

Spring 2019 Catalog
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Happy



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“What is happiness?
Everyday life.”

Cup of Therapy



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A fluent union of image, word, and story, where all the elements complement each other. This is a classic and full-bodied fairytale featuring a great antihero, and a coming-of-age story all in one package.

The Jury of the Comics Finlandia Prize

An epic adventure.

Kaleva Newspaper

One of the most original comics I've read in a long time.

Lukupinossa Blog

Out in the US with Macmillan and in France with Casterman!

Janne Kukkonen

Thief

The Treasure of the Three Kings

Brave and resourceful Lily dreams of proving her skills to the Guild of Thieves and being acknowledged as a master thief. By chance, she gets mixed up in a battle between ancient kings and forgotten gods. But isn't saving the whole world from destruction asking a bit much for a little thief? Janne Kukkonen's delightful fantasy adventure will enchant children and adults alike.

Ages: 9+ | Size: 165 x 245 mm | Pages: 280 | Colors: 4/4 or b/w | Rights sold: Finnish, French worldwide, English worldwide, Italian, Czech

The Legion of Brimstone

Lily the little thief is tasked with assembling the talisman of the Legion of Brimstone - a mythical and potentially dangerous item. But as war draws near, Lily soon learns that she isn't the only one searching for the powerful talisman. The foolhardy thief and her master find themselves caught in another web or mysteries and adventures.

Winner of the Comics Finlandia Prize 2017!



Optioned for tv!



Janne Kukkonen is an animation director who has also made music videos and short films. *The Thief* is his first graphic novel.

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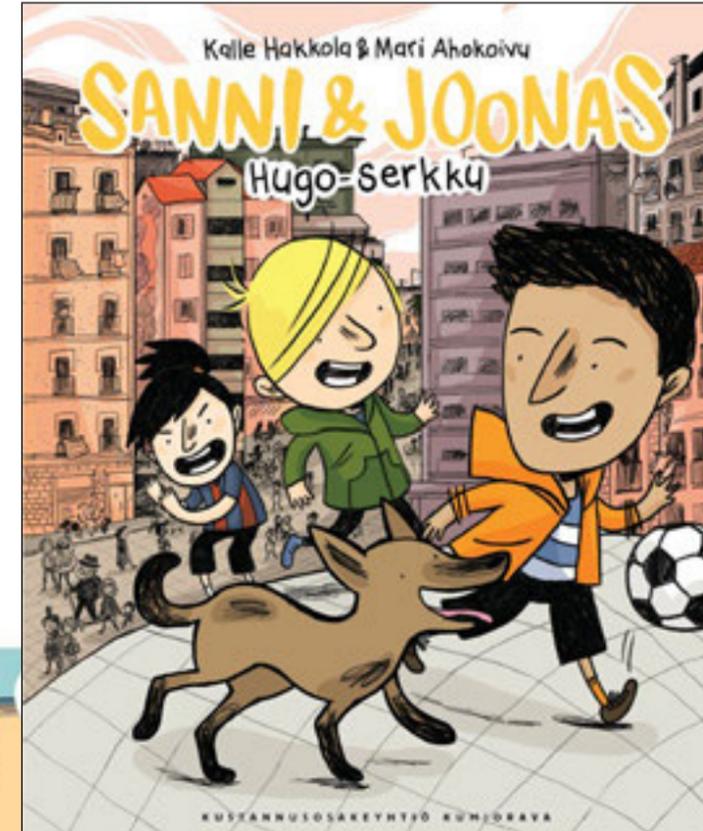


Kalle Hakkola – Mari Ahokoivu
Sanni and Joonas
Cousin Hugo

Five-year-old Sanni and seven-year-old Joonas are siblings on holiday in Spain. They spend their days in the sun together with their cousin Hugo. While Sanni plays football on the beach, Joonas and Hugo roam the streets of Barcelona and sneak into the Park Güell where they meet some famous people, go on an imaginary adventure, and discover a lost key to a treasure vault.

Sanni and Joonas is a children's comic about sibling rivalry, and, ultimately, family and friendship. It is a warm-hearted, diverse comic which celebrates the wonderful imagination of children and endless summer days.

Ages: | Size: 200 x 250 mm | Pages: 72 | Colors: 4/4



Kalle Hakkola is a Finnish author who has also worked as a director of the Helsinki Comics festival. Kalle has also worked widely in different fields of culture and art. He lives and works in Finland.

