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Anne Pikkov (1974) is an illustrator, graphic designer, and book designer. She graduated in graphic design from the Estonian Academy of Arts. She has worked at an advertising agency, and as a visiting professor and the Vice Rector of Academic Affairs at the Estonian Academy of Arts. Pikkov has illustrated 16 children's books and contributed to the Estonian magazines *Täheke*, *Pere ja Kodu* and *Jamie*. She has received many awards at annual Estonian book design and illustration competitions. Her art is ornamental, laconic, spiced with humour, and evocatively expressive.

My love is to draw pictures, to search for connections to my own life within them, to mix various techniques and materials, and to establish new associations. That is my emotional side. My rational side forces me to shape those outbursts of emotion into the rational pages of a book at a computer.

The designer within me does not sleep; she always asks WHY and for whom I do anything. I enjoy spicing my works with humour and an evocative manner of expression, always experimenting and being curious. Maybe it all began when, as a child, I would stare at the clouds and see speeding ships and roaring tigers. Or when I snatched a white sheet from my mother's linen closet and tried to make a home cinema, or when I drew paper dolls and pasted them together into wallpaper. Or when, during my gymnasium years, I collaborated with children's magazines, illustrating crafts- and cooking pages. A more conscious decision was probably my bachelor's thesis, when our entire graphic-design course produced logos, but I decided to make a three-dimensional children's book. After that came book covers, pictures for magazines and newspapers, and actual picture books. Then there were exhibitions, in which the works sometimes roam very far and bring back messages from unfamiliar observers. Then you realise that the pictures are bridge-builders, helping to see the similarities rather than differences between cultures.

Selected awards:

- 2021 Edgar Valter illustration Award
- 2021 The White Raven
- 2017 25 Best-Designed Estonian Books, Certificate of Merit
- 2017 5 Best-Designed Estonian Children's Books, Certificate of Merit
- 2015 25 Best-Designed Estonian Books, 2 Certificates of Merit
- 2015 5 Best-Designed Estonian Children's Books, Special prize for perfect harmony of form and content

