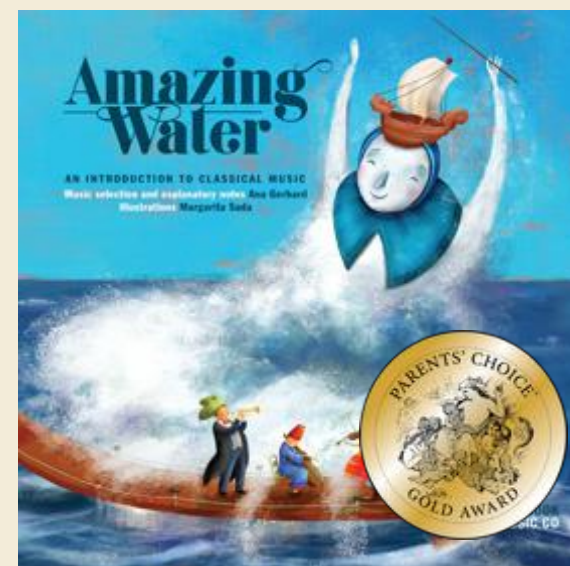
*Intriguing facts on both birds and music  
abound, certain to delight young trivia  
collectors.* THE NEW YORK TIMES



### SIMPLY FANTASTIC

Text and musical selection by Ana Gerhard  
Illustrations by Claudia Legnazzi

*This will be welcomed by teachers,  
music-loving parents and their children.*  
KIRKUS REVIEWS



### AMAZING WATER

Text and musical selection by Ana Gerhard  
Illustrations by Margarita Sada

*Even a well-versed parent has the opportunity  
to learn - and fall in love - with this music.*  
LA SCENA MUSICALE



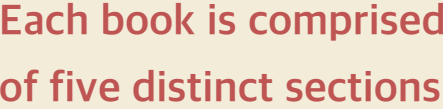
### LITTLE CREATURES

Text and musical selection by Ana Gerhard  
Illustrations by Mauricio Gomez Morin

*A fabulous find.*  
MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW







- Presentation of the works and themes
- Listening guide
- Biographies of the composers
- Glossary of musical terms
- Timeline of composers and periods

His extensive work, which includes more than 400 compositions from almost every genre, was very eclectic; extremely classical and masterful but, at times, a little contrived. For this reason, he was deemed to be too academic. Saint-Saëns was the first recognized composer to compose music for a motion picture.

Among his vast body of work, most expressive and seductive, the three most famous are the three ballads, *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *The Nutcracker*.

Williams passed away in London at the age of 83. He rests in Westminster Abbey, near the famous English composer Sir Henry Purcell.

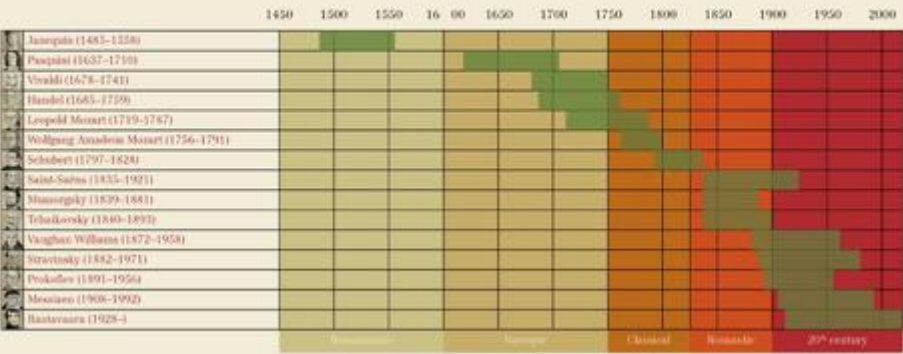
## Glossary of Musical Terms

opposition and contrast between two characters.

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**Opera.** Classical music genre that began in Italy at the end of the Renaissance and at the beginning of the Baroque period (1600). It is defined as a "theatrical piece put to music." The dialogues are sung and accompanied by an orchestra.

