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## Timo Parvela & Virpi Talvitie

# Purdy and Barker Books

"Everyone who likes Winnie-the-Pooh will love meeting this new pair of friends." – *School Library Journal, USA*

In their sky-blue house atop a hill, Purdy the cat and Barker the dog couldn't be more different. Barker delights in tending the garden, digging in the earth, and keeping things orderly. Meanwhile, Purdy dreams big—winning a singing competition, flying south with the birds, and even riding a bicycle to the moon.

Their adventures across ten stand-alone titles are fueled by Purdy's imaginative antics and Barker's indulgent loyalty, and make for a delightful and hilarious tale that showcases the power of friendship in all its eccentric glory. Theirs is a bond that never falters.

*"This is gently humorous, finely written entertainment, which is sometimes comical and ironic, while providing a delightful and simple insight into the nature of relationships.... All in all, it's high quality children's literature."*

– Kevin Steinberger, *Magpies magazine*

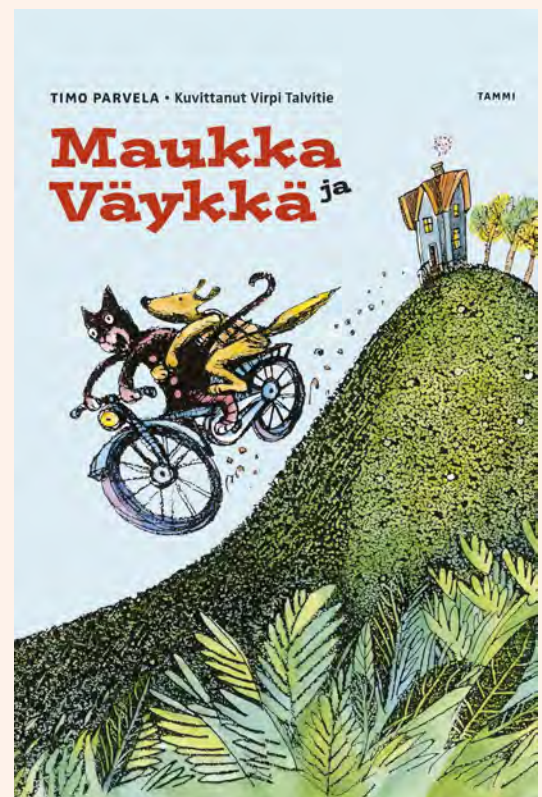
*"Purdy & Barker is the stuff that classics are made of."*

– *Keskisuomalainen newspaper*



Much-loved author **TIMO PARVELA** and artist **VIRPI TALVITIE**, have won literary prizes both together and apart, continue their wonderful collaboration in the *Purdy & Barker* books.

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### Series rights sold

Chinese, simplified (Guomai 1-6)  
Croatian (Ibis Grafika 1)  
English/WEL (Gecko Press 1)  
German (Hanser 1-3)  
Hungarian (Kolibri Kiadó 1-6)  
Japanese (Bunken Shuppan 1-3)  
Latvian (Zvaigzne ABC 1-3)  
Lithuanian (Alma Littera 1-2)  
Romanian (Editura Cortea Copiilor 1)  
Russian (Albus Corvus 1-2)  
Slovenian (KUD Sodobnost 1)

### Publication

*Maukka ja Väykkä Books 1-10*  
Tammi, 2009-2016,  
5 titles 128 pp  
5 titles 80pp

### Material

English, Finnish & German edition

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*Cristal Snow & Kati Vuorento*

## Penny Peanutheart and the Ghost of Lace Manor

*The fifth book in the award-winning, humorous yet most heartfelt six-part bestselling and acclaimed series about the adventures of a determined and brave fairy girl during the year that prepares her big heart for Penny's very special destiny.*

In the Windnest Woods, Springer, the miserable season between Winter and Spring, is ongoing. But no one in Penny's family pays any heed to the bad weather, for fate has dealt them a blow that's left them all reeling.

