

Playful countdown book with wonderful photos

Nine Banana Slices In Search Of A Place To Sleep

PIETER GAUDESABOOS

'Nine Banana Slices In Search Of A Place To Sleep' is a surprising photobook that presents a fun variation on the well-known nursery rhyme 'Ten Little Indians'. Nine banana slices are fed up with being in the cold fridge and go in search of a better sleeping place. Along the way, one after the other is left behind: in a dirty cup of hot chocolate, in the fur of a dog, in a shoe... Sometimes a sleeping place is already taken (a little girl's bed), forcing the remaining slices to continue their search. At other times, they have to fight for a place. So when a black cat suddenly turns up, a banana slice manages to scare it off with the help of a toy car. In short, the race has rather more obstacles than the classic nursery rhyme.

The beautiful design is eye-catching from page one: different colours, fonts and flourishes.

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Pieter Gaudesaboos illustrated this remarkable picture book with warm photos whose main tones are yellow and dark brown. 'Nine Banana Slices' is a technical tour de force: the slices are real, and as they balance on the edge of the bath or climb on top of a stack of dirty cups they appear to come to life. The accompanying rhyming text is playful and inventive. 'Nine Banana Slices' is full of absurd humour and a bold and surprising reimaging of a classic recipe.

Funny and original

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AUTHOR



Pieter Gaudesaboos (b. 1979) is an illustrator, designer and author. His work is playful and original, with absurd and nostalgic touches. Gaudesaboos integrates text and images to create a whole, which is often packed with humour. He works with digital techniques, and yet his work still has a nostalgic atmosphere, because of his love of old picture books and toys from the 1950s and 60s. His books are a little like the stories that children make up when they're playing. Brilliant child's play – that's how his imaginative work could be described. *Photo © Eveline Deraedt*

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