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Grimm's Zonkey Tales
Grimm & Carotto Series

by
Stephanie Schneider & Stefanie Scharnberg



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total print run
of all ZONKEY-titles:
325,000 copies!

Board Books

Grimm and Carotto now for toddlers

Stephanie Schneider: Grimm and Carotto Build a Cozy Den

Lovingly written rhymes and catchy texts with the familiar cosy illustrations from the successful duo



Building, hiding and lots of fun with Zesel

It never gets boring with little Zesel, because the funny ideas just bubble out of his stripes. If you can't go outside, cosy dens are to be built inside. It's a great place to hide and cuddle with each other – snug as a bug in a rug!



Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)

Grimm and Carotto Build a Cozy Den

ca. 22 pages

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Age: 2+

4c-illustrations, 17cm x 17cm

Genre: Picture-Books Age 2+



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Stephanie Schneider: Grimm and Carotto – Into Bed, Get Set, Go!

Ideal for reading aloud in the evening and for winding down

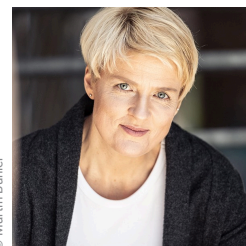
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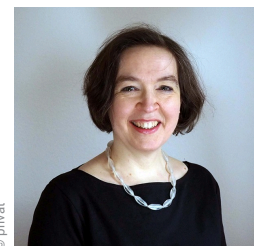
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Evening routine with little Zesel

It gets really cosy in the evening with Grimm and Carotto! They brush their teeth together, sing, read and cuddle. This cardboard picture book with its catchy texts accompanies the two during their evening routine and brings a warm and fuzzy feeling to the nursery.



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Picture Book

The popular duo now in picture book
format for younger children

Stephanie Schneider: Grimm's Zonkey Tales

– Carotto in a Vegetable Bed



A wonderful bedtime story – not just for fans of Carotto

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Even booksellers need to sleep

It should be bedtime at the house with the crooked number seven at gate. But the little zonkey can't get to sleep! Bookseller Grimm tries all the tricks and games he can think of: singing, a wild rumpus, and finally – of course – a zonkey snuggle. Because it's that warm feeling inside that helps us all sleep well ...



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Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Carotto in a Vegetable Bed

32 pages

September 2023

Age: 4+

4c illustrations, 22 x 30,5 cm

Genre: Picture-Books

Stephanie Schneider: Grimm's Zonkey Tales – The Playground Pirates

Enjoy springtime cheer with Grimm & Carotto

Celebrates the simple joys of childhood: captures the delightful everyday moments of little ones



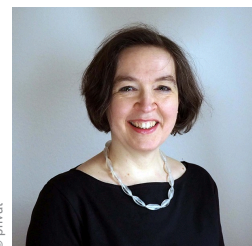
Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – The Playground Pirates
 32 pages
 February 2025
 Age: 4+
 4c illustrations, 22 x 30,5cm
Genre: Picture-Books

Finally spring – the new picture book featuring the little zonkey!

It's April, and the warmth of spring is finally here, perfect for playing in the garden! Grimm and Carotto, along with the neighborhood children, are building a magnificent pirate ship. Everyone is thrilled to be outside – finally playing without jackets and feeling the fresh air and the joy of spring. Everyone except Carotto, because zonkeys don't have jackets they could take off, as it starts getting warm! Will the playground pirates come up with a solution for their friend?