Regardless, Penny must find new wings for herself, as well as adapt to living in Grandma Henrietta's manor. The old sprawling house is full of locked doors, covered mirrors, and mysterious inhabitants. The ghost of Lace Manor keeps Penny intrigues, as do the manor's many secrets she is hoping to uncover. Penny's increasingly tingly fingertips cause concern but they might finally unlock what the fate has in store for her.



*"... the flight of words and imagination is no less than that of the Harry Potter books!"*

— Kotus magazine

Penny Peanutheart series has ensured that **Cristal Snow** is recognized for as an extremely talented children's book author in addition to his career as a musician, director, actor and tv-presenter. Snow studied writing in New York and wrote the first Penny book in 2020.

Illustrator **Kati Vuorento** is inspired by nature and beauty. She is known for her expressive character illustrations, which delight readers of many ages with their delicate style.



### Rights sold

Czech (Albatros 1)  
Italian (Piemme 1)  
Latvian (Zvaigzne 1)  
Polish (Nasza Księgarnia 1-4)

### Prizes

Runeberg Junior Prize nominee ( 1)  
Arvid Lydecken Prize nominee (1)

### Series

6 titles, Tammi 2020-2025  
between ~ 180-250pp, 7+

### Material

Finnish editions (1-5)  
English translation (1)  
set in lay-out  
Synopsis (1-5)



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Timo Parvela, illustr. Anni Nykänen

## Ella & Friends



Ella & Friends series sales are over 6 million worldwide! The fun and endearing escapades of Ella and her primary school classmates, and their beloved teacher have entertained us in 40 books to date! The series begins with the start of the first grade, and in 2020 the joyous class finally moved into the Third Grade! Illustrator Anni Nykänen is a firm part of this new chapter in their lives, and there are already eight new hilarious Third Grade Ella & Friends books published!

Timo Parvela's wonderous talent ensures that all Ella books, from the very first to the most recent, remain - like all classics - brilliantly fun and relevant to their readers.



*'It is no longer possible to imagine parenting without Ella.'*  
– Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Germany

*'Very funny with immensely endearing characters. Full of tenderness.'* – Culture vs News, France



**Timo Parvela** (b. 1964) is an award-winning and best-selling Finnish author. *Ella & Friends*, *Kepler62* and *Purdy & Barker* are among some of his most successful series. Parvela's works are published in over 30 languages.

Illustrator **Anni Nykänen** joined the happy class when the children and their beloved teacher moved into 3rd Grade at school.



**Option publishers**  
 Arabic/ME: IHCI/Ink, 1  
 Belarusian: Mastatskaya, 3  
 Czech: Portál, 3  
 Danish: Forlaget Conta, 1  
 Estonian: HeaLugu, 11  
 French: Nathan, 15  
 German: Hanser&DTV, 20+20  
 Hungarian: Kolibri, 2  
 Korean: Sakyejul, 4  
 Latvian: Zvaigzne ABC, 6  
 Lithuanian: Nieko Rimto, 4  
 Norwegian: Mangschou, 11  
 Polish: Dwukropek, 7  
 Russian: Pink Giraffe, 6  
 Slovenian: Mladinska, 2  
 Spanish: Grupo SM, 7  
 Turkish: Mavibulut, 4  
 Ukrainian: Shkola, 2  
 Vietnamese: Kim Dong, 6  
 Sámi: Sámediggi & ISY 1+2  
 Persian: Shahre Ghalam, 1-3

**NEW Publication**  
*Ella ja kaverit Itämeren pelastajina*  
 Tammi, 2024  
 88 pp  
 Two-tone illustrations throughout

**Material**  
 Full English translation of Book 1  
 Finnish & selection of Foreign editions

**Film & TV Rights**  
 available

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Timo Parvela & Pasi Pitkänen

## Pete and the Megasound

*The 11th Pete book sees Pete on stage in Stockholm, Sweden!*

Pete is tired, dog-tired. And so is Totti, his dog. A mysterious nighttime drumming noise is causing them to lose sleep. Accompanied by Senja they manage to locate the source of the disturbing soundwaves. Senja is over the moon when she realizes that the sound comes from a secret rehearsal studio of Megasound, the most awesome band in the universe!

