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NEW FICTION



AGAINST THE FLOW

Dennis Heijn

Against the Flow is a fast-paced, realistic, and thrilling novel with strong characters whose thoughts and actions you can empathize greatly with. The subject lends itself extremely well to press attention, the style and quality of the book make it commercially attractive for a large audience, and the author has an interesting personal history and is able to support the international promotion of his book.

To be published in 2024
ca. 64,000 words

**English AI translation
available**

**Film rights under option
before publication**

Does every mean justify the greater end? Is a kidnapping justified to urge immediate action climate change? These are the questions in *Against the Flow* by Dennis Heijn. And the question he poses is extremely urgent: every IPCC report is more alarming than the previous one, climate activists glue themselves to cultural masterpieces, Don't Look Up was a highly successful Netflix film, members of the Dutch group Extinction Rebellion occupy a motorway with a sit-in, and in the German town of Lützerath police violence is used to end the occupation of a coal mine.

Meanwhile, the answers given by the companies that are responsible for the current climate crisis are either greenwashed or downright (and blissful) ignorant. In a recent interview in a national newspaper, former Shell CEO Jeroen van der Veer demonstrated this indifference, which was met with an overall and viral outrage. Clearly, the powers that be are not convinced of the necessity of change. Is kidnapping then a justified action to convince the fossil industry of this necessity?



- **A realistic thriller that sets out to expose the hypocrisy of the fossil industry.**
- **The author has personally experienced a kidnapping case, which is very rare in The Netherlands. He is the son of the former Ahold CEO Gerrit Jan Heijn, whose kidnapping in the 1980's quickly turned fatal.**

FICTION | THRILLER | ACTIVISM

NEW NON- FICTION



TRICKY TIMES

Navigating the Messy Middle of Liminal Change

Jitske Kramer

Travel along through the confusing liminal times—a complex transitional phase in which the world seems to be playing with its own rules.

Every major transformation requires letting go of what is familiar, moving boundaries, challenging the status quo, mocking sacred symbols, and questioning authority.

Navigate through *Tricky Times* and discover the fascinating dynamics of change in which we hide behind false securities and are easily seduced by illusions, wild stories, and wonderful promises. The uncertain liminal times of change is the playground for tempting tricksters, experts in manipulating the truth. But they are not our biggest threat, those are the ones who are unable to resist their temptations. Which is nearly all of us.

In *Tricky Times* Jitske Kramer compellingly unravels the human patterns of radical change. Her book offers understanding and reads like an adventure novel, filled with opportunities, dangers, and temptations for this troubled in-between time of transformations. With inspiring insights from Anthropology and various cultures around the world. Jitske makes a passionate plea for better understanding, action, and courageous leadership to go right through the turbulence of transitions. The end is not yet in sight and we have lost our way, but we are not lost.

Jitske Kramer is an anthropologist, international speaker, best-selling author and founder of Human Dimensions. Her previous titles, which include *The Corporate Tribe*, *Building Tribes*, *Deep Democracy*, *Jam Cultures* and *Work Has Left the Building*, have sold more than 150,000 copies and have been translated into English, German, Vietnamese and Russian.

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288 pages | ca. 80,000 words

**Full English translation
available**

Dutch edition published by
Boom Publishers



WRITING TOWARDS CONSCIOUSNESS

Finding Your True Story

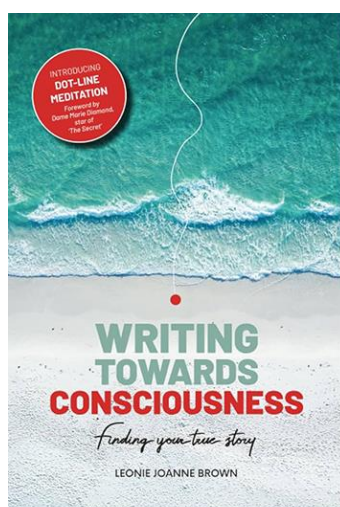
Leonie Joanne Brown

Published in July 2023
272 pages | ca. 80,000 words

**Full English translation
available**

Over 5,000 copies sold

Dutch edition published by
Altamira/Gottmer



‘This is the Belgian Julia Cameron.’ — Reader’s review

Who are you really? Why are you here? What’s your life’s purpose? Writing Towards Consciousness takes you on a deeply transforming writing journey to your true self. It’s an open invitation to reshape the story of your life.

Embrace the author’s voice and guidance to break free from limiting beliefs and patterns, allowing you to create the life you truly desire. If you are longing for depth and connection then this is for you! Whether or not you are an experienced writer, this book will guide you through a widely tested step-by-step inner process towards a happier, fulfilling, more creative life.

Leonie Joanne Brown is a Transformational Writing Coach and pioneer in her field. As an expert and trainer in Systemic Coaching and Book, Business and Family Constellations, she has helped thousands of individuals to break through their limitations, guiding them towards a more creative and successful life.

‘Beautifully written, very powerful, and healing!’ — Ken Honda, Happy Money Mentor and Japan’s bestselling zen millionaire

‘A testament to the transformative power of writing and the human creative spirit.’ — Dame Marie Diamond, Feng Shui Master, global best-selling author, and star of *The Secret*

‘A valuable resource for anyone seeking to live a more conscious and fulfilling life.’ — Yiannis Michael, healer and speaker, bestselling author of *Repaint Your Life*

CREATIVE WRITING | SPIRITUALITY

GUIDEBOOK HUMAN RECHARGING SPACES

Renate van der Veen

***Guidebook Human Recharging Spaces* is a practical guide for organizing better gatherings, meetings, and places.**

‘Humans can get through anything as long as we’re together. This lovely and skillful collection of practices and processes is a real gift to teams seeking to do meaningful work—together. I appreciate both the generosity and experience of Renate in creating such a practical and helpful guide.’ — **Margaret Wheatley**, author of *Leadership and the New Science*

Why are you bursting with energy from one meeting and drained from another? What is the difference between a regular gathering and a memorable convention? An unforgettable party, a wonderful evening with friends, a memorable conversation, or a valuable meeting.

Especially nowadays, when things change fast and we are running from one thing to another—even virtually—, special gatherings are an important source of energy and pleasure. Not just in your private life, but also in your work or at your school. That is why I wrote this guidebook to explore how you give your gatherings that special quality.

Renate van der Veen is an expert and coach in dialogue, and shares in this book the essential elements for creating energy-giving gatherings. Recharging spaces seem to have specific characteristics, often a mixture of being able to completely be yourself and experiencing togetherness at the same time. But how do you achieve this?

Published in March 2023

112 pages | ca. 20,000 words

Full English AI translation available

Dutch edition published by Santasado



KEEP THE GOOD, DITCH THE BAD

There is more between divorce and staying put

Susanne Maris

Published in September 2023
196 pages | ca. 35,000 words

Dutch edition published by
Van Duuren Media

You and your partner are a great team, you have a lovely family, and you care for each other. But the spark is gone. You think about divorce but you don't want to do that and dread the evening that you are having dinner in front of the television alone, when the rest of the family is eating together a few blocks away.

