

A fun numbers book made with woodcuts and coloured pencil

What's In That Hat?

JUDITH VANISTENDAEL & PETER DE ROY

A magician proudly pulls a rabbit out of his hat. This is followed by two elephants, three badgers, four seals, five owls, six monkeys, seven goats, eight squirrels, nine frogs and ten ducks. Suddenly, the whole book is full of animals. And what's going on with the hat? Will the poor magician ever get it back?

A fascinating pictorial journey for all ages that shows infinite creativity

MAPPALIBRI ON 'ROUND THE BLOCK'

For 'What's In That Hat?' celebrated graphic novelist and illustrator Judith Vanistendael joins forces with typesetter and graphic designer Peter De Roy. The two use basic wooden blocks designed by De Roy to create woodcuts of the magician and the numbers. Vanistendael conjures up the animals in coloured pencil. The end result is a seemingly simple, but ingenious numbers book. Prints of the individual woodcuts that were combined to make the magician and the numbers grace the back cover, showing just how creative the authors are. A fun and delightful little book.

More than stimulates your imagination

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AUTHORS



Judith Vanistendael (b. 1974) is both a graphic novelist and a children's book illustrator. Her work in both genres is lauded and widely translated. Her deeply human stories and her elegant style with its judicious use of watercolour and pencil have earned her a solid reputation. She has been nominated for three Eisner Awards as well as the Grand Prix in Angoulême and was the recipient of the Jenny Smelik-IBBY Prize and the Willy Vandersteen prize. In 2022, she won the Bronzen Adhemar for her body of work. After completing his graphic arts degree, **Peter De Roy** (b. 1963) decided to focus on book design and typography. He mostly works in the culture and graphic design sectors. He is also an occasional publisher of artists' books, runs a letterpress studio and manages the Printmaking workshop at Luca School of Arts in Brussels. Photo © Jules August

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