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We are Woongjin ThinkBig, one of the most known children's book publishers in South Korea. Initially incorporated in 1980, Woongjin ThinkBig has developed and offers a variety of educational and cultural contents, including collective set series for children, a digital library service, and more. Starting with the Woongjin Book Club, a membership-based digital library providing over 20,000 contents, we continue to release AI technology-applied products and services, which have helped us take the lead in the Edutech industry. The translation rights of Woongjin ThinkBig and Woongjin Junior, an imprint for children's books, have been sold to over 30 countries around the world, and various awards for the translated editions have demonstrated the excellence of our works.





As You Drive

Ji-an Kim
216 x 254 mm | 80 pages | April 2023
Rights sold: Russian

2024 BolognaRagazzi Awards
Special Mention in Early Comics

When the alarm clock rings, a new boredom routine day has begun. On the way to work, Mr. Togo notices a clear blue sky contrasting the jammed road. Suddenly, his GPS navigation tells him to take a different route. He follows the directions and is surprised to find himself on a tranquil road where he has never been before and is glad to be able to escape the traffic. All of a sudden, a fairy popped up from the navigation and they begin a special journey together. What adventures await on their journey?



A Tree Swing to Soar

Jeong-yun Heo, So-young Lee
250 x 340 mm | 60 pages | May 2024



The four seasons of an oak tree that has been in its place for more than five hundred years are depicted in the book, together with the people and animals that pass by it. Formerly called the Acorn Tree and now known as the Tree Swing, it has been light as a feather and heavy as a rock, embracing the various weights of each day's visitors and observing their daily lives.





Dust in the Woods

Jin-hee Lee

255 x 186 mm | 56 pages | March 2024

A new picture book by the illustrator of 'I will Wait for You, Wait for Me'

In a small forest village, a speck of dust was born. No one knew where it came from or how it was born. When a curious kitten saves the dust from danger, an unlikely friendship begins between them. Dust,

curious about the places beyond its tiny corner of the forest, wants to explore outside of its small world. However, as winter approaches, Dust decides not to leave and keep his friend warm. Though Dust may never know why it was born in the forest, it finds it more pleasant and meaningful to be with its friend.

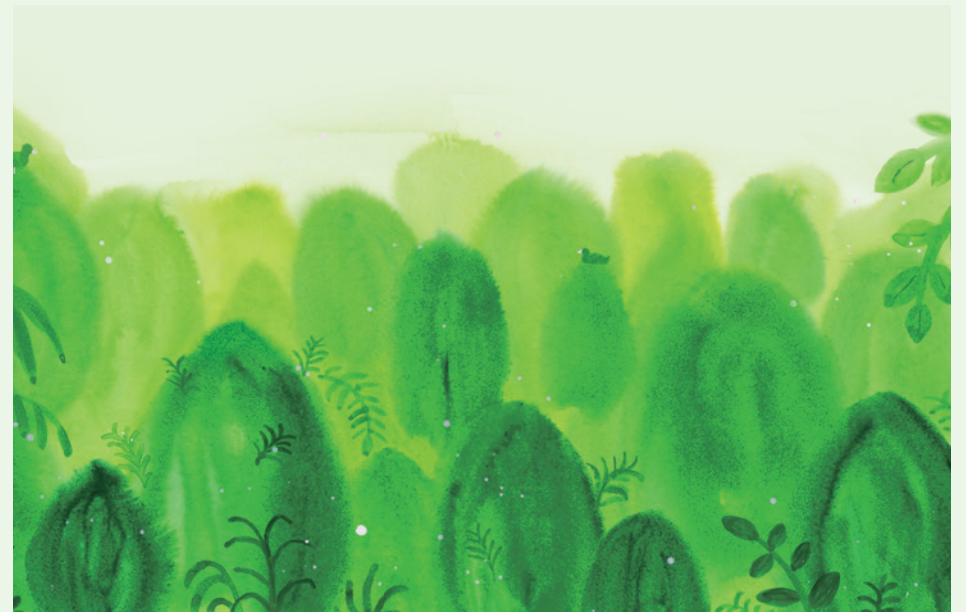


Summer Forest

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210 x 270 mm | 60 pages | May 2024

This heartwarming picture book welcomes you to a refreshing green forest, providing an escape from the unpleasant gray world. In the summer scorching forest, everyone enjoys a quiet nap under the gentle breeze, except for one free-spirited cat. A young girl enters the forest, exploring mushroom and moss-covered landscapes. Suddenly, a sun shower falls silently. In this magical moment, the girl and the cat meet, and she friendly asks, 'Would you like to be my friend?' This story captures the joy of finding understanding and offers a refreshing sensory experience, evoking the feeling of walking through a pleasant forest.





