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Stories and Music for All Eyes and Ears!

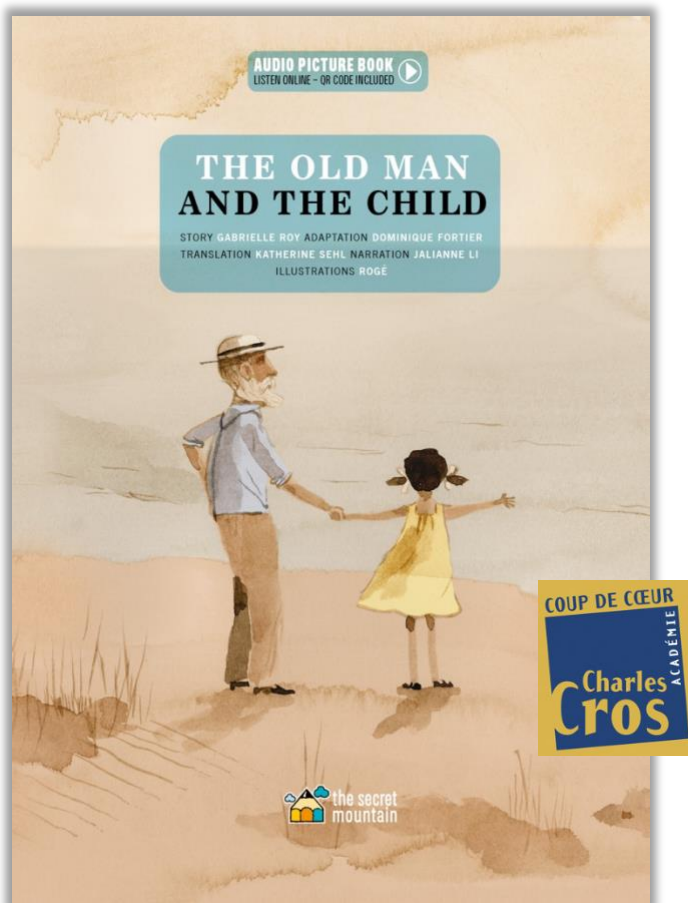


STORIES AND MUSIC FOR ALL EYES AND EARS!

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 is available on most streaming platforms.

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.



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

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, at the height of a hot, dry summer, she befriends an old man who lives just a few streets over. As their unlikely friendship grows, they hatch a plan to visit Lake Winnipeg, a vast inland ocean the old man longs to see again and the young girl can only imagine.

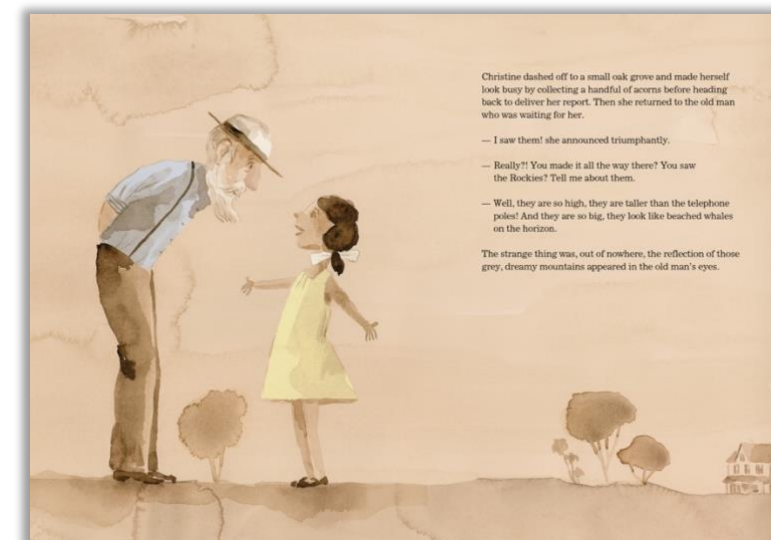
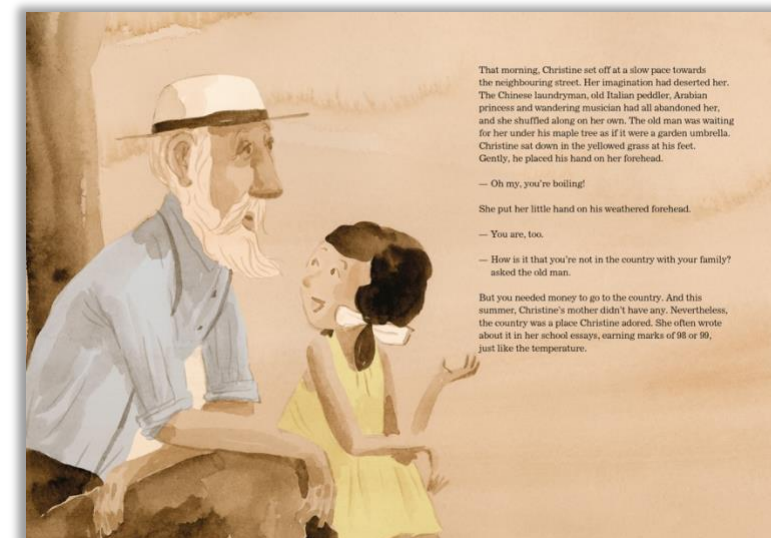
Gabrielle Roy (1909 – 1983) is one of the major figures in Canadian literature. She was the first Canadian to receive France’s prestigious Prix Femina and received many honours, including three Governor General’s Awards.