And with a divorce you would throw away everything that is good too. So you consider staying but the thought of keeping the status quo for another twenty years creates a feeling of unrest.

If this sounds familiar, you're not alone. But the good news is that you don't have to divorce or postpone that decision for the children's sake. Lose the cliché solutions and make your own decisions. Discover how you can redesign the relationship with your partner in order to keep the family happy, the relationship friendly, and create room for new love.

Keep the Good, Ditch the Bad is the only book that makes you reimagine a relationship where you don't have to choose between divorce or staying put and create the form that fits your needs. Learn how to blow up your relationship, maintain it, remain a strong team together, and stay in touch with your children so that you don't have to miss them every other week.

Psychologist **Susanne Maris** discovered through trial and error how to reshape your relationship. Six years ago she decided to continue to function as a family after their divorce and now she has a happy situation with both the children and their father. Her book *Keep the Good, Ditch the Bad* helps you do the same.



SUPER SLEEP

Practical Lifestyle-Principles for Your Best Sleep Ever, revised edition

Floris Wouterson

Sleep is fundamental for excellent achievements, it is more important than food and exercise combined. If you have a demanding job, if you are an entrepreneur, if you work nightshifts, or if you are a professional athlete, than sleep is essential.

Without a good night you will make rash decisions, increase the chance of making mistakes at work, be more prone to car accidents, and have a forty percent higher chance of (sports) injuries.

If you identify sleeping problems in advance you can prevent (long-term) absence. Good sleep is the key factor for quicker recovery, agile employees, and increased happiness at work. One bad night is not a problem, but long-term sleeping problems increase your chances of a burnout or prediabetes. Stressed out, having difficulty falling asleep, waking up in a broken condition? Then this is the book for you!

‘What makes this book even more useful is that Wouterson quickly introduces the methods to achieve deep and restorative sleep.’ — **NRC Handelsblad**

‘I know from experience how important sleep and recovery are. This book shows a fun and accessible way to improve your performance drastically with sleep and recovery. I recommend the tips from the revised edition.’ — **Mark Tuitert**, Olympic ice skating Champion

‘*Super Sleep* offers a refreshing perspective on sleep and how to optimize it. Written in a practical manner, yet it reads like a novel.’ — **Prof. Johan Verbraecken**, Academic Hospital Antwerp Sleep Center Medical Coordinator

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240 pages | ca. 45,000 words

Over 5,000 copies sold

Dutch edition published by
Van Duuren Media



FULL-TIME ADVENTURESS

About leaving everything behind and the search for ultimate freedom

Tamar Valkenier

Published in April 2021
280 pages | ca. 90,000 words

Over 30,000 copies sold

**English sample translation
available**

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Verlag

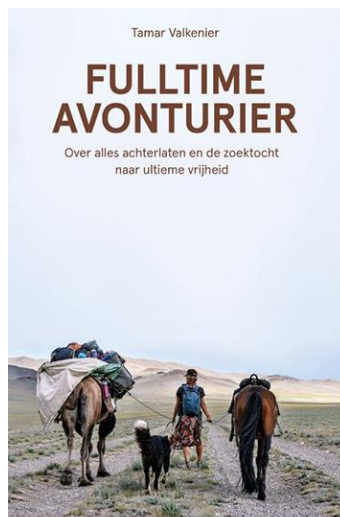
Dutch edition published by
Kosmos

**An inspiring story about leaving everything behind
and the search for ultimate freedom.**

A Criminal Psychologist for the Dutch National Police turned full-time nomad. At the age of 28 Tamar Valkenier made the decision to leave it all behind. To give up her material possessions and to walk away from a highly regarded career toward a life of uncertainty. To explore a different reality beyond the horizon. A journey that was only supposed to last a year, is still ongoing eight years later.

From her home town in the Netherlands Tamar's journey takes her across Europe to Istanbul by bicycle as she discovers and simultaneously pushes her physical and psychological limits. From tearful and often confusing goodbyes we share her apprehension of the unknown, follow as her confidence and skillset grows and experience the unimaginable fulfillment of a completely new existence.

The book does not just describe Tamar's experiences in a personal and detailed manner, it is also a testimony to her evolution from a career woman to a full-time adventures. Learning to trust her heart and following it to some of the most remote corners of the globe, connecting with ancient people and ancient wisdom. Celebrating life and asking the uncomfortable but necessary questions to unlock the limitless potential inside us all.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY | BESTSELLERS | PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT | TRAVEL

BLOOD AND HONEY

Encounters on the Borders in the Balkan Region

Irene van der Linde & Nicole Segers

'Everybody should read this book about a deserted corner of Europe. *Blood and Honey* is excellent journalistic history writing.' — *NRC Handelsblad* *****

Blood and Honey is a road story through the countries of the former Yugoslavia and Albania in which the authors travel through a fragmented region in which they meet people who tell about their past, present and future and the sobering reality of nationalism put into practice and the effects on daily life.

'Don't think that I can't happen here, that there can never be a war. The world you are living in and you think is normal, can be gone in one second. Nobody believed it, we didn't either, but still it happened.' — Jesenko Galijašević, historian from Sarajevo

In *Blood and Honey*, author Irene van der Linde and photographer Nicole Segers travel across quiet roads and barren highlands, through dark gorges and abandoned villages. They visit cities with magical names like Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Skopje, Ohrid and Tirana. They show the world of ordinary people with an extraordinary history. People that dream, fight, fear, and struggle with their fate. Like a choir, their different voices and melodies describe their lives, about hope and disappointment, passion and weariness. About how their world fell to pieces in fragments, which is a danger that is threatening other European societies as well.

'Van der Linde's calm and honest slow journalism fits Segers's beautiful images wonderfully. You can look and read endlessly.' — *de Volkskrant*

Published in August 2020
688 pages | ca. 90,000 words
With photographs

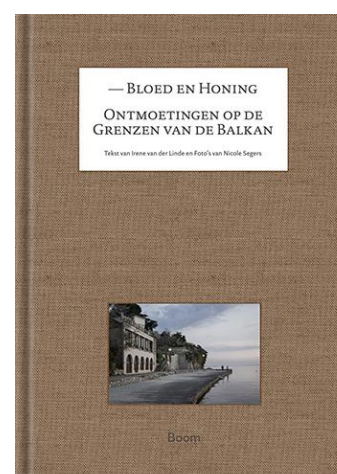
English sample translation available

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Winner of Dutch Photobook Award 2021 for Best Text/Photobook

Selected as one of the ten most beautiful photo books by *de Volkskrant*

Dutch edition published by Boom Publishers



BEYOND BORDERS

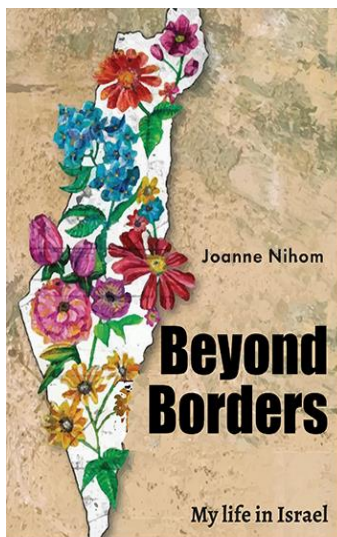
About the usual and unusual challenges of my life in Israel

Joanne Nihom

Published in March 2021
272 pages | ca. 70,000 words

**Full English translation
available**

Dutch edition published by
Kok/Boekencentrum



A ground-breaking book about people who are making a difference

Beyond Borders is a unique book about Israel. About a situation in which we often forget to take the people in the situation into consideration.