### Timeline of composers and periods







*Catchy renditions just right for singing along, appealingly presented for today's children.*

**KIRKUS REVIEWS**

## SING OUT!

### Six Classic Folk Songs for Tomorrow

Performed by Sin and Swoon

Illustrated by Sophie Casson

LISTEN  
TO  
AUDIO

Original illustrations, rich in colour and texture, offer an endearingly offbeat rendering of six cherished timeless folk songs: *She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain*, *Little Bingo*, *This Old Man*, *Pop Goes the Weasel*, *I've Been Working on the Railroad*, and *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*. Each one takes on a life of its own becoming a stand-alone story featuring several zany characters including an acrobatic pink-haired roller-skater girl, a straw hat-wearing unshaven hillbilly astronaut, a banjo-playing cow-loving weasel and a hard-working monkey who happens to love dumplings!

The accompanying recordings of these popular sing-along songs for kids highlight gifted singers and seasoned musicians, producing a fresh original sound for a new generation.

#### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

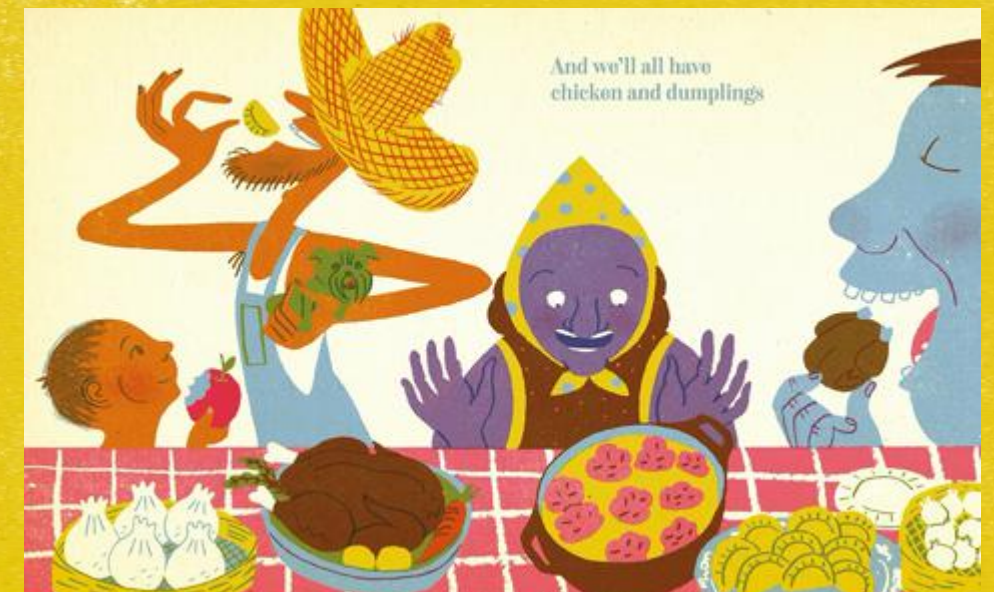
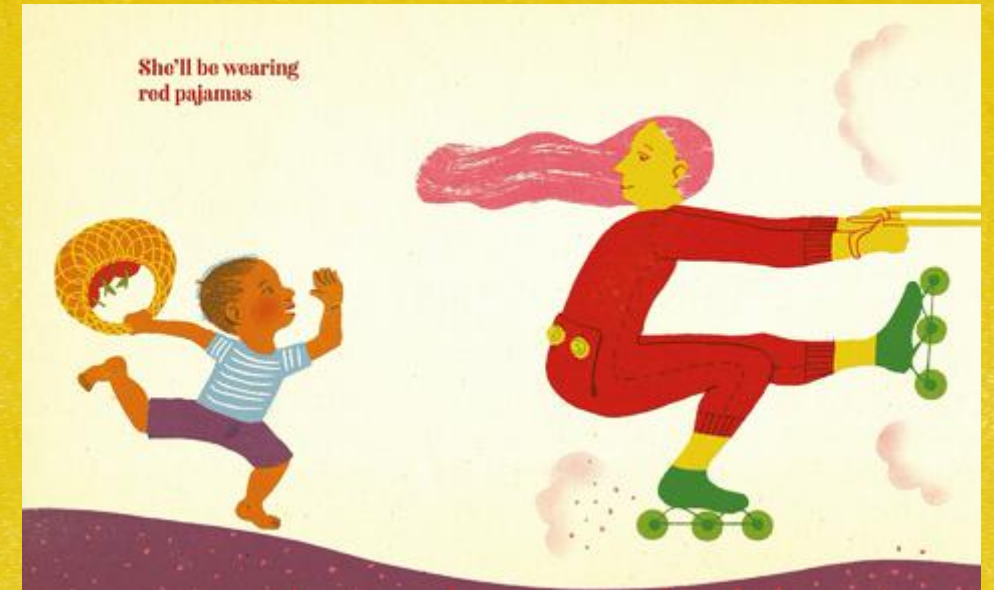
Hardcover / 176 pages / 18 x 25 cm / Age 3+

