

Facts and fables about having a child

The Book of Life

SASSAFRAS DE BRUYN & FLOORTJE ZWIGTMAN

In 'The Book of Life' Floortje Zwigtmán and Sassafra De Bruyn take a light-hearted look at everything to do with having a baby: trying to get pregnant, the pregnancy itself, giving birth and raising the child. Citing facts and legends from around the world, they show that wherever you go having a child is an event that gives rise to stories.

A book to cherish

MAPPALIBRI ON 'MAGICAL CREATURES' BY FLOORTJE ZWIGTMAN

With the necessary humour and clarity, but without ever being explicit, Zwigtmán explains how a child is made, compares it to the animal kingdom, discusses how people in the olden days explained what they did not understand and peppers it all with fun facts. The many illustrations by De Bruyn lend the book a very distinctive character, with a colour palette and figures that are reminiscent of Bruegel the Elder. The fat babies and marvellous facial expressions bring the text beautifully to life. Funny, lively and brimming with both facts and fiction, 'The Book of Life' is one of a kind.

Exceptional, artful illustrations

NBD BIBLION ON 'I GIVE YOU MY HEART' ILLUSTRATED BY SASSAFRAS DE BRUYN



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Floortje Zwigtmán (b. 1974) has been widely praised for her historical YA trilogy 'A Green Flower', about a young gay man in London around the time of Oscar Wilde. She also writes fiction for younger children as well as nonfiction. Photo © Anna Ros

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