The Star Store

Thomas Lee

236 x 196 mm | 48 pages | April 2024

Rights sold: Simplified & Complex Chinese

In this lovely follow-up title to 'The Weather Store', Thomas Lee presents his brilliant and imaginative world filled with lovely characters and their stories once again. Lilac, the owner of the "Star Store" in the Scales Hill Village, wonders around the universe, collecting tiny pieces of stars to make all kinds of dreaming items. One day, 'slumber' has disappeared without a trace all of a sudden and villagers are eager to find it. Is Lilac able to help them fall into a sound sleep with her items?

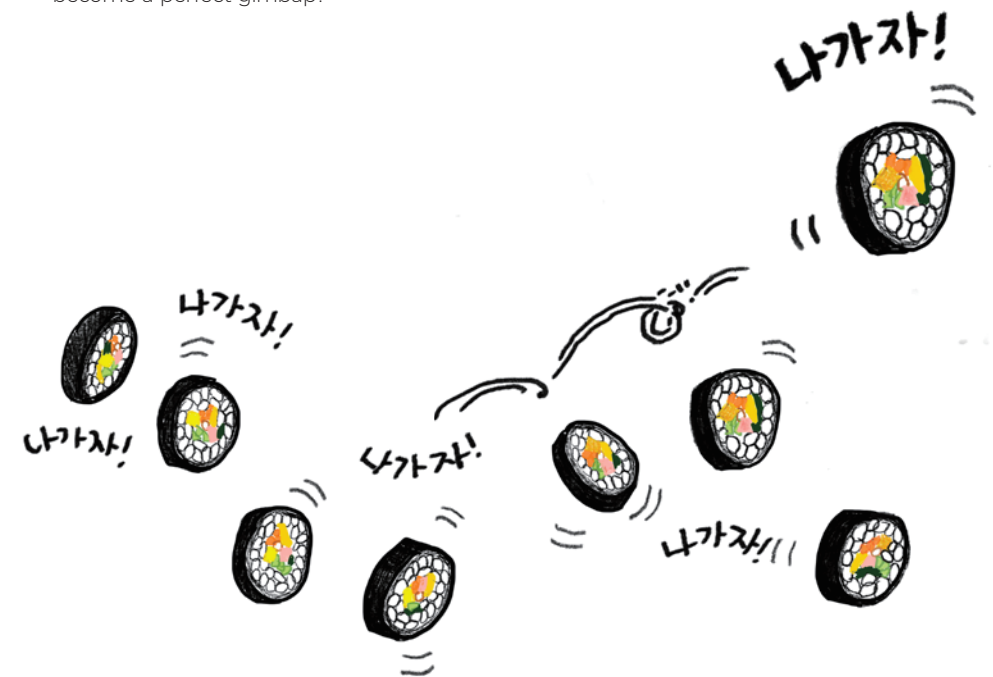


A Picnic Day

Gyu-ha Kim

200 x 212 mm | 68 pages | May 2024

After cooking, the rice grains come up with a daring plan: to become gimbap! Escaping from the rice cooker, the rice grains hurriedly call the vegetable compartment. They begin to gather their friends who would help them make the gimbap, including cucumber, cheese, egg, burdock, and carrot. When all the friends gather, it's time to chop, boil, and slice! After a noisy preparation process, they lay down on the dried seaweed and are rolled up tightly until... the side bursts open. Will the rice and vegetable friends be able to complete their quest and become a perfect gimbap?





Blooming Every Day

Jy-hyun Kim, Jin-hee Yoo

225 x 300 mm | 40 pages | February 2024

This picture book celebrates the joy of birth and growth through the twelve months, using flowers and fruits to represent wishes for a child's safety and well-being, followed by beautifully illustrations inspired by traditional Korean painting called 'Minhwa'. The story begins with a small seed sprouting and growing, mirroring the child's journey from infancy to maturity. Each flower and fruit convey specific wishes, such as the camellia blooming in the cold snow representing undaunted spirit, magnolia wishing for longevity, apricot blossoms encouraging children to explore the world, and pine trees thriving in cold frost symbolizing health.