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

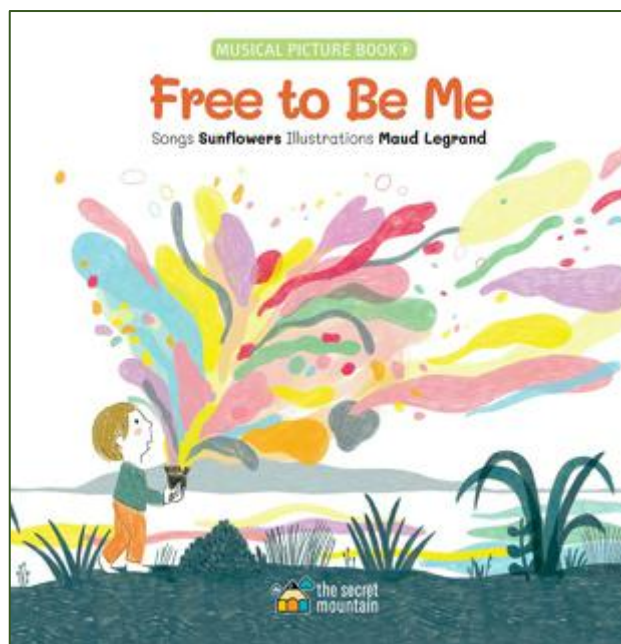
17 minutes / 6 songs in English

#### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book without audio
- Picture book with audio (English songs)







*Delicate illustrations inviting you to discover a cheerful, compassionate world.*  
QUEST-FRANCE

## FREE TO BE ME

### A Great Day to Learn English

Songs by Sunflowers

Illustrations by Maud Legrand

Awaken children's vocabularies with this sunny collection of folk-pop songs. These upbeat melodies and accessible lyrics were written to help budding language learners discover how to share their feelings, hopes, and dreams. Young readers will have a blast singing their hearts out to songs about emotions, courage, family, and more!

**This picture book features the illustrated lyrics of each song followed by activity ideas for teaching English.**

#### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

Hardcover / 48 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age 4 +

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

35 minutes / 12 songs in English

#### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book with audio (Songs in English)

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Colourful and playful... A real treat! LIBBYLIT

## LET'S MAKE SOME MUSIC! (FAITES DE LA MUSIQUE !)

### Six French Folk Songs

Performed by Carmen Campagne

Illustrated by Marie-Ève Tremblay

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Playful funny illustrations offer an original interpretation of six traditional French children's folk songs: *Les crocodiles* (The Crocodiles), *Nous sommes les musiciens* (We are the Musicians), *Le roi, la reine et le petit prince* (The King, the Queen, and the Little Prince), *La laine de moutons* (Sheep's Wool), *Le crapaud et son solo de banjo* (The Toad and his Banjo Solo) and *Au clair de lune* (In the Moonlight).

The accompanying recordings of these classic sing-along songs for children highlight a truly talented singer and gifted musicians that are perfect for learning French.

Carmen Campagne (1959-2018) was an educator and singer-songwriter, nicknamed "The Daycare Diva" in the height of her career, having sold more than one million records and videos. In 2014, she was appointed to the Order of Canada.