Mari Ahokoivu (b. 1984) is a Finnish Illustrator and a comic artist who loves to draw cute and scary things. She draws comics for adults and for kids and has been published in Finland as well as abroad.

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With this book, Ahokoivu rises into the league of champions. *Oksi* is perfect. It's intelligent, funny, lively, and full of magic.

Helsingin Sanomat (Finland's biggest newspaper)

Serving mythology to the manga generation, the visual look of *Oksi* brings to mind the symbolic narration of Hayao Miyazaki, the forests in the art of John Bauer, and the work of Tove Jansson. The art of Mari Ahokoivu is on that level.

Kvaak.fi, Finnish comics portal

The most substantial work of Mari Ahokoivu's career. Mothers, fathers, and the offspring of all of them: read and learn.

Mustekala Online Culture Magazine



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Mari Ahokoivu **Oksi**

Based on Finnish mythology that recognizes the bear as the king of the forest, *Oksi* is a unique and epic graphic novel that is already being hailed as a masterpiece.

A bear mother has given birth to her new cubs. One of them, however, is different. She looks more like a flame than a bear, and is bullied by her siblings. Even the mother is at a loss with the strange newcomer. But deep down, the mother has her own task to overcome: she has to grow out of the shadow of her own mother, the resentful goddess Emuu, mother of all animals. Drawing references both to the deep layers of Nordic mythology and stories ranging from *Prometheus*, *The Ugly Duckling* and *Spirited Away* by Hayao Miyazaki, *Oksi* is a breathtaking magnum opus by an extraordinary Finnish artist.

Size: 176 x 220 mm | Pages: 380 | Colors: 4/4

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Photo: Antti Ahokoivu

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Quantum mechanics, cunning photo comics, and a likeable loser protagonist got hitched with Philip K. Dick and had a baby that was named *Aperture*.

Johanna Sinisalo, author of *Not Before Sundown*

Heikkinen's debut album is an inventive and well-crafted detective story with a great hook and witty dialogue. *Aperture* is a one-of-a-kind experience you will want to read again and again.

JP Ahonen, author of *Perkeros* and *Belzebubs*

Avi Heikkinen *Aperture*

Jamo is a loser. Divorced and penniless, he lives his life as a small-time crook when he chances upon a camera that can be used to shoot the past. Struggling to forgive himself for the mistakes he has made in his life, Jamo uses the camera to search for a young woman who has recently gone missing. Finding unlikely allies in a half-deaf ex-policeman and a sarcastic AI-enhanced pig plush toy, Jamo uncovers secrets that will forever change his life.

Aperture is a unique photo comic shot entirely on location and post-processed into a mind-bending graphic novel which pushes the boundaries of the medium. It is a buddy-cop adventure with a sci-fi twist that is sure to resonate with anyone who has ever wished they could change the past.

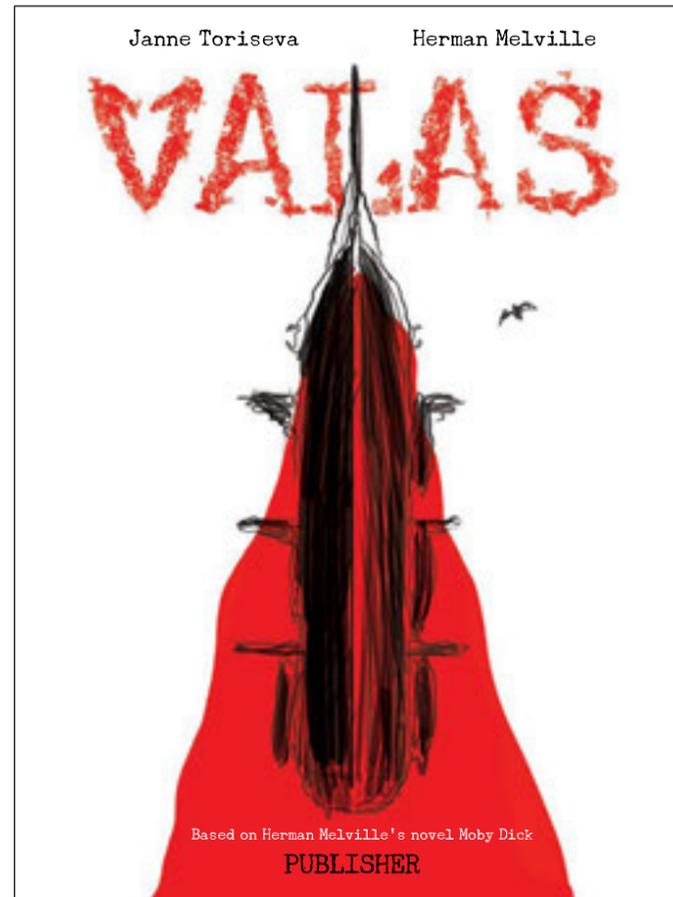
Ages: | Size: 170 x 240 mm | Pages: 232 (with self ends) | Colors: b/w



