

Open your eyes to the unbelievable

Franky

LEO TIMMERS

Sam is crazy about robots and goes around telling everyone that they live on a distant planet. He is convinced they will come and visit him. Nobody believes him. Fed up, he decides to create someone who does understand him. Using parts from a vacuum cleaner, a desk lamp, a radio and a rake he puts together Franky, his very own robot. Sam keeps his friend hidden from his parents and together they have a great time. They may not speak the same language, but they understand each other perfectly. Then one morning Franky just sits staring out of the window, looking glum and no longer uttering a word. Until a real spaceship lands in the garden, with robots that look an awful lot like Franky.

A tender, funny friendship story

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The amusing story and the visual flair of Timmers' drawing style, with nods to the 1950s and E.T., imbue 'Franky' with the necessary dynamism. The combination of nostalgia and the futurism of robots lend the book a special charm. 'Franky' is a dazzling ode to friendship, the power of the imagination and the infinite cosmos.

A brightly illustrated, mind-stretching picture book

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AUTHOR



Leo Timmers's (b. 1970) cartoonish style is characterized by humour, form and colour, which make his illustrations leap off the page. His bright pictures and sharply outlined figures are a perfect match for the humorous undertone of his stories, which are full of animals and modes of transportation. Timmers likes to tell stories visually with a minimum of words. He was the first Flemish illustrator to have a book included in The New York Times' ten best books of the year. Photo © Jildiz Kaptein

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