# Locus Publishing Company 大塊文化出版股份有限公司

A Taiwanese publisher focusing on business, true stories (including memoirs, biographies, travelogues, etc.), self-help, illustrated books, fiction, young adult, history, philosophy, health, as well as daily inspirations and light literature designed for female readers.

# Dala Publishing Company 大辣出版股份有限公司

Founded in 2003, Dala Publishing Company has been devoted to promoting local comic artists to readers in Taiwan and abroad. It also provides channels for Chinese readers to discover European comics and coordinated the creation of cross-regional illustrated projects.

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#### Children's Books / All Ages



A Grasshopper Hops 有蚱蜢跳

From sharp yellow to deep blue and green, the background colors create an intriguing space for division and transformation. The flat representation of landscapes, plants, and insect forms highlights the aesthetic beauty of geometric shapes. Jui-Che Wu, who has won literary awards and been featured in essay collections, breaks a poem into four segments interwoven throughout the book.

Author: Jui-Che Wu Locus Publishing Company • 2023 64pages • 21.5×25cm • ISBN: 9786267317853 Children's Books / All Ages



### Somewhere Somewhere 好地方

Deep in the blue sea, a diver is exploring a city. Everything looks normal. The bus is waiting for a green light, and the driveways are packed with cars. But where did all the people go? This story depicts the intimate bond between humans and animals, while gently addressing the serious issue of climate change.

Author: EgretIlu Locus Publishing Company • 2022 48pages • 17×23cm • ISBN: 9786267118337 ★ 2023 The BRAW Amazing Bookshelf ★ 2023 The White Raven Rights sold: Korean, Turkish, Russian

#### Children's Books / All Ages

The Doctor with the Moustache: Loa Ho 兩撇喙鬚醫生—— 賴和 In the Japanese period, there was a small clinic in Changhua City in central Taiwan. The doctor there had a mustache and looked a little mean, but he was very kind and good at his job. Loa Ho is a writer, poet, doctor, and social activist from Changhua. Through his courage, humility, and selfless devotion to his work, he has been able to help many people who, just as he did, face difficulty and oppression.



Author: Yu-Chin Huang Locus Publishing Company • 2023 50pages • 21×25cm • ISBN: 9786267317419



### A Bi Sword: Book I Searching 阿鼻劍:第一部《尋覓》

Abi-Sword is one of Taiwan's legendary graphic novels, and it represents a turning point in the work of Chen Uen, who employed techniques from traditional Chinese ink wash painting to raise martial arts comics to a new level. Writer Ma Li does an outstanding job of reworking the basic elements of the genre while integrating thoughtprovoking Buddhist concepts into the story.

Writer: Ma Li | Illustrator: Chen Uen Dala Publishing Company • 2008 272pages • 19×26cm • ISBN: 9789868355866 Rights sold: Simplified Chinese, Thai

#### Comics / Young Adult(13-18)



## The Short Elegy 小輓:阿尼默漫畫集

An elegy is a song or poem lamenting the deceased. In each loss there is a gain, just as in every gain there is a loss. This adage is underscored in each of The Short Elegy's three short stories—Dry River, House Mosquito, and The Ribbon—each of which offers fleeting glimpses of death.

Author: Animo Chen Locus Publishing Company • 2019 304pages • 17×23cm • ISBN: 9789865406226 ★ Winner of the 2020 BolognaRagazzi Award Rights sold: Spanish, Italian

#### Comics / Young Adult(13-18)



### Four in Love 四天

What is love, ideally, for you? Is it a red string, with someone at the other end waiting for you? Or maybe like a neon lamp late at night, a fantasy? Perhaps it's the internet world, so close yet so distant? Crystal Kung uses the colors of joy, haze, heartbreak, and relief to illustrate love, and to describe those searching for it.

Author: Crystal Kung Dala Publishing Company • 2020 144pages • 20×20cm • ISBN: 9789869855761 Rights sold: French, Italian (e-book)

#### Comics / All Ages



## For the Time Being 暫時先這樣

For the Time Being is a collection of 9 short stories set in the city: the commuter experience of an office worker, a single girl enjoying a meal alone, cat lovers crossing paths in the middle of the night, a cross-generational romance...