Joanne Nihom firmly puts the perspective and focus back on the people, Israelis and Palestinians, who need and provide the hope and initiatives that keep them alive. From joint Israeli and Palestinian initiatives, to a hospital clown from Gaza, and a Druze woman who went into politics.

In *Beyond Borders*, Joanne Nihom shows what is happening in Israel, the country where she lives. She writes about the positive initiatives and inspiring people who often don't get mentioned in the media. As a Jewish woman, she shows her vulnerability in a society that is sometimes complicated for her to live in.

The stories are about connection, about the ordinary and the unusual, and the challenges of the region. "I hope *Beyond Borders* crosses a line, triggers something. That it will show how challenging it is to divide things in 'right' and 'wrong'. In the palette of beautiful people, it is the shades of color that are part of a fantastic, but very complex society."

'Joanne's ability to be loyal to Israel and at the same time to have respect for the feelings of its non-Jewish population gives it precisely the voice of moderation that is heard too little.' — **Bart Wallet**, Professor of Jewish Studies, Early Modern and Modern Jewish History

THE FOREBEARERS

Of A New Society

Jelleke de Nooy van Tol

We all want a better world: well-being instead of prosperity, work that is meaningful and satisfying, healthy food, and sufficient income. We just don't know how to achieve this in a world that no longer seems to offer these opportunities.

Yet it is possible and it is already happening! *The Forebearers* shows that many people, companies, and organizations are already building this new regenerative society, we just don't see them yet. This book wants to make visible how much beautiful things are already happening around us.

The people in this book tell how they made it happen. This offers perspective, relief, and inspiration. All those people and groups work and live with the Ubuntu principle: We Are. You are connected to yourself, to your environment, to nature, and to the Earth. We are moving away from the 'I' and moving into the era of 'we', the community. We are the regeneration.

'This is the most positive book of 2023!' — Reader's review

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224 pages | ca. 80,000 words

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Santasado



BEHIND THE DOORS

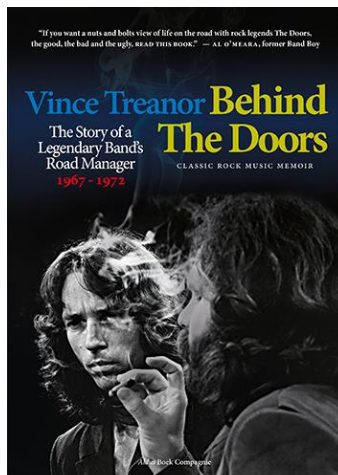
The Story of a Legendary Band's Road Manager 1967 - 1972

Vincent Treanor III

Published in November 2022
522 pages | ca. 220,000 words
With photographs

**Full English manuscript
available**

English and Dutch editions
published by Aldus Boek
Compagnie



'When you read my book, I hope you enjoy the journey as much as I did. It is a shame it all had to end in a double tragedy: Jim Morrison's failing and demise and the alteration in the format of The Doors. Had they gone on with the addition of a singer with the qualities of Jim, I guess I would be the oldest Road Manager in the business.'
— **Vince Treanor**

In his long-awaited, fascinating “tell-all” memoir, Vince Treanor, former Road Manager of The Doors, opens up—in a mildly and viciously critical tone—about the sometimes harsh reality behind the seemingly glamorous pop star life surrounding America’s most popular and successful rock group The Doors.

Spiced with technical details, never-before-told inside information, the names of hitherto anonymous “Band Boys” (roadies) and his observations in recording studios and on the stages of clubs and concert halls, Vince Treanor writes, straight from the heart, his very personal account of his first attempts to be allowed to work for The Doors, his love and respect for the band, their highs and lows, and the inevitable downfall of this psychedelic classic rock band that achieved a legendary status, and still influences the rock music world of today.

Behind The Doors: the reflections of Vince Treanor, who, through the strangest of events and twists of fate, worked for The Doors as their Road Manager during almost their entire career.

(AUTO)BIOGRAPHY | HISTORY | MUSIC

MIND THE MUSIC

On Improvisation, Music and the Brain

Arthur C. Jaschke

Intuition and improvisation turn out to be critical to understanding our own embodied cognition. We have hunches in a way that computers do not.

Music has a way of minding our brains, and *Mind the Music* explores the effects that it has on our cognition, emotion, and behaviour. As well as into the fabric of our culture, music is woven into the fabric of our humanity—but where does it come from, and how does it help us to learn?

But as technology takes over what were once human tasks, there is a temptation and even tendency to enjoy our creature comforts while neglecting our natural faculties. So how do we re-learn the ability to improvise, to help us find our place in the nexus of human and machine?

Mind the Music is a reminder that it is important to keep your brain active, and an argument for the glory of intuitive choices. It dares you to improvise and dance to the music of the mind

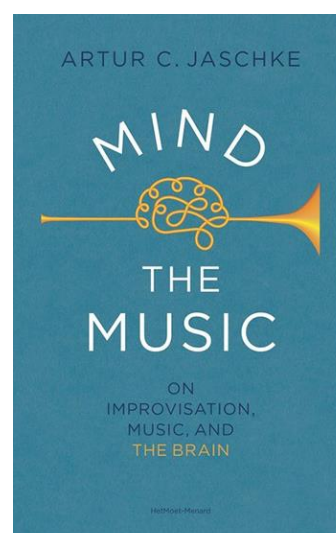
Artur Jaschke studied Double-Bass and Drums at Dartington College of Arts in the UK. He holds a PhD in clinical Neuropsychology, specialised in clinical Neuromusicology, is lector Music-based Therapies and Interventions, and Ecologies of clinical Neuromusicology, as well as clinical Research Fellow cognitive neuroscience of music at the Cambridge Institute for Music Therapy Research and Groningen University. He speaks English, German, Polish, and Dutch.

