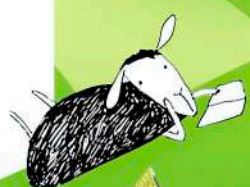




THE BLACK SHEEP

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# "THE PARAKEET"

It is a light and warm story about the girl's love to her parrot, teaching us that there is hope no matter what. The book is bright and lively like the parrot itself. Full of useful information about these little creatures, it is also an interactive book with a lot of fascinating tasks kids will be happy to fulfil. A perfect reading for the whole family.

Oksana Lushchevska is a Ukrainian children's books writer, translator, and poet. She is the author of 12 books, The Great Hedgehog Award Nominee (2012), Ukrainian Book of the Year Nominee (2011), the laureate of Smoloskyp Literary Foundation Award (2009), Golden Stroke Ukrainian Children's Literature Contest Award (2008), Granoslov Award (2007).

Katya Stepanishcheva is the illustrator of five children's books, textile designer and postcard creator. She is also the curator of "My Silk Story" project aimed at making silk shawls and scarves.



"Easy to read" series

AN ABSORBING INTERACTIVE  
GAME BOOK ABOUT LOVE,  
CARE AND HOPE.

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LUSHCHEVSKA  
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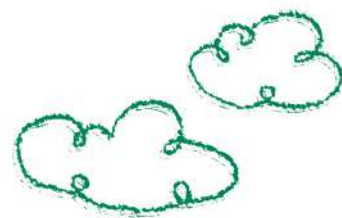
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Age: 2+  
Full color illustrations  
Pages: 24







# "RAKA TAKA OR THE FISH WHO WANTED TO SING"



The little Fish liked the Sun so much that she decided to sing for it. We do not know if the Sun heard her song, but the other river residents definitely did. They all began to eagerly teach the Fish what she should and should not do. It is so easy to get confused when you are small, and the world is so big and diverse. What shall you believe in? Who shall you listen to? The Fish felt lost at first but then she began to listen to her heart. And the heart wanted to sing!



Yana Sotnyk is a Ukrainian writer and translator.

Olena Potyomkina is a Ukrainian and Bulgarian illustrator and animation filmmaker.



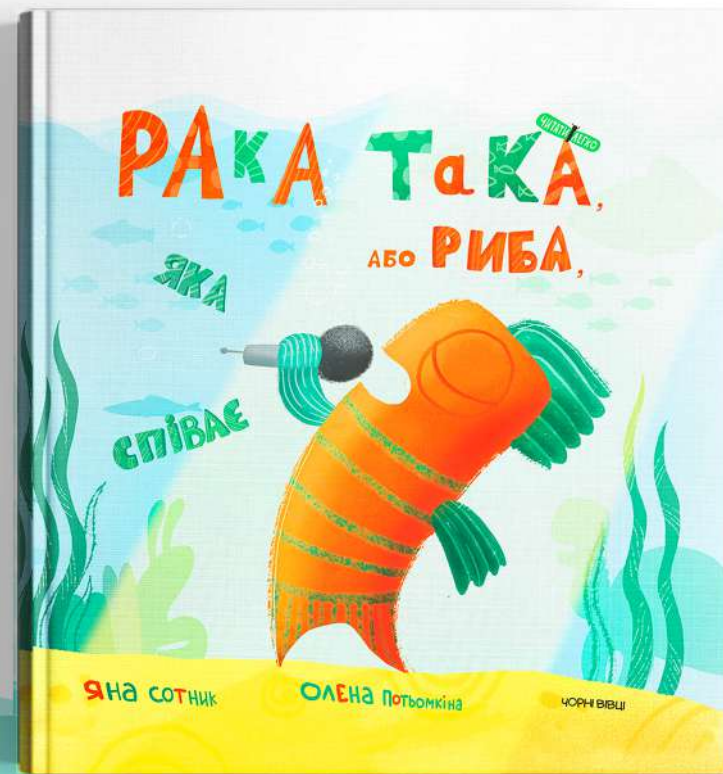
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YANA SOTNYK

**Illustrator:**  
OLENA POTYOMKINA

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# "IT'S NOT SERIOUS"

An illustrated story about a girl called Myra who loves to draw snowmen in May and whose world is bright and joyful. Everything is possible in that world until one day she is told that NONE of it is SERIOUS. But then comes a superhero who fixes everything: the clouds disappear, thunderstorms end, the May sun begins to shine bright again without melting Myra's snowmen. The story tells us that creativity is a vital necessity of every human, and that sometimes it is not serious to be serious.