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Avi Heikkinen is an award winning comics artist and a screenwriter. Also an avid lover of cinema, whose goal is to capture that “movie magic” in his comics.



Janne Toriseva
The Whale

The Whale is a bold graphic novel adaptation of Herman Melville's classic, *Moby Dick*. Like the book, the album tells a detailed story of the harsh life of a whaler in the 19th century and sailors who lose themselves out on the open seas. When their continued misfortunes start to suggest the sailors are cursed, Ahab, blinded by his thirst for revenge, steers his ship towards disaster. *The Whale* draws a strong analogy between the past and the present when it asks if men are ever capable of listening to nature's warnings.

Ages: 12+ | Pages: 198 | Colors: 4/4 | Rights sold: Spanish, Finnish

A striking retelling of *Moby Dick*



Janne Toriseva is a comics artist and writer whose previous work includes the long-running strip *Oswald* which has been sold internationally.

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All other writers in this genre have just had the bar set very high.

Patrick Hayes, Sci Fi Pulse

Skies of Fire could be one of the greatest independent comics produced to date.

Wolf's Gaming Blog

If you like steampunk, or any good adventure story, I'd highly recommend this book.

Fanbase Press



Skies of Fire

Imagine if a kingdom did not hold a navy but a vast fleet of airships. *Skies of Fire* is a beautifully illustrated graphic novel about massive airships and their duels on the high skies.

Skies of Fire takes the reader inside the fictional Aquilan Empire, a kingdom roughly analogous to post-WW1 Great Britain. The Aquilans maintain a vast fleet of airships to defend its colonies and trade routes. In the center of the Empire lies a monstrous, never-ending storm called The Expanse. When the notorious raider Delmonte destroys a key trading port, the King has no choice but to order someone to fly inside The Expanse to take him down. His emissary is a force of nature herself: the tenacious Captain Helen Pierce, who's soon to discover the depths of her new mission.

Ages: 12+ | Size: 200 x 280 mm | Pages: 8 x 36 | Colors: 4/4 | Rights sold: English worldwide



Skies of Fire was started as a Kickstarter project and is quickly gathering international praise. The rich and lavish story world was created and written by **Vincenzo Ferriero** and **Ray Chou** and illustrated by **Pablo Peppino**.



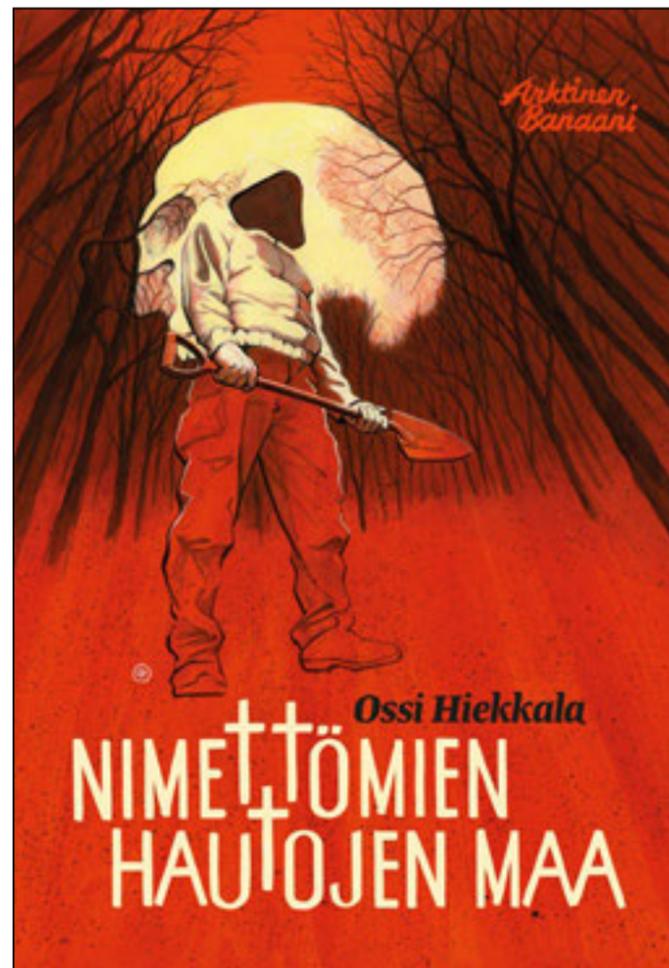
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A promising debut! Hiekkala connects the action to everyday life, making his stories plausible and authentic.