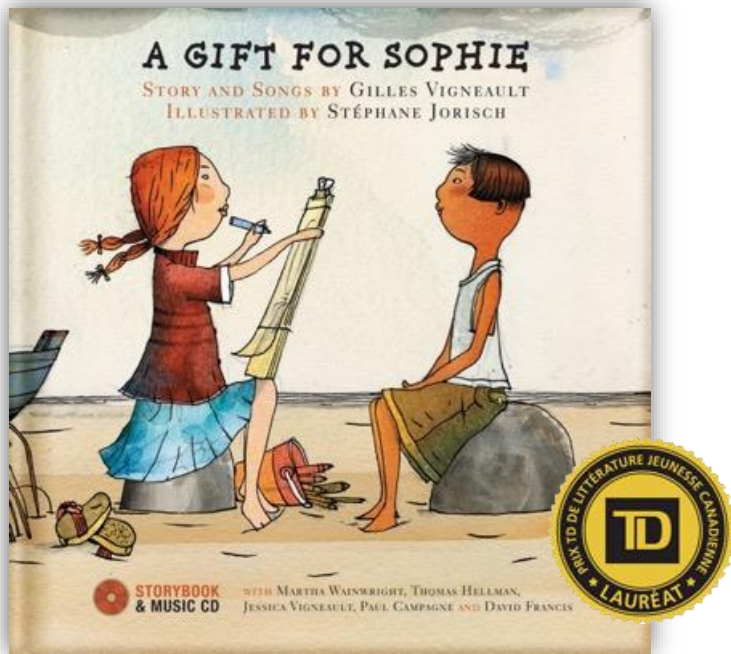
Musical picture book

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)





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

A GIFT FOR SOPHIE

Story and songs by **Gilles Vigneault**
Illustrated by **Stéphane Joris**
Songs performed by **Martha Wainwright,**
Thomas Hellman and **Jessica Vigneault**

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.

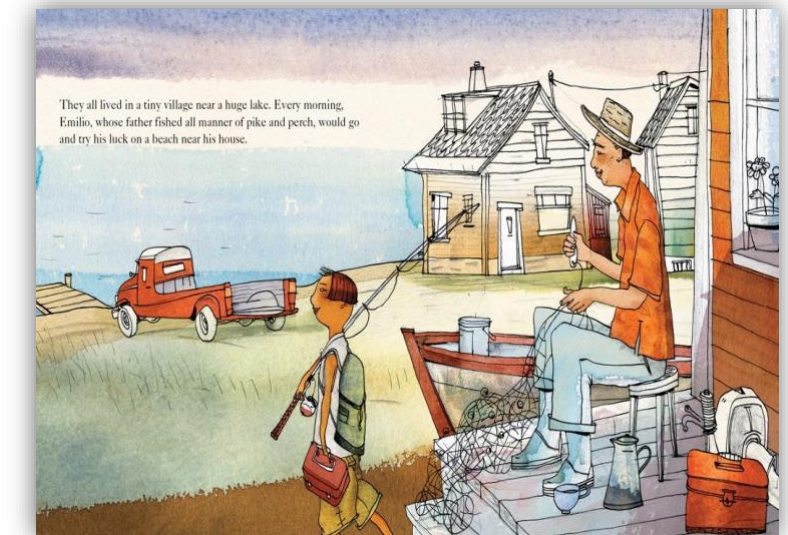
Gilles Vigneault is hailed as one of French-Canada’s most influential music figures of the 20th century. He has received numerous distinctions including the “Grand prix du disque de l’Academie Charles-Cros” in France and the “Medaille Vermeil” offered by the City of Paris.

Musical picture book

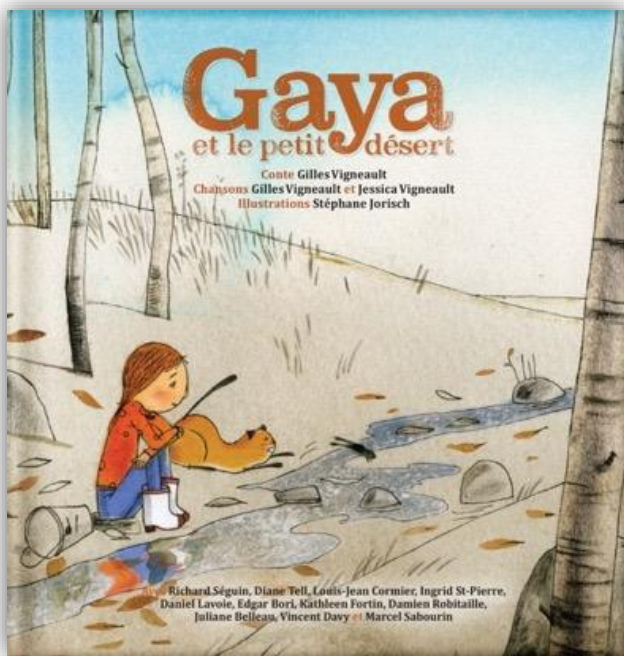
Hardcover / 44 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age 7 +
Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms
33 minutes / narrated story + 9 songs in French and English

Possible formats

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



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Simply blissful! PARIS-MÔMES

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

Story and songs by **Gilles Vigneault**
Illustrated by **Stéphane Jorisch**

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.

