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# Regina Lukk-Toompere

ESTONIA

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**Regina Lukk-Toompere** (1953) graduated in 1981 from the Estonian State Art Institute's Graphic Art Department in illustration and book design. She is a member of the Estonian Artists Association, the Estonian Graphic Designers Association, and the Estonian Section of IBBY. She has illustrated and designed more than 90 books and textbooks, as well as posters, record covers, postcards, magazines and packaging. Lukk-Toompere was on the 2014 IBBY Honour List and has received several awards in annual Estonian book design and illustration competitions.

Lukk-Toompere is masterful at a wide range of traditional drawing, graphic, and painting techniques. Collage adds an element of realism to her works, but also gives them a dream-like quality. Her works are held in the collections of the Estonian Museum of Art, the Estonian National Library, and the Estonian Children's Literature Centre, as well private collections in Estonia, Lithuania, France, Sweden, Finland, Ukraine, and Russia.

I developed a love for books at a very young age, which led me with an irresistible force to become an illustrator. My first published illustrations were for Ernst Enno's children's book *Üks rohutirts läks kõndima* (A Grasshopper Took a Walk, 1981): it was my graduation work, which also brought me cum laude honours and amplified attention towards me on the Estonian children's literature scene. From that point up to today, I have illustrated two to three books per year. All my illustrations - from my very first book to my latest - have been done by hand. All the originals are on paper, mostly using watercolour and pencil but sometimes also with pastels or gouache, and lately also using collage.

- Selected awards:**  
**2006-2012, 2016** Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award candidate  
**2020** Tallinn Illustrations Triennial (TIT), Diploma  
**2020** Tallinn Illustrations Triennial (TIT), Diploma of the National Library of Estonia  
**2019** Edgar Valter illustration Award  
**2018** 5 Best-Designed Estonian Children's Books, Certificate of Merit  
**2017** Annual International Contest "Image of the Book", Moscow, diploma  
**2016** 5 Best-Designed Estonian Children's Books, Certificate of Merit, Prize of the Estonian Children's Literature Centre

- Selected exhibitions**  
**2021** Exhibition of Baltic illustrators "Running with Wolves. Werewolf", Ischia, Rome, Italy  
**2021** Group exhibition of Estonian artists "Alluring Fox", Estonian Children's Literature Centre, Tallinn; Central Library of Lääne County, Haapsalu, Estonia  
**2021** Group exhibition "Fables for Robots" Tallinn, Estonia; Gdansk, Poland  
**2021** Group exhibition of Estonian artists "Secret Lives" Szczecin, Gdansk, Poland; Kondas Centre, Viljandi, Estonia  
**2020** Tallinn Illustrations Triennial (TIT), Estonia  
**2020** Group exhibition of Estonian artists "Secret Lives III", Warsaw, Płock, Poland  
**2019** Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (BIB), Slovakia  
**2019** Exhibition of Estonian illustrators "From the Mountains to the Sea", Kraków, Rabka-Zdrój, Elbląg, Poland  
**2018** Solo exhibition "Winter and Snow, Twilight and Light", Haapsalu Children's Library  
**2018** Group exhibition of Estonian artists "Secret Lives II", Skizza gallery, Jerusalem, Israel  
**2018** Group exhibition of Estonian illustrators "*Tra ghiaccio e fuoco*", Rome, Pesco Sannita, Italy  
**2018-2020** 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, Lithuania; selected works, Pskov, St. Petersburg, Russia  
**2017-2019** Solo exhibition on tour, Japan  
**2017-2018** International exhibition "Migrations", Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea

- Selected illustrated books**  
Navi, Tia. *Kimalane Karla ootab vihma* (Karla the Bumblebee Waits for Rain). Päike ja Pilv, 2020  
Flechsigt, Dorothea. *Sandor. Nutikas nahkhiir* (Sandor. The Clever Bat). Regio, 2020  
Tätte, Jaan. *Hülgeviga / Jäljed* (The Seal's Problem / Tracks). Tammerraamat, 2019  
Tungal, Leelo. *Jānes Juliuse arvuti* (Julius the Bunny's Computer). Tammerraamat, 2019  
Tellegen, Toon. *Kõik on olemas. Lood oravast, sipelgast ja teistest loomadest* (Everything exists: Stories of the Squirrel, the Ant and Other Animals). Aasta raamat, 2018  
Tungal, Leelo. *Halloo!* (Hello!). Tammerraamat, 2017  
Läks, Helena. *Kasside salajane pagaritöökoda* (The Cat's Secret Bakery). Päike ja Pilv, 2016  
Tungal, Leelo. *Lumemees Ludvigi õnn* (Ludwig the Snowman's Lucky Day). Tammerraamat, 2016



