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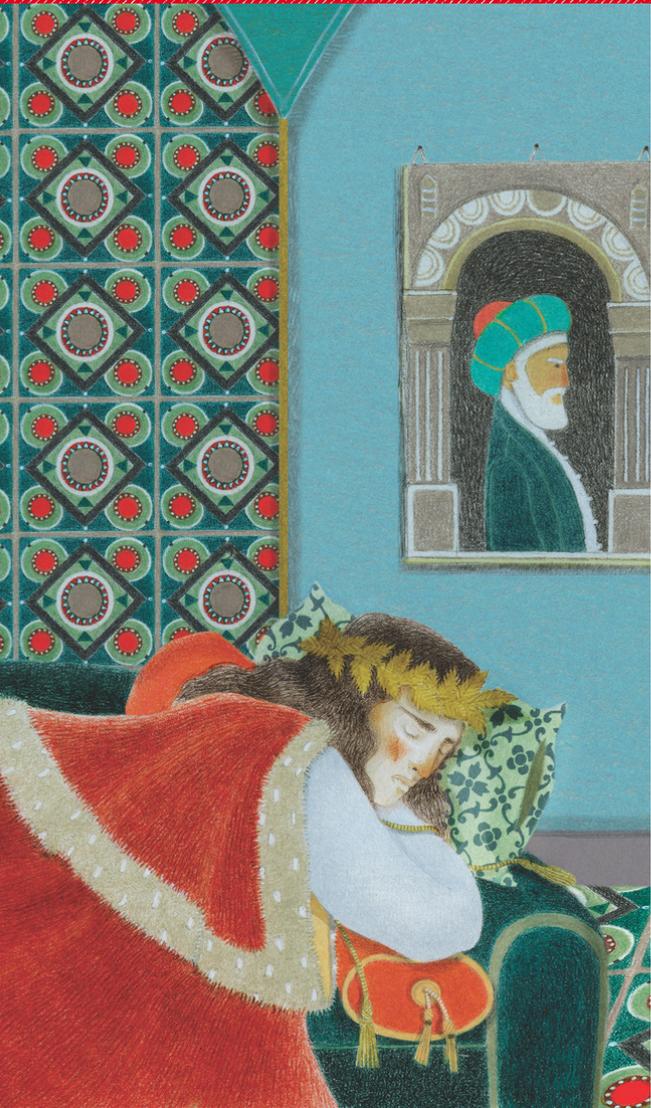
## FOR OCCHIAPERTI, BEST EDITORIAL SERIES



### The jury's motivation:

«For an illustrated series of suspenseful and scary books for children, capable of maintaining both the **high quality of its offerings** and successfully meeting the challenge imposed by the genre, all the while giving as much importance to stories and atmospheres as to the form of the book as an object. For the **effective dialogue created between text and images**, capable of providing rhythm and never revealing more than necessary. For a varied but recognizable range of proposals, a **ground of experimentation and discovery** within Italian fiction for children.»





## ORLANDO

Beatrice Masini



The retelling of *Orlando*, by Virginia Woolf. A delicate story of travels, poetry and the meaning of **transformation**.

**Illustrated by Daniela Costa**

Illustrated - 64 pages - October 2025 - € 18 - ISBN 9788832791334

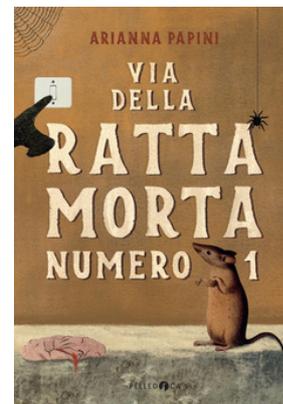
**13+ years**

Woolf's work rewritten by a great contemporary author. It is the story of Orlando, a young poet who changes and lives several different lives, each more adventurous than the last.

**Author translated into:** Spanish, English, French, Catalan, Korean, Polish, Russian, Turkish.

## DEAD RAT ROAD NUMBER 1

Arianna Papini



A **quirky mystery** for young detectives. Where has happened to the rat Francesca? The weird people who live in the building have seen something...