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Full English translation available

English edition published by
Menard Press

Dutch edition published by
Het Moet



RUN FROM THE WATER

Linda Westendorp

Published in December 2021
240 pages | ca. 78,000 words

**Full German translation
available**

Dutch edition published by
Growing Stories



[A group of six tour guides is celebrating Christmas Eve on a Thai beach in 2004. The toast to their lives by the azure water beneath the palm trees and amongst the ecstatic vacationers.](#)

The next day their paradise is hit by one of the biggest disasters in recent history, killing 230,000 people. The merry 'Team Phuket' instantly transforms into an untrained emergency battalion at the bizarre battlefield left behind by the sea. They rescue guests, search for missing people, and inform relatives of terrible news. They quickly learn that there is a thin line between life and death which isn't very clear at all. And that a disaster will bring out the best and worst in people. One tourist takes care of dozens of injured people, and on the same spot another demands a refund for their 'inconveniences'.

They support each other during that insane week to prevent personal meltdowns. The disaster will for always bind them. When the group gets back together again after many years, they realize that they can only truly speak with one another about the horrendous days after the tsunami.

One of them, Linda, documents everything the group experienced. *Run From the Water* is a immersive story about life and death, giving and taking, friendship and loss.

(AUTO)BIOGRAPHY

CRASH

Some people need a brush with death to start living

Niek van den Adel & Peter Smolders

This is not another story about someone who gets into a single-vehicle accident and sees the light. This is Niek's story. A story about love, pain, dead sperm, power, a puppy, inclusivity, perseverance, humor and success.

Aged 28, Niek van den Adel takes a nosedive while riding his motorcycle. It causes paraplegia, leaving him paralyzed from the chest down. Plus something extra: he has a syrinx, a cavity within the spinal cord that continuously threatens the body parts that do still work. According to Niek, paraplegia and a syrinx are the perfect combination for only the toughest guys. But as long as you can live with it, you'd better do so, he says. And in that case, you'd better do it good.

So five years later, he is married to his occupational therapist, has become dad of twins, has a house being built, delivers speeches to thousands of people as a coach and motivator, teaches senior-level executives about inclusivity and writes an insanely popular blog. His motto: happiness is not in your legs. Happiness is a choice.

Niek van den Adel is a popular speaker on leadership, customer focus, inspiration, care, and change for corporate and private events in the Netherlands and abroad. *Crash* was his first book, a remarkable story on love, pain, inactive sperm, power, a puppy, hospitality, perseverance, humor, and success.

'A touching, moving, inspiring story without being the least bit sentimental. Niek is my hero!' — *Men's Health*

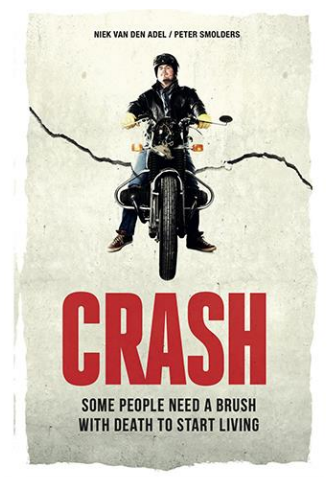
'You'll alternate between tears of pity and tears of laughter. It's hard not to cry while reading this book.' — *De Telegraaf*

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Over 20,000 copies sold

Full English translation available

English and Dutch editions
published by Growing Stories



(AUTO)BIOGRAPHY | BESTSELLERS

THE ADVERSARY

A Life with the Church of Satan

Fred Baggen

Published in December 2018
876 pages | ca. 300,000 words
With photographs

Dutch edition published by
Aldus Boek Compagnie



Perhaps Maarten J. Lamers (b. 1947) is the last Dutch adventurer, artist, and entrepreneur for whom anyone had the courage to write a biography on.

Lamers, once the Magister Templi of the Church of Satan, is so much more than just the former leader of the Grotto Magistratis Amsterdam who built an erotic-occult empire in the 1970s and 1980s with resourcefulness and swagger, bamboozled the police and tax authorities, and to whom newspapers devoted many columns on a weekly (sometimes daily) basis.

In *The Adversary* all the myths and secrets of this enfant terrible are revealed: from the moment he was thirteen, lived on Mallorca and caught the eyes of all the girls of Mallorca and Spain with his stage act as a rock 'n roll singer, followed by successes in Amsterdam as an actor, comedian, theater director, and founder of the world's first sex theater.

In the early 1970s, Lamers booked the American nude revue *Oh! Calcutta!* for stages in the Netherlands which instantly made him a celebrity as willful and independent director of ground-breaking theater, with commotion and parliamentary questions guaranteed.

In San Francisco, Lamers met Anton Szandor LaVey, the founder of the Church of Satan, who promptly appointed the Dutch theater maker as a high priest. Back in the Netherlands he founded the Dutch Chapter, but from 1980 it became a thematic sex empire in the Amsterdam red light district. In the mid-1980s, Lamers briefly was the director of the erotic Casa Rosso theater and a pioneer in exploiting the highly profitable telephone sex lines. In 1988 Lamers traded his black-red cape for comfortable business suits and he became the CEO of companies like Antillephone (phone sex) and Monacall (communication services and telephone casino) with which he earned the Big Bucks.

(AUTO)BIOGRAPHY | HISTORY

I KNOW I'M RIGHT

*Conflicts of gifted children and conflicts with gifted children;
theory and practice for teachers, parents, and counselors*

Ido van der Waal & Noks Nauta

What do giftedness in children and conflict have to do with each other? Differences of opinion and conflict are part of our daily lives from an early age. As children, we already argue with our parents, siblings, friends and teachers.

There are different ways to deal with disagreements and arguments. This can have many consequences and be life defining. Escalated disagreements become conflicts and lead to sometimes years of separation and behavior modification resulting in grief and damage.

Many factors determine how conflicts are handled, such as culture, age, gender, etc., but also how we think. The gifted think quickly and complexly. Our practical experience and information from research shows that the gifted (more than average) are strongly guided in their opinion formed by their value system. This regularly exceeds their own interests.

This book aims to create more awareness of the positive meaning of disagreements but also of the consequences of often unnecessarily escalated conflicts. And the book offers ways to learn from these situations and to prevent escalation and damage. The way gifted people handle conflict can be life defining at an early age.

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**Full English manuscript
available**



BETTER WORLD BOOKS



THE BOOK OF IDEALS

How to Change Yourself and the World

Marnix Geus

Would you like to be meaningful, but you don't know how to realize your ideals? This guide shows you the way. How to change yourself and the world.

'Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.' — Rumi

Our planet is crying out for do-gooders of all colors and sizes. Fortunately, there are people everywhere who change tack, urge their employer to do things differently and, if necessary, quit their job. One climbs the Himalayas for a good cause, the other starts a social enterprise. Do you also have an ideal and could you use some help? Then take advantage of all the tips and inspiring stories in this book.

According to Marnix Geus, nothing is more motivating than an ideal. Candid and with a sense of humor, Geus shows in *The Book of Ideals* that no journey is ideal, but if you allow your journey to be guided by ideals, you can be sure that it will become more beautiful, for yourself and for others.