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

Hardcover / 172 pages / 18 x 25 cm / Age 3 +

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

19 minutes / 6 songs in French

### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book without audio
- Picture book with audio (French Songs)







OCTOBER 2022

## THE FOUR SEASONS OF THE PIPA

Story by Patrick Lacoursière

Illustrations by Josée Bisaillon

Music by Liu Fang

On a cold winter night, a young girl dreams of visiting her faraway grandfather in Kunming, a magical place in China known as the eternal city of spring. As gusts of snow blow outside her window, the gentle sound of her mother plucking the pipa in the family room wraps around her like a warm blanket.

The intricately illustrated story is accompanied by 11 stirring instrumental performances by world-renowned pipa master Liu Fang. Notes on the origin of the pipa and each composition appear at the end of the book.

Liu Fang is regarded as one of the world's leading pipa players. Her discography spans more than a dozen recordings, including the album "Silk Sound", which was awarded the prestigious Grand Prix du Disque de l'Académie Charles Cros in France.

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

Hardcover / 36 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age Birth+

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

30 minutes / 11 traditional instrumental pieces

### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book without audio
- Picture book with audio (Instrumental pieces)





# DREAM SONGS NIGHT SONGS

FROM MALI TO LOUIIANA - CHINA TO SENEGAL - BELGIUM TO BRAZIL

Lullabies from around the world

Stories by Patrick Lacoursiere

Illustrations by Sylvie Bourbonniere

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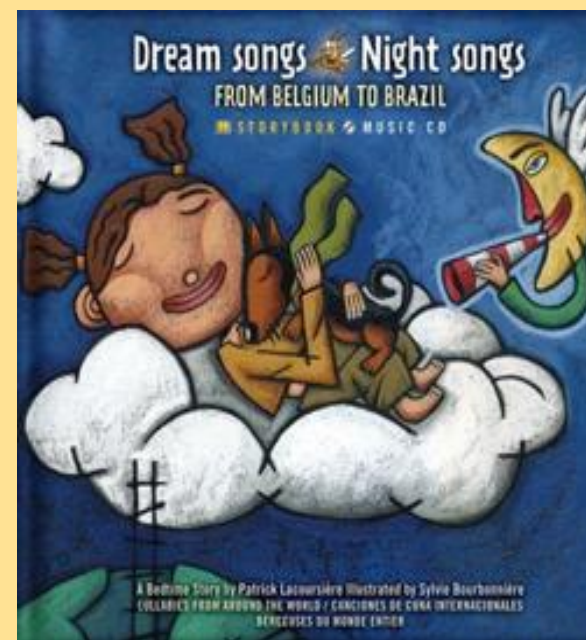
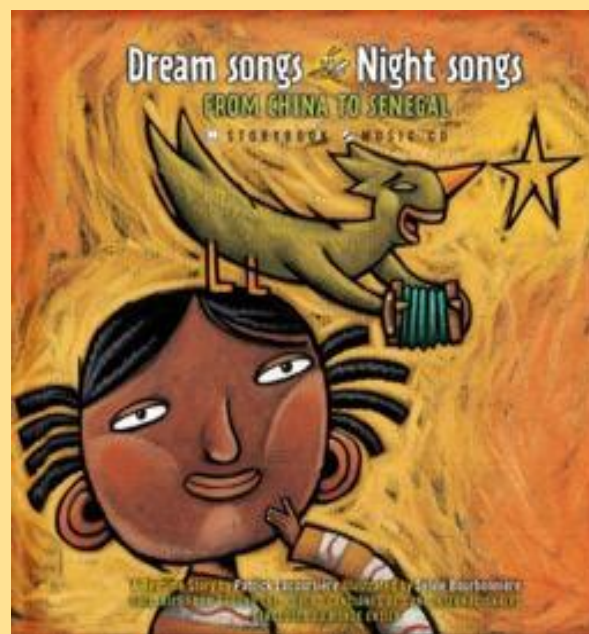
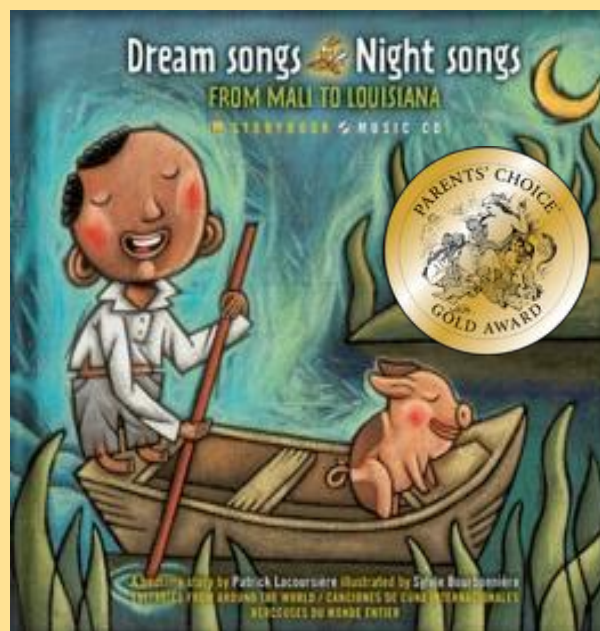
The mellifluous sounds of world music lullabies resonate from continent to continent within these musical picture books. Able voices bring songs from places like Armenia, Spain, South Africa, Mali, Costa Rica, Japan and Poland, sung in the language of the country, granting the mind's eye incentive for adventure. The richly hued earth tones found in the illustrations that accompany the bedtime story bare the cultural ambience of the title. Babies can drift off to dreamland with melodies expertly performed by a breathtaking 30 different instruments.

**MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK** Hardcover / 36 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age Birth + / Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms / Approx. 40 minutes + 12 to 14 songs in different languages

## POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book with audio (Songs in different languages)

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*A great addition to world  
music collections.*  
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*Inspires the imagination,  
explores world cultures  
and soothes little souls  
into dreamland.*

**CANADIAN FAMILY**





*Full of whimsy and kindness, a beautiful experience for a child. Wonderful!*  
**BOOKSTAGANG BEST OF 2021**

## A PICNIC IN THE SUN

### Bertie and Friends Hit the Road

Story and songs by Christiane Duchesne  
and Jérôme Minière

Illustrated by Marianne Ferrer

Narration by Mischa Cheeseman

Performances by Geneviève Toupin and Clérél

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An imaginative musical tale, comprised of a narrated story interspersed with original and traditional songs, follows four inseparable friends who love to play together. Bertie and his buddies never ever got bored with each other... except for the time when it rained for four straight weeks! That's when they decided to repair an old boat and head for dryer lands, a sunny place atop the Blue Mountain. The journey to the faraway unknown destination wouldn't be easy, but with a little help from newly made animal friends, they finally make it to the summit, the best place in the whole world to have a picnic!

**Christiane Duchesne has written more than 80 children's books. She is a two-time winner of the Governor General's Literary Award and was a finalist for the Hans Christian Andersen Award.**

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

Hardcover / 48 pages / 21 x 28 cm / Age 4 +

Recordings on CD and on streaming platforms

62 minutes / narrated story + 18 songs in English and French

### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book with audio (French or English narration and songs)







*Festive and joyful!* LA REVUE DES LIVRES  
POUR ENFANTS (PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARIES)

## UNE FÊTE SOUS LA LUNE (A FEAST BENEATH THE MOON)

### Bertie and Friends Hit the Road

Story and songs by Christiane Duchesne  
and Jerome Miniere

Illustrated by Marianne Ferrer

This sequel to *A Picnic in the Sun*, comprised of a narrated story interspersed with original and traditional songs, follows four inseparable friends who fled torrential rains for a new life at the top of the Blue Mountain. Here, Bertie and his buddies will meet a little girl named Alice who appears to have the magical power to take them on a wild ride up high in the sky amongst the shooting stars. It's time to sing their hearts out as they circle the moon and have the party of their life!

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

Hardcover / 48 pages / 21 x 28 cm / Age 4 +

Recordings on CD and on streaming platforms

62 minutes / narrated story + 18 songs in English and French

### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book with audio (French or English narration and songs)

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*Soothing illustrations, delicate like silk  
and fragile like the passage of time.*

LE DEVOIR

## LE VIEILLARD ET L'ENFANT (THE OLD MAN AND THE CHILD)

Story by Gabrielle Roy

Adapted by Dominique Fortier

Illustrated by Rogé

Christine lives in a small windswept prairie city where time moves slowly. One morning, in the middle of a hot, dry summer, she makes the acquaintance of an elderly neighbour who only lives a few streets over from her. The two become close friends and before you know it, the old man and the little girl hatch a plan together, a visit by train to a great inland ocean called Lake Winnipeg. An endearing story set in the 1920s about friendship that conveys the passage of time and the mystery of change.

