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Books by Leo Timmers





Leo Timmers was born in 1970 in Belgium. At the age of 12 he started to draw comics and later trained in graphic design. He illustrates for magazines and newspapers and has released many successful picture books. He has a large following as one of Belgium's pre-eminent picture book artists.

In 2019 Leo Timmers was awarded the *New York Times* / New York Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Book for *Monkey on the Run*. *Gus's Garage* was awarded the Children's and Youth Jury Award in 2017.

Leo Timmers's books have been translated into more than 25 languages.



That's just a story, Eric.
There's no monster in
the lake...

Coming
September
2025



The Monster in the Lake

In this larger-than-life picture book, Eric the duck is nervous to swim in the lake for fear of the monster, but he bravely follows his friends and discovers something spectacular indeed lives beneath the surface.

With a foldout underwater wonderland

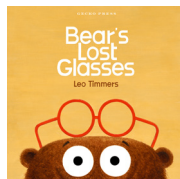
Hardcover | 315 x 225 mm | 36 pp with foldout
9798765670507 | NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99



‘A playful reminder that
it’s not just what we see
that matters but how we
choose to see it’

The New York Times

In paperback
September
2025



Bear's Lost Glasses

The nearsighted, cheerful Bear finds a parade
of remarkable animals when he goes walking to
find his glasses.

250 x 250 mm | 40 pp / 36 pp

Hardcover 9781776575947 | NZ 29.99 AU 27.99 UK 12.99

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‘A tribute to the power of collective, constructive play, and to heeding the call of freedom’

Publishers Weekly

New York Times
Best Children's
Book of the Year



Elephant Island

A refutation for anyone who thinks their island is too full to accommodate outsiders.

The Times Children's Book of the Week

Yet another triumphant experiment for the award-winning Timmers. New York Times

Paperback | 280 x 210 mm | 40 pp
9781776574353 | NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99

» Image © Leo Timmers from *Elephant Island*



‘Perfect for oral language,
sharing stories and
using imagination’

Books Trailers for Kids and YA

New York Times
Best Illustrated
Book



Leo Timmers

Monkey on the Run

Marvelous wheeled contraptions . . . eccentric details.
Starred Review, *Publishers Weekly*

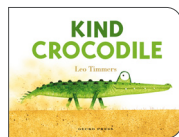
Paperback | 275 x 210 mm | 32 pp |
9781776572519 | NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99



‘A diverting reminder that kindness comes in all shapes and sizes—and sometimes requires community’

Publishers Weekly

Bank Street
Best Books
of 2023



Kind Crocodile

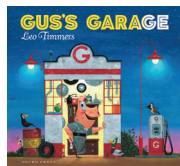
The kind crocodile gives shelter to a series of animals on its long green back, scaring away their pursuers—until the load becomes too heavy and the crocodile doesn't feel so kind any more. Grrr!

Board Book | 185 x 250 mm | 28 pp
9781776574704 | NZ 19.99 AU 17.99 UK 9.99



‘One animal’s clutter is
another pig’s livelihood in
this buoyant, rhyming tale.’

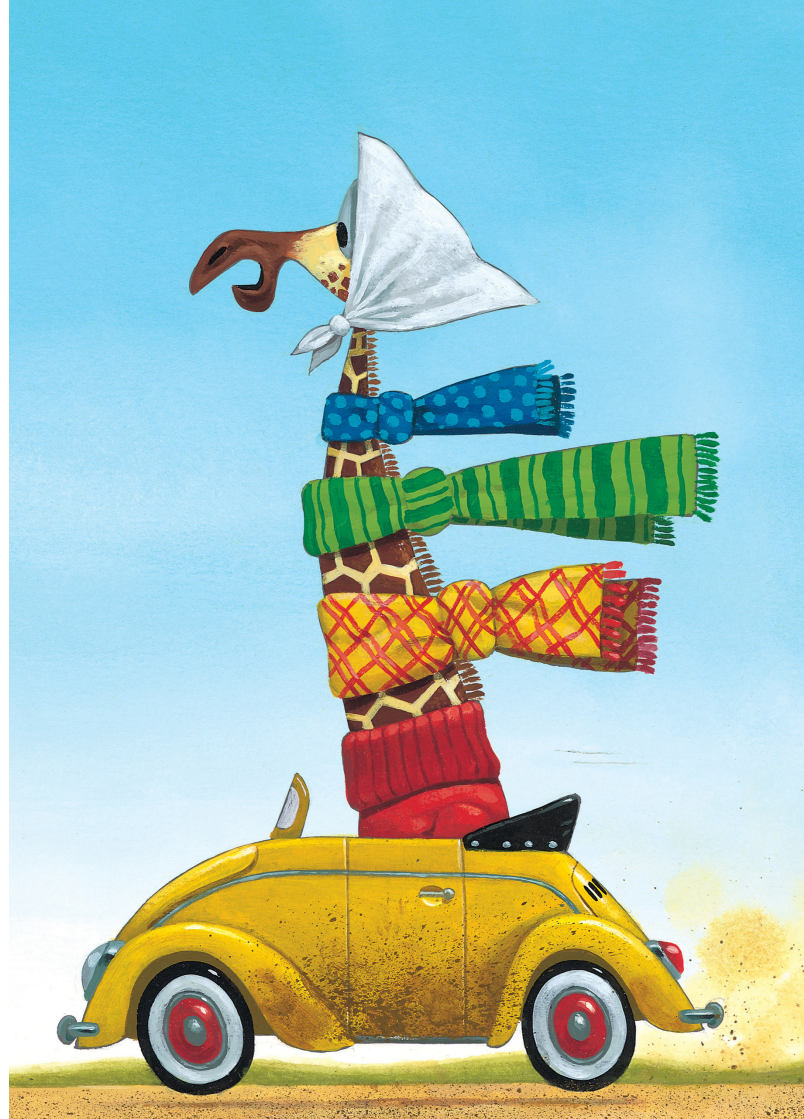
New York Times



Gus's Garage

Leo Timmers at his best: effortlessly simple
text, intricately detailed illustrations, and
vehicles galore

Paperback | 245 x 265 mm | 32 pp
9781776570935 | NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99



‘A lilting Seussian singsong,
with wonderful, surprising
rhymes’

Starred, Kirkus Reviews



Where Is the Dragon?

Three not-so-smart knights with only one candle seek a dragon in the dark. Every promising silhouette reveals a luminous surprise—but not a dragon.

UKLA Book Awards longlist
Teach Early Years Award (UK) Best Picture
Book finalist

Paperback | 210 x 280 mm | 40 pp
9781776573127 | NZ 19.99 AU 16.99 UK 7.99



‘A delightful play on the fable of the Tortoise and the Hare’

The Telegraph Book of the Year 2020



Who's Driving?

Animals, sounds and a guessing game in a book for drivers of all ages.

Each page packed with interactive fun, this is the ideal book to...rev up the imaginations of even the youngest children. Lancashire Post

Board Book | 170 x 250 mm | 30 pp
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Mā Wai e Hautū? Te reo Māori edition
Board Book 9781776573066 | NZ 18.99 AU 16.99



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