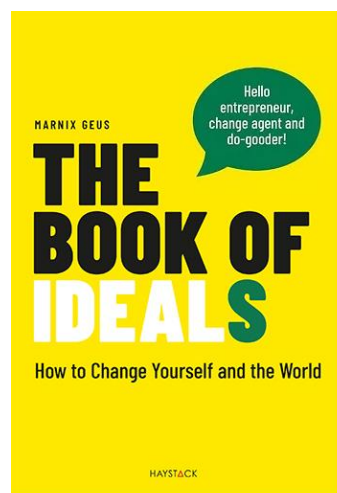
If you have ideals, and you could use some help to realize them, you can benefit from the tips and inspiring stories from *The Book of Ideals*. With a foreword by Rich and Yvonne St. John-Dutra (California) from Challenge Day (featured on Oprah), and contributions from Jacqueline Way (Vancouver) and Jeena Earthiva (Mumbai).

'This book is a precious gift to anyone ready to be inspired and ignited by people's passions and Dreams. A valuable book in times like these.' — **Yvonne & Rich Dutra-St John**, cofounders of Challenge Day & The Be the Change Movement

Published in June 2022
224 pages | ca. 45,000 words

Full English translation available

Dutch edition published by Haystack



FREE, EQUAL, AND TOGETHER

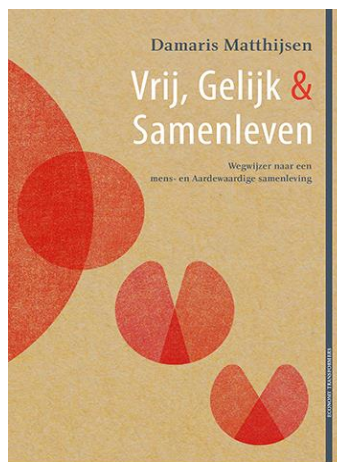
Guide Towards a Society and Economy, Beneficial to Human and Planet

Damaris Matthijsen

Published in August 2022
420 pages | ca. 119,000 words

**Full English AI translation
available**

Dutch edition published by
Santasado



More and more people long for a society and economy that benefit all humans and the Earth. Damaris Matthijsen offers in this book new ideas, concepts, and methods to create such a world: the Free-Equal-Together society.

She describes a clear way out of the systematic crises and offers practical exercises to take steps ourselves, really letting us experience a feeling of freedom, equality, and togetherness.

Crucial in this is the transformation of ownership and control of our commons: land, labor, and capital. Managed by people, not by the market or the state. PartnerShip is the form of cooperation with which we can retrieve our way towards love and trust, creativity and unity. And relearn how to take care of the whole from within.

Free, Equal, and Together is for everyone who searches for ways to work towards a society that honors all life.

‘Damaris is the Kate Raworth of the Netherlands.’ — **Leonie van der Steen**, Squarewise

‘Damaris is not afraid to ask the truly fundamental questions to rethink our economy radically. But she makes it practical at the same time. She challenges the reader to start from human values and translates them into new relations for ownership and legal structures. A must-read for anyone who wants to see how people are working on a better world—far below the radar of the large corporates.’ — **Rutger Claassen**, professor Political Philosophy and Economic Ethics at the Utrecht University

MEDICINE: PRESCRIPTION VS. HEALING?

A new way to approach chronic conditions

Lieneke van de Griendt

We studied medicine, but do we really cure people?

Lieneke van de Griendt has been a general practitioner since 1995 and has observed that many patients with chronic diseases don't fully recover despite all the medical efforts. There are drugs prescribed to suppress the symptoms, but the illness maintains, leaving the patients to take their medicine for the rest of their lives. But what exactly goes wrong inside the patients' bodies and why is it happening?

If we know this, we could cure our patients' health with chronic diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular disease, multiple sclerosis, rheumatism, thyroid problems or even psychological complaints, without drugs. So, do we study Medicine, or do we study Health?

This book is a must-read for every doctor who is wondering whether prescribing medicine really contributes to curing their patients. By diving into the basic subjects of medical education (like biochemistry, physiology and immunology) and studying a new field – the microbiome (healthy gut bacteria) – Lieneke van de Griendt is searching for answers. In clear and transparent language and easy explanations, this book is also very interesting for the patient who wants to make the right decisions for his or her own natural recovery.

Published in March 2020

256 pages | ca. 55,000 words

Over 5,000 copies sold

Full English AI translation available

Dutch edition published by S2 Publishers



BESTSELLERS



HAVE I GOT DIRT FOR YOU

Using Office Gossip to Your Advantage

Dominique J. Darmon

“Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead.” – Benjamin Franklin

While gossiping doesn't have a great reputation, research shows that it is inevitable and can actually have a positive contribution to organizations.

According to Dominique Darmon, there is an optimal balance we call the 'sweet spot' of gossip. Colleagues who never gossip are quickly considered to be socially incompetent and people who spend their time chatting away by the coffee machine, are judged as untrustworthy.

Have I Got Dirt For You is filled with scientific insights, real-life examples, and gossip situations from movies, series, and literature. With the help of this book you will learn everything about this inevitable form of communication. And about all the aspects that have an important role in the art of gossiping: finding the perfect balance is the key to success.

Dominique J. Darmon have been a senior lecturer at the Hague University of Applied Sciences. She teaches International Communication Management and is a member of the Change Management research group.

“I love this book! Dominique Darmon has done a terrific job of illuminating why you must be in the know at work and how you can do it respectfully and with integrity.” — **Dr. Lois Frankel**, author of the *New York Times* bestselling book *Nice Girls Still Don't Get the Corner Office*

Published in September 2022
224 pages | ca. 80,000 words

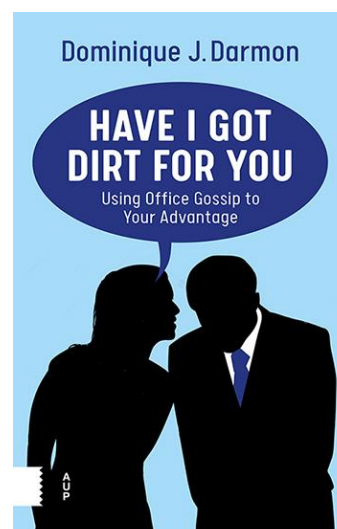
Full English Manuscript available

Awarded Silver Medal from the Axiom Business Book Awards

Shortlisted for Book of the Year by the Order of Organizational Advisors

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MEET YOUR INNER FAMILY

Achieve Your True Potential

Arienne Klijn

Published in September 2012
166 pages | ca. 45,000 words

Over 12,000 copies sold

**Full English translation
available**

Dutch edition published by S2
Publishers

- Do you find it difficult to accept your own attributes or other's?
- Do you have a tough time making decisions?
- Would you like to have a loving relationship but don't know how?
- Is it hard for you to relax?
- Are you unsatisfied with your current job, but don't know how to change?
- Do you take care of others but not of yourself?

Then it is time to meet the shields of your inner family. The model works very easy: everyone has an inner family (boy, girl, man, woman) and if you understand how to deal with your family and the families of others, you will understand and change yourself and others much easier.