Tais Zolotkovska is a Ukrainian writer and author of 8 books for children and adults. She lives on the Greek island called Zante, likes to walk with her dog and create new stories and adventures for her book characters.

Liza Zorova is a Ukrainian illustrator of children's books, cards and T-shirt prints.



**Author:**  
TAIS  
ZOLOTKOVSKA  
**Illustrator:**  
LIZA ZOROVA

**AN ENGROSSING  
STORY  
SHOWING US  
HOW CREATIVITY  
CAN MAKE THE  
WORLD AROUND  
US A LITTLE BIT  
MORE KIND AND  
COLORFUL.**

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# "THE BABY HARE WHO DIDN'T JUMP AND HIS BRAVE MOTHER"

The new book by Oksana Drachkovska, "The Baby Hare Who Didn't Jump and His Brave Mother" is an autobiographical story and a fairytale. We meet Nazarko, who is a child living with a disability. Unfortunately, he has been unable to walk since his childhood. Every day his mother Oksana fights for the better future for all people with disabilities including her little son.

The book tells kids that not all people are the same. It explains how important it is not to give up when life gives you a hard time, it feels like you have no strength left, and you don't know how to live in the world that seems to be aimed for so-called ordinary people. It is a light, interesting, colorful fairytale that will definitely give you hope and make you smile.

Oksana Drachkovska is a writer, journalist and public activist working both in newspapers and on TV. She is the author of two novels and a play "Christmas" that received the first prize of the International Literary Competition "Koronatsiya Slova". "The Baby Hare Who Didn't Jump and His Brave Mother" was also awarded with this award as the best inclusive story.

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AN AMUSING AND  
HEARTWARMING STORY  
ABOUT A SPECIAL CHILD  
AND HIS COURAGEOUS  
MOMMY WHO MAKES THIS  
WORLD A BETTER PLACE



**Author:**  
OKSANA  
DRACHKOVSKA

**Illustrator:**  
OKSANA  
DRACHKOVSKA JR.

Hardcover  
210 x 220 mm  
Age: 4+  
Full color illustrations  
Pages: 32

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# "MY NAME IS LADA. AND YOURS?"

"My name is Lada. And yours?" is the collection of real stories of a smart guide dog Lada that was born in America but often comes to Ukraine. She explores the world, falls in love with the country, helps ill and miserable people. Lada teaches us to be kind, positive, patriotic, respond to the needs and requests of others but not to forget about entertainment and crazy adventures. The dog is eager to meet every reader and walk this path of love and joy together.

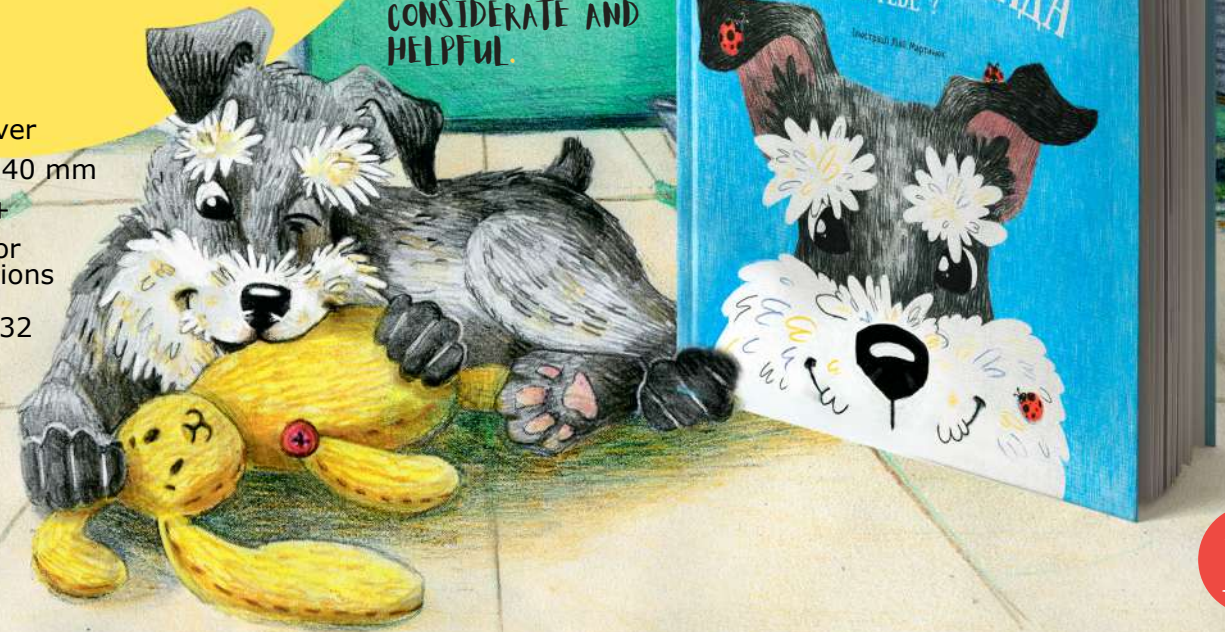
Roksolana Tymiak-Lonchyna is a writer, dentist and photographer. She was born in the USA in the family of migrants from Ukraine. She took part in numerous medical missions to Ukraine.