Helsingin Sanomat Newspaper

Fascinating entertainment! There's tension in the dialogue, and Hiekkala knows when to throw sudden, brutal action into the mix.

Hyllyy comics blog



Ossi Hiekkala **The Land of Unnamed Graves**

Chilling Finnish Noir at its best in a collection of crime stories that will chill you to the bone.

The Land of Unnamed Graves is the debut album by the very talented graphic artist Ossi Hiekkala. It consists of three hard-boiled crime stories, each with a refreshing Nordic flavor and a cool surprising twist. The stories deal with revenge, the laws of the jungle faced by criminals and twisted family drama.

Ages: 16+ | Size: 165 x 245 mm | Pages: 64 | Colors: 2/2 | Rights sold: Finnish



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**Nominee of
the Comics
Finlandia
Prize 2017!**



Ossi Hiekkala is a Finnish artist who has also studied illustration in Japan for several years. *The Land of Unnamed Graves* is his first graphic novel.

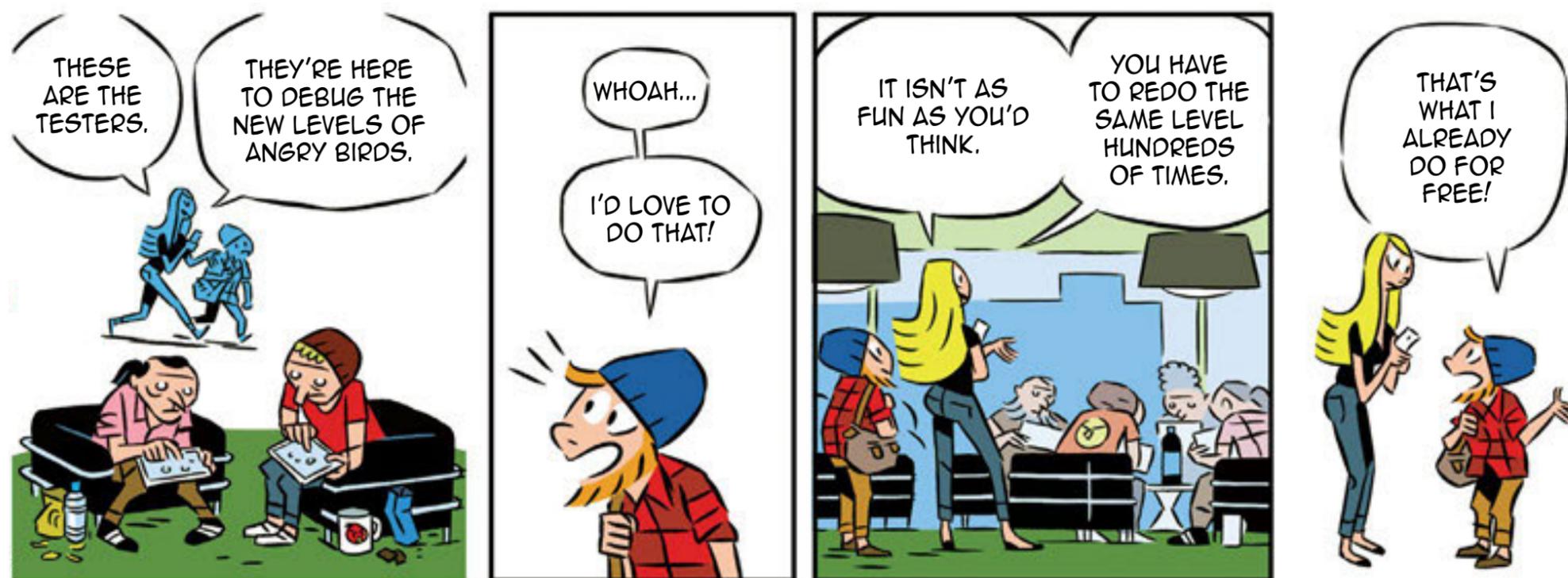
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Hugo Piette's pen fits the strip format perfectly. A beautiful graphic success!