Selected exhibitions

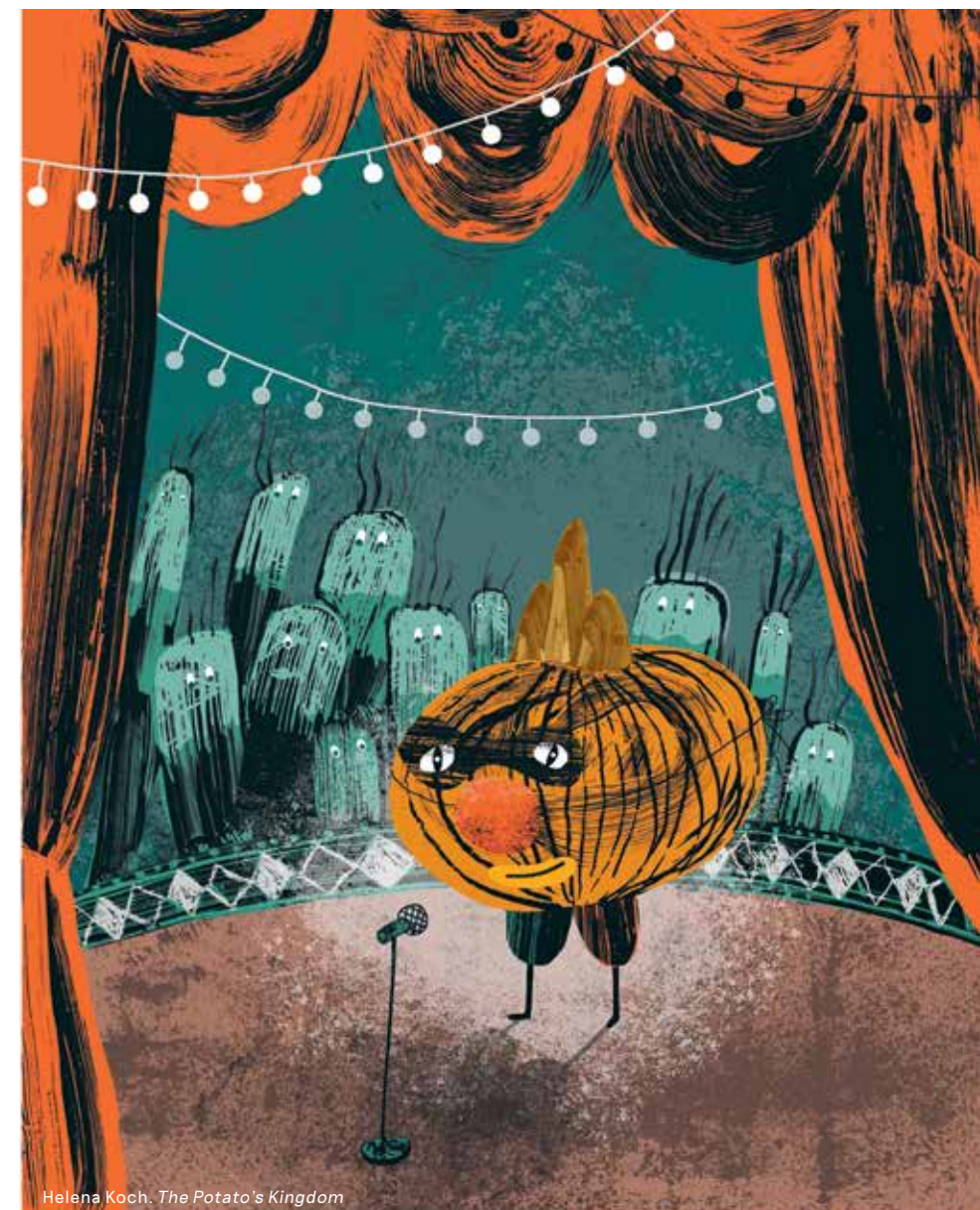
- 2021 Biennial of Illustration Bratislava (BIB), Slovakia
- 2021 Group exhibition "Fables for Robots", Estonian Children's Literature Centre, Tallinn, Central Library of Lääne County, Haapsalu; Gdansk, Poland
- 2020 Tallinn Illustrations Triennial (TIT), Estonia
- 2015- International illustration exhibition, "It's Always Tea-Time", Estonian Children's Literature Centre, Tallinn; Riga, Latvia; Uusikaupunki, Finland; Gdansk, Wrocław, Toruń, Elbląg, Poland; Berlin, Germany; Szczecin, Płock, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Oxford, the United Kingdom; Moscow, Krasnoarmeysk, Mytishchi, Vyborg, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 2015- Exhibition of Estonian Illustrators, "Once Upon a Time..." (Grimm's Fairy Tales), Aosta, Anagni, Lagonegro, Bernalda-Metaponto, Corato, Matera, Roma, Lacco Ameno, Irsina, Siracusa, Sassari, Roma, Bologna, Italy; Estonian Children's Literature Centre, Tallinn; Minsk, Belarus; Kraków, Łomża, Białystok, Szczecin, Płock, Warszawa, Elbląg, Gdańsk, Opole, Poland
- 2016 Spring exhibition of Estonian illustrators, Estonian Children's Literature Centre
- 2015- Travelling exhibition, "Made with the Heart. Estonian Children's Book Illustration",
- 2016 Moscow, Krasnoarmeysk, Cheboksary, Russia
- 2015 Exhibition of the Works of Children's Books Illustrators, "Baltic Illustration", Vilnius, Lithuania