Author: Pei-Hsiu Chen Dala Publishing Company • 2019 144pages • 18.5×26cm • ISBN: 9789866634987 ★ 2021 TIBE Book Prize

★ 2020 Golden Comic Awards

Rights sold: French, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese

#### Comics / Young Adult(13-18)

Yan Vol. I

閻鐵花1



Yan Tieh-Hua, a 15-year-old girl, was the only survivor of the Yan family murders. Now, thirty years later, a woman who claims to herself be Yan Tieh-Hua begins a series of revenges.

Author: Chang Sheng Dala Publishing Company • 2020 344pages • 18×26cm • ISBN: 9789869949606 Rights sold: French, Italian



Fiction / All A



Snow Cotton, a picture book merges fantasy with Zen teachings. The story, born from a serendipitous meeting, follows Wang Qing, a fabric lover. After enduring significant hardship, he learns magical arts from a mysterious old man, leading to introspection and selfdiscovery. This visually stunning, philosophical tale allows for a serene reading journey.

Writer: Ma Li | Illustrator: Pinfan Locus Publishing Company • 2023 40pages • 17.8×26cm • ISBN: 9786267388242



### The Seed and the Wind 種子和風

This is a story of love's intricacies, featuring a grounded seed and a roaming wind and told by Ma Li and Shi-Yi Yang. Artist Yu-Hsuan Wang, with her distinctive color palette, brings this tale (of motion and stillness, of freedom and self) to life. It examines themes of love, letting go, self-discovery, and companionship.

Writer: Ma Li, Shi-Yi Yang | Illustrator: Yu-Hsuan Wang Locus Publishing Company • 2023 50pages • 21×29.7cm • ISBN: 9786267388259



### Under the Same Moon 同一個月亮

Han-han sits by the window as if waiting for someone. He sees a lion coming and opens the door for him to enter. The lion has a nail stuck in his paw, which Hanhan removes, cleaning the wound, dressing it, and comforting the lion, who thanks Han-han. Then the elephant and the crane visit; they want Han-han to take care of them, too. Han-han is waiting for his father, who hasn't been home in a long time...

Author: Jimmy Liao Locus Publishing Company • 2017 32pages • 21×28cm • ISBN: 9789862138281 Rights sold: French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, Spanish

Picture Book / All Age



Mou-Ji and the Sun 牟吉

Mou-ji is a boy with extraordinary powers. He defeats the Gods of the Wind and Thunder, who came to challenge him. Next, he starts chasing the sun, who mocks and despises him. The sun becomes exhausted and weak from the chase. All of a sudden, a monster emerges from the darkness, preparing to swallow the world...

Writer: Chiaos Tseng, Wendy Yeh | Illustrator: Chiaos Tseng Locus Publishing Company • 2021 72pages • 21×28cm • ISBN: 9789865549435 ★ 2022 The BRAW Amazing Bookshelf

#### Picture Book / All Ag



# Superhero Kids 超級沒用的大人

Dear children, forgive these useless grownups—they're just kids in older bodies! After all, it's hard growing up, and inside every adult, there's still a kid who won't mature!

Author: Jimmy Liao Locus Publishing Company • 2023 I12pages • 17×23cm • ISBN: 9786267206614 Rights sold: Simplified Chinese

#### Picture Book / All Ages



#### Love Letter 情批

This is an illustrated poem in Taiwanese. The first three landscapes of the book can be connected to form a panorama of forests, log ponds, railroad tracks, paper mills, and old printing presses. It's a confession of love to the author's mother language, to trees, books, and the entire process of book-making.

Author: Animo Chen Locus Publishing Company • 2020 60pages • 21×28cm • ISBN: 9789865549169

 $\star$  2019 Bologna Illustrators Exhibition: the illustrators selected

 $\bigstar$  2021 BolognaRagazzi Awards special mention in the category of poetry Rights sold: Spanish

#### Picture Book / All Ages

### Secrets in the Woods 森林內的祕密(台語版幾米經典繪本)



The curtain blows open and dreams enter... A shy and lonely girl is playing with a rabbit. Without saying goodbye, the rabbit leaves the city. At the sound of a whistle, Bat Dog appears. What odd encounter will this girl have next?

Author: Jimmy Liao Locus Publishing Company • 2023 64pages • 17×23cm • ISBN: 9786267317884 Rights sold: French, Korean, Italian, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, Swedish, Thai