Arienne Klijn is psychologist and creator of the Shield of Your Inner Family method.

'Knowledge of the self is the path towards healing and inner growth. Arienne Klijn knows like no other how this works and offers an inspiring, heartfelt, and powerful method to become your own coach.' — Susan Smit



SOUVENIRS

Better After Bataclan

Ferry Zandvliet

Ferry is a 'grumpy old guy'. He is angry. He is angry with his environment, his parents' divorce, angry with everything that goes wrong, with the world at large.

That stops on November 13th 2015. He and his friends are in the audience at a concert in the Parisian Bataclan theater when three men with Kalashnikovs open fire in the packed hall. Ferry sees and feels how dozens of people around him are killed. And for a moment he is sure that his life has ended as well. But crawling through the blood and bodies he miraculously escapes.

The experience changes his life. His anger slowly turns into appreciation and forgiveness, he even befriends the father of one of the attackers. He shares his story of optimism with a growing audience and changes from a 'grumpy old guy' into an inspirator.

This book describes Ferry's experiences of that terrible Friday evening and the five years that follow. Experiences he wouldn't want anyone to have, but also with the consequences he never wanted to miss out on.

'*Souvenirs* is a lesson in accepting the inevitable and forgiving the unforgivable. Five stars, compliments!' — **Eric van 't Zelfde**, Head Master of the Dream School

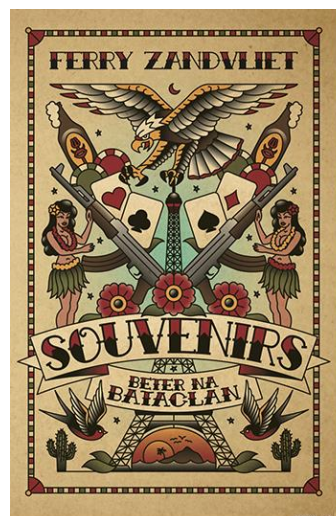
'Ferry has succeeded in sharing a deeply intense story with the reader. He takes you along on a terrible journey that takes your breath away while reading. And even more impressive are his accounts of dealing with such trauma. Definitely not easy, but possible, as Ferry shows us.' — **Joseph Oubelkas**, author and speaker

Published in November 2020
368 pages | ca. 100,000 words

Over 15,000 copies sold

Full English AI translation available

Dutch edition published by
Growing Stories



THIS IS EUROPE

The History of A Union

Hendrik Vos

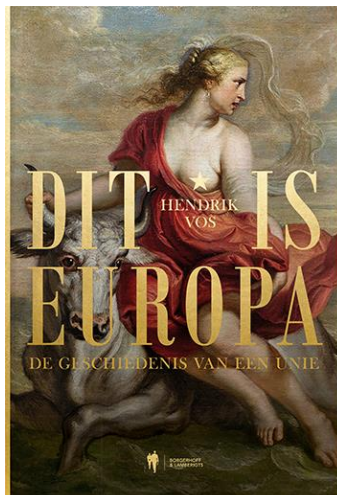
Published in November 2021
632 pages | ca. 180,000 words

Over 15,000 copies sold

English sample translation available

★ Translation grant from the Flemish Foundation for Literature available

Dutch edition published by
Borgerhoff & Lambergts



'Hendrik Vos is an authority on European politics. His book is a loving ode to compromises.' — *NRC Handelsblad* ****

After centuries of division, six European countries joined forces. Borders and barriers disappeared and the continent was united by establishing institutions and signing treaties. Prime ministers, presidents, chancellors, and commissioners decided on the directions and pace of the unification. They became allies or enemies, where some could not stand each other and others became soul mates. They made history in musty conference halls, as well as in beautiful palaces, monastery basements, or castles. They met each other in sleazy hotels, in the mountains, or on boats.

This is Europe is about the journey across the European continent, where we follow the main characters and casual passers-by that accidentally entered the stage. The book describes how the European constitution ended up being stuffed in a roasted chicken, what a blow up doll says about the free economic market, and how cows ended up in the meeting in a conference room on the fourth floor. It is the story of cello-playing ministers, drinking cola with port, or walking the halls in knitted slippers.

The road towards European unity never had a fixed route, there was never a script or widely supported plan, yet still, step by step, the European Union arose. With this book, Hendrik Vos wrote a history of Europe that feels familiar yet still surprises, and tells the big adventure based upon the small stories.

'*This is Europa* by professor Hendrik Vos is a line-up of amazing anecdotes and reads like a novel.' — *VRT*

BESTSELLERS | HISTORY

YOU ARE THE LOVE

Living With Self-Confidence, Self-Respect, and Self-Esteem

Juriaan Galavazi

A new ground-breaking book from Dr. Juriaan, author from the bestseller *From Wound to Wisdom*. In his new book, *You Are The Love*, he invites you to live with self-confidence, self-respect, and self-esteem.

You adapt. To your environment, to your parents, to your partner, to your children, friends and colleagues. You fulfill your responsibilities and obligations as best as possible, hoping you will be a good person and perhaps even happy in the future. Your desire to align with the other to be seen and appreciated is so big, that you live for the approval of others and become invisible yourself. Before you know it, you are embarking on someone else's journey and at the same time you're taking a seat in the waiting room of your own life.

Even with the best intentions, the end result is that you often hold on to the wrong job for you, a suffocating relationship, a harmful diet and destructive beliefs and choices. And you become unaware that you are paying a very high price for this, in the form of stress, tension and mental and physical complaints.

In this situation, eating healthy food and doing more exercise are valuable steps, but difficult to maintain in practice if the underlying program doesn't change.

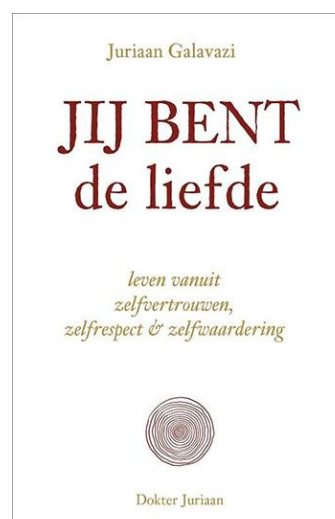
You Are The Love guides you towards a life with self-confidence, self-respect and self-esteem. It shows that we ignore and overrule all kinds of reflexes, out of the fear for losing something and the need to avoid uncomfortable situations. You will be able to look life straight in the eye and take the necessary steps to learn, grow and develop with curiosity.

