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Marja-Liisa Plats (1984) is an illustrator, graphic designer and photographer. She graduated from Tartu Art College as a photographer. Plats has illustrated more than 40 children's books and collaborates with the children's magazine *Täheke*. Her works are characterised by perpetual searching and experimentation with a wide range of visual techniques. Plats is a member of the Estonian Graphic Designers' Association and the Tartu Artists' Union.

When I was asked as a kid what I wanted to be when I grew up, I was terrified. I was too little to think about going to work! Since I drew all the time, though, I soon wanted to become an "artist" – the word "artist" in Estonian was very difficult to pronounce (*kunstnik*), just like my own complex name, about which I was awfully shy. Luckily, Estonian kids have much harder names today, which is also logical – children are constantly getting smarter.

Selected awards:

- 2021** The White Ravens (Triinu Laan. *John the Skeleton's Goings-On*)
- 2021** Annual International Contest 'Image of the Book / *Obraz knigi*', Moscow, laureate
- 2020** 5 Best-Designed Estonian Children's Books, Certificate of Merit
- 2020** 5 Best-Designed Estonian Children's Books, Special Prize of the Estonian Children's Literature Centre
- 2019** 5 Best-Designed Estonian Children's Books, Certificate of Merit, special prize of the Estonian Children's Literature Centre
- 2019** Edgar Valter illustration prize nominee
- 2018** The White Ravens
- 2018** Nukits competition, 2nd place (Mika Keränen. *The Good Ship Jõmmu, The Phantom Cyclist*)
- 2017** 25 Best-Designed Estonian Books, Certificate of Merit, special prize of the Estonian Children's Literature Centre

Selected exhibitions

- 2022** Bologna Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition winner
- 2021** "John the Skeleton's Goings-On" illustrations, Võru Central Library, Estonia
- 2021** Exhibition of Estonian illustrators "Alluring Fox", Estonian Children's Literature Centre, Tallinn; St. Petersburg
- 2019** Group exhibition "From the Mountains to the Sea", Central Library of Lääne County, Estonia
- 2019** Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (BIB), Slovakia
- 2019** Exhibition of Estonian illustrators "From the Mountains to the Sea", Central Library of Saare County, Estonia; Pärnu Ülejõe School, Estonia; Kraków, Rakka-Zdrój, Elbląg, Poland
- 2019** Nominees for Edgar Valter award group exhibition, Estonian Children's Literature Centre, Tallinn and Central Library of Saare County, Estonia
- 2018** Exhibition of Baltic illustrators "Running with Wolves", London, the United Kingdom; Estonian Children's Literature Centre ("Wolf Run"), Tallinn; Gdańsk, Wrocław, Białystok, Warsaw, Płock, Szczecin, Poland; Pordenone, Italy; Vilnius Central Library, Lithuania; selected works: Pskov, St. Petersburg, Russia; Museo di Villa Arbusto, Ischia and Fondazione Creativi Italiani, Roma, Italy
- 2018** Exhibition of Estonian illustrators "Running with Wolves", Estonian Children's Literature Centre, Tallinn
- 2018** Exhibition of Estonian illustrators "Masters of Estonian children's books"/ "Power of Pictures" in Russia: Krasnoarmeysk, Moscow
- 2017** Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (BIB), Slovakia
- 2017** Tallinn Illustrations Triennial (TIT), Estonia
- 2015** Solo exhibition, Mooste, Estonia
- 2015** "The Story of a Picture" (together with Kristina Viin), Tartu, Estonia
- 2015** Baltic Illustration, Vilnius, Lithuania