Stéphane Jorisch 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

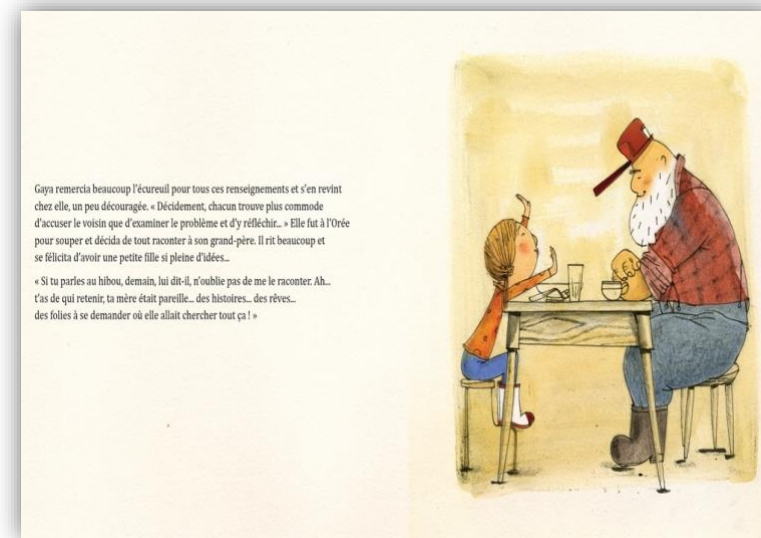
Hard cover / 52 pages / 21 cm x 21 cm / Age 7 +
Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms
47 minutes / narrated story + 10 songs in French

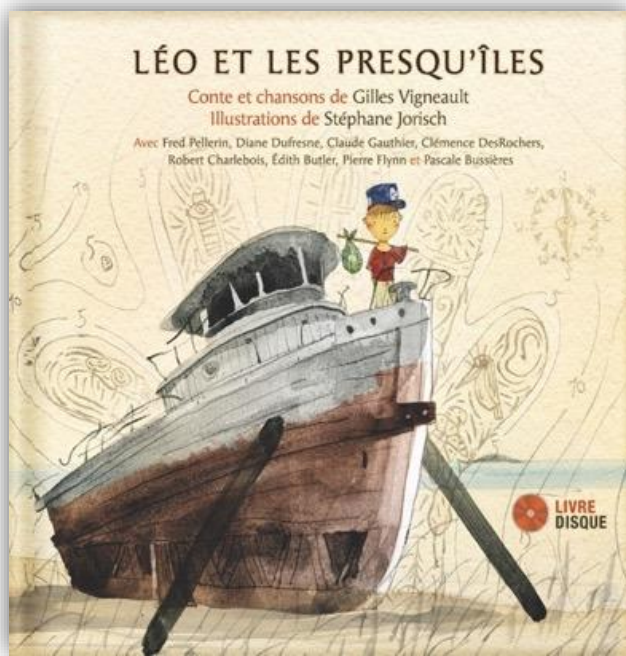
Possible formats

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



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

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

Story and songs by **Gilles Vigneault**
Illustrated by **Stéphane Jorisch**

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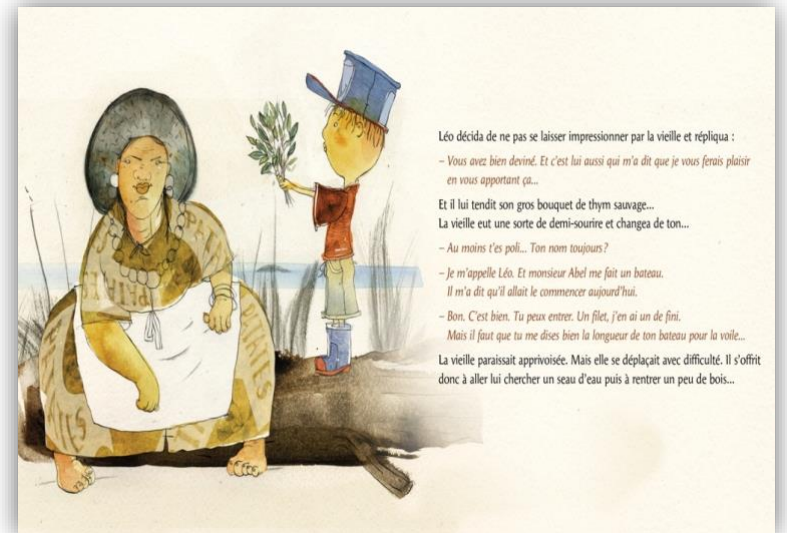
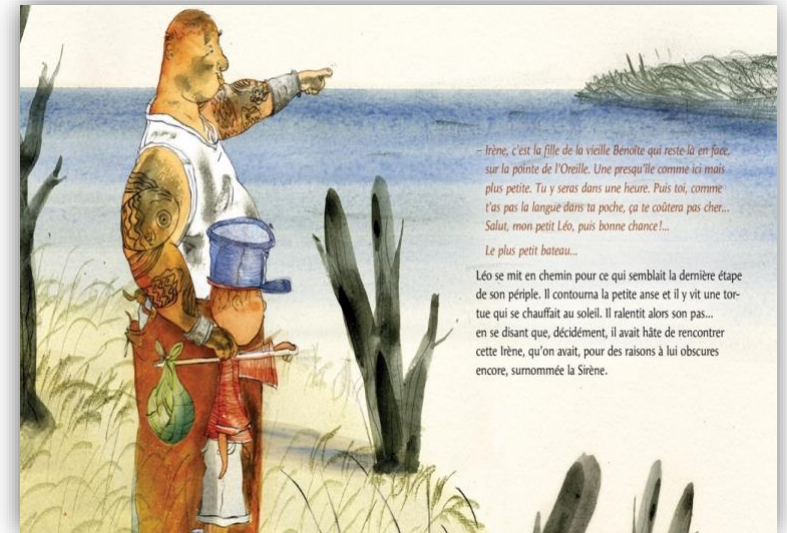
Hardcover / 64 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age 7 +