**Gabrielle Roy (1909 - 1983) is one of the major figures in Canadian literature. She was the first Canadian to receive France's prestigious Prix Femina and received many honours, including three Governor General's Awards.**

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

Hardcover / 56 pages / 21 x 28 cm / Age 7 +

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

53 minutes / narrated story + 13 songs in French

### POSSIBLE FORMATS

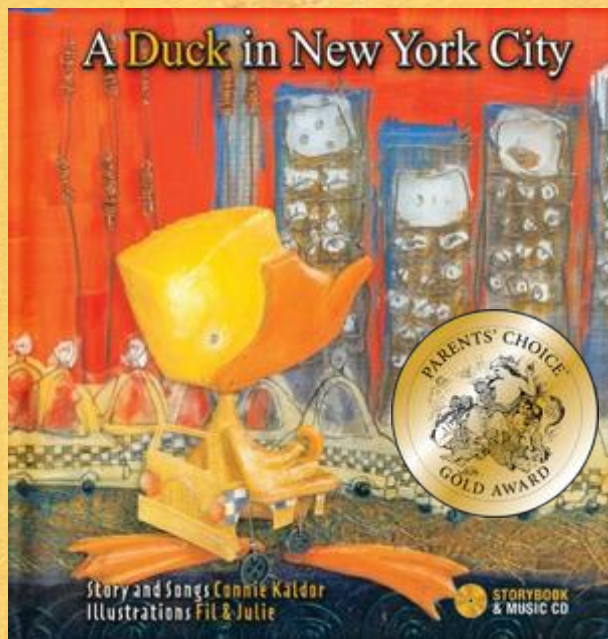
- Picture book without audio
- Picture book with audio (French narration and songs)

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*Sure to be a hit for pre-school story times.*  
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

## A DUCK IN NEW YORK CITY

Story and songs by Connie Kaldor

Illustrations by Fil & Julie

A story about a little duck with a big dream and his lonesome journey to New York City in hopes of bringing his ducky dance to the Broadway stage. Along the way, issues of courage, self-esteem, friendship and encouragement are addressed. There's a strong urge to cheer on this little guy in this never-give-up-on-your-dreams narrative. Quirky and fun artwork adds to the book's jovial tone.

Includes 12 happy-go-lucky songs such as "Alligator Waltz", "Quack, Quack, Quack" and "I Love Tomatoes."

**Connie Kaldor is "one of Canada's most significant contemporary folk performers" (Billboard Magazine). Her song, "Wood River" is considered by many to be the quintessential Prairie song. In 2007, she was appointed to the Order of Canada.**

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

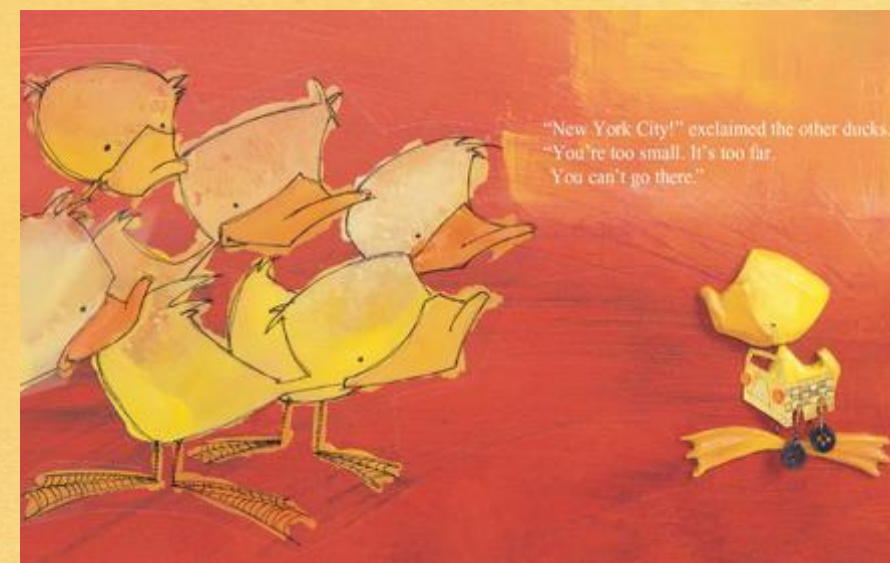
Hardcover / 40 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age 4+