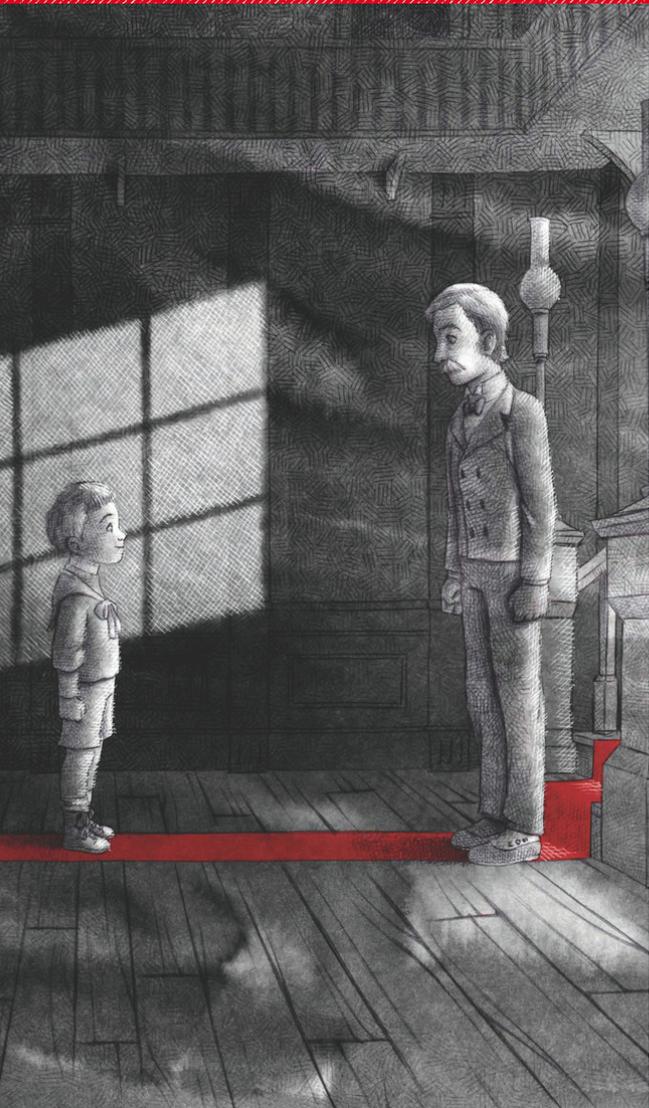
**Illustrated by Arianna Papini**

Illustrated - 80 pages - October 2025 - € 18 - ISBN 9788832791341

**10+ years**

A Florentine apartment building is shaken by a mysterious event: the rat Francesca seems to have vanished into thin air! What could have happened to her? Has she met a terrible fate?

**Author translated into:** French, Spanish, Portugal, English, China, Taiwan.  
**Premio Andersen** as best Illustrator 2018.



## THE ADVENTURES OF YOUNG LOVECRAFT

Miriam Palombi



A darkly illustrated tale, full of **suspense**.

The young Lovecraft's experience will be the basis for his famous short story *The Rats in the Walls*.

Illustrated - 80 pages - November 2024 - € 18  
ISBN 9788832791174

**11 + years**

Strange noises, ancient curses, dark atmospheres: the great writer of horror is back as a young boy to experience an eerie adventure.

## APNEA

Brian Freschi



A **delicate story** about doubts and fears that we don't have to worry about too much because growing they leave us and go elsewhere.

Illustrated - 96 pages - October 2020 - € 18 - ISBN 9788832790283

**8 + years**

A tender tale around fear in the shape of a small creature, hidden in a child's hair: it creeps into his thoughts, into his days, sometimes almost takes his breath away...

**Author translated into:** Spanish, English, French.

## MURDER ON THE HINDENBURG

Fabrizio Altieri



*IBBY Italia Choice 2025  
selection*

On the final flight of the Hindenburg airship, a murder occurs: **all the passengers are suspects**. Will Astrid Olmor manage to find the culprit?

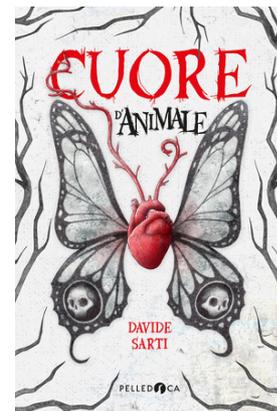
Novel - 160 pages - April 2025 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832791235

**11+ years**

Two siblings go on a trip that will forever change their life: the last trip of airship Hindenburg, in 1937, from Germany to the United States. The disaster is imminent. Will they save themselves?