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Read Aloud

Books and adventures to share with
children of all ages

Stephanie Schneider: Grimm's Zonkey Tales

– Carotto Moves In

»Na klar«, sagte Grimm. »Zum Anfassen und Rein-schauen sind sie schließlich da.«

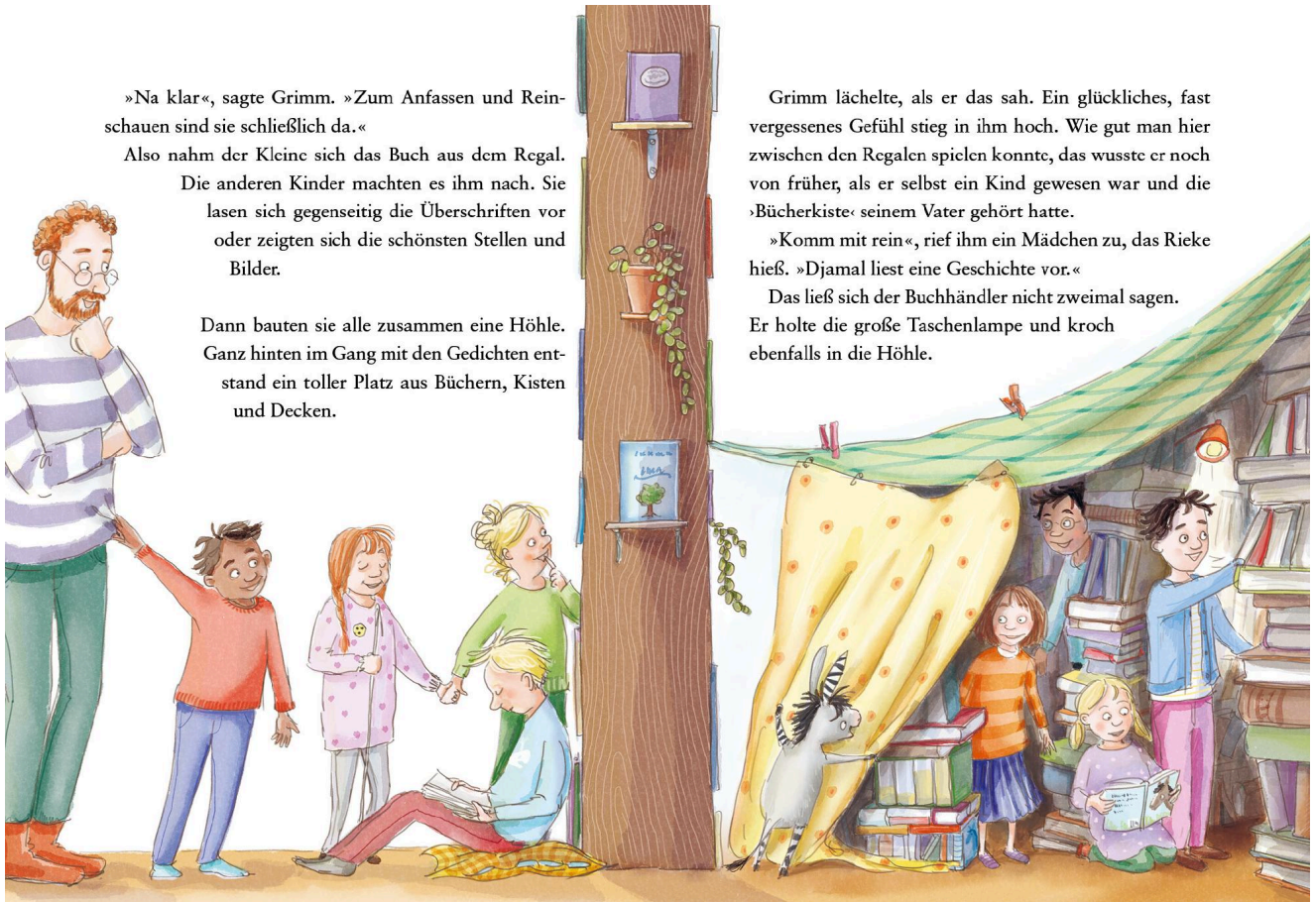
Also nahm der Kleine sich das Buch aus dem Regal. Die anderen Kinder machten es ihm nach. Sie lasen sich gegenseitig die Überschriften vor oder zeigten sich die schönsten Stellen und Bilder.

Dann bauten sie alle zusammen eine Höhle. Ganz hinten im Gang mit den Gedichten entstand ein toller Platz aus Büchern, Kisten und Decken.

Grimm lächelte, als er das sah. Ein glückliches, fast vergessenes Gefühl stieg in ihm hoch. Wie gut man hier zwischen den Regalen spielen konnte, das wusste er noch von früher, als er selbst ein Kind gewesen war und die »Bücherkiste« seinem Vater gehört hatte.

»Komm mit rein«, rief ihm ein Mädchen zu, das Rieke hieß. »Djamal liest eine Geschichte vor.«

Das ließ sich der Buchhändler nicht zweimal sagen. Er holte die große Taschenlampe und kroch ebenfalls in die Höhle.



SPIEGEL bestseller with a print run of more than 115,000 copies

Awarded the *Deutscher Kinderbuchpreis* 2022

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How Grimm found his Carotto

Bookseller Grimm has recently become the owner of the Book Box shop in his village. This is a good thing, because he adores books, and sometimes even writes one himself. However, he occasionally feels a bit lonely in his store, but fortunately for him, that changes when, a little zonkey suddenly appears in his shop. (Yes, these animals really do exist.) 'I'm Carotto, and I've been looking for you', it declares, pulling a book out of his suitcase. Grimm's Zonkey Tales is printed on it. "We will have adventures together, and you can write them down in here," explains the little zonkey. And so Carotto moves in with Grimm and livens up his house! Because with such a little zonkey, even everyday things like riding a bike suddenly become adventures.



