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The Cloud Holder

Children's book. Five Fourth. Moscow 2022
85 norm pages (1.800 characters incl. spaces)

Illustrations by Estonian artist Eva Eller

Age 8+ and adults

> philosophical tale, journey, meaning of life, value of family, friendship, faith

Translations: English sample available

The novel „Derzhioblako“ (Cloud-holder) is a philosophical fairy tale, which embodied a lot of spiritual knowledge about the world – from the philosophy of Plato and Taoists to Christian views and Islam.

The main character, Plato, is a strange creature made of leaves and feathers. His very name inclines the reader to a philosophical mood. This is not surprising: the heroes - Plato, the forest beast wolkolis (wolffox) Augustus and the wooden doll Makka have to go through a difficult path in search of answers to important questions about the meaning of life, about the value of family and friendship, about faith, betrayal and forgiveness.

The book also contains a grammar and vocabulary of the wolffoxish language.



THE AUTHOR

translations
3 languages

awards

2023 Book of the Year Award finalist
Internationale Jugendbibliothek Munich
2022 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award
nominee
2019 Arsenev Award
2018 Krapivin International Prize
2015 Kniguru Award

sample available

English

other works

The Whale Swims North
Pocket Dwarf Bead
The Owl Wolf
The Bongo's Dreams

Anastasia Strokina was born 1984 in the Murmansk region. She graduated from music school with a piano major, taught herself the cello and was a member of the Collegium Musicum Moscow chamber orchestra. Strokina not only writes books for children, she is also engaged in literary research and translates from English, French, Dutch and Italian. Born beyond the North Pole, Strokina sets her stories in Northern Russia and Scandinavia, following Selma Lagerlöf and Hans Christian Andersen. Her philosophical fairy tales have been awarded numerous prizes. Strokina is always travelling a lot to where her stories take place.

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