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

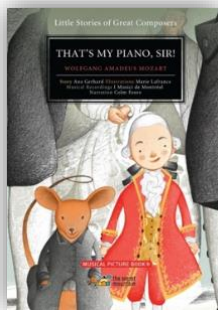
54 minutes / narrated story + 11 songs in French

Possible formats

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- Picture book with audio (French narration and songs)



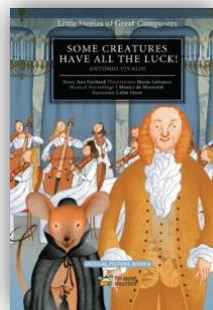
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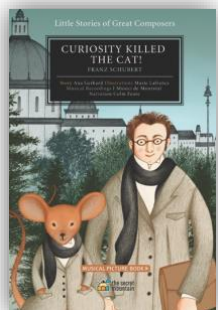
THAT'S MY PIANO, SIR!
(MOZART)



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)

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**

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 pieces

Possible formats

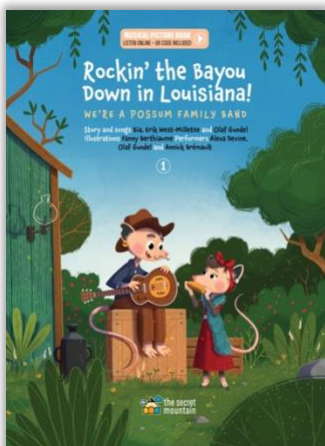
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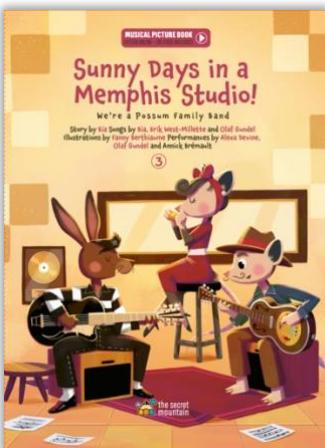


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**ROCKIN' THE BAYOU
IN LOUISIANA!
(CAJUN MUSIC)**



**SUNNY DAYS
IN A MEMPHIS STUDIO!
(ROCK'N ROLL)**



**GLORY DAYS IN NEW ORLEANS!
(JAZZ)**

WE'RE A POSSUM FAMILY BAND

Stories and songs by **Bïa, Erik West-Millette and Olaf Gundel**
Illustrations by **Fanny Berthiaume**
Performances by **Alexa Devine, Olaf Gundel and Annick Brémault**

Collection of 6 titles

Follow Mama and Papa Poss on their travels across North America to the birthplaces of Cajun, jazz, country, rock'n'roll, blues, and traditional French-Canadian music.

At the end of each story, explanatory notes delve into the key figures, instruments and customs behind each genre.

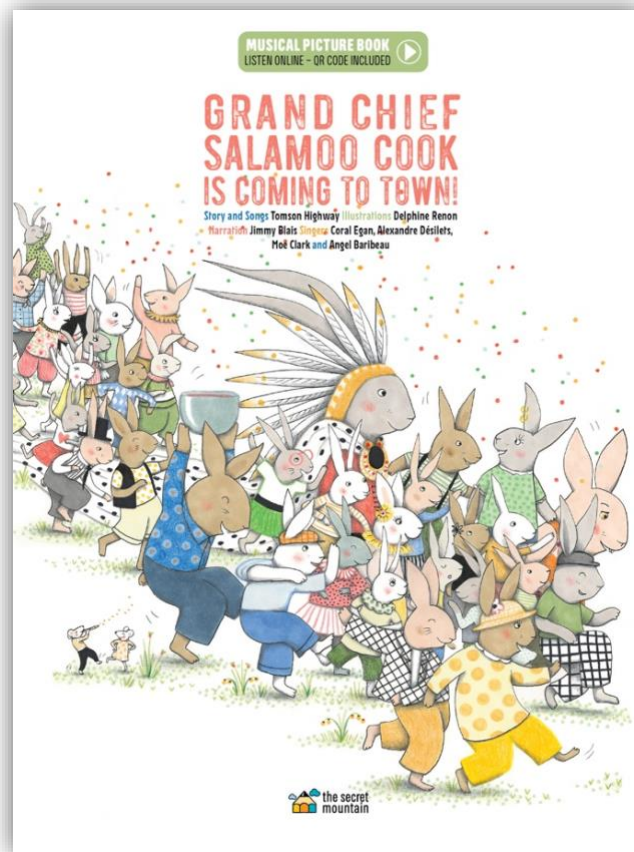
Musical picture book

Hardcover / 40 pages / 21 x 28 cm / Age 6 +
Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms
12 to 16 minutes / Narrated story + 3 songs per book

Possible formats

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





An engaging read-aloud with catchy musical numbers.
QUILL AND QUIRE

GRAND CHIEF SALAMOO COOK IS COMING TO TOWN

Story and songs Tomson Highway
Illustrated by Delphine Renon
Performances by Coral Egan, Moe Clark, Alexandre Désilets, Angel Baribeau, Dave Jenniss and Jimmy Blais

Once upon a magical time, a young rabbit named Weeskits hurried home to Kisoos—a town known as the Earth's belly button—to deliver some thrilling news. Salamoo Cook, the Grand Chief of all rabbits in the world, was on his way to announce a mysterious contest.