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Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Carotto Moves In (vol. I)

128 pages

February 2022

Age: 5+

4c illustrations, 17,3 x 24 cm

Genre: Children's Books, Bestseller Children's Book /YA, Series

Licenses sold: Belarus (POPURI), Czech Republic (Jan Vasut), Ukraine (Bohdan)

Stephanie Schneider: Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Carotto

For readers of 'Pettersen & Findus' and the 'Lieselotte' books

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Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Carotto (vol. II)

144 pages

July 2022

Age: 5+

4c illustrations, 17,3 x 24 cm

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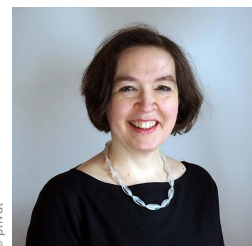
A year of zonkey business

It's been some time since Grimm the bookseller lived all alone in his cosy house with its number seven hanging askew on the gate. Since a small zonkey moved in, his tranquil life has been turned upside down.

The two have a lot of fun discovering all the amazing customs that people follow through the year: writing a wish list for Christmas, dressing up for carnival, writing postcards on holiday, and having bonfires in autumn. With Carotto, this is going to be the biggest and best year yet at Grimm's Book Box.



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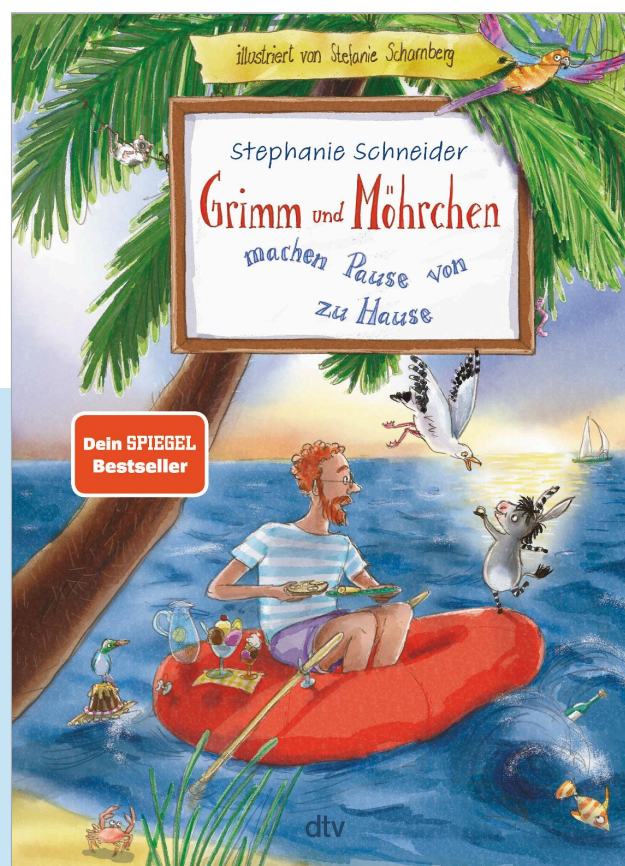
Stephanie Schneider: Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Grimm and Carotto Take a Break

Helps children discover the world as they travel with their favourite zonkey

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Carotto wants to see the sea

Carotto the zonkey is feeling glum. Luckily, Grimm the bookseller knows what's wrong: Carotto needs a holiday! Without further ado, the pair leap into the 'Blue Wonder' and set off. But Carotto can't quite get the hang of maps, so instead of arriving at the beach, they find themselves on a rollercoaster adventure across Europe, before they finally feel the sand between their toes (and hooves).



Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Grimm and Carotto Take a Break (vol. III)

96 pages

April 2023

Age: 4+

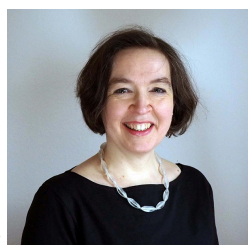
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Stephanie Schneider: Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Grimm and Carotto and the Wonderful World of Words

- New reading stories about Zonkey Carotto and his bookseller
- Wonderful word games and language fun



Grimm & Carotto play with words

Finally, new read aloud stories about the little Zonkey and his bookseller. This book takes us on a wild and colourful journey through the wild world of words and concepts. They pet walls instead of paint them, try out crazy ice cream flavours and create all kinds of new words. Grimm and Carotto at their best!

Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Grimm and Carotto and the Wonderful World of Words (vol. V)

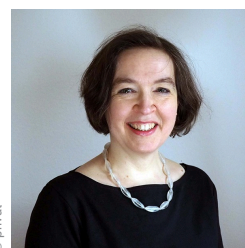
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4c illustrations, 17,3 x 24 cm

Genre: Children's Books



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Activity Books

Books to share in Grimm and Carotto
activities

Stephanie Schneider: Grimm's Zonkey Tales – The Christmas Bet – 24 Stories, Songs & Ideas for Advent

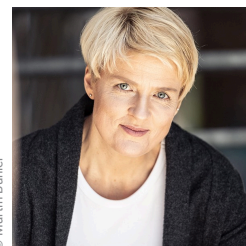
- Print run of Grimm's Zonkey Tales: over 300,000 copies
- Advent-calendar book in 24 chapters with a lot of add ons such as songs, baking recipes, and crafting ideas to keep little zonkeys busy



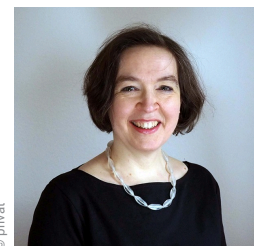
Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – The Christmas Bet – 24
Stories, Songs & Ideas for Advent
 144 pages
 September 2024
 Age: 5+
 4c illustrations, 17,3 x 24cm
Genre: Picture-Books

Happy Season with Grimm and Carotto

Grimm and Carotto are looking forward to Christmas, but for the little zonkey the time until the big day seems far too long! Rudi bets him that the Advent season will be anything but boring, because they pass the days with all sorts of fun ideas! In this Advent calendar there are 24 ideas for Christmas, such as striped cookies, funny zonkey crafts, magical walks, cheerful poems and cuddly stories to sweeten and enliven your Advent season.



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Stephanie Schneider: Grimm & Carotto – The Zonkey

Hands-on Book for Days of All Colour

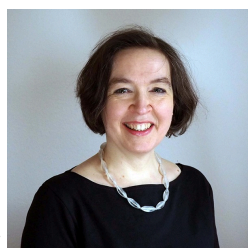
- Grimm and Carotto are now finally available for long car rides, waiting rooms and grey rainy days
- With simple puzzles, spot-the-difference pictures and colouring pictures that are suitable for young children

Painting and puzzle fun with the little zonkey

Carotto loves to paint, do crafts and puzzle. So what could be more obvious than an activity book for rainy days and long train journeys with the little zonkey? Full to the brim with picture puzzles, labyrinths, spot-the-difference pictures and craft ideas. With very simple instructions, so children can even do some of the ideas on their own.



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Grimm & Carotto – The Zonkey Hands-on Book for Days of All Colour

ca. 64 pages

October 2025

Age: 5+

4c-illustrations, 21,7cm x 28cm

Genre: Activity Books

Stephanie Schneider: Grimm & Carrotto – All my Friends



- A slice of the popular duo Grimm & Carrotto for everyday life
- Lovingly designed pages to fill in, with lots of fun information about the little zonkey and his friends as well as yours

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Making the zonkeyest memories around

There's nothing better in life than having friends, as Grimm and Carrotto know only too well. And that's why they now have their very own friendship book, with plenty of space for all your kindergarten friends, too. Little fans can learn a few more fascinating facts about Grimm and Carrotto, for example, when is the little zonkey's birthday, what is Feline's favourite colour, and what bookseller Grimm dreams of every now and then?



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Grimm & Carrotto – All my Friends

96 pages

September 2023

Age: 5+

4c illustrations, 21,3 x 17 cm

Genre: Activity Books, Picture-Books

Did you know...?

.... Carotto is also available as a plush toy!



Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)

ca. 1 pages

September 2024

Age: 3+

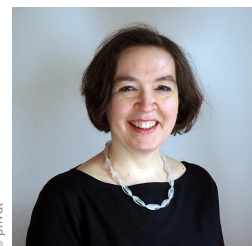
ca. 25 cm

»A zonkey is a bit of a donkey and a bit of a zebra. A bit of each and the best of both.«

Fans of Grimm & Carotto have long known how cute the little zonkey is. And now it is finally available as a real cuddly toy! In cooperation with Nici, a wonderfully soft and incredibly cute mini zonkey has been created that you just have to love!



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