Jaan Tätte. *The Seal's Problem*



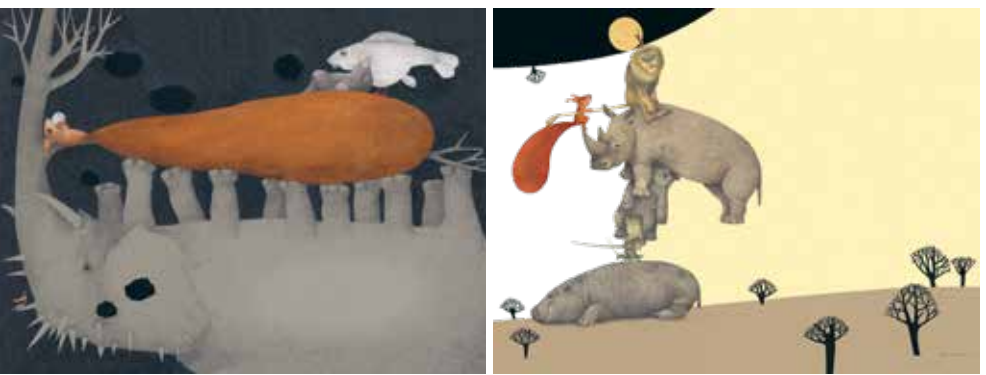
Jaan Tätte. *Tracks*



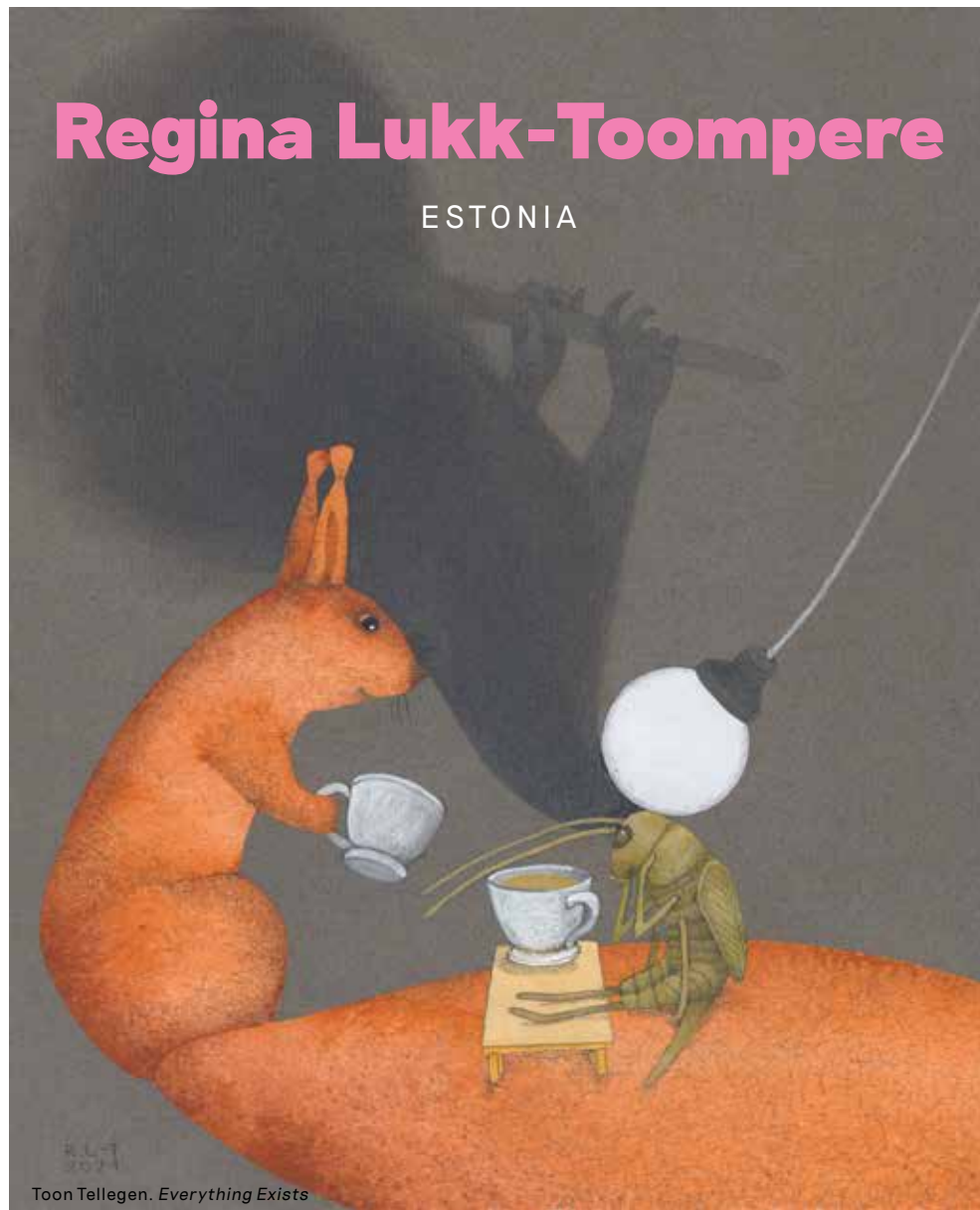
Jaan Tätte. *Tracks*



Leelo Tungal. *Ludwig the Snowman's Lucky Day*



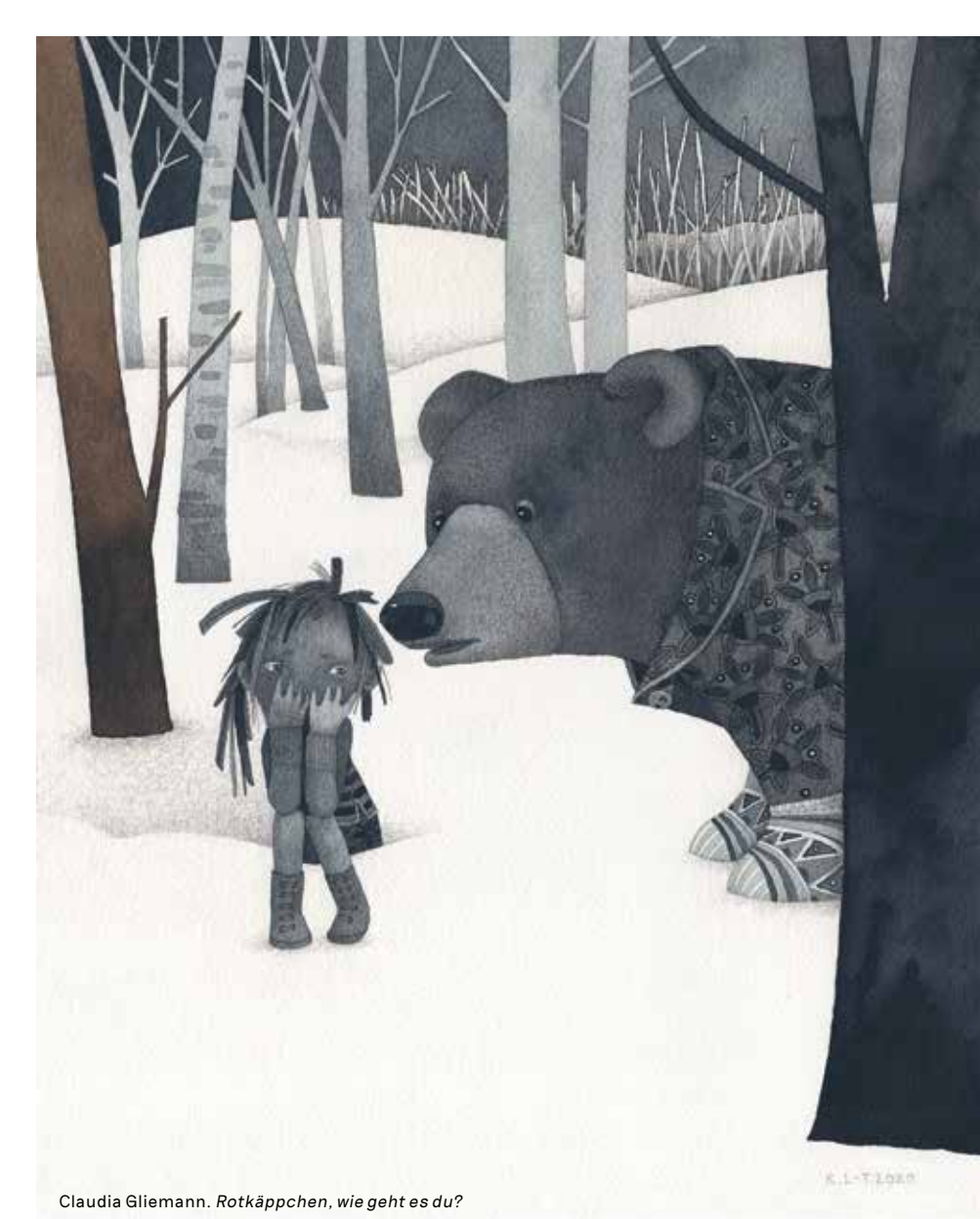
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Claudia Gliemann. Rotkäppchen, wie geht es du? K.L.-T.2020



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Toon Tellegen. Squirrel's Birthday R.L.-T.2021



Helena Läks. The Secret Cat Bakery



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