Geumson: the Golden Cat

Jin-ho Jung

245 x 160 mm | 48 pages | December 2023

Award-winning author Jin-ho Jung provides a poignant yet beautiful story about the golden cat, Geumson, and King Sukjong. This picture book narrates the tale of Geumson, a beloved cat of King Sukjong, whose name was bestowed directly by the cherished king. Geumson seemed to understand its name and would appear whenever called. It ate, slept, and only accepted affection from the king. After the news of King Sukjong's death broke, Geumson reportedly cried for twenty days and then followed the king in death. The author created this book with the hope that they would be together forever.

Jin-ho Jung

2015 BolognaRagazzi Award - Opera Prima

2017 Selected as an IBBY Outstanding Book for Young People With Disabilities

2018 BolognaRagazzi Award - Special Mention in the Art - Architecture & Design category





I Want to Have a Cerberus!

Woo-hee Park

180 x 253 mm | 52 page | May 2024

If Cerberus, the guardian of the underworld, became our pet! A boy discovers a lost and crying Cerberus, the three-headed dog, and takes him home. He cares for Cerberus, giving him a bath, treats, grooming, and teaches him social norms (like wagging his tail to show happiness and giving hands). The boy even helps Cerberus discover his talents. Despite wanting to keep Cerberus, his true owner appears. The boy is sad, but what new surprise awaits him? This delightful picture book is filled with imagination and fun.



Pink Monster

Hye-jin Go

227 x 245 mm | 44 pages | August 2023

In a dense and peaceful forest, adorable green worms live. Basking in the warm sun, they enjoy their carefree lives. One day, a shocking rumor spreads like wildfire and it says that the Pink Monster is hunting them! According to it, this fearsome creature uses its large and sharp claws to capture its prey. However, no worm has actually seen the Pink Monster in the flesh. Is this terrifying creature real, or is it just their imagination? This picture book delivers a curious twist at the end.



Hye-jin Go

2015 Silver medal for the best Children's fiction at the Korea Andersen Award

2016 Selected for the 2016 Bologna Children's Fair Exhibition

2017 Won at Nami Concours

2019 Selected as an artist for the Asia Culture Center International Exchange Project





Strollings

Ju-hyun Kim, Yu-jin Kim

200 x 250 mm | 68 pages | April 2024

As the rain stops and the sun rises, a child and their dog eagerly get dressed, grab a water bottle, and head out for a walk. They journey to the park, savoring the fresh scent of grass and the fleeting aroma of a squirrel. The mud flat dances as they walk, and various scenes unfold. Observing a stag beetle and a longicorn beetle wrestling, they rest when tired. Blowing on dandelion seeds, their imagination soars through the clouds on dandelion balloons. This picture book captures the beauty of a park walk, seen through the eyes of the dog.



Vroom, Vroom, Off We Go

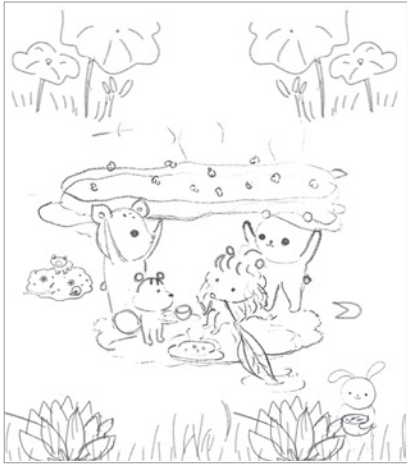
Do-ah Kim

250 x 240 mm | 60 pages | November 2023

2025 IBBY for Young People with Disabilities

A heartwarming picture book unfolds a special countryside stroll. Villagers, filled with anticipation, assemble by the village tractor ready to transport them beyond rolling hills, heading to Tang's house. Boksil, the loyal companion, and a goose and a pig from Granny's farm join the unique journey. The path ahead, like a farmer's seasoned hands, twists and turns, yet the tractor moves forward. Why do they embark on this early journey to Tang's house? The answer lies within the enchanting pages, depicting the essence of community and nature.