But when Megasound's racket seems to be driving away even the earthworms, Senja agrees that the band must be silenced. Pete's uncle appears and devises an ingenious and courageous plan to do just that. It merely requires them to form Pabba, their very own band. After many unexpected events, robberies, and reunions later, Pabba steps onstage for its very first gig...

**Pete books** are fun and exciting adventures of primary school pupil Pete who has an uncanny ability to end up having the most exciting adventures. Pete and his friend Senja, and his dog Totti, always stand on the side of all that is fair and just in the world.

Their adventures mostly take place in faraway places and often feature ancient myths and natural treasures of our world, while proceeding to expose and foil the terrible plans of one very wicked pirate.

**In Pete books kindness, compassion and friendship always triumph!**



All rights available

### Options

Czech: Portál  
Hungarian: Cerkabella  
Latvian: Zvaigzne ABC

### Publication

*Pete ja megamökä*  
Tammi 2024  
96 pp

### Material

Finnish Edition

### Film & TV Rights

Available

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**Timo Parvela** is a celebrated author of a vast portfolio of awarded and widely translated bestsellers. His collaboration with renowned illustrator **Pasi Pitkänen** has resulted in several bestselling children's book series such as **Pete**, **Shadows Trilogy** and the 13-part **Kepler62**, co-written by Bjørn Sortland.



Satu Kontinen & Satu Rämö  
**THE ISLAND ADVENTURES 2**  
**THE SECRET OF THE GOLDEN HAY**

During their winter holiday, cousins and best friends Saga and Satu find themselves in the volcanic landscapes of Iceland, where an exciting mystery draws them into a thrilling new adventure!

Satu and Saga are spending their Christmas holidays together at Saga's in Iceland. They visit the nearby stables, where Saga loves to spend her time. Even Satu, a complete novice, quickly takes to riding after bravely giving it a try! However, a forlorn-looking horse at the stables worries the girls. Things take a mysterious turn when they spot a trio of women sneaking around the horse and the stables in the dark. It's then that they realize they're already in the midst of an adventure! Determined to uncover what the women are doing, the girls embark on a fun—and slightly dangerous—quest. What they discover is more thrilling than they ever imagined, and they are compelled to help set things right. But can they find a solution?

Join Satu and Saga in their exciting second Island Adventure!



**PRAISE FOR BOOK 1:**

*"This author duo certainly knows how to weave a plot. A touch of the supernatural is seamlessly incorporated"*

— Helsingin Sanomat newspaper

*"A return to those seemingly endless summer days and adventures that only children experience...the daydreaming from Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables, the mystery-solving of Blyton's The Famous Five, and the imaginative world akin to The Secret Garden. Despite numerous connections to the traditions of children's literature, The Secret of the Grove stands on its own, creating its own unique world of childhood."*

— Karjalainen newspaper



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**Series**

*Satujen saaret 1: Lottalehto*  
 Tammi, May 2024, 184 pp.

*Satujen saaret 2: Kotikumpu*  
 Tammi, 01/2025, 150 pp

*Satujen saaret 3*  
 Tammi 2025

**Material**

Finnish Edition  
 Full English translation  
 set in layout, Book 1

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Bjørn Sortland, ill. Ketil Selnes

## Johnny 777

### Mission 1: Rio de Janeiro

New, fully illustrated series packed with humor, action and excitement! Film rights & Danish rights sold!

Winner of Barnas bokpris Prize 2021. Children-only jury!  
Nominee for ARK Children's Book Prize 2022!

Jon has recently moved to Indre Gnrutedal — an isolated small town in Norway that has no internet coverage to speak of — effectively a place where nothing ever happens. At least not to Jon. Until one day it does.