## ANIMAL'S HEART

Davide Sarti



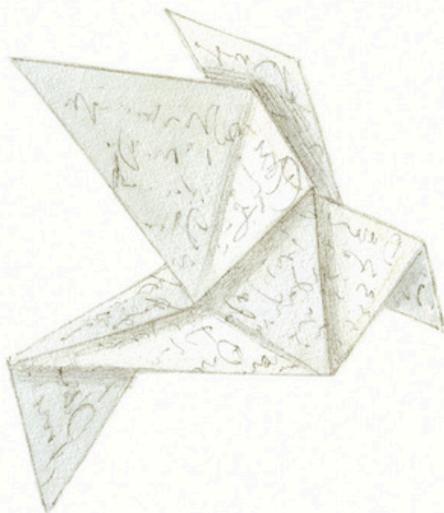
*Winner of the  
Il mondo salvato dai ragazzini  
Elsa Morante Award 2023  
and the Microeditoria di qualità  
Award 2023*

Pathos, **mystery** and fear at the centre of a tale that evokes a **dark past**, bringing to light ancient feelings of rage and **revenge**.

Novel - 200 pages - February 2023 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832790658

**11+ years**

During a village party, Mattia suddenly finds himself transformed into a caterpillar. To escape a cruel fate, he decides to react and discover the origin of that ancient curse, linked to a dark past.



# AWARDED BOOKS

## BREATHE WITH ME

Raffaella Romagnolo



Shortlisted for the *Premio Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi 2020*

A **compelling story** telling us that everybody has his/her own **fear** and that going through is the only way to overcome it.

Novel - 140 pages - March 2019 - € 15 - ISBN 9788832790139

Rights sold for **Diogene Edizioni - Switzerland**

**12+ years**

Suspended between rock and void, Amedeo begins climbing Punta Liberté together with his father, but the mountain is merciless and, for the two of them, has a terrible surprise in store that will change everything. Forever.

## FOR NO GOOD REASON

Benedetta Bonfiglioli



Winner of the *Andersen Award 2021*

The topic of **bullying** is the focus of a thriller story. An inspirational, **intense** and unexpected **novel**.

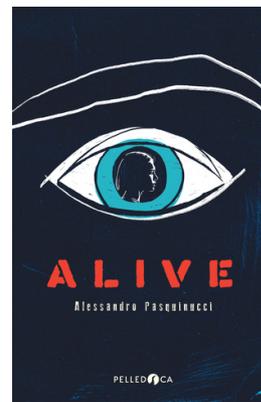
Novel - 244 pages - January 2021 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832790306

**13+ years**

Bianca has a simple life: a few friends, school, family. Since her brother moves away, however, she becomes the victim of minor incidents and more and more nastiness, until she sinks into a dark abyss.

## ALIVE

Alessandro Pasquinucci



Audiovisual rights optioned by *Fabula Pictures*

A **psychological thriller** where everything is the opposite of everything and **technology**, for better or for worse, is the real great protagonist.

Novel - 198 pages - January 2022 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832790467

**12+ years**

Six months after their last date, Giulio receives a message from Alice saying that he is in danger. He returns to Elba to discover the truth: what really happened on the night when they last met?

## I SAW YOU

Sara Colaone



Shortlisted and mention  
for the *Children's  
Literature Award 2021*

The **fears**, the worries,  
and the uncertainties of  
a **teenager** who faces  
the swings of her life.

Illustrated - 108 pages - October 2019 - € 18 - ISBN 9788832790184

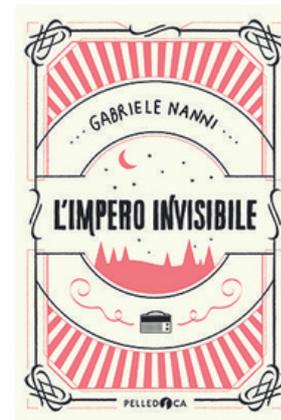
**11+ years**

A dangerous creature is said to roam the mountains. And Luce is certain she has proof of this: will she be able to find the monster?



## THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE

Gabriele Nanni



Awarded book for the  
*White Raven List 2020*

A compelling novel  
inspired by **true crime  
stories** and set in 1966,  
exactly one hundred  
years after the birth of  
**Ku Klux Klan.**

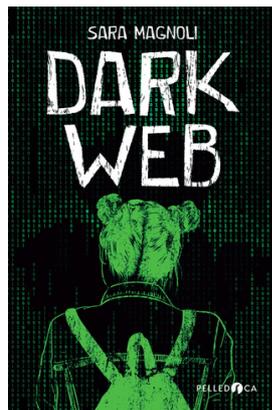
Novel - 208 pages - June 2019 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832790160

**11+ years**

In 1966, against the backdrop of a deeply racist and corrupt America, four friends find themselves involved in an affair bigger than themselves: a dark crime over which looms the menacing shadow of the Ku Klux Klan.

## DARK WEB

Sara Magnoli



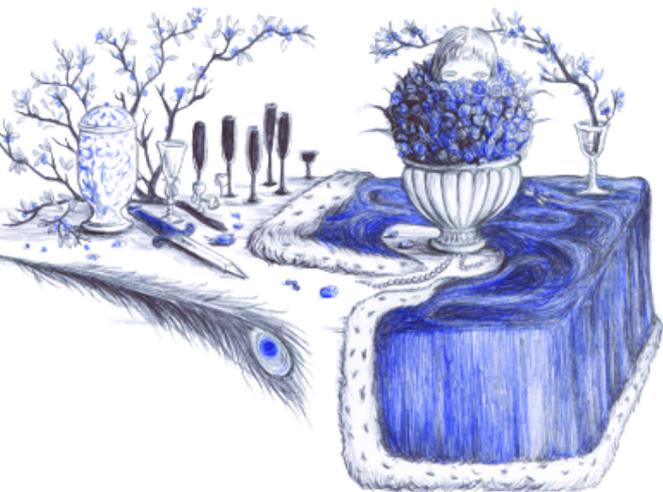
18<sup>th</sup> REPRINT

An excellent **thriller** about the **dark side** of the web.

Novel - 220 pages - January 2020 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832790207

12+ years

Eva, 14 years old, wants to become an influencer with millions of likes and is willing to do anything to achieve this. But all that glitters is not gold and she will find out for herself.



## A VERY LONG NIGHT

Annalisa Strada



7<sup>th</sup> REPRINT

By an **award-winning author**, winner of the *Andersen Award*, a thriller for teenagers with a high level of **adrenaline**.

Novel - 138 pages - March 2019 - € 15 - ISBN 9788832790146

11+ years

Nina is alone in a dark, empty house. Her mother does not answer her mobile phone, the telephone line is down and, near the tool shed, there is the corpse of a woman. It is the beginning of a long, very long night.

# BESTSELLERS

## LUNAMADRE

Teo Benedetti



7<sup>th</sup> REPRINT

A tribute to a mysterious and **thrilling land**, Sardinia, a homage to its endless world of color, sensations, traditions. The **witches** are back.

Novel - 152 pages - March 2020 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832790221

11+ years

After several years, something terrible returns to Lunamadre. Witches, ancient curses, a dark past: will Lorenzo and his friends manage to discover the truth?

## THE CASE OF ELISA P.

Chiara Cacco



4<sup>th</sup> REPRINT

A story structured like an **investigative dossier**, unfolding through chats, reports, interrogations, and letters.

Novel - 240 pages - January 2024 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832790863

12+ years

Seventeen-year-old Elisa vanishes under the red moon of the century's longest eclipse. Her abandoned bike appears by an old convent tied to a cold case. Rumors, secrets, and a mysterious note lead investigators to a group of local teens. What really happened to Elisa?

## MURDER IN THE RECIPE

Fabrizio Altieri



4<sup>th</sup> REPRINT

A **gripping mystery** set in the post-World War I era, immersing the reader in an unpredictable **hunt for the culprit**.

Novel - 180 pages - February 2023 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832790672

10+ years

Summer 1919. At a luxury seaside resort, a famed chef is found dead from multiple bee stings. Siblings Clara and Rolando, with their friend Tulletto, suspect murder. Their investigation uncovers a hidden cabin, a clever plan involving bees, and a deadly trap.