Lotus Leaf Pancake

Yu-yeon Baek
210 x 233 mm | 44 pages | June 2024

On a clear summer day after the rain, the animal friends are busy preparing for a summer festival at the pond. However, a frog appears angry and upset, accusing the others of making a mess of the pond. After clearing up the misunderstanding, they all work together to prepare for the festival. The highlight of the festival is the lotus leaf pancake! They make a large lotus leaf pancake and enjoy eating it together. Let's dive into the scenery of a joyful summer day with animal friends.



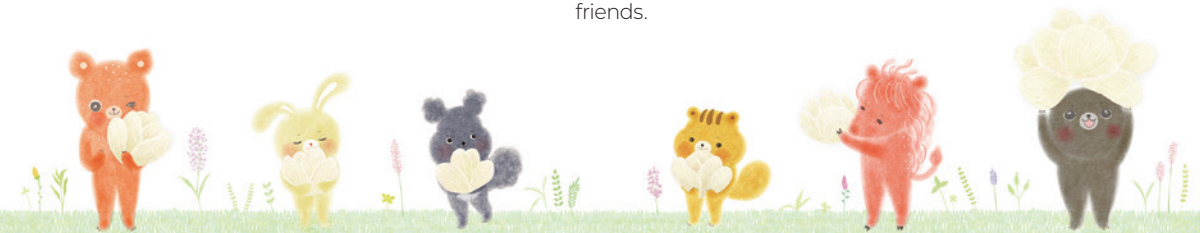
Cherry Blossom Popcorn

Yu-yeon Baek
210 x 233 mm | 40 pages | March 2020
Rights sold: Complex Chinese



Leaf Grass Noodle

Yu-yeon Baek
210 x 233 mm | 40 pages | August 2020
Rights sold: Complex Chinese



Magnolia Dumpling

Yu-yeon Baek
210 x 233 mm | 44 pages | March 2023
Rights sold: Complex Chinese



Wild Flower Sweet Rice Drink

Yu-yeon Baek
210 x 233 mm | 44 pages | September 2023



Leaf Snack

Yu-yeon Baek
210 x 233 mm | 40 pages | October 2019
Rights sold: Complex Chinese



Candy Tree

Yu-yeon Baek
210 x 233 mm | 40 pages | December 2020
Rights sold: Complex Chinese



What If It Doesn't Stop Raining?

Seo young

200 x 220 mm | 52 pages | April 2024

On a lazy and rainy afternoon, Sobong the cat and Dabong the dog are looking out the window. Then Sobong asks the question, 'What if it doesn't stop raining for good?' and their little imaginations start to expand like big waves in the sea, taking them on an imaginary journey. This funny and hugely enjoyable picture book featuring two adorable will invite readers into widely imaginative adventure.



Falling

Ji-na Moon

235 x 290 mm | 40 pages | May 2024

A picture book vividly illustrates the hustle and bustle of a family's hectic morning through imagination. On an ordinary rainy morning, a child is whining to skip school and the father worries about traffic to work. Suddenly, objects on the table begin to fall one by one, and the broken egg turns into a flowing stream, carrying the family on an imaginative adventure. After their exhilarating journey, they return to reality and enjoy a delicious breakfast of fried eggs. This cheerful picture book encourages children to embark on new adventures every day with an open mind.





Gum And Wrapper

Jeong-yun Heo

200 x 245 mm | TBC | May 2024

Join Gum, a discarded piece of gum, and Wrapper, its companion, in an adventurous tale after their sweetness fades away. Gum embarks on a journey to find Wrapper, blown away by the wind. Along the way, encounters with a mole family, a bee, and a snail prove unhelpful. Tired and lonely, Gum meets a trapped sparrow, helps it, and receives a hint about Wrapper's location. Determined, Gum presses on, overcoming hardships to reunite with Wrapper. This paper art-illustrated picture book by Jeong-Yun Heo, author of the <'I am Booger, Nosy' series> series, celebrates friendship turning challenges into adventures.