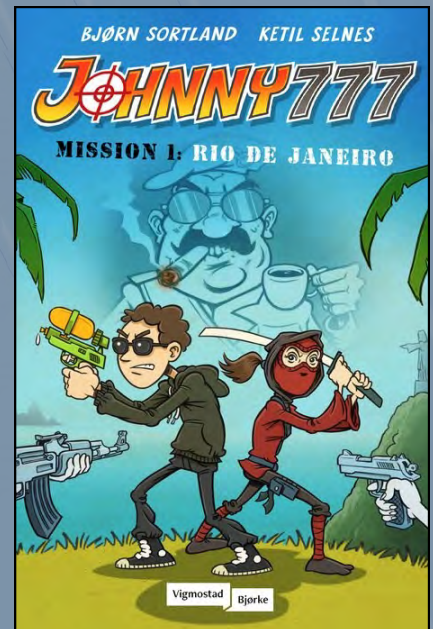
Kidnapped by an enigmatic organization T.S.O. (The Secret Organization), Jon finds himself facing an unexpected choice: to say 'yes' or 'yes', about becoming T.S.O.'s newest recruit, a secret agent, codenamed 'Johnny 777'. Jon is thrust into a whirlwind of madcap missions across the globe, starting with a weekend trip to Rio de Janeiro. His partner in adventure? The enigmatic and dangerous 'Ninja Princess'. But who is she really, and why was Jon chosen for this extraordinary role? And most importantly, will Johnny survive the dangerous first mission in Rio? He is expected to kidnap the president's beloved cat, Fidel Castrate, so that the T.S.O can pressure the president into abandoning certain belligerent plans...

**The coolest series of the year! Jørn Lier Horst meets Dav Pilkey and James Bond!**

*"Makes book reading cool." - Guri Fjeldberg, NRK Podcast*

*"Efficient entertainment, if you ask me." - Anne Cathrine Straume, NRK*

*"[A] gift to all librarians and parents searching for increasingly exciting books for young readers." - Barnebokkritikk.no*



**Rights sold**

Danish (Bogoo | 1-2)

**Film & TV rights**

Mothership Entertainment

**Publication**

Johnny777:  
Mission 1: Rio de Janeiro  
Vigmostad & Bjørke, Norway  
2020, 158 pp

**Material available**

Norwegian edition pdf

**Bjørn Sortland** is a renowned Norwegian author of award-winning books for children, young adults and adults. He debuted as a writer in 1992. His bestselling series include The Art Detectives and Johnny777, and Kepler62 which he co-created with Timo Parvela and Pasi Pitkänen. Sortland is currently a Professor at The Norwegian Institute for Children's Books.

**Ketil Selnes** is a popular children's book illustrator and graphic designer. He completed Graphic Design studies in Norway, and illustration studies in the UK.

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Timo Parvela & Mari Luoma

## Mission Nearly Impossible 5 The Hunt

The fifth book in the popular "Almost Impossible Mission" mystery series takes the reader on a wild online hunt for Castor who suddenly disappears.

Conversations with Castor, who resides deep within the web, have become more important to Elias than anything else—until Castor stops responding. When Elias attempts to re-establish the connection, he can only hear the distant barking of bloodhounds. The frantic search for Castor leads Elias, Mino, and Molly on the door of a real-life tech wizard and a suspicious dog shelter. Yet the final hunt for Castor's whereabouts takes place - online, of course!

*'Parvela knows how to write engagingly for young readers who read little or avoid books. There is nothing superfluous, and the plot never stalls for a moment.....you can't bear to put the book down. It would be a nearly impossible mission in itself.'*

– Mari Viertola, Turun Sanomat, of Mission Nearly Impossible 1



### Options

Polish (Dwukropek)

### Publication

*Melkein mahdoton tehtävä 5: Jahti:*  
WSOY, October 2024, 120 pp  
Colour illustrations throughout

### Reading material

Finnish Editions of books 1-5  
Full English (1-3) set in lay-out

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**Timo Parvela** is a much-beloved author of over a hundred works that have been translated into more than 30 languages.

He was shortlisted for the Hans Christian Andersen Prize 2024.