Selected illustrated books

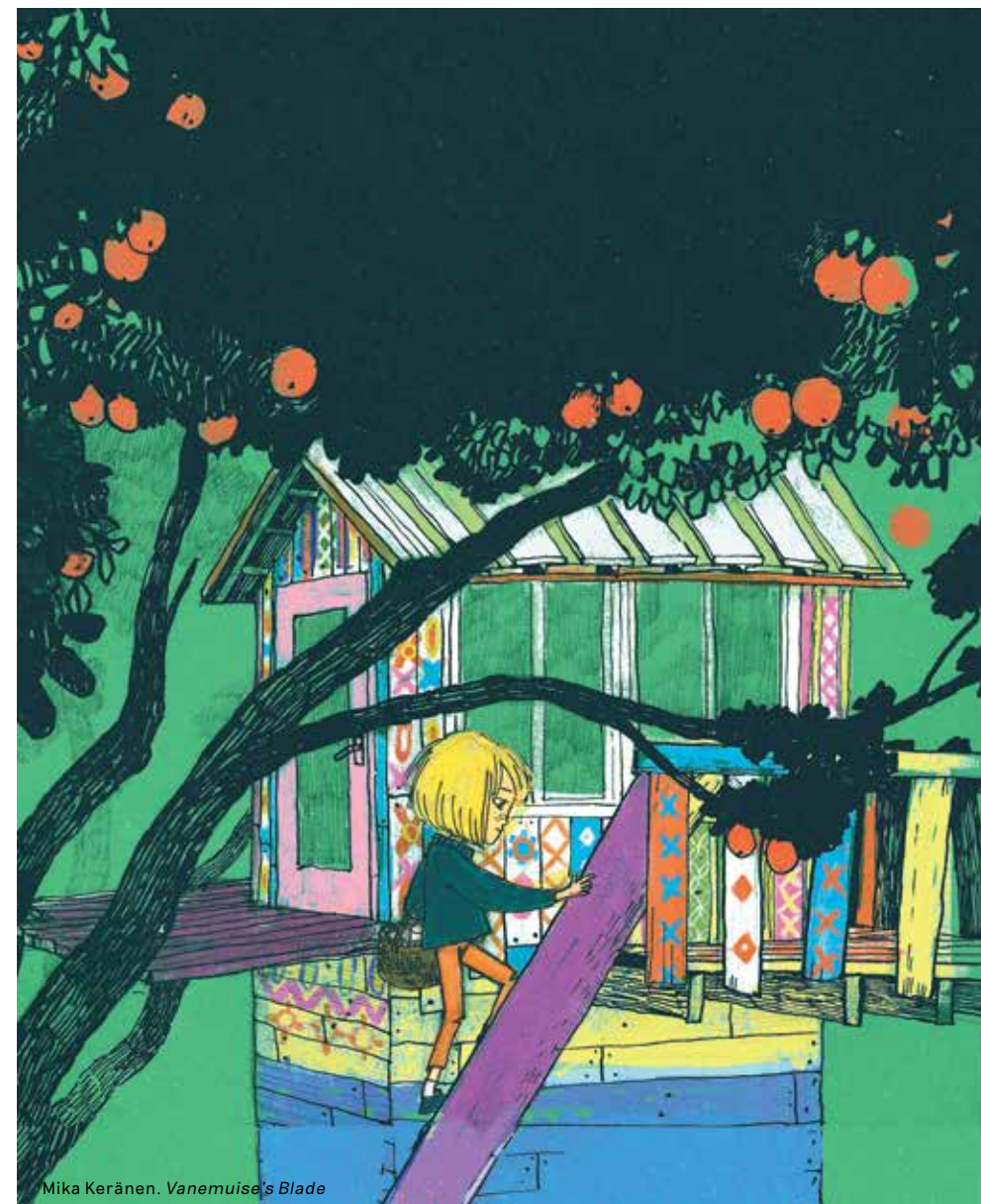
- Rainaus, Reeli. *Rahel, Anders ja ajaaugud* (Rahel, Anders and the Wormholes). Rõnk Rõnk OÜ, 2021
- Laan, Triinu. *Luukere Juhani juhtumised* (John the Skeleton's Goings-On). Päike ja Pilv, 2020
- Krull, Hasso. *Kiisuke ja veeuputus* (Kitten and the Flood). Kaksikhammas, 2020
- Reinaus, Reeli. *Morten, Emilie ja kadunud maailmad* (Morten, Emilie, and the Lost Worlds). Päike ja Pilv, 2020
- Keränen, Mika. *Vanemuise väits* (Vanemuise's Blade). Keropää, 2020
- Krull, Hasso. *Kurja kala kohvik* (The Evil Fish Café). Kaksikhammas, 2019
- Keränen, Mika. *Soome pitsa* (The Finnish Pizza). Keropää, 2019
- Keränen, Mika. *Fantoomrattur* (The Phantom Cyclist). Keropää, 2017
- Reinaus, Reeli. *Maarius, Maagia ja libahunt Liisi* (Marius, Magic, and Lisa the Werewolf). Päike ja Pilv, 2017
- Navi, Tia. *Seitse väiksest elevanti* (Seven Little Elephants). Kirilind, 2016