Published in May 2022
352 pages | ca. 80,000 words

Over 25,000 copies sold

English sample translation available

Dutch edition published by S2 Publishers



BACKLIST TITLES



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

FIRE: FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE, RETIRE EARLY by **Charlotte Van Brabander** | How to Stop Working at a Young Age | 2022 | 192 pages | 40,000 words | **Full English AI translation available** | Over 7,500 copies sold

‘We spend a lot of time and money on our physical and mental health. Unfortunately we don’t spend enough time on our financial health. But this determines our lives and the quality of it. *FIRE* demolishes financial taboos and improves your relationship with money.’ — **Charlotte Van Brabander**

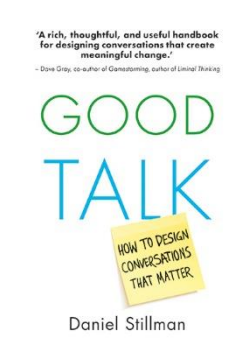


HOW TO BECOME A MILLIONAIRE WITH A REGULAR JOB by **Oeds-Jan Postma** | Stop daydreaming and become financially independent | 2008 | 152 pages | 39,000 words | Full English AI translation available | **Over 30,000 copies sold**

‘The book is an absolute must-read in my opinion. Especially if you are a novice on finance, savings, and investment. And if you like practical tips, this is the book for you.’ – **The Budget Life**

GOOD TALK by **Daniel Stillman** | How to Design Conversations That Matter | 2020 | 248 pages | 45,000 words | **Full English manuscript available**

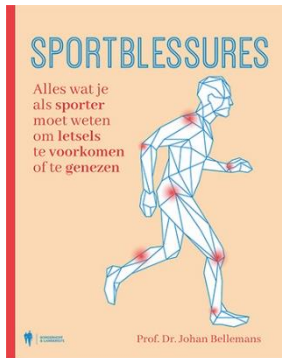
‘A rich, thoughtful and useful handbook for designing conversations that create meaningful change.’ — **Dave Gray**, co-author of *Gamestorming: a playbook for innovators, rulebreakers, and changemakers*



THE SUPERBRAIN SECRET by **Margriet Sitskoorn** | Ten Tips For a Strong Brain Development in Children | 2022 | 72 pages | 10,000 words | With illustrations | **English sample translation available**

In *The SUPERBRAIN Secret*, Margriet Sitskoorn provides ten tips that have been scientifically proven to enhance brain development in children. Good brain development is essential because it helps children to reach their full potential. The tips together form *The SUPERBRAIN Secret* and can be applied by everyone.

HEALTH/SOCIAL STUDIES



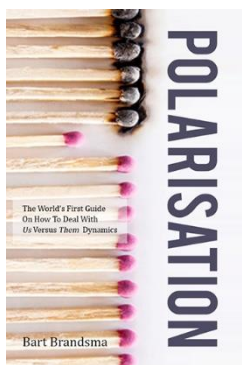
SPORTS INJURIES by Johan Bellemans | Everything you need to know as an athlete to prevent or heal injuries | 2022 | 352 pages | 118,000 words | With illustrations | **Full English translation available**

Prof. Dr. Johan Bellemans is a world known expert in sports injuries, knee surgery and musculoskeletal pathology. He has treated athletes from all over the world, including more than 30 Olympic medalists, as well as numerous World Champions, European champions and continental Champions of almost every

sports discipline.

DECODING POWER by Waqas Muhammad | 21 Lessons From History | 2023 | 220 pages | 45,000 words | **Full English manuscript available**

Decoding Power is a philosophical yet accessible and practical book on the concept of 'power'. What is it, who seeks it, how does one gain power, and how does one maintain a powerful position? But the book also discusses its darker aspects: power addiction, morality, and the evils of power. The book is a powerful read for a general audience, students, and people who deal with power professionally: managers, leaders, entrepreneurs, and people working in government.



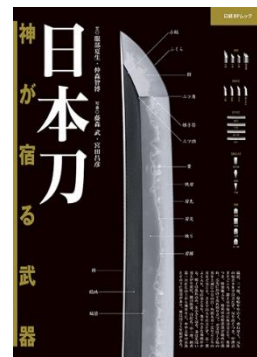
POLARISATION by Bart Brandsma | The World's First Guide On How To Deal With *Us Versus Them* Dynamics | 2017 | 124 pages | 40,000 words | **Full English translation available** | Over 7,500 copies sold | Translation grant from the Dutch Foundation for Literature available

'Bart Brandsma's work is particularly important for journalists. It helps us to understand the mechanisms of polarisation and supports us in our search for the multi-layered reasons for this process.' — **Ellen Ehni**, Chief Editor WDR Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Germany

VOODOO by Jitske Kramer | A journey to find yourself through ancient rituals | 2019 | 216 pages | 40,000 words | With photographs | **English sample translation available**

HISTORY/SCIENCE

THE JAPANESE SWORD by Natsuo Hattori & Tomohiro Nakamori | The Sacred Weapon of God | 2015 | 184 pages | With photographs | **English sample translation available** | Over 5,000 copies sold | Italian rights sold to Nuinui | French rights sold to Nuinui | Simplified Chinese rights sold to Chongqing Publishing Group



THE STRANGE AND WONDERFUL LIFE OF CHAS GERRETSEN by Chas Gerretsen | 2021 | 352 pages | 70,000 words | With photographs | **Full English manuscript available**

In 1976, Francis Ford Coppola asked Chas to join him in the Philippines – in typical Hollywood fashion, asking a combat photographer for a war movie – for the shooting of the iconic film Apocalypse Now. Here, he documented Coppola's struggles with the bad conditions, and with his star-studded cast of Marlon Brando, Dennis Hopper, and Martin Sheen. The role of Dennis Hopper as a war photographer in the movie was based on Chas Gerretsen.

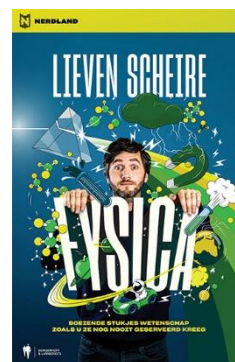


THE EAST by Maarten Hidskes | 2021 | 176 pages | 30,000 words | Full English AI translation available | **Movie based on the book**

Shortly after the end of the Second World War, the young soldier Johan and thousands like him are being sent to the Dutch East Indies to get the colony back under control. A bunch of rebels (lead by Soekarno) has stated a declaration of independence and the Dutch government wants to quickly put an end to this call for Indonesian freedom.

PHYSICS by Lieven Scheire | Fascinating Bits of Science Like You Have Never Had Before | 2020 | 192 pages | 45,000 words | **Over 15,000 copies sold** | Full English AI translation available

Belgian scientist and public favorite Lieven Scheire loves physics and shows the emotions of a formula, the elegance of the universe, and the humor behind a theory. If you don't like physics, it is because it hasn't been presented to you in an appetizing manner. This is exactly what this book does, making people hungry for physics.



SCIENCE/MUSIC

MATH by Ann Dooks | A Walk Through the Wonderful World of Mathematics | 2021 | 224 pages | 45,000 words | **Over 7,500 copies sold**

From eternal truths to computers, from counting on your fingers to browsing through Netflix and Google, from looking in the mirror to calling and paying with your cell phone, from gazing at the stars to taking a selfie, and from computer games to artificial intelligence. You will be amazed how the author succeeds in breathing new life into logic, limits, irrational numbers, equations, derivatives, integrals, and probabilities.