**Mari Luoma** is an illustrator and graphic novel artist.



Helena Immonen

## ANIMAGI OF THE MIST 2: The Test of Strength

An addictive new fantasy series set in the tribal lands of the Animagi, the people with a natural ability to shift at will between their human and animal forms, tells the exhilarating and adventurous saga of a group of young Animagi and their fight for the survival of their kind.

In the second part of this thrilling new series, the enemy's twisted scheme is uncovered, and the race against time begins!

Devastated Tommo and his friends Aasa and Hedda set off to try and rescue the Mist tribe members captured by Ismar. As they search for Ismar's camp, Aasa stops to save the life of an injured husky, Jarek, who offers to guide them to Ismar's. However, something about the husky makes Tommo feel uneasy. Hedda, in her sparrow form, returns from spying on Ismar's camp with alarming news. The young must quicken their pace, despite the dangers ahead. Tommo, Aasa and Hedda shall need all their cunning, knowledge, and skills—but even then, will it be enough?

The perfect new realm to love for the adventure-loving readers of *Woodwalkers*, *Spirit Animals*, *Simon Thorn*, and *Warrior Cats*.



*"this is the best  
i went totally nuts and  
listened like five times straight  
i do hope there will be more  
than just the two"*

MATIAS/ BOOKBEAT REVIEW  
PART 3 IS DUE IN MAY 2025!



Helena Immonen is a renowned Finnish writer, journalist and communications professional specialising in security policy. She is also an officer in the Finnish reserve forces and a trained guerrilla radio operator.

#### Rights sold

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#2Kokelaiden koitos  
Tammi, October 2024, 125pp  
#1 Karakalin voima  
Tammi, May 2024, 170 pp

#### Reading material

Finnish PDF  
Full English translation, Book 1  
Book trailer

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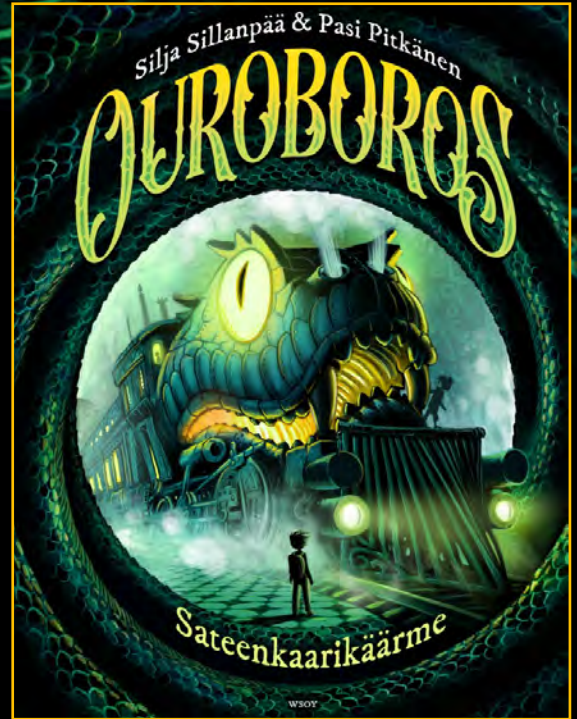
# Ouroboros 1

## The Rainbow Snake

A new, abundant fantasy series begins!

A young boy's search for his mother turns into a mesmerizing quest for the elusive truth that lies in the depths of the earth!

Twelve-year-old Rune bravely sets off on a quest to find his mother, who vanished years ago, seemingly swallowed by the earth. Rune, accompanied by his pet snake Niji, soon finds himself at a mysterious underground station boarding a strange, serpent-like train, scribed by ancient runes. Dia, a headstrong teenager, becomes Rune's self-appointed guide in his search of the train for his mother. The carriages that open only with the help of Niji, are filled with strange passengers ranging from escapists and visionaries to catastrophists. Rune struggles to make head or tail of all that he sees and hears. Should he even trust Dia? Is his mother even on this train? And who is driving the train, and what is its destination?



