

A surprising homage to René Magritte in vibrant colours

# The Magical Life of Mr. Renny

LEO TIMMERS

**Timmers' illustrations reveal his feeling for fine detail and a very subtle sense of humour**

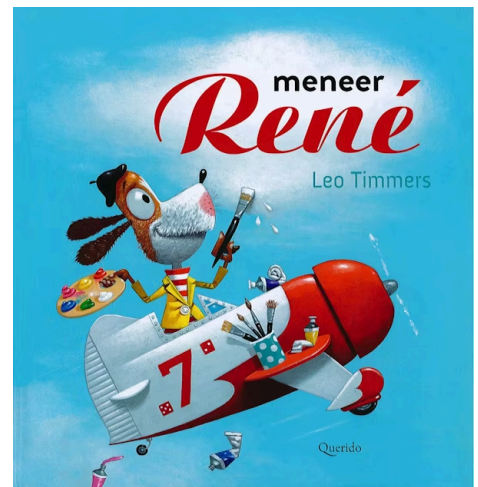
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Mr. Renny is a very good artist, but no one wants to buy his paintings. He has no money, and he's hungry. One day a stranger (strongly reminiscent of René Magritte) offers to make Mr. Renny's dreams come true: everything he paints will come to life. An apple, a car, a cruise ship, an airplane... There's so much he'd like to have that Mr. Renny paints himself a life of luxury. Then his friend Rose asks if she can buy one of his paintings. The spell has to be broken – and soon! He makes his most beautiful painting ever, and with it gets what his heart longs for most. But he's also struck by the realisation that having a lot of things doesn't bring happiness.

**Vibrant and highly entertaining**

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Leo Timmers' drawings are extraordinarily inventive. He manages to summon up an entire world with just a few words. In this story, with a big nod to Belgian surrealist painter René Magritte, he combines a rich imagination with a clear, purified visual language. The result is astonishing, and full of clever and amusing details.



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**Leo Timmers's** (b. 1970) cartoonish style is characterized by humour, form and colour, which make his illustrations leap off the page. His bright pictures and sharply outlined figures are a perfect match for the humorous undertone of his stories, which are full of animals and modes of transportation. Timmers likes to tell stories visually with a minimum of words. He was the first Flemish illustrator to have a book included in The New York Times' ten best books of the year. Photo © Jildiz Kaptein

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