Une Case en Plus Comics Website

Funny, with a great rhythm!

Men's Up Magazine



Lewis Trondheim & Hugo Piette **Happy Birds**

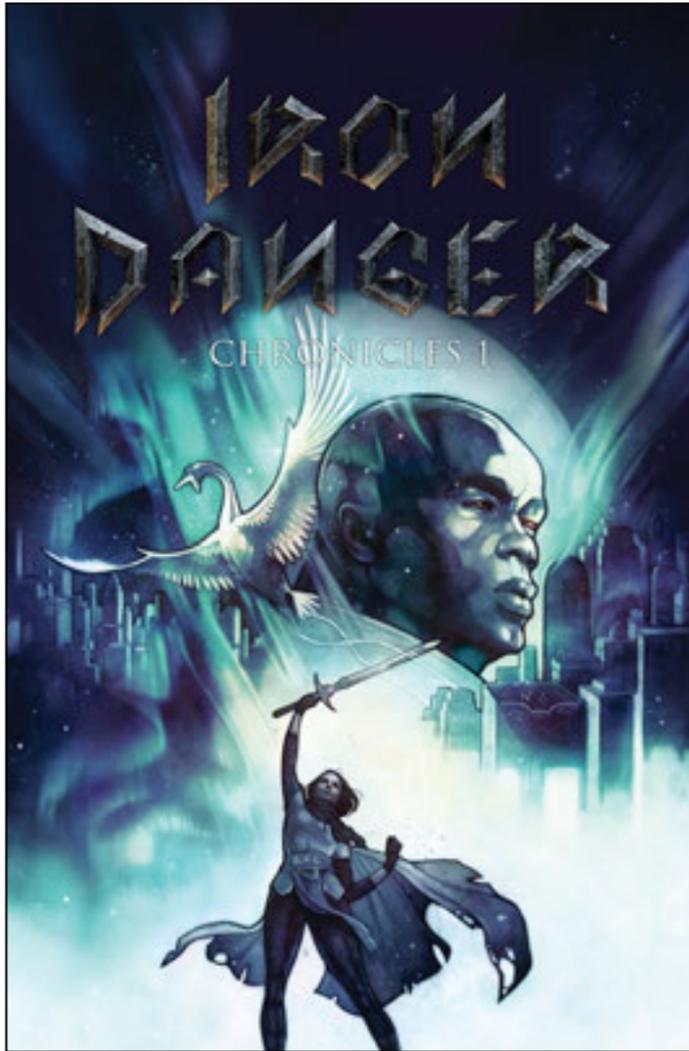
What happens when a young man called Pekko gets a job of his dreams at a very familiar sounding game company? Can he become a social media phenomenon just by accident? And, will he ever win the heart of the young lady working on the fourth floor?

A hilarious strip by the French comics superstar Lewis Trondheim and the brilliant Belgian artist Hugo Piette.

Ages: 8+ | Strip size: 65 mm x 190 mm | Pages: 99 one-row strips | Colors: 4-color strip | Language: French (30 strips in English) | Rights sold: French, Finnish

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Lewis Trondheim is a French comics superstar while **Hugo Piette** is a brilliant artist and colorist from Belgium. *Happy Birds* is their first collaboration.



Iron Danger

A bold re-telling of the Nordic folklore tale the *Kalevala*, Iron Danger is an adventurous story of how the magical heroes of the eponymous city fight against the dark forces of the Northland. Combining elements of fantasy and steampunk, the Iron Danger Chronicles explore the origin stories of the main characters in graphic novel format.