**Rights sold**

Danish: Bogoo

**Publication**

*Ouroboros: Sateenkaarikäärme*  
WSOY, May 2024, 264pp

*'A fascinating and adventurous story set in a unique underground world. There is humour in the text that made both adults and children spontaneously burst out laughing.*

*Pasi Pitkänen's fine illustrations bring the story to life and there is plenty to explore.'*

– Pauliina Grönholm, Helsingin sanomat newspaper

**In this subterranean mystery, the central challenge is to discern truth from deception. Yet, if the truth seems too much to bear, might we be excused for believing the lie?**

**Like a snake, this fantastic mystery series keeps shedding its skin to reveal new layers. Rune's odyssey serves as a poignant commentary on our times, urging young readers to ponder the nature of truth, and the necessity of hope as they navigate the complexities of our rapidly changing world.**

**Silja Sillanpää** is a successful Finnish author and screenwriter. She has written for children for 20 years and is renowned for her television programs, books, textbooks, and plays.

**Pasi Pitkänen** is a versatile illustrator who has created many popular book series with Timo Parvela and Tuutikki Tolonen, among others. Pitkänen's illustrated books have been translated into numerous languages.

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Timo Parvela & Pasi Pitkänen

## Shadows Trilogy

A chilling trilogy weaves a dense web of darkness around the most iconic of the Northern myths; the Santa Claus.

Kindness is at the heart of this story but it is under severe threat from dark forces that are gathering strength.

Pete is thirteen years old and desperate. His best friend Sara is dying of an illness that has no cure. In a last act of sheer desperation, Pete finds himself lining up with kindergartners in the department store to whisper a wish in the fake Santa's ear. He feels like a fool for doing it. Yet, that night, he is offered a chance to have his wish realised. But only if he gives something in return; his shadow. A gift for a gift - nothing apparently to do with being good like he'd thought. Pete only hesitates for a second, for in exchange for Sara's life, Pete would give anything. And it is only a shadow, it's not like he even pays that much attention to it.

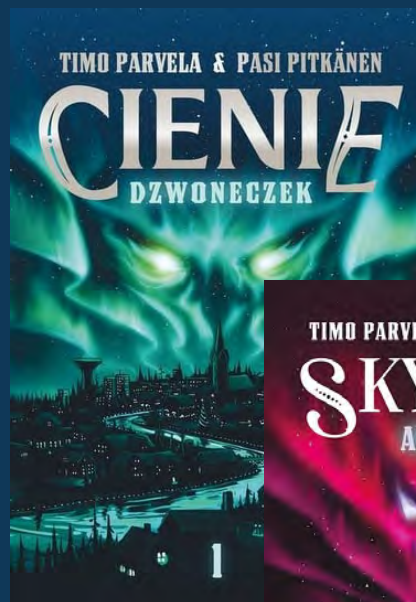
With his shadow gone, Pete realises he has lost a lot more than he thought and soon he is drawn to an almighty adventure where both, the future of Santa's world, and ours, is at stake. Pete, Sara and an assortment of elves,imps and other creatures must stand united when the battle commences.

The ominous jingle of a bell starts off an adventure trilogy, where the world of Santa Claus and his elves is revealed to be something very different from what we've imagined.

Shadows 1/The Jingle Bell. 192 pages. Tammi. September 2021

Shadows 2/Auroria. 168 pages. Tammi. May 2022

Shadows 3/Krampus. 192 pages. Tammi, September 2022



## JO NESBØ MEETS TOLKIEN



**Timo Parvela** is one of Finland's most awarded and translated authors whose works have been translated into more than thirty languages, and more than six million copies have been sold worldwide.

**Pasi Pitkänen** is a talented and versatile illustrator whose collaboration with Parvela began 10 years ago and has already resulted in several bestselling series.