# GREAT AUTHORS

## BEATRICE MASINI

Rights sold worldwide. Author particularly popular in France and Switzerland

### BLUE. A different story of Bluebeard



Illustrated by Virginia Mori

The story of Bluebeard is one of the creepiest and scariest fairy tales ever. But in this modern rewrite Blue, his last wife, does everything she can to save herself.

12+ years

Illustrated - 78 pages - March 2017 - € 18 - ISBN 9788832790030

### CASAPELLEDOCA



Illustrated by Lorenzo Conti

Riccardo has moved from the city to the countryside, in an isolated house in the woods, where inexplicable events begin to occur. It will be up to him to solve the mystery.

8+ years

Illustrated - 78 pages - October 2019 - € 18 - ISBN 9788832790191

### THE SPIRIT OF THE WOODS



Illustrated by Edoardo Sciarra

The varvarel, a small magical creature, is said to live in the woods, far away from everyone. Apparently, no one has ever seen him. But sometimes legends come closer to reality...

7+ years

Illustrated - 64 pages - March 2022 - € 11 - ISBN 9788832790511  
High Legibility Fonts

### ORLANDO. A STORY BY VIRGINIA WOOLF AS TOLD BY BEATRICE MASINI

Illustrated by Daniela Costa

The retelling of *Orlando*, by Virginia Woolf. A delicate story of travels, poetry and the meaning of transformation.

13+ years

Illustrated - 64 pages - October 2025 - € 18 - ISBN 9788832791334





## SARA MARCONI

- Winner of the Premio Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi 2025 for *I sogni di Yume* (Lapis)
- Translated into Spanish and French.
- Sara Marconi is a sophisticated and witty children's author. In 2025, she was recognized as one of Italy's leading writers for young readers, and her career continues to rise.

## THE ISLAND OF CROWS

Sara Marconi



Illustrated - 64 pages - March 2023 - € 12 - ISBN 9788832790702  
High Legibility Fonts

**7+ years**

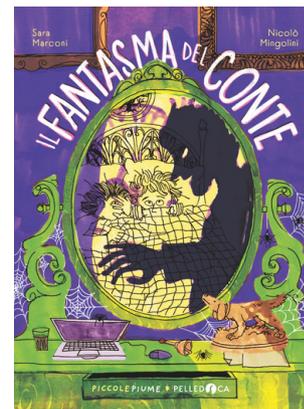
Two cousins on holiday on an island where there is nothing to do find themselves catapulted into a surprising adventure, amidst strange thefts and very suspicious encounters.

Shortlisted for the  
*Children's Literature Award*  
*Laura Orvieto 2023*

There is an isolated, old house, a little girl surrounded by crows and a **dusty island** from which you just want to **escape...** but appearances are often deceiving.

## THE COUNT'S GHOST

Sara Marconi



Illustrated - 64 pages - February 2026 - € 12 - ISBN 9788832791464  
High Legibility Fonts

**7+ years**

Nicolò's grandmother takes him and his little sister on a trip to an old, crumbling villa with such a gloomy atmosphere that it seems like the perfect place to run into a ghost.

Even the most tech kid cannot protect himself from ghosts. And apparently, **having to deal with ghosts is somewhat of a family tradition...**

Both are illustrated by Nicolò Mingolini



## ROBERTO PIUMINI

Translated into 6+ languages, including French, Dutch, Spanish, Catalan, German and English.

### PAT'S ESCAPE

Roberto Piumini



A great children's writer tells us a **gripping story** with an important theme at its heart: the widespread use of **doping** in youth **sport**.

Novel - 176 pages - March 2023 - € 16 - ISBN 9788832790696

**11+ years**

One day Patrick, known as Pat, a young promise of youth football, runs away from the most popular sports centre. But why is he running away? Who is chasing him? A relentless, borderless hunt in the heart of Europe.

### THE TRIAL OF THE FOREST

Roberto Piumini



A story for brave children, written by a **major award-winning author**, known worldwide.

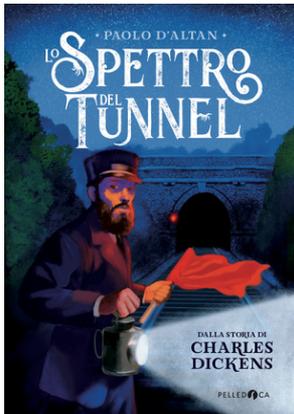
Illustrated - 56 pages - June 2024 - € 12 - ISBN 9788832791006  
High Legibility Fonts

**7+ years**

Tribes and traditions, adventures and challenges to be faced. The biggest one? The Trial of the Forest: will Umak be able to overcome it?

