

The life of a petit-beurre

Mister Cookie Writes a Book

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'Mister Cookie Writes a Book' is a series of small read-aloud books in the shape of a petit-beurre biscuit. The series is kicked off by a larger picture book. Mister Cookie is celebrating his 100th birthday, and is writing a book chronicling all of his adventures. His friends try to get rid of certain pages of the book, but that is not as easy as it sounds.

Moving and cheerful at the same time, this story is told with sparkling wit.

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Subsequent titles in the series read like a relay race and introduce new central characters. In 'The Bubblegum Ball Bubble', Chocolate wants to break a world record. In 'Martha' the friends of an elderly mushroom reminisce over their dead friend. In 'Old Grandpa Waterman' Grandpa looks for a job, but it's hard for someone as old as he is to find one. 'Eight Slices of Banana Take a World Trip' is a story about the pleasures of travel, and of staying at home.

Truly funny books are rare. A real gem!

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The text and visual humour are tailor-made for children of four years and up. The most charming aspects of this colourful series lie in the details; of the countless visual jokes, some are no bigger than a square centimetre. Anyone with the patience to look for them all will be kept happy for hours by this series.



AUTHORS



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 © Eveliene Deraedt **Lorraine Francis** (b. 1958), Irish author, writes stories for picture books and works as a librarian at the children's book department of an Irish library. She also organizes readings and workshops. In 2009 she started collaborating with award-winning illustrator Pieter Gaudesaboos.

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