### Rights sold:

Danish (Straarup & Co.)  
Dutch (Condor/WPG Kindermedia)  
Estonian (Helios)  
German (Ars Edition)  
Lithuanian (Alma Littera)  
Polish (Dwukropek)  
Russian (Mann Ivanov & Ferber)

**Film & TV Rights**  
Rights Available

### Material

Full English translation /Shadows 1  
Full English translation /Shadows 2  
English synopsis/Shadows 3  
Finnish Editions  
Foreign editions

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# KEPLER62

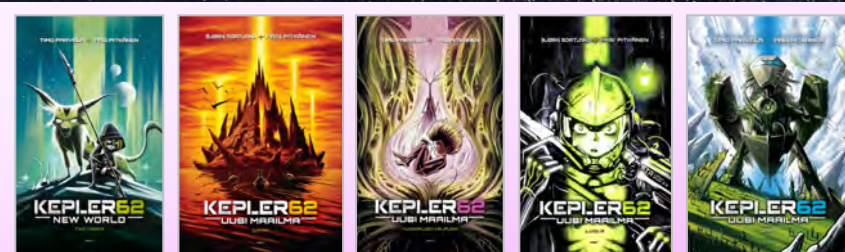
This award-winning series follows a group of children selected for a mission to save mankind. Their astonishing journey to the outer reaches of our solar system, and back again, is told in this cinematic, colour illustrated series that spans over 13 titles.

The series is split into **three seasons: Kepler62** (6 titles), **New World** (5 titles), and **Terra** (2 titles). **Rights sold to over 20 territories!**



"This is a truly gripping adventure story with sensational illustrations included. Suitable for everyone, this is the kind of book to take with you on the train and then feverishly wait for the next book."

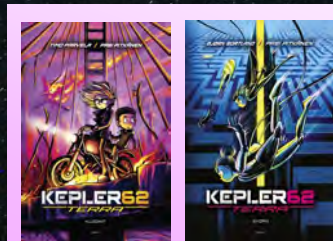
GRAFSCHACHTER NACHRICHTEN, Germany



In Season 2: **NEW WORLD** The motley crew of children and few grown-ups find themselves divided into two camps. Authors Parvela and Sortland focus on the trials and tribulations of one tribe each, with their stories eventually converging as the Season 2 comes to a close.

"We've been looking for an illustrated series that is full of suspense, easy to read and will capture the imaginations of reluctant readers, and KEPLER62 is a perfect fit!"

CECILE VERDIER, NATHAN, France



In Season 3: **TERRA** follows the young Kepler62 settlers as they return to Earth. Artificial intelligence has taken over their home planet, but the children are not ready to give up on hope for mankind to survive.

**Finlandia Prize nominee 2021**

*'A captivating reading experience based on the masterful interplay of text and image.'*

**PUBLICATION:** WSOY, 2015—2022, ~ 130-200 pp, 4-colour illustrations

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Albanian: Mediaprint (1-6), Bulgarian: Janet-45 (1-6), Simplified Chinese: Mysterium (1-11), Czech: Host (1-6), Danish: Bogoo (1-2) Dutch: Clavis (1-6), English US & Canada: Arctis (1-4), Estonian: Ajakirjade/HeaLugu (1-4), Faroese: Bókadeildin (1-6), Finnish (original): WSOY (1-13, omnibus x3), French: Nathan (1-6), German: Kosmos (1-6), Hungarian: Pagony (1-2), Icelandic: Bókabeitan (1-6), Korean: Jaem&Moeum (1-6), Latvian: Zvaigzne ABC (1-6), Norwegian: Piggsvin (1-13), Polish: Widnokrag (1-6), Romanian: Humanitas Junior (1-6), Russian: Pink Giraffe (1-9), Slovenian: Skrivnost (1-6), Spanish: Grupo SM (1-6), Swedish: Bonnier Carlsen (1-6), Turkish: Can (1-11), Ukrainian: BookChef (1-6). Film & TV Rights under option.

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**Bjørn Sortland** is an award-winning Norwegian author whose books have been translated into more than 20 languages.

**Timo Parvela** is the number one children's author in Finland and the author behind e.g. the much-loved *Ella* series.

**Pasi Pitkänen** is a renowned illustrator, graphic designer and author.