Selected illustrated books

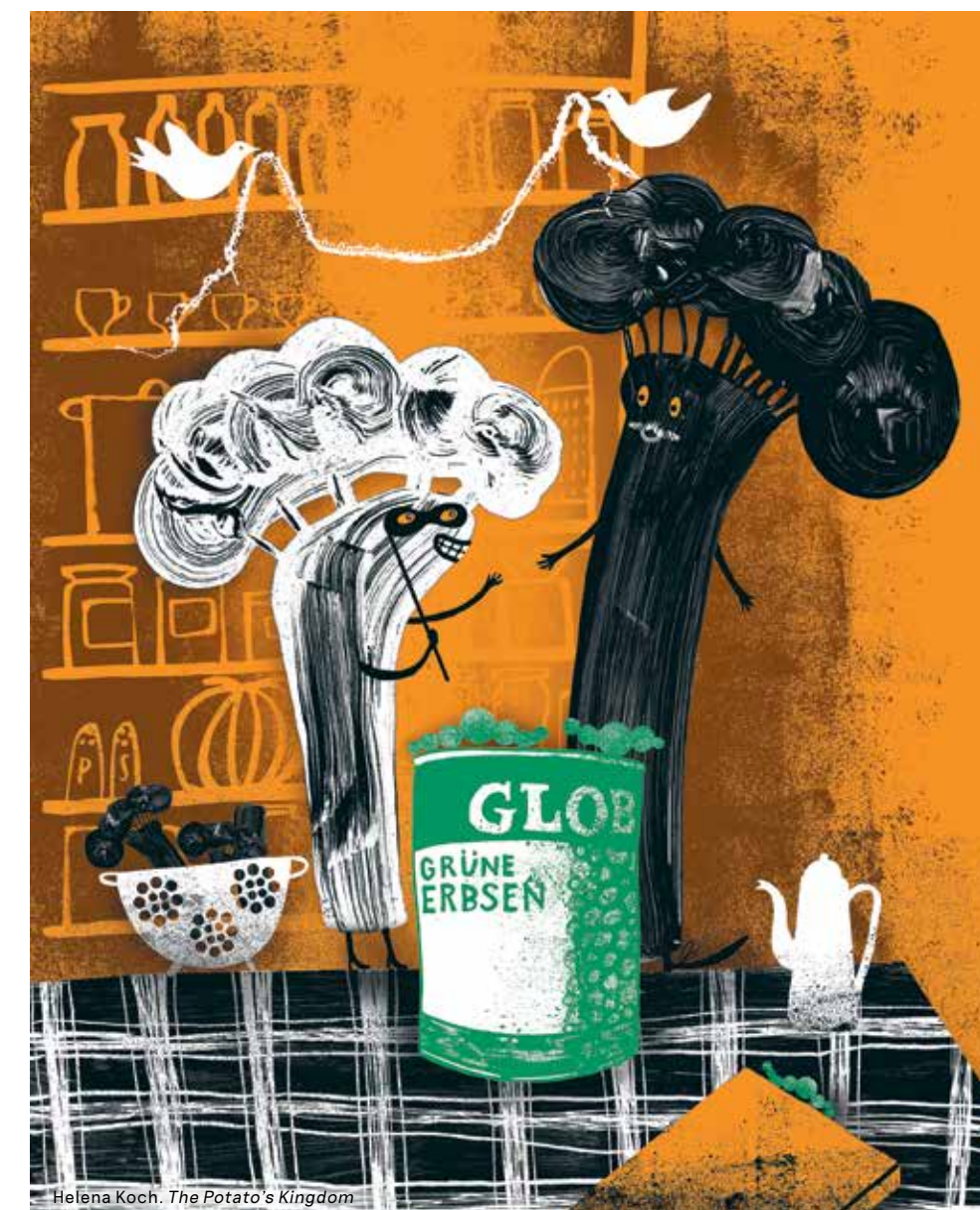
- Koch, Helena. *Kartuli kuningriik* (The Potato's Kingdom). Koolibri, 2021
- Tomusk, Ilmar. *Kops läks üle maksa* (Nettles). Tammerraamat, 2021
- Saar, Anti. *Anni asjad* (Anni's Things). Kolm Elu, 2020
- Hinrikus, Kadri. *Tohuvabohu* (Pandemonium). Tallinna Keskraamatukogu, 2019
- Pikkov, Ülo. *Kop-kop* (Tap, tap!). Päike ja Pilv, 2019
- Hinrikus, Kadri. *Katariina ja herned* (Catherine and the Peas). Tammerraamat, 2017
- Laan, Triinu. *Vana katkine kass* (The Old Broken Cat). Päike ja Pilv, 2016