## THE SIGNAL-MAN

Paolo d'Altan



A **silent book** for grown-ups, based on a short story by **Charles Dickens**.

Illustrated - 104 pages - November 2023 - € 18  
ISBN 9788832790832

**13+ years**

From the top of the hill, a man spots the person guarding the entrance to the railway tunnel. One day, the signalman confesses to him that he is haunted by ghosts: are they hallucinations or is there a connection with the accidents of the last few months?

## LIKE A GHOST

Cristina Bellemo



An adventurous and tender story, written by a **Premio Andersen winner**.

Illustrated - 56 pages - March 2023 - € 12 - ISBN 9788832790917  
High Legibility Fonts

**11+ years**

During a trip to the amusement park, Milo gets lost in the crowd. He seems to have become a ghost: how come no one notices him?

## THE MISTERY OF DREAMING DOGS

Alice Keller



**Disappearing** dogs and dreaming dogs, reality and fiction. There is much to **investigate** to find out what is going on.

Illustrated - 56 pages - March 2023 - € 12 - ISBN 9788832790719  
High Legibility Fonts

**7+ years**

For some people, mystery is a magnet. Shirley Jackson, the great American writer, returns as a child to become the protagonist of an incredible story.

## THE ABOMINABLE WEREHORSE

Giuditta Campello



An old legend, a cursed valley. Has **everyone's favourite horse** become a werehorse?

Illustrated - 64 pages - February 2026 - € 12  
ISBN 9788832791471

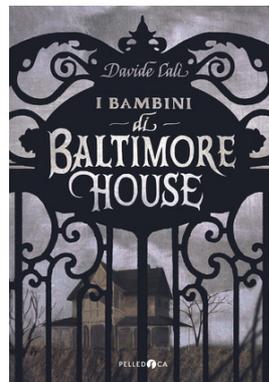
**13 + years**

Where has Arci, the most beloved horse at the stable, gone? And what does the ancient legend of the werehorse have to do with it? Bea, Lubna, Leo, and Manuel must come up with something to get him out of trouble.

**Author that has already been translated into Dutch, Spanish and Catalan.**

## THE KIDS OF BALTIMORE HOUSE

Davide Cali



Mysterious apparitions in a disused hotel resurrect an old story about **a former hospital for children with rare deformities.**

Illustrated - 78 pages - November 2022 - € 18 - ISBN 9788832790313

**12 + years**

**Illustrated by Riccardo Renzi**

**Award-winning author, particularly popular in France, Belgium and USA**



## SERIES FOR EARLY READERS

### NASO AND BECCO

Lodovica Cima



Illustrated - 32 pages - € 12

ISBN 9788832791259 - Naso and Becco. The Stolen Cake

ISBN 9788832791266 - Naso and Becco. Trap in the Woods

ISBN 9788832791051 - Naso and Becco. The Midnight Letters

ISBN 9788832791068 - Naso and Becco. Jar Operation

5+ years

Illustrated by Valeria Valenza

Two series specifically designed for very early readers, focusing on features that make reading smoother and more enjoyable: ample white space to rest the eyes, **high readability** through font choice, line spacing, and alignment, simple and concise story writing, full-color illustrations with clear outlines, and a **balanced interplay between text and images**, where illustrations act as a parallel language to enrich the story.



Investigations and **adventures in the woods** for very early readers who feel like **young detectives**.

### LES TROIS MOUSTACHES

Maddalena Schiavo



Three funny mice run a **detective agency in Paris!** They run through the town, solving a case after another.

Illustrated - 48 pages - € 12

ISBN 9788832791365 Les Trois Moustaches. The Mont-Blanc Mystery

ISBN 9788832791358 Les Trois Moustaches. The Mystery of the Furry Carpet

ISBN 9788832791075 Les Trois Moustache. The Mystery of the Nibblebones

ISBN 9788832791082 Les Trois Moustaches. The Mystery of the Ink Perfume

6+ years

Illustrated by Francesca Carabelli





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