**Author:**  
ROKSOLANA  
TYMIAK-LONCHYNA  
**Illustrator:**  
LILIA MARTYNIUK

Hardcover  
240 x 240 mm  
Age: 4+  
Full color  
illustrations  
Pages: 32

A DAZZLING  
COLLECTION OF  
STORIES ABOUT  
THE LIFE AND  
ADVENTURES  
OF A DOG LADA  
WHO TEACHES  
US HOW TO  
BE KIND,  
CONSIDERATE AND  
HELPFUL.







## "IT'S ALL US"

"It's All Us" is a story about ordinary teenagers who manage to change their town for the better. One day Andriy and his friends find a bunch of dead fish on the seashore. They try to figure out the causes of an environmental disaster and find ways to solve it.

The garbage doesn't just vanish. Estimates suggest that up to 8 million tons of plastic are thrown into the ocean each year, killing marine animals. What shall we do with it? And who will take responsibility for this disastrous damage? It is each of us and all of us.

Learn about dolphins and marine pollution, volunteers and waste sorting, how to petition, and, form public opinion. This book is about love for animals and nature, true friendship and the desire to change the world.

Yevgeniya Zavaliy is a volunteer, activist, popularizer of contemporary Ukrainian literature.

Maria Foya works in the field of book and magazine illustration. She works with many magazines and book publishers, draws for online media. Her books received numerous awards, including "The Reader's Choice of 2017" and "The Best Social Book of 2017" according to the "Barabooka" children's literature rating.

**Author:**  
YEVGENIYA  
ZAVALIY

**Illustrator:**  
MARIA FOYA

Hardcover  
165 x 240 mm  
Age: 4+  
Full color illustrations  
Pages: 96



EVERY ONE OF US CAN  
CHANGE THE WORLD.  
A FASCINATING STORY  
ABOUT CHILDREN TRYING  
TO TACKLE POLLUTION.







# "THE OWL WHO WANTED TO BECOME A LARK"

The book tells a story about two birds and their habits of sleeping late and waking up early. Each of them has his/her own lifestyle. But what is going to happen if one day owls start hunting in the morning, and larks begin to sing at night? How shall they reach understanding? And will

two different lifestyles become a threat to friendship? The book demonstrates that we are all different but equally beautiful at the same time. A «lark» is not better than an «owl» and vice versa. This is only a physiological difference.