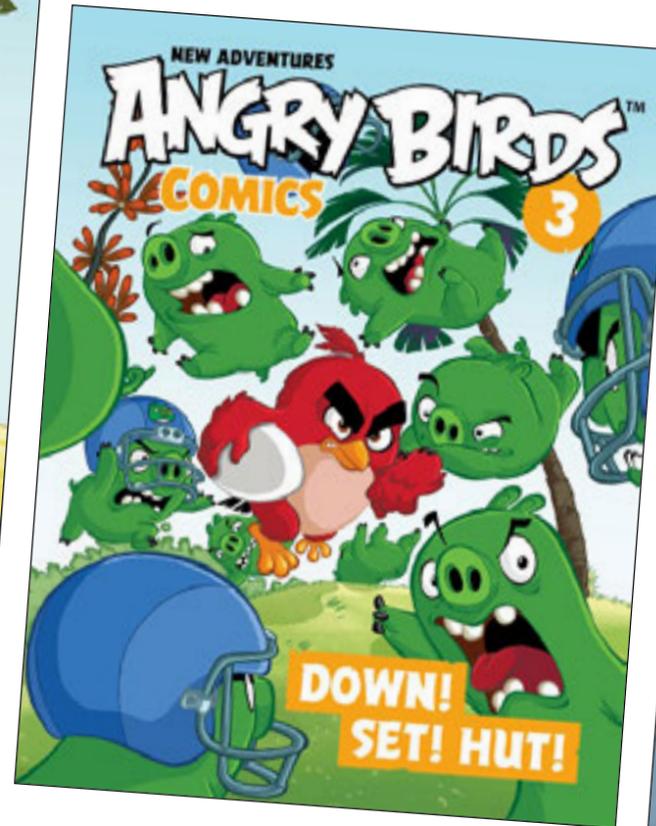
Ages: 12+ | Size: 171 x 260 mm | Pages: 64 | Colors: 4/4

Feature film
and game being
developed by
Action Squad
Studios.



Action Squad studios is a story-driven transmedia studio developing exciting stories for games, motion pictures and other media. The studio was founded by seasoned gaming and entertainment industry professionals who previously worked on brands like Angry Birds, Quantum Break and Warhammer 40 000.





ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE ALBUMS

Dozens of pages of adventures available, starring all your favorite birds and piggies! The series of five albums is based on *The Angry Birds Movie* world and features brand new stories with illustrations from the esteemed likes of Giorgio Cavazzano and Cèsar Ferioli!

Ages: 8+ | Size: 216 x 279 mm | Pages: 5 x 48 | Colors: 4/4 | Rights handled by Mediatoon, sophie.castille@mediatoon.com

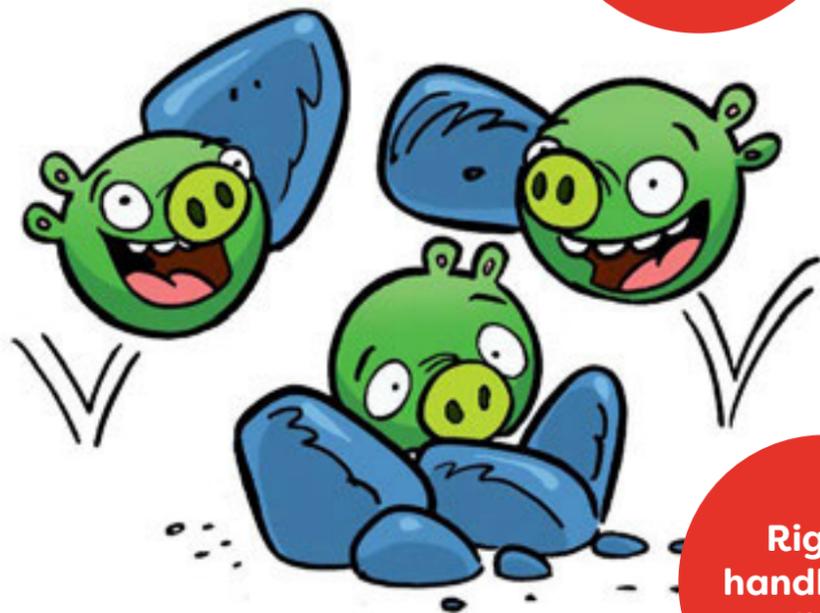
ANGRY BIRDS COMICS

Choose your favourites from hundreds of pages of fun and angry adventures that are set to go down as classics of the genre. There are 15 Angry Birds albums in the collection, featuring artwork from Giorgio Cavazzano and Marco Gervasio, among others.