Tomson Highway is a celebrated author, playwright, and musician. His work shines a light on Indigenous people and culture. His plays, *The Rez Sisters* and *Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing*, are performed around the world. His memoir, *Permanent Astonishment*, won the 2021 Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize for Nonfiction. He received the Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement in 2022.

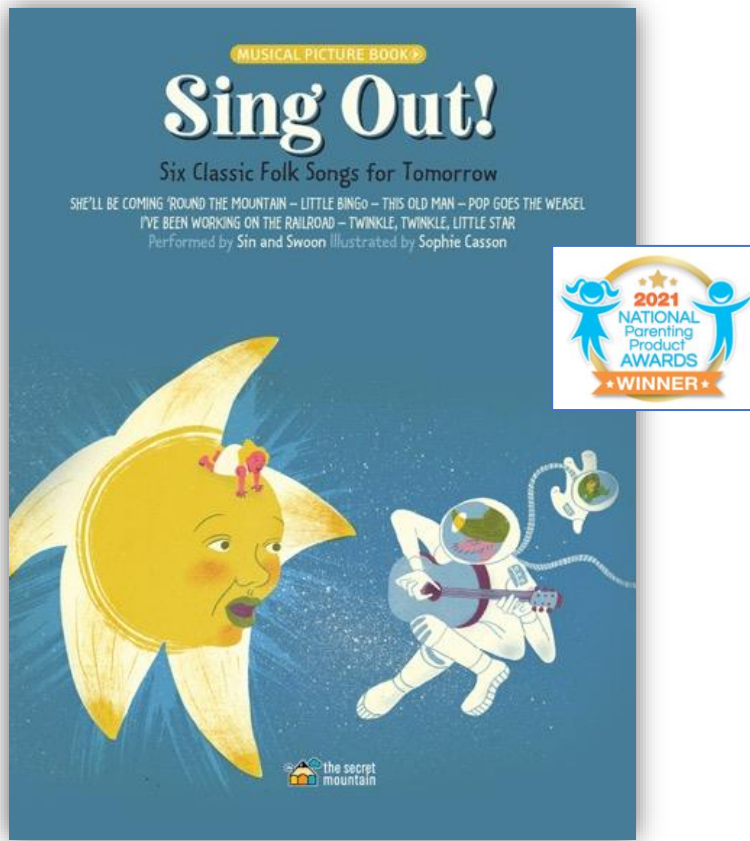
Musical picture book

Hardcover / 48 pages / 21 x 28 cm / Age 7 +
Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms
56 minutes / narrated story + 9 songs in Cree

Possible formats

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





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**

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

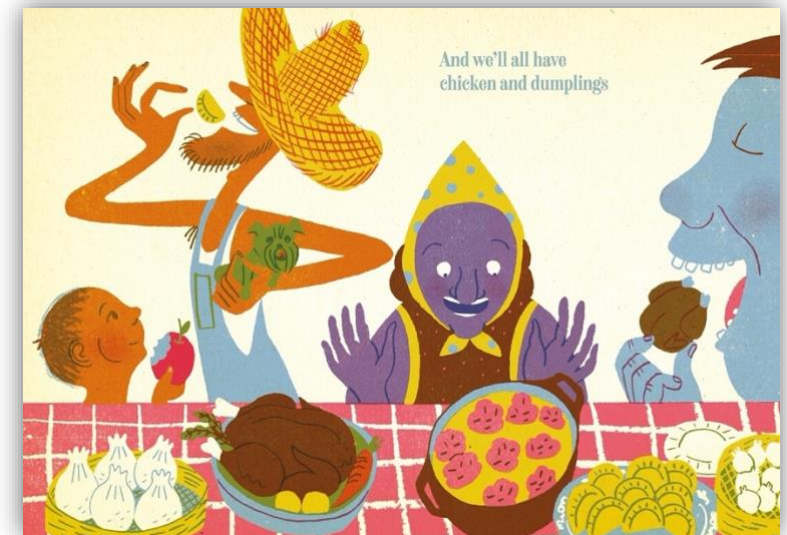
Hardcover / 176 pages / 18 x 25 cm / Age 3+

Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms

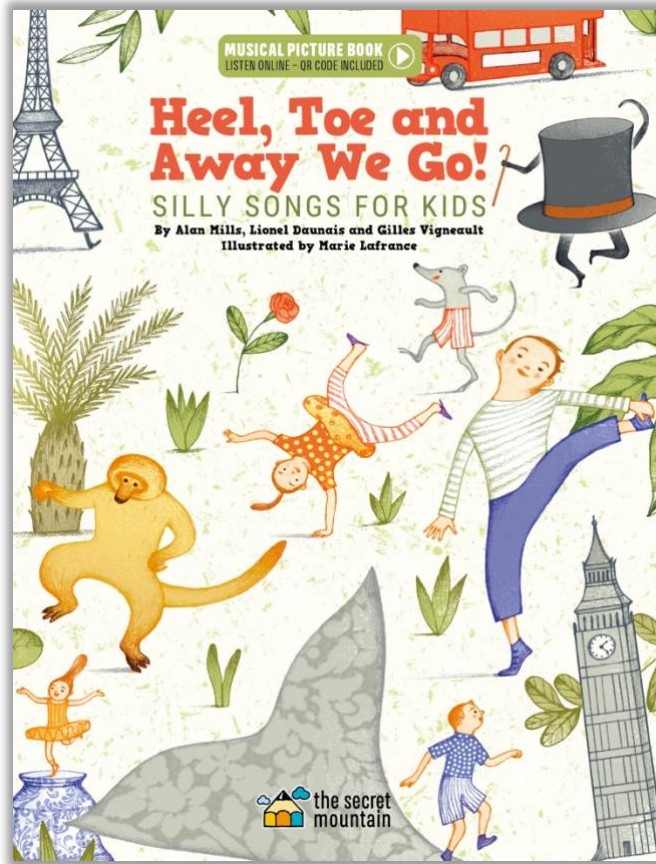
17 minutes / 6 songs in English

Possible formats

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



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HEEL, TOE AND AWAY WE GO!