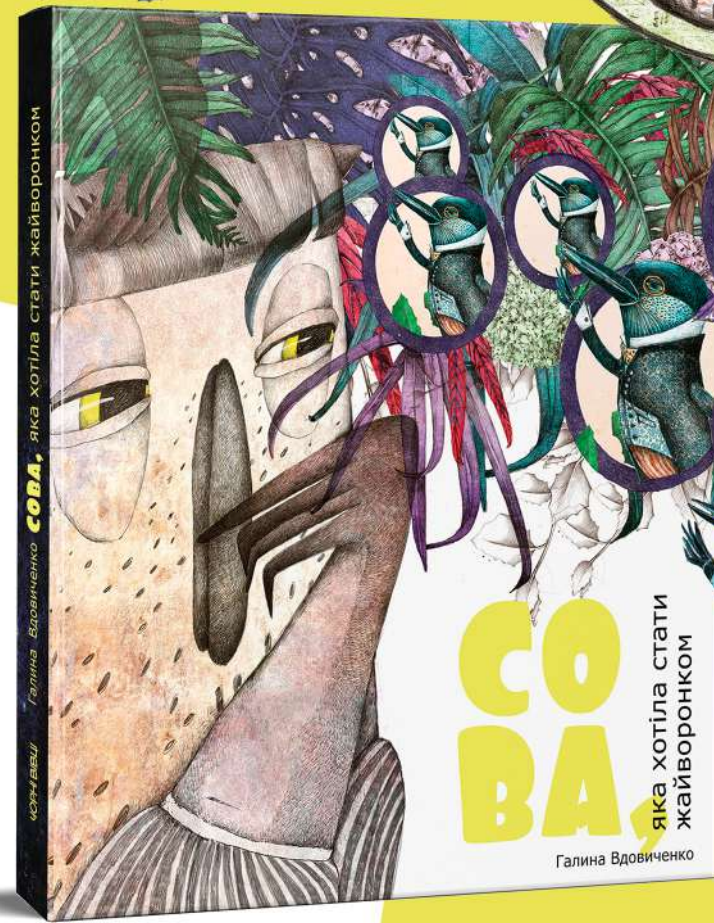
Halyna Vdovychenko is a Ukrainian writer and journalist. She is the author of 19 books, a finalist and recipient of the most authoritative national awards. Her book "The Owl Who Wanted to Become a Lark" became "The Best Picture Book of 2018" according to the "BARABOOKA" children's literature rating.



**Author:**  
HALYNA  
VDOVYCHENKO

**Illustrator:**  
KRYSTYNA  
LUKASHCHUK

Hardcover  
210 x 210 mm  
Age: 4+  
Full color illustrations  
Pages: 48



A POSITIVE AND  
INSPIRING STORY  
ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE  
OF BEING YOURSELF.





# "THE BLUE UMBRELLA"

Rain can be so different! Just fancy: one minute the Gray King approaches you on his boat, and then a ladybug lands on your palm to wait for the shower to stop. Imagine you are not merely riding a bike under the rain – you are burning the wind on it! And the umbrella you are bringing to your dad will save him from all the rains in the world. The book contains five amazing stories about rainy surprises and sunny joy, sincere love and quiet sorrow, boundless imagination and cherished dreams.

It is also about family problems, when, for instance, parents have to work a lot instead of spending some quality time with their kids. This is a social book explaining to children that their parents love them even though sometimes they are too busy working for the sake of their children's happiness.

Oksana Lushchevska is a Ukrainian children's books writer, translator, and poet. She is the author of 12 books, The Great Hedgehog Award Nominee (2012), Ukrainian Book of the Year Nominee (2011), the laureate of Smoloskyp Literary Foundation Award (2009), Golden Stroke Ukrainian Children's Literature Contest Award (2008), Granoslov Award (2007).



**Author:**  
OKSANA  
LUSHCHEVSKA

**Illustrator:**  
OLHA HAVRYLOVA

Hardcover  
170 x 205 mm  
Age: 5+  
Full color illustrations  
Pages: 36



AN INSPIRING  
COLLECTION OF  
SHORT STORIES  
ABOUT FAMILY  
PROBLEMS, CARE,  
FRIENDSHIP  
AND LOVE.







# "IN THE LION'S KINGDOM"

The bilingual art book "In the Lion's Kingdom" is an invitation to an extraordinary, secret world where there are only questions and no answers. The world where there is so much Good that it seems that the book can't keep it all so it will go live a separate life. Reading this book will make you feel cozy and peaceful. The book is designed to be read even to the smallest kids by their parents. It is also great to have the story translated into English so that older children can learn a foreign language in simple words and phrases.

Lyubov Viduta is a poet and prose writer based in Lviv.

Khrystyna Lukashchuk is a Ukrainian artist, writer, illustrator, architect, blogger, gallery owner, lecturer, co-founder of "the School of Practical Minimalism".



Author:

LYUBOV VIDUTA

Illustrator:

KHRYSTYNA LUKASHCHUK



Hardcover:

210 x 220 mm

Age: 5+

Full color illustrations

Pages: 24

AN EXTREMELY SWEET, FASCINATING STORY ABOUT A GIRL WHO GOT INTO THE LION'S KINGDOM AND ABOUT THEIR MUTUAL ADVENTURES.



## "THE DAY OF ALL SQUIRRELS"

Full of adventure and humor, thrilling turns and complex situations, this is a story about what is valuable in life and how important it is to be able to fight for your rights, regardless of who you are: an adult, a child or a forest animal. The book teaches us to care about nature and incites us not to litter in the forests and on the streets.

