

A wintry gem to warm yourself by **Morris**

**BART MOEYAERT & SEBASTIAAN
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Morris lives with his grandma at the foot of a mountain. Grandma's dog, Houdini, lives up to her name: she's brilliant at escaping. Morris climbs the mountain to fetch Houdini safely home for the hundredth time when a snowstorm catches them by surprise. High in the snow he meets a boy who deals very differently with all that life metes out to him.

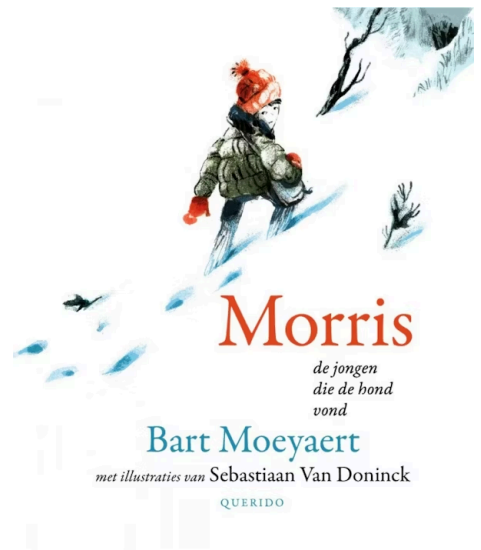
A literary masterpiece. 'Morris' is Moeyaert at his best. *****

DE STANDAARD

In Bart Moeyaert's latest creation, after having won the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award in 2019, we again find the multi-layered yet measured sentences so characteristic of his work. He depicts Morris, with masterly precision, as a loner who carries sadness within him and at the same time – almost to his own surprise – doesn't let anyone mess him about. With his beautiful illustrations, Sebastiaan Van Doninck brings warmth and colour into the snow-white cold of the story, thereby hinting at the tone of the heart-warming ending.

Moeyaert's ingenious text and Van Doninck's smart colour illustrations are a match made in heaven.

DE MORGEN



AUTHORS



Bart Moeyaert (b. 1964) is a master of the unsaid. His books are always received with great acclaim, and have been described by critics as poetic, cinematic and appealing to the senses. Moeyaert often deals with complex existential subjects, in an insightful and accessible way. In 2019 he won the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, the world's most prestigious award for children's literature. *Photo © Diego Franssens* **Sebastiaan Van Doninck** (b. 1979) aims for a personal, honest style: content and emotion come first. His pictures look fresh and have a cheerful, rather nostalgic atmosphere. But there's always something lurking in the shadows; his cheerfulness has a dark edge. He knows exactly how to create a dazzling universe and has been winning plaudits for it all over the world. *Photo © Patrick Verbeeck*

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