

A portrait of a close friendship

Rabbit and Hedgehog

NILS PIETERS & PAUL VERREPT

Rabbit and Hedgehog are sworn friends. In these short stories, they ponder life, their friendship, the meaning of 'later', and always go back to each other after an argument. They often disagree and do not always understand what the other is talking about, but that does not stop them from trying. They are scared, they are cheerful, they are insecure, they are pompous and they are a bit crazy. But together, if at all possible.

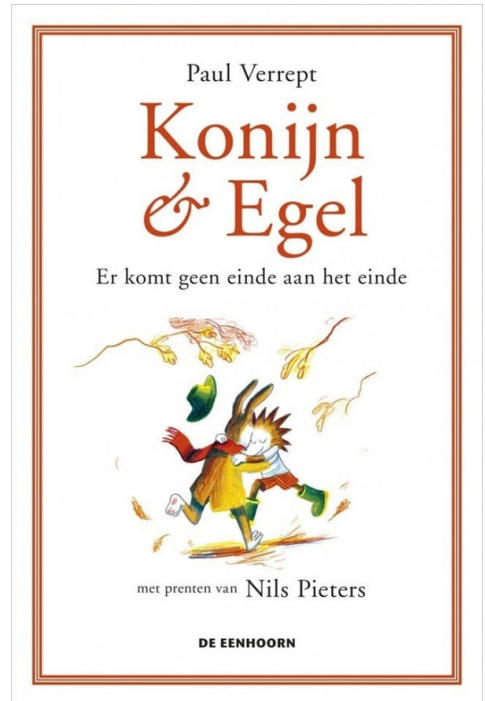
Pieters invests Rabbit and Hedgehog with both a heart and a soul.

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In the tradition of Arnold Lobel's 'Frog and Toad' and Toon Tellegen's animal fables, Paul Verrept and Nils Pieters have created two lovely new characters to cherish. With bright colours and his distinctive free-flowing style, Pieters brings the duo to life, and manages to give them very individual personalities. Verrept says no more than necessary, and that is exactly enough in this moving collection.

Pieters knows how to evoke the emotions that smoulder below the surface.

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Nils Pieters (b. 1986) studied Graphic Design and Illustration at KASK in Ghent, where he was taught by Carll Cneut. His first picture book came out in 2011. His work is imaginative and full of funny details. Pieters teaches at the Academy of Fine Arts in Sint-Niklaas. **Paul Verrept** (b. 1963) is author and illustrator. There is a wooden quality to his figures, as if they are trapped in their own bodies, a feeling Verrept has said he knows all too well. He is a man of few words: he writes his gently philosophical stories about life, love and death with candour and an eye for vivid detail. © *Marleen Nelen*

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