

A big wooden crate that keeps getting smaller

What's Inside That Crate?

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One of our country's most original illustrators

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Six characters try to guess what's inside the crate they're about to transport. The pilot, the captain, the engine driver, the bus driver and the postman on his bicycle: they all imagine it's some kind of exotic animal. Though they transport the crate with the greatest care, they can't prevent it from breaking open repeatedly. And each time a smaller crate appears. The girl who eventually receives the crate finds a whistle inside. She blows on it and a host of animals appear, marching in a festive parade.

An exceptionally stylish must-have *****

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The accompanying text is quite simple, with the illustrations becoming the real eye-catchers in 'What's Inside That Crate?'. Gaudesaboos' prints saturate the pages and are executed in great detail without becoming excessive. He achieves this by using a simple colour palette, with contrasting colours for the crate and the vehicles. Thus the prints remain tranquil, while the reader undertakes a journey of discovery examining the sumptuous details. The attentive reader will, for example, be tempted to discover all manner of animal figures. A veritable feast!



AUTHOR



Pieter Gaudesaboos (b. 1979) is an illustrator, designer and author. His work is playful and original, with absurd and nostalgic touches. Gaudesaboos integrates text and images to create a whole, which is often packed with humour. He works with digital techniques, and yet his work still has a nostalgic atmosphere, because of his love of old picture books and toys from the 1950s and 60s. His books are a little like the stories that children make up when they're playing. Brilliant child's play – that's how his imaginative work could be described. *Photo © Eveliëne Deraedt*

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