You will not be able to put this book until you finish it. It is perfect for both children and those who think they have already grown up.

Irena Karpa is a famous Ukrainian writer, the author of 12 books, journalist, singer and the first secretary for cultural affairs at the Ukrainian Embassy in Paris since 2015.

A KIND AND PLAYFUL TALE ABOUT  
ECOLOGY, NATURE, FRIENDSHIP,  
FREEDOM AND THE DREAM.



**Author:**  
IRENA KARPA

**Illustrator**  
NATALKA HAYDA

Hardcover  
240 x 210 mm  
Age: 6+  
Full color illustrations  
Pages: 96





# "THE COSMOKITTENS. THE MARTIAN CHRONICLES OF MURKO MNYAUSK"

The day when a fluffy kitten called Murko saw the famous inventor Elon Musk on TV turned the life of an ordinary pet upside down. He is now a volunteer Murko Mnyausk, and his biggest dream is to fly to Mars! Will Murko meet Elon Musk to become the world's first astronaut cat? And will the red planet reveal its main secret?

Yulia Ilyukha is a Ukrainian writer, journalist and volunteer helping Ukrainian forces in the war in Donbas. She writes for both children and adults.

Katya Stepanishcheva is a well-known artist and illustrator of children's books.



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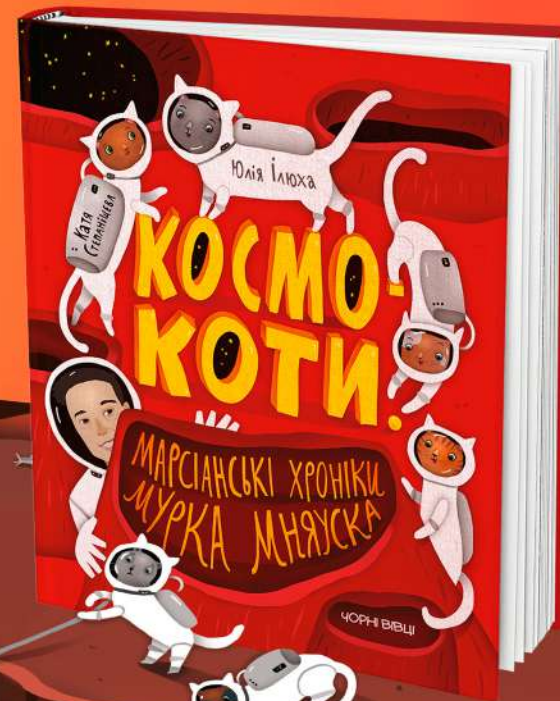
**Author:**

YULIA  
ILYUKHA

**Illustrator:**

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STEPANISHCHEVA

AN ABSORBING  
STORY ABOUT  
A DREAMY AND  
BRAVE CAT WHO  
WANTED TO FLY  
TO MARS WITH  
ELON MUSK



Hardcover  
167 x 215 mm

Age: 7+

Full color illustrations

Pages: 112

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## "THE PLACE FOR THE DRAGON"

It is a moving existential parable about the Dragon who is nothing close to being a vulturous and cruel creature the dragons are believed to be. He is a kind and generous soul, who likes butterflies, writes poems, plants flowers and reads the Bible. He is a vegetarian, dreamer and romantic. And even though he does not do any harm, tradition dictates that he has to be killed. But will it bring peace to the principedom?

Yuriy Vynnychuk is one of the most famous contemporary Ukrainian writers whose works are highly popular in Ukraine and are translated into more than ten languages. Among other prizes, his novels were twice awarded with the title "BBC Ukrainian Book of the Year".



**Author:**  
YURIY VYNNYCHUK

**Illustrator:**  
NADIYA KALAMEYETS

Hardcover  
142 x 213 mm  
Age: 7+  
BW illustrations  
Pages: 96

AN ENCHANTING ADVENTURE  
STORY FOR THOSE WHO  
DEFY STEREOTYPES.





# "A SHORT HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGIES OR HOW TO UNDERSTAND YOUR GADGET"

What is going on under the case of your smartphone is pure «magic» for most people. This book will help you understand how this magic actually works. Artificial intelligence, brain-computer interface, bitcoins, smart home, the Internet of things — the history of these ideas began long ago, back when humanity decided to simplify its life and learn how to read and store information faster. This book offers going through this path once again: from the Morse code and radio waves to a modern smartphone in your pocket that has enough power to easily control several space missions.