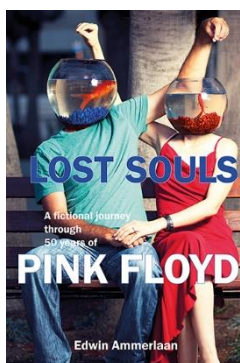


SINGING RUMPELSTILTSKIN by Benjamin J. Sims | Discovering A Pathway To The Best Days Of My Life | 2022 | 160 pages | 34,000 words | **Full English manuscript available**

‘The most enlightening book I have ever read about what it is like being Black in America.’ — **Ako Shichiji**, Manager Administrative Services, WABG Radio International

THE POWER OF SOUND by Cedric Engels | About the underrated impact of sound and its influence on our daily lives | 2020 | 148 pages | 40,000 words | **Full English translation available**

Author and TEDx speaker Cedric Engels has always been fascinated by sound. As a music producer, DJ from Hermanos Inglesos, master’s graduate in Law, pioneer of Sonic Branding and co-founder of Sonhouse, an organization that develops sound identities for the world of film, for brands... Cedric’s whole life has been defined by sound and silence.



LOST SOULS by Edwin Ammerlaan | A fictional journey through 50 years of Pink Floyd | 2021 | 248 pages | 65,000 words | **Full English manuscript available**

After years of journalistic research and meticulous preparation, Edwin Ammerlaan has combined many facts, quotes and events from 50 years of Pink Floyd with a fictional, yet compelling coming-of-age story. By doing so, he gives the reader an intimate and unique perspective on one of the most successful bands in music history.

ACADEMIC TITLES



HYDROPOLITICS

Collaboration and Conflict on the Seven Seas

Haroon Sheikh

Published in October 2019
320 pages | ca. 90,000 words

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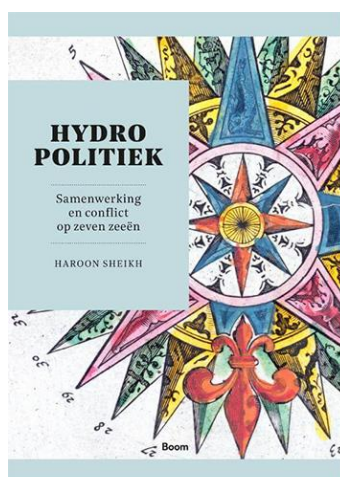
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Literature available

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Socrates Philosophy Prize

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Boom Publishers

Canals are dug to make new connections between seas, artificial islands are created, and countries compete for access to the harbors of island nations and for new routes along the melting North Pole. What are the effects of the shifting maritime power balance for global politics?

In *Hydropolitics*, Haroon Sheikh analyses the dynamics on the seven seas. He describes the relations between powerful countries and powerful maritime nations, between the waters and trade, and the innovative spirit of naval powers. With special attention for the role of the Netherlands and for the changing relations between the USA, a traditional naval force par excellence, and China, a long-established force on land. By exposing the historical patterns, Sheikh offers a new point of view on the new maritime connections and water borders, from political, economic, and philosophical perspectives.



‘Political scientist and philosopher Haroon Sheikh gives his readers a profoundly different perspective in *Hydropolitics*, which leads to different insights. He offers a fresh perspective to the readers and inspiring thoughts.’
—**Trouw**

‘We desperately need a book like *Hydropolitics*, the world is adrift and Sheikh shows us where we are heading to. The decline of the Atlantic powers and the rise of Asia are undeniable, but are most often ignored. But this book offers inspiration for any country to devise a long-term strategy.’ — **De Groene Amsterdammer**

MANIMAL

The Connection Between Us And Other Animals

Maarten Reesink

'Our relations with other animals is full of contradictions. Ranging from love to cruelty. Maarten Reesink delivers a beautiful overview of our attempts to improve it. — **Frans de Waal**

Published in March 2021
376 pages | ca. 150,000 words

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Boom Publishers

Our knowledge of animals had been limited to Biology studies for centuries, describing the lives of species. Animal behavior was seen as the result of instinct. And animal intelligence was inferior, and without much evidence we assumed that animals are without emotions. For centuries, our relation with animals was completely hierarchical, we determined what we did with them. This was not a problem, since they would not respond and would hardly resist.

The world has changed. Animals turned out to have language, culture, ideas, and feelings too. Many people would consider their dog or cat as part of the family, why would the same not apply to cows, chickens, elephants, and dolphins? What are the philosophical and legal consequences of such a question? What if all animals – including the non-human animals – are individuals and have a bio-graphy as well as a bio-logy.

Manimal is an introduction into the fast growing field of Human-Animal Studies, which assembles insights from various disciplines like, philosophy, art, sociology, law, biology, and more. This book teaches you to look at animals with a different view, the view of an animal person.



PHILOSOPHY

COMPARING LAW

The Challenging World of Law

Danny Pieters & Bert Demarsin

Published in February 2023
340 pages | ca. 80,000 words

**Full English manuscript
available**

Dutch edition published by
Owl Press

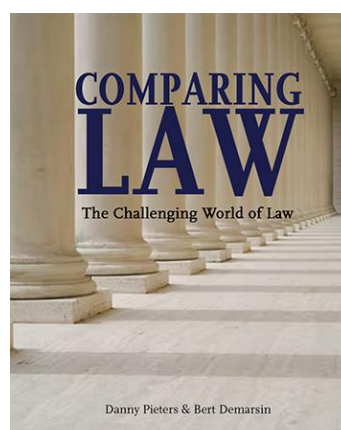
English edition published by
Owl Press and Amsterdam
University Press

Our society has never been so internationally connected. Companies operate worldwide, retail shelves are filled with products from far and wide, people travel like never before and maintain contacts from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

Distant countries have never been so close. Anyone who is practicing law today cannot escape this and will increasingly be confronted with cross-border legal issues. Therefore, today's jurists are expected to have knowledge of their own legal system as well as the law of foreign countries. For this reason, comparative law is integrated today in nearly every law program at university.

Comparing Law offers you an introduction to comparative law. What is comparative law? Why do we compare law and, above all, what methodology does the discipline adopt? These and many other questions are discussed in Part 1 on law comparison as methodology and science. Further parts introduce you to the law of some key jurisdictions.

A selection of European countries, such as the UK, France and Germany are covered along with Belgium and the Netherlands. Not only global players, such as the United States, Russia, China, Japan, India and Brazil, are highlighted, but the law of Israel, Islamic law and African legal systems are presented as well. Last but not least, comparative law in practice is also illustrated by approaching a number of topics—both of public law and private law—in a comparative way.



Danny Pieters and Bert Demarsin help the reader to understand and appreciate how the law differs from country to country. Enjoy this fascinating and comparative journey of discovery through the world and its legal systems.

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