Silly Songs for Kids

Written by **Alan Mills, Gilles Vigneault and Lionel Daunais**
Illustrated by **Marie Lafrance**

Do-si-do your way through 15 playful songs about family, seasons and animals both real and absurd! From a kangarooster bird to a nutty scuttlebutt, these quirky characters and ditties show children how — with a little imagination — rhyming, counting and learning can be fun for everyone.

Musical picture book

Hardcover / 36 pages / 21 x 28 cm / Age 3+
Recordings on music streaming platforms
42 minutes / 15 songs in English

Possible formats

- Picture book with audio (English songs)





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**

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)



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*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 **Jerome Miniere**

Illustrated by **Marianne Ferrer**

Narration by **Mischa Cheeseman**

Performances by **Geneviève Toupin** and **Clerel**

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)

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A unique picture book that is fun, original, and unreservedly recommended for family. MID-WEST BOOK REVIEW

A FEAST BENEATH THE MOON

Bertie and Friends Hit the Road

Story and songs by **Christiane Duchesne and Jerome Miniere**

Illustrated by **Marianne Ferrer**

Narration by **Mischa Cheeseman**

Performances by **Geneviève Toupin and Clerel**

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 streaming platforms

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

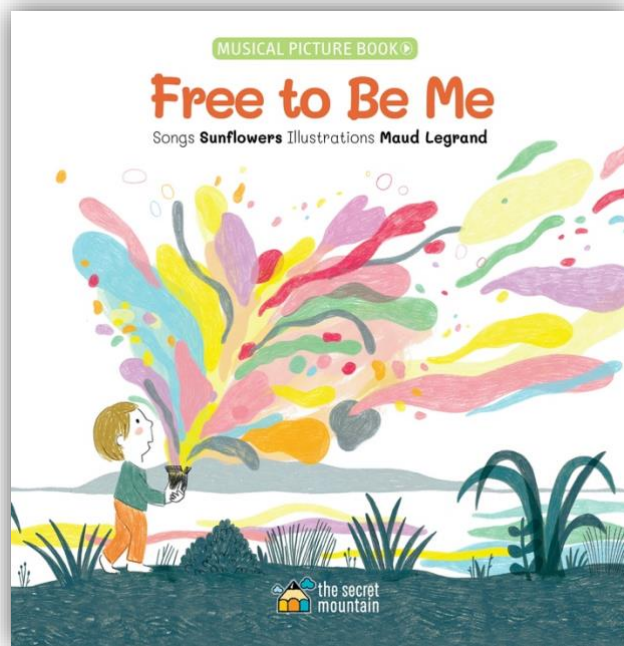
Possible formats

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

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

FREE TO BE ME

A Great Day to Learn English

Songs by the **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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THE FANTASTIC TRAIN

Take a Trip to Learn English

Songs by the **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!

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Musical picture book

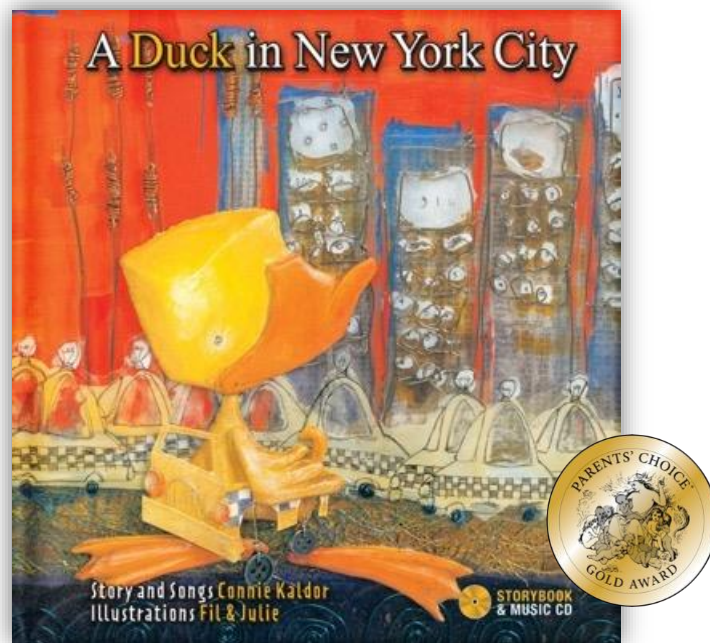
Hardcover / 48 pages / 23 x 23 cm / Age 4 +
Recordings on music streaming platforms
35 minutes / 12 songs in English

Possible formats

- Picture book with audio (Songs in English)



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Sure to be a hit for pre-school story times.
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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+

