

Longing for friendship and
conviviality

Nelly

KLAAS VERPLANCKE

Nelly builds a gigantic house at a spot with fantastic views. But when her friends Bird, Bear, Duck and Cow come by to visit one by one, she realizes she misses the view of the forest, the mountain, the pond and the meadow. Her friends prefer not to spend time at her house either for the same reason. So Nelly begins by knocking down the first wall, then the second, third and fourth, until all that's left is the roof over her head. And then Bird, Bear, Duck and Cow all want to come and visit – and all at the same time.

An exquisite and philosophical word palette

PLUIZUIT

Klaas Verplancke's work has already won countless awards, including the Bologna Ragazzi Award and the Boekenpauw. This book, too, reveals his talents. Nelly's story confronts children with their place in nature. It's not always easy to demolish the walls around you and expose yourself, but if you do manage to do it, you can be part of nature and the world around you. The illustrations only serve to enhance this book: they exude such warmth it's as if you're reading in front of an open fire.

A full-fledged read-aloud story and picture book

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Klaas Verplancke's (b. 1964) oeuvre is very diverse, but always features a sense of humour that ranges from gentle to sardonic, a poetic imagination, a preference for the depiction of abstract concepts and universal emotions, and a quirky, surrealist view of the world.

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