Mr. Neat's Barbershop

Ye-jin Moh

TBC | TBC | May 2024

Every day, Mr. Neat, with his hair neatly parted in the middle, maintains apple-pie order as he welcomes his customers to his barbershop. The only hairstyle offered at his establishment is a neat center part executed with military precision. Naturally, customers adore their haircuts every time. Mr. Woof the dog, Mr. Nay the horse, and Mr. Trumpet the elephant all love their new haircuts with the precise center part. However, it seems that something is about to disrupt the peaceful world of the barbershop... What happens when the wind blows and changes everyone's hairstyle accidentally?



Ye-jin Moh

Selected for the 2015 Bologna Children's Fair Exhibition

Selected for the 2016 Bologna Children's Fair Exhibition



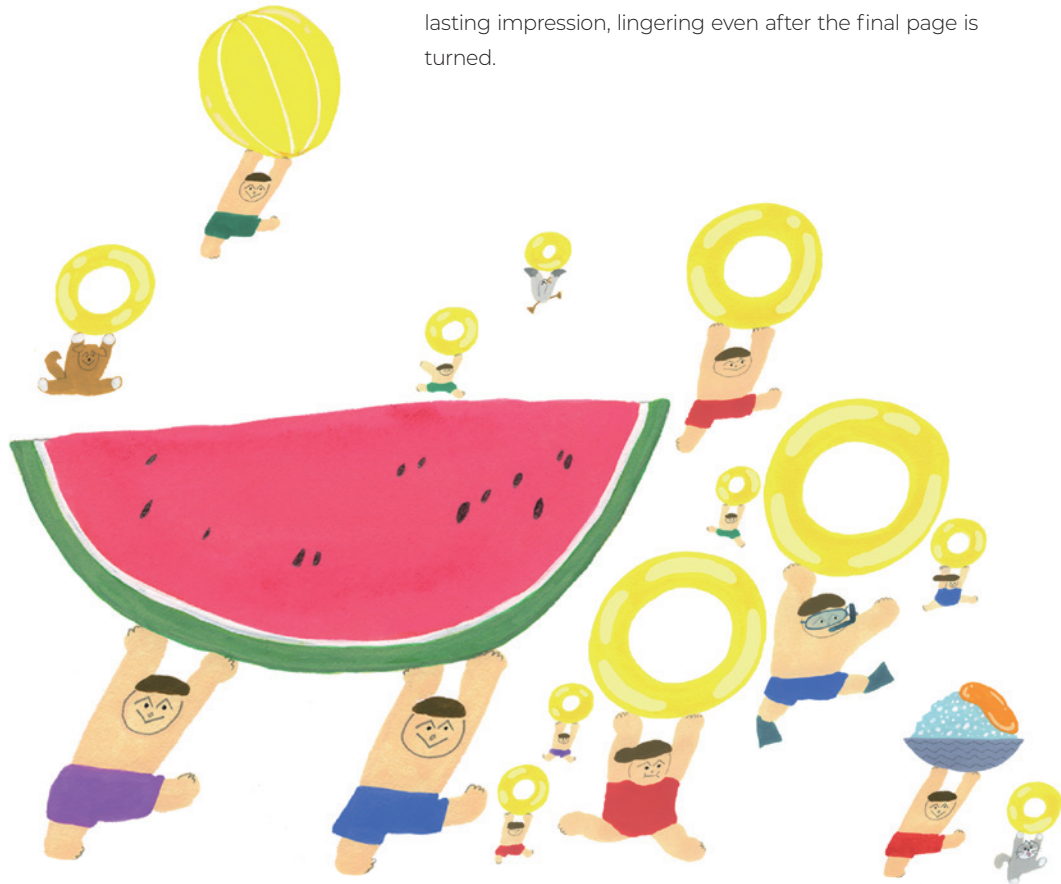


Summer Is Coming

Hyo-jeong Kim

235 x 250 mm | 46 pages | June 2024

Ah, what a beautiful morning! The sun shines brighter than ever, brimming with energy. But wait... Who's that approaching? Sneaking up ever so quietly... Who could it be? This vibrant summer picture book captures the joy of a hot summer day under the warm sun looking at the crashing waves. The cool blue sea bursts to life with bold and vibrant colors. The story ends with a stunning sunset, as the people's sunburned skin is placed together against the fiery red sky. The harmonious use of colors leaves a lasting impression, lingering even after the final page is turned.