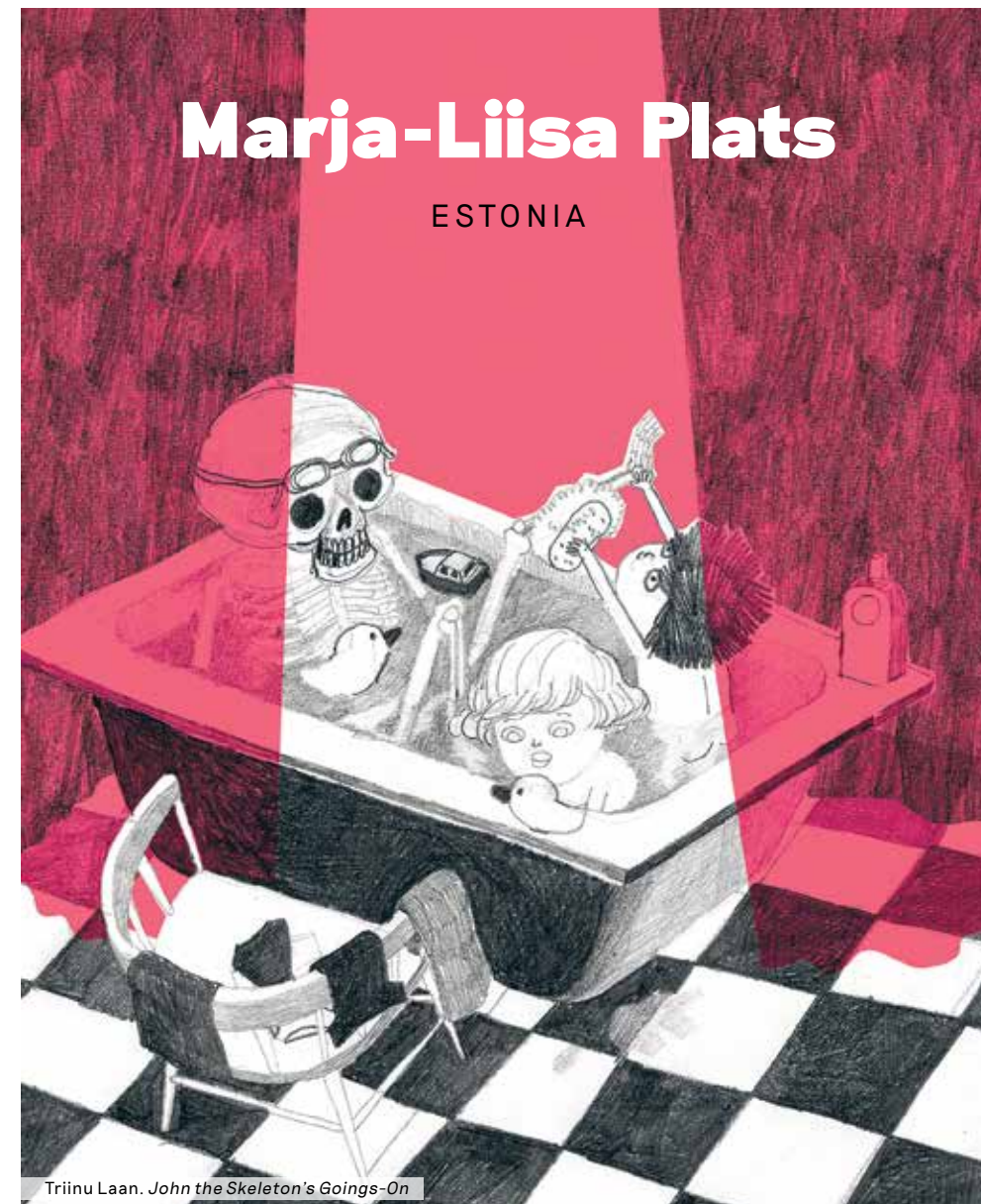
Hasso Krull. *Kitten and the Flood*



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Mika Keränen. *Vanemuise's Blade*



Triinu Laan. *John the Skeleton's Goings-On*

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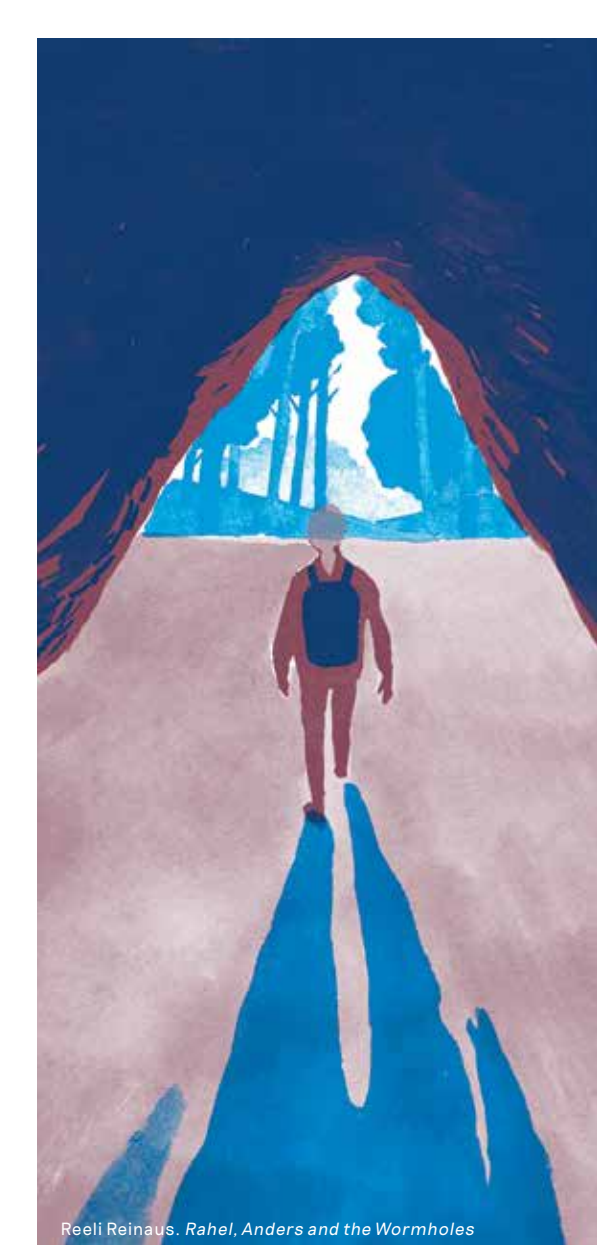
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Reeli Reinaus. *Rahel, Anders and the Wormholes*



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