

KRISTINA KRETOVA
BOOKS



HELLO EVERYONE.

My name is **Kristina Kretova** and I live in St. Petersburg. More than anything else I love being a mom, traveling, communicating with people and telling stories.

Stories that show that all boundaries in the world are conditional, that being different from everyone is at least interesting, and finding yourself and your way is the most important goal in our life. I believe that humanity is becoming kinder, wiser and more humane every day, month, year and I dream that my books will also become a part of this process. I am confident that the future of our planet is in the hands of today's children. That is why I live and work, write books and articles, broadcast on the radio.



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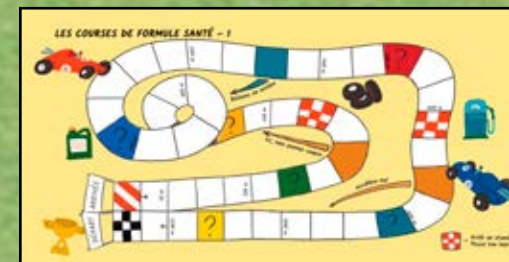
I have [@i_am_ultramarina](#) on Instagram, a page in the Facebook, a web site [Kretova.info](#), and also you can find my biography in Russian on [All-Russian Encyclopedia of Children's Literature](#).



BE HEALTHY! HOW TO GET SUPER STRONG, FAST AND WIN RACES