Lightning Berries

Deok-hwa Lee

210 x 270 mm | 48 pages | August 2023

Rights sold: Complex Chinese

Tired of the heat, Jan-di and Dinosaur discover a small, yellow, lightning bolt-shaped fruit. With one bite, they experience a thrilling coolness. As their friends also try the fruit, each person's body reacts differently, and they can't help but eat them all at once. The picture book offers a free-flowing exploration of visual rhythm, with multiple scenes blending together in harmony, inviting readers to discover the delightful consequences of the characters' actions. Readers can find unique recipes using the lightning berries at the end of the book.





Time Resembles Flowing Wave

Hye-rin Yoo

210 x 233 mm | 40 pages | February 2024

A young girl sits next to her grandmother, who is busy knitting. The girl begins to wonder how long animals live, from rabbits and turtles to the fleeting time of a mayfly that has only one day to live, the lifespan of a rabbit that spans ten years, and the uncertain span of a human life. The girl's questions lead to a discussion about time. Just as her grandmother can't express relative time simply

by the length of yarn, time is finite for everyone. However, she gently advises how to live within that time. The author uses the technique of printmaking, printing the threads of yarn one by one, to represent time.



Black Elephant Kuku

Jhee

220 x 200 mm | 44 pages | August 2023

Explore animal rights, life, and coexistence through the daily life of Kuku, a black elephant who works carrying people in a red chair on his back. Passengers share stories about the new world, while Kuku dreams of returning to a life of freedom. Today marks Kuku's last day of work. Accompanied by Lee, the driver and Kuku's friend, they return to the forest. The book,

illustrated with limited colors, depicts Kuku's everyday life and delivers a thought-provoking message, serving as an inspiration for readers curious about his new adventure in freedom.



Goblin Detective Tang-gu



Vol.1 Mysterious scientific Detective Appears

Ki-hong Kim, Ji-hye Heo

153 x 213 mm | 124 pages | June 2023

Rights sold: Complex Chinese, Russian

Tang-gu uses the properties of light to determine who wins a test of courage on a dark evening, the shape-shifting of matter to uncover mysteries, and the shape of footprints to uncover traps laid by a criminal. This book will challenge the notion that detectives solve mysteries only with good intuition, and you'll be able to use your scientific mind to solve the mystery alongside Tang-gu.

Includes information about changing states of water(melting), properties of light, the northern and southern hemispheres, gravity, and the structure and function of our bodies.



Vol.2 Triplet Mysteries

Ki-hong Kim, Ji-hye Heo

153 x 213 mm | 124 pages | November 2023

Rights sold: Complex Chinese

After discovering the identity of Tang-gu, a special goblin born between a human and a goblin, To-rang joins in solving the cases: the triplet mystery, the hairpin theft case, the wood theft case, the kidnapping of a famous composer, the jewelry theft case, and more. What kind of science knowledge will Tang-gu use to solve these cases? What does the theft have to do with the earth's rotation? Tang-gu and To-rang's amazing science investigations begin here!

Includes information about the Sun and Earth through sunrises and sunsets, temperature differences in different geographic locations, identical and fraternal twins, thermal conductivity of objects, and sound and music.

KNOWLEDGE DETECTIVE HUNTERGURIS



Vol. 1 The Theft of Space Knowledge on the Planet Gliese 581d

Sung-hwa Kim, Su-jin Kwon, In-wan Nah

155 x 210 mm | 116 pages | November 2023

'Knowledge Detective Hunterguris' is an educational series following the quirky characters of Hunterguris on a mission to learn. With a 100% case-solving rate, they pursue the knowledge thief, Lupinguri.

In the first story the Hunterguris detectives embark on a cosmic journey to chase Lupinguri. From spacesuits and astronaut training to essential knowledge about solar system bodies, stars, and nebulae, the story is packed

with fascinating space knowledge and future tech, such as space elevators, geostationary international space stations, and warp drives. It is a must-read for adventurous children who loves science with witty characters.