Ages: 5+ | Size: 216 x 279 mm | Pages: 15 x 48 | Colors: 4/4 | Rights handled by Mediatoon, sophie.castille@mediatoon.com

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Qumi-Qumi Laka-Laka Comics 1

The wacky adventures seen in the Qumi-Qumi cartoons continue as comics!

The kooky shaman Juga, lovely and smart Yusi, and big but peace-loving Shumadan are all shunned by their tribes. These three are friends, but Juga and Shumadan compete for Yusi's attention. Their world is also inhabited by other strange creatures like Oilo and Worma. Laka laka!

Ages: 5+ | Size: A4 | Pages: 48

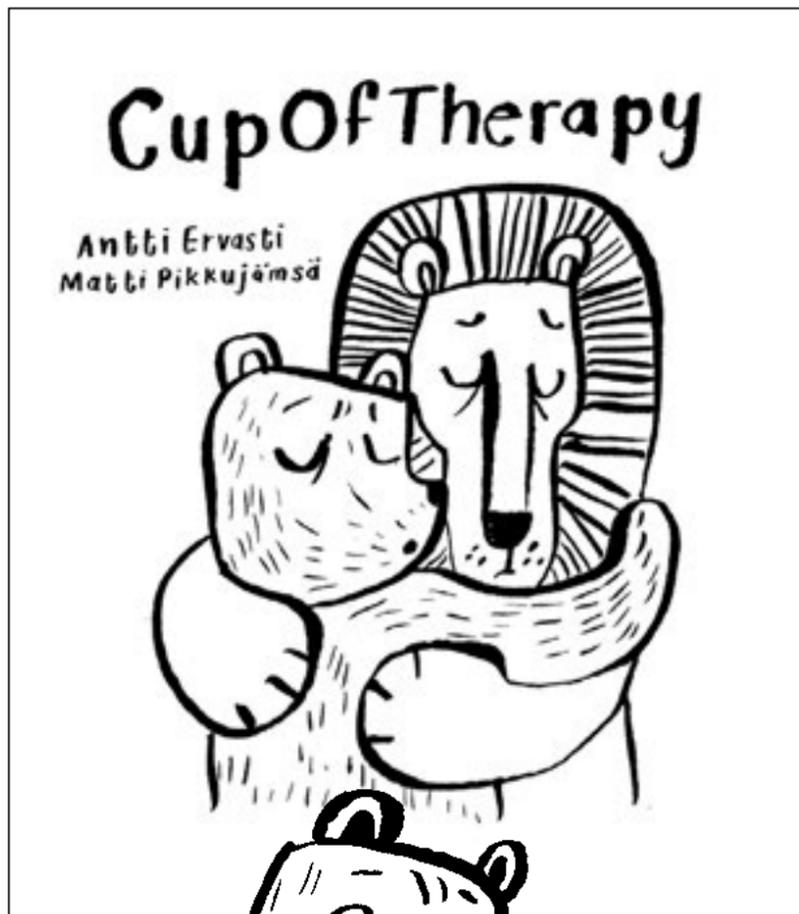


Episodes have been viewed on **YouTube more than 270 million times** and counting!

Animation is broadcast in Russia, CIS, Baltic States & Israel.

Toonbox is an animation studio based in Cyprus. Today the company's portfolio contains a number of animated shows.





CupOfTherapy

How about a cup of empathy, understanding and encouragement served by a group of adorable animals? *CupOfTherapy* is a bear hug of a book with a big message: that it's normal to face problems and you're fine just the way you are.

Combining heartwarming illustrations with thoughtful texts that deal with mental wellbeing, *CupOfTherapy* tackles heavy topics in a novel and accessible way.

The book was created when psychotherapy professionals Antti Ervasti and Elina Rehmonen joined forces with the award-winning artist and graphic designer Matti Pikkujäämsä. The stories behind the pictures are inspired by real-life therapy encounters.

The creators also meet up with their audience to raise awareness of mental well-being in an approachable way. 10 % of the sales revenue of the books are donated to promote mental health work.

This gem of a book is the perfect gift to friends in need of a hug - and that includes you!

Size: 140 x 160 mm | Pages: 226 | Colors: b/w | Rights sold: Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Finland



Available in MUJI stores in Japan!

The perfect book for when you're feeling a bit blue.



Matti Pikkujäämsä is one of Finland's most recognized illustrators and graphic designers whose art has been published both in books and magazines, and in design stores.

Antti Ervasti is a therapist based in Finland, and specializing in couples' and family therapy.

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