



Emma Press buys rights to Estonian and Latvian titles

- Publisher acquires English-language rights to two Latvian and one Estonian titles
- The titles will be published throughout 2018
- The Baltic countries will be the Market Focus at London Book Fair 2018

The Emma Press has acquired English-language rights to two Latvian titles and one Estonian title. For the Latvian titles, they received a grant from the Latvian Writers' Union (Latvijas Rakstnieku Savienība) and Latvia's Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia.

All three books will be presented at the London Book Fair, and will be published later in 2018.



Publisher Emma Wright bought the UK English language rights to Latvian title *Mākoņu grāmata* (*The Book of Clouds*), which is a collection of children's poetry and notes on cloud-watching, written by Juris Kronbergs, and illustrated by Anete Melece.

Wright also bought UK English language rights to the Latvian title *Kaiju karalienes noslēpums* (*The Seagull Queen's Secret*), written and illustrated by Rūta Briede. This is a picture book with crossover appeal: the original Latvian edition won the 2017 International Baltic Sea Region Jānis Baltvilks Prize in Childrens' Literature and Book Art for the best debut. A stage adaptation premiered on 4th March 2018 at the Latvian National Puppet Theatre.

Wright bought rights for both titles from liels un mazs, a leading Latvian children's publisher which was recently shortlisted for the Bologna Prize for the Best Children's Publishers of the Year (Europe).

Jelena Budanceva, program director at the Latvian Writers' Union, said: 'We are happy about all the interest from British publishers for Latvian children's literature. We are especially grateful to the Emma Press for their individual approach to each author and title and for the amazing extra materials they add to our

publications.'

The third deal is for the UK English language rights to *Kõik on kõige targemad* (*Everyone's the Smartest*). This is a collection of children's poetry about school by Estonian children's author Contra and illustrator Ulla Saar. Wright negotiated directly with the illustrator and writer for the rights.

- *The Book of Clouds* is translated by Māra Rozīte and Richard O'Brien, and will be published in May 2018.
- *The Seagull Queen's Secret* is translated by Elīna Brasliņa and published as *Queen of Seagulls* in May 2018.
- *Everybody's the Smartest* is translated by Kätlin Kaldmaa and Charlotte Geater, and will be published in September 2018.

Publisher Emma Wright said: 'I'm delighted to be bringing these fantastic titles to an English-speaking audience, particularly in this special year for the Baltic countries. I'm also proud to have assembled a team that is capable of managing the many challenges of publishing children's poetry in translation.'

The Book of Clouds

ISBN 978 1 910139 14 1 / RRP £12.00 / 88pp / 210 x 150mm / 4-colour interiors

Queen of Seagulls

ISBN 978 1 910139 13 4 / RRP £10.00 / 44pp / 200 x 255mm / 4-colour interiors

Everyone's the Smartest

ISBN 978 1 910139 99 8 / RRP £10.00 / 96pp / 184 x 123mm / mono interiors

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About the Emma Press

The Emma Press is an independent publisher dedicated to producing beautiful, thought-provoking books. It was founded in 2012 by Emma Wright and is based in the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham. Having been shortlisted in both 2014 and 2015, the Emma Press won the Michael Marks Award for Poetry Pamphlet Publishers in 2016.