Vol. 2 The Theft Case of Honey Jar in Flowerland

Tae-yong Lee, Ji-young Heo, In-wan Nah

153 x 213 mm | 100 pages | April 2024

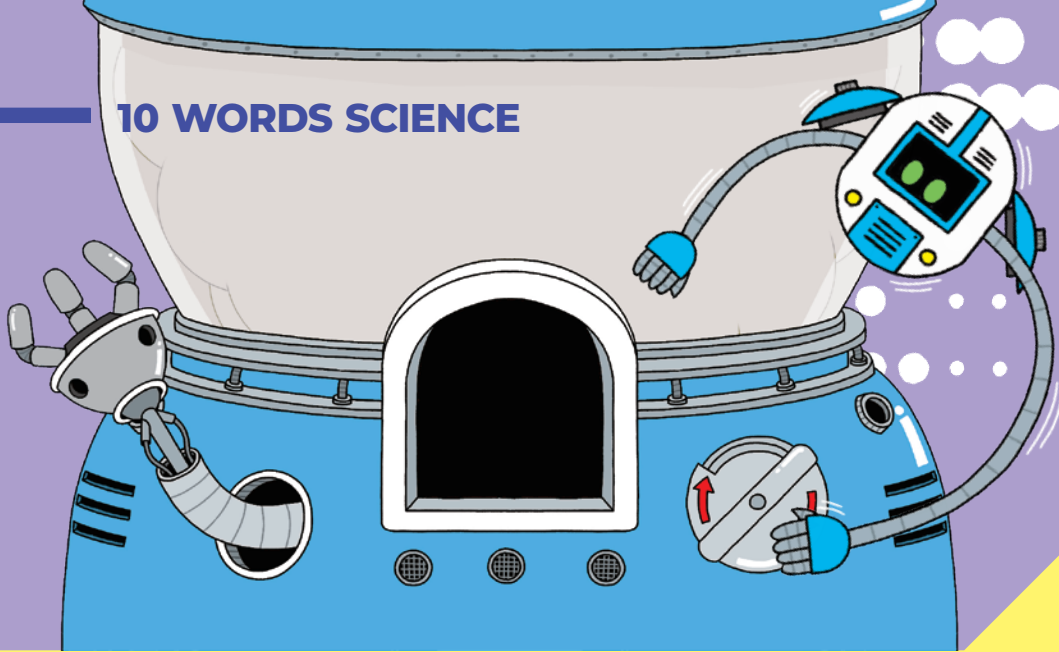
The second story of 'Knowledge Detective Hunterguris' series.

One day, a mysterious client visits the Hunterguris Detective Agency. The client asked them to find the stolen Honey Jar, which contains all the knowledge of Flowerland. The Hunterguris detectives, convinced that the knowledge thief Lupinguri is behind the crime, head to Flowerland. In a world filled with all sorts of knowledge about flowers, from

their structure and history to their practical uses and art with flowers, and related professions, will the Hunterguris be able to find Lupinguri?



10 WORDS SCIENCE



Vol. 1 Earth and Space

Hwa-dang Yang, Woo-hee Park

182 x 255 mm | 152 pages | November 2023

The Lollipop Star is a faraway planet full of candies. It's where Sci and Ence, science candies, were born. But they were born without flavor. To find the way to have their delicious flavors, they embark on an exciting journey to the Earth to find and understand 'Ten words'. Along the way, they encounter a friendly egg robot named Eggie, who transforms into various objects. '10 Words Science' is a delightful children's book series that takes readers on a magical adventure across the Earth to understand science through the keywords. In this first adventure, Sci and Ence

travel to the Earth and explore the wonders of our solar system that they first ever met.

Theme:

- The Solar System (stars, sun, comets, day and night, moon, constellations)
- The Earth (oceans, rivers, soil, rocks, fossils, volcanoes, earthquakes)
- Weather (rain, wind, typhoons, weather forecasting, glaciers)



Vol. 2 Biology

Hwa-dang Yang, Dong-wan Nam

182 x 255 mm | 152 pages | March 2024

In their second adventure, Sci and Ence explore the fascinating world of living things such as humans, animals, and plants on Earth. Humans with their funny noises and furry bodies intrigue them, and they also discover the incredible diversity of animals living on land, in the air, and in the water. Sci and Ence are searching for the ten key words that will unlock the flavor of their science candies. But, wait! What is this smell? Sci and Ence come across a menacing carnivorous plant in a forest filled with colorful flowers and tall trees! Will they be able to find the ten key words and

finally get the candy flavor they desire?

Theme:

- Human body (farting, urination, muscles, senses, immunity)
- Animals (legs, wings, fins, male and female, eggs)
- Plants (roots, stomata, stems, flowers, trees)



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