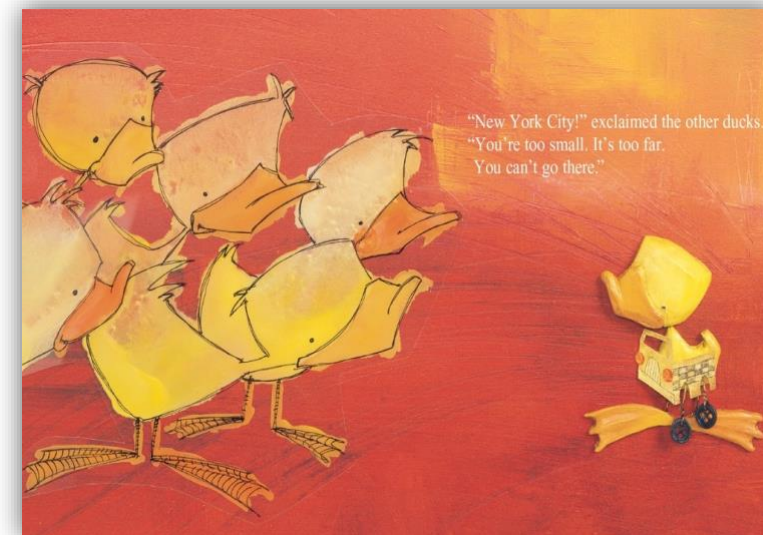
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28 minutes / 12 songs in English

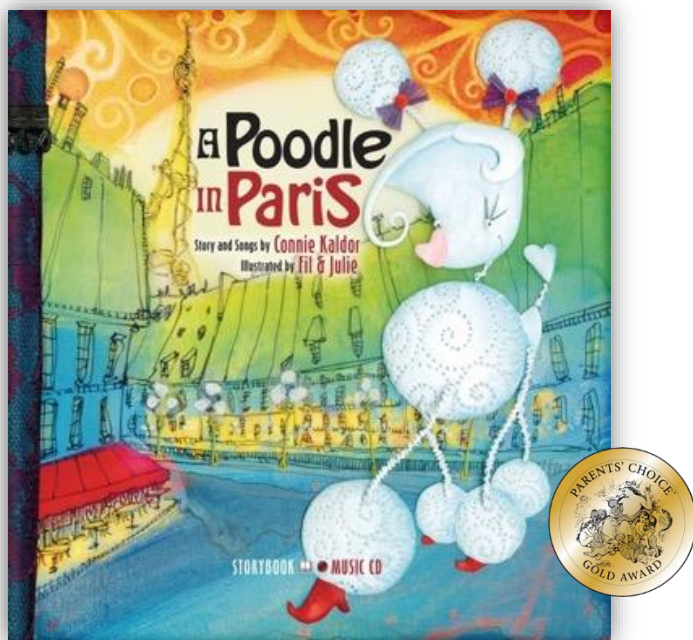
Possible formats

- 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

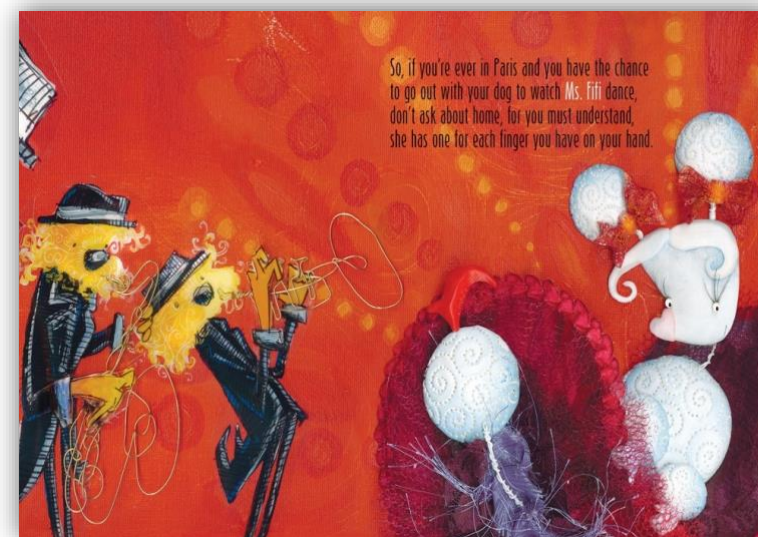
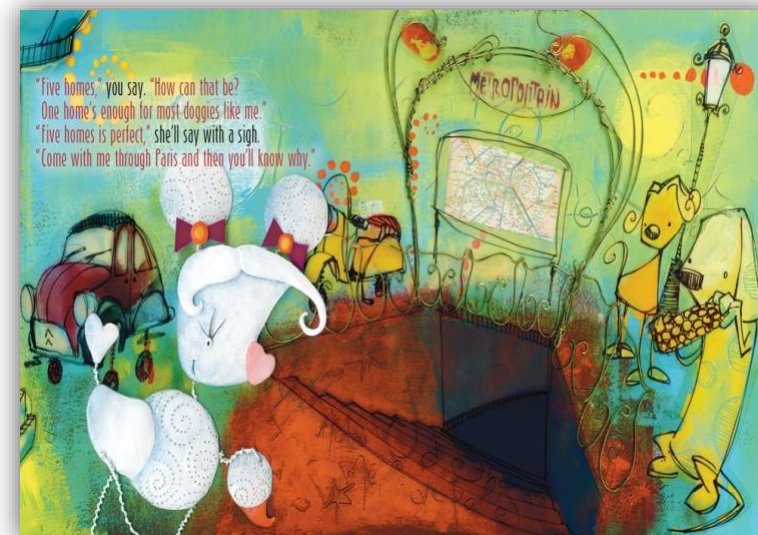
Hardcover / 36 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age 4+
Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms
34 minutes / 12 songs in English

