



## When Grow Up, I Want to Be

(Arabic book, English cover mockup)

Written by Mona Karaoui

Illustrated by Siwar Kraytem

Release Date: October 27th, 2018

Hardcover & Softcover/40 pp/22x28 cm

Ages: 7+

ISBN 978-9953-9033-0-9

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Do you dream about exploring space someday? Or taking photos of wildlife? Or leading an orchestra? "When I Grow Up, I Want To Be..." is a book that takes young readers with big ambitions on a journey of exciting and diverse professions. It subtly subverts gender stereotypes along the way, through portrayals of figures like female firefighters and male nurses.



## Swingers, Clingers and Other Amazing Animals in Motion

Written by Racha Mourtada

Illustrated by Elia Tawil

Release Date: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – (Arabic version released on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020)

Hardcover/64 pp/ 24 x 24 cm/Ages: 7+

ISBN 978-9953-0-4394-4

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Have you ever wondered how a monkey swings through the trees, or how a gecko can cling upside down to a leaf? 'Swingers, Clingers and Other Amazing Animals in Motion' explores the wonderful ways animals move, from leaping lemurs to crawling crabs and more! With lush illustrations and simple explanations of animal locomotion, this book will delight animal enthusiasts of all ages.

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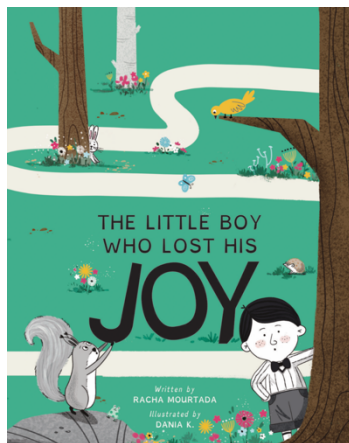
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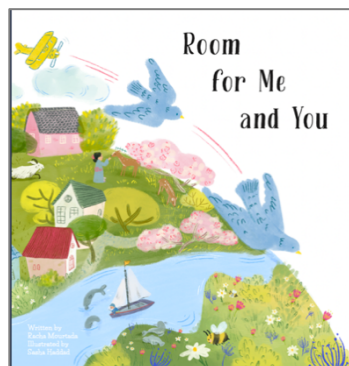


**NEW RELEASE!!**

**The Little Boy Who Lost His Joy**

Written by Racha Mourtada  
 illustrated by Dania K.  
 Release Date: May 2025  
 Hardcover/40pp/20x25 cm/Ages: 5+  
 ISBN 978-9953-9045-0-4  
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Squirrel has forgotten where he’s buried his nuts, and as he scampers across the forest to find them, he encounters Little Boy, who has lost his joy... a far more serious problem. The two embark on a heartwarming quest to recover what they have lost, only to realize that nuts (and joy) are all around, if you just know where to look.



**Room for Me and You**

Written by Racha Mourtada; Illustrated by Sasha Haddad  
 Release Date: June 11, 2022  
 Hardcover/32 pp/26x26 cm/Ages: 5+  
 ISBN 978-9953-9033-6-1  
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Once upon a pandemic, the animals came out to play while we humans were away, including three goats that– frankly–think it’s much nicer when we’re not around.

Yes, we’re not good at sharing this beautiful planet we call home, but surely we can find ways to make it an inviting place for everyone?



**I'll Love You from Afar**

Written by Racha Mourtada  
 Illustrated by Sasha Haddad  
 Release Date: Oct. 15, 2020 (Arabic version released Aug. 1, 2023)  
 Hardcover & Softcover/32 pp/26x26 cm  
 Ages: 5+  
 ISBN 978-9953-9033-4-7  
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We all feel like we’ve missed out on our fair share of hugs and affection this year because of the coronavirus. With whimsical illustrations and rhyming text, “I’ll Love You from Afar” is an ode to all the wonderful ways we can still love each other while we’re apart–like using singing whales and writing notes in the stars!



**55 slightly sinister stories**

Written by Racha Mourtada; Illustrated by Lynn Atme  
 Release Date: June 19, 2019  
 Hardcover/128 pp/16x20 cm  
 ISBN 978-9953-9033-1-6  
 RIGHTS SOLD: WORLD ENGLISH

55 stories. 55 words each. No more. No less. Size does matter in these delightfully tiny tales populated with narcoleptic drivers, bickering bakers, suspicious spouses and other memorable characters. Full of dark humour, intrigue and absurdity, this collection of slightly sinister stories delivers a bite-size reading experience to satisfy any literary craving.