Andriy Tuzhykov is a theoretical physicist by education and a writer by vocation. The author of a captivating and highly popular story for teenagers and a deep poetry collection, Andriy proved to be a skillful nonfiction writer, whose book you will find hard to tear yourself away from.

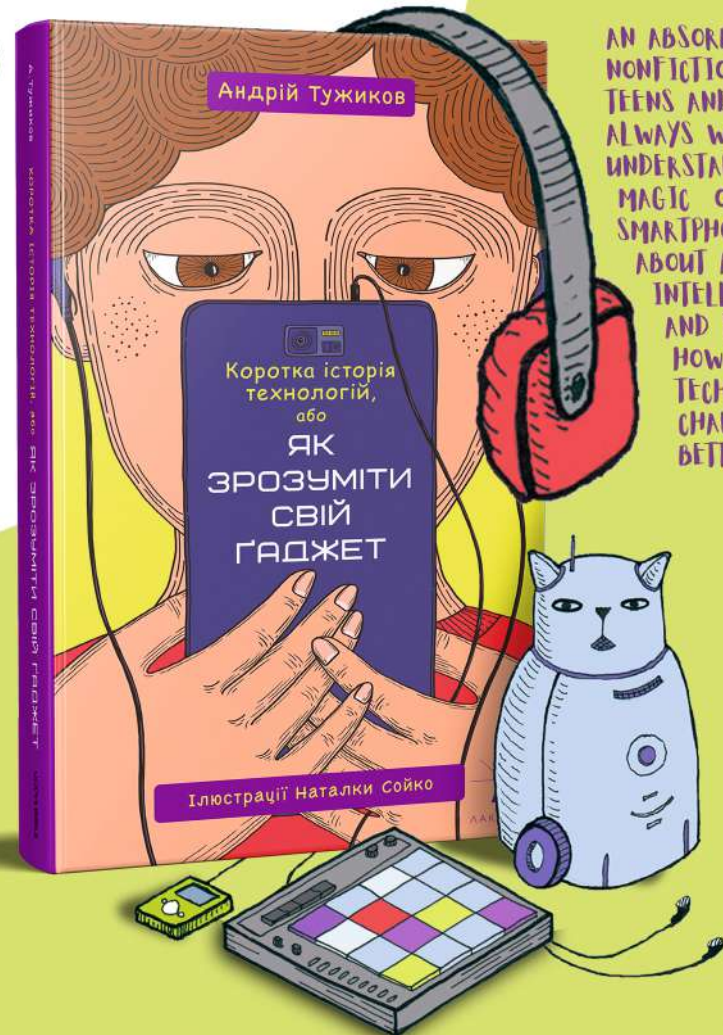


**Author:**  
ANDRIY  
TUZHUKOV



**Illustrator:**  
NATALKA SOYKA

Integral cover  
130 x 210 mm  
Age: 10+  
Full color illustrations  
Pages: 112



AN ABSORBING  
NONFICTION FOR KIDS,  
TEENS AND ADULTS WHO  
ALWAYS WANTED TO  
UNDERSTAND THE  
MAGIC OF THEIR  
SMARTPHONES, LEARN  
ABOUT ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE  
AND FIND OUT  
HOW NEW  
TECHNOLOGIES  
CHANGE AND  
BETTER OUR LIVES.

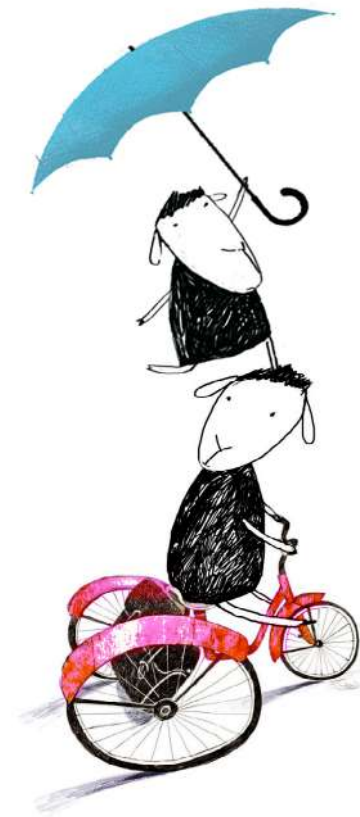


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