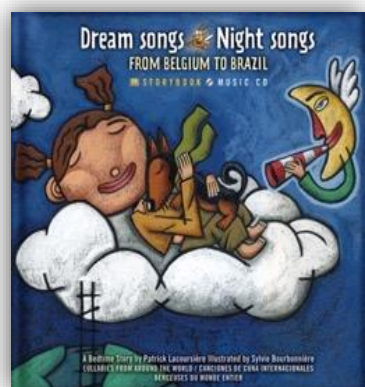
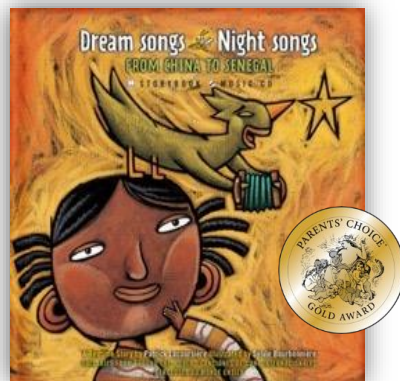
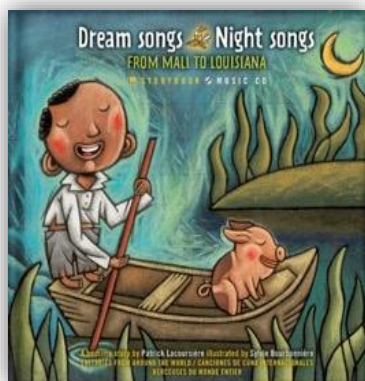
Possible formats

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



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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**

DREAM SONGS NIGHT SONGS

FROM **MALI TO LOUISIANA / CHINA TO SENEGAL / BELGIUM TO BRAZIL**

Lullabies from around the world

Stories by **Patrick Lacoursiere**
Illustrations by **Sylvie Bourbonniere**

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

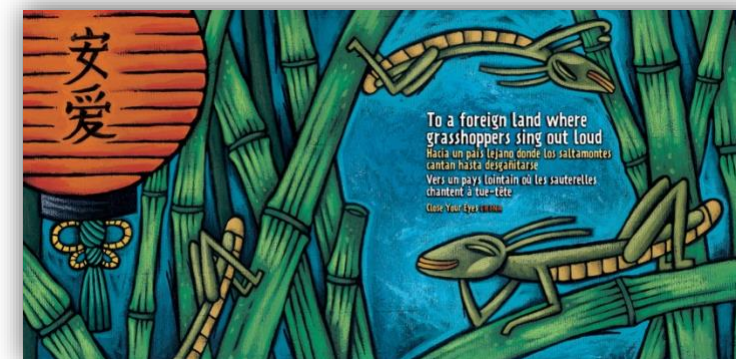
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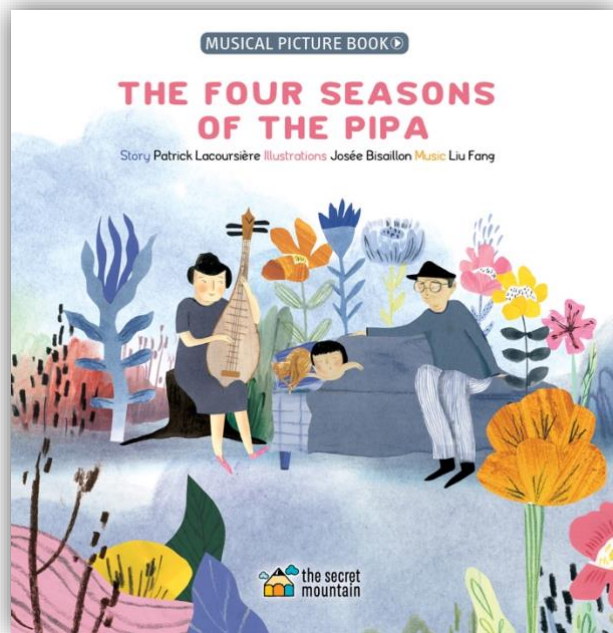
- Picture book with audio (Songs in different languages)

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A story about family, tradition, and the soothing power of music. FOREWORD REVIEWS

THE FOUR SEASONS OF THE PIPA

Story by **Patrick Lacoursière**
Illustrations by **Josée Bisailon**
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

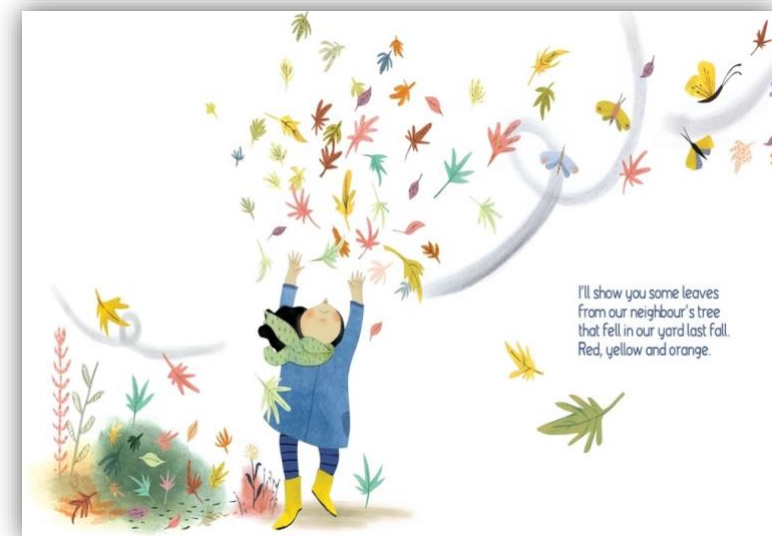
Hardcover / 36 pages / 21 x 21 cm / Age Birth+
Recordings on CD and on music streaming platforms
30 minutes / 11 traditional instrumental pieces

Possible formats

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



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