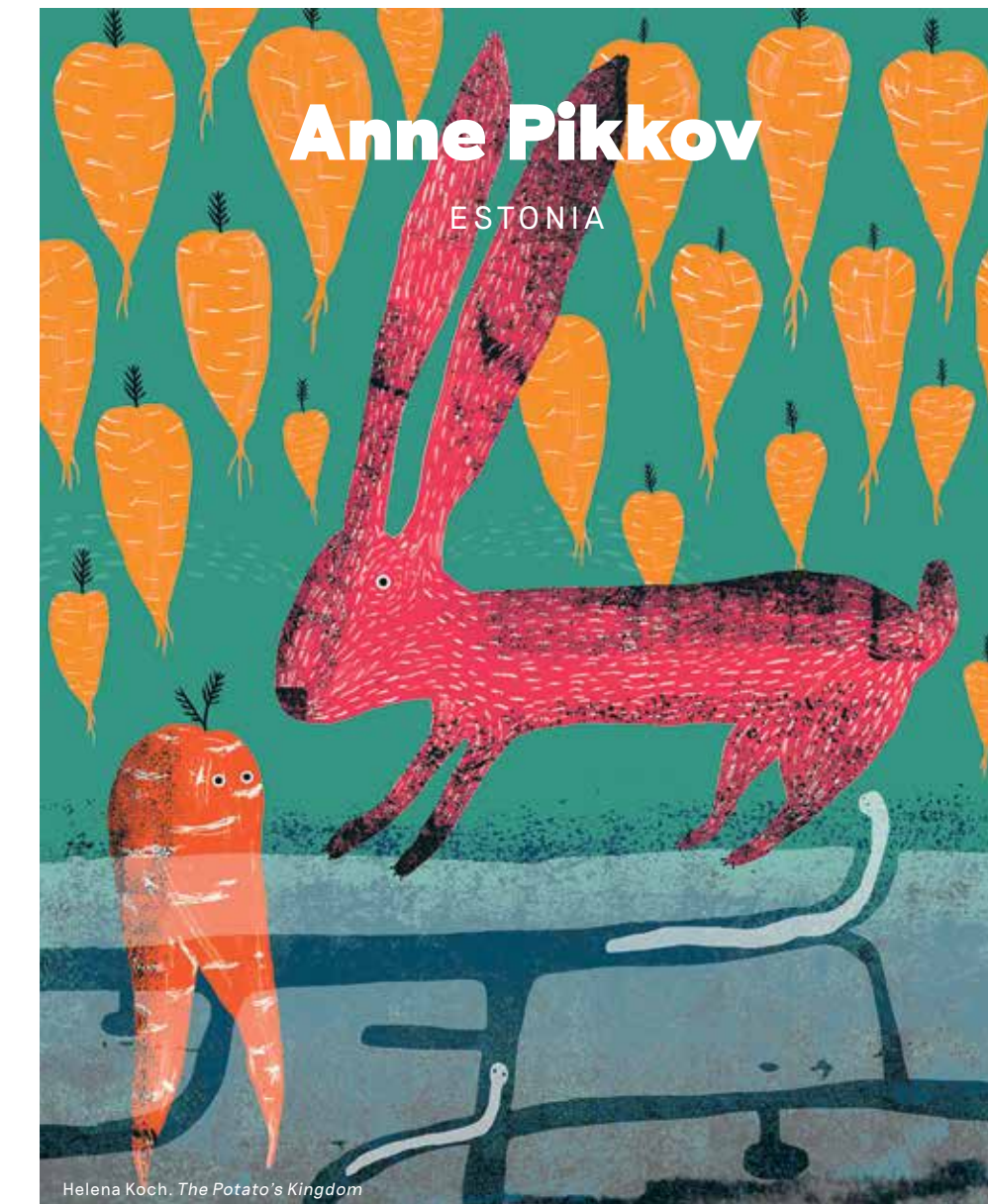
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Helena Koch. *The Potato's Kingdom*



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Ülo Pikkov. Tap, tap!



Ilmar Tomusk. Nettles



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Anti Saar. Anni's Things



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