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

28 minutes / 12 songs in English

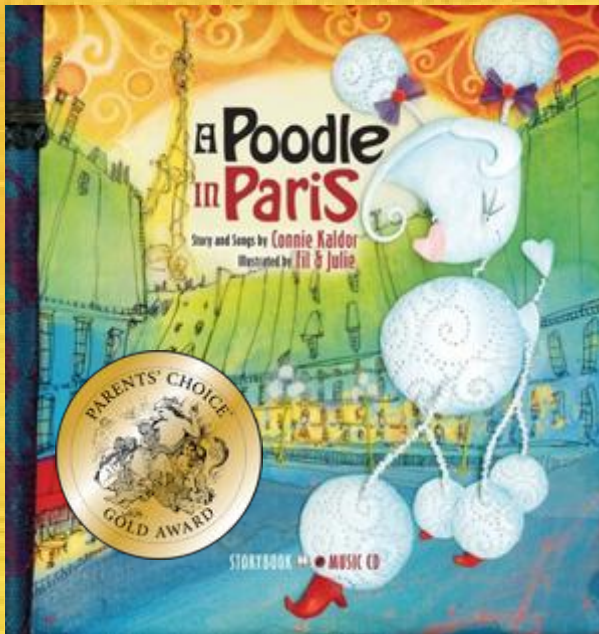
### POSSIBLE FORMATS

- Picture book without audio
- Picture book with audio (English narration and songs)





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*Heartwarming, hilarious, and hopelessly Parisian!* THE BLOOMSBURY REVIEW

## A POODLE IN PARIS

Story and songs by Connie Kaldor

Illustrations by Fil & Julie

In this charming story featuring funny illustrations and catchy songs, a dog named La Grande Fifi strolls through the streets of Paris bumping into a wide assortment of friends, including her Bichon Frise band who plays for her in a club called “Le Bow Wow!”

Includes 12 hilarious tunes that are easy to sing to and introduce children to a wide array of animals, from buffaloes and monkeys to armadillos and pandas!

### MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

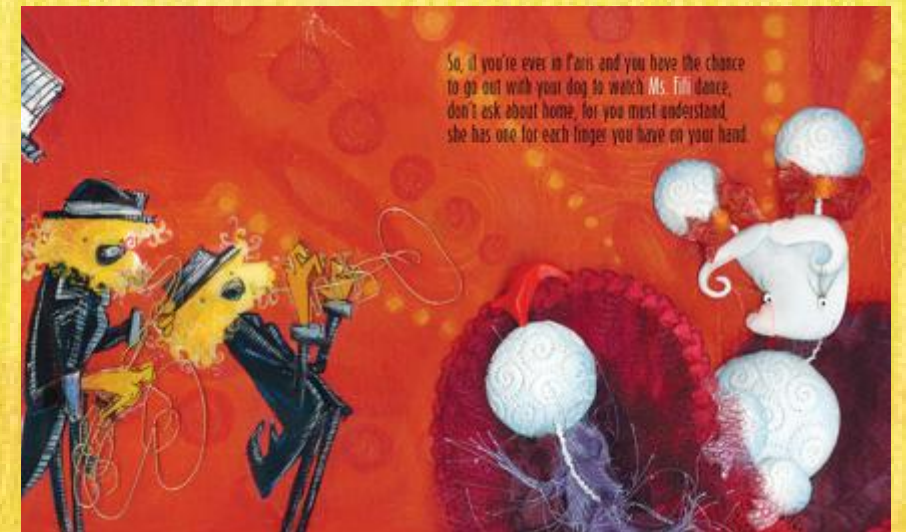
Hardcover / 36 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age 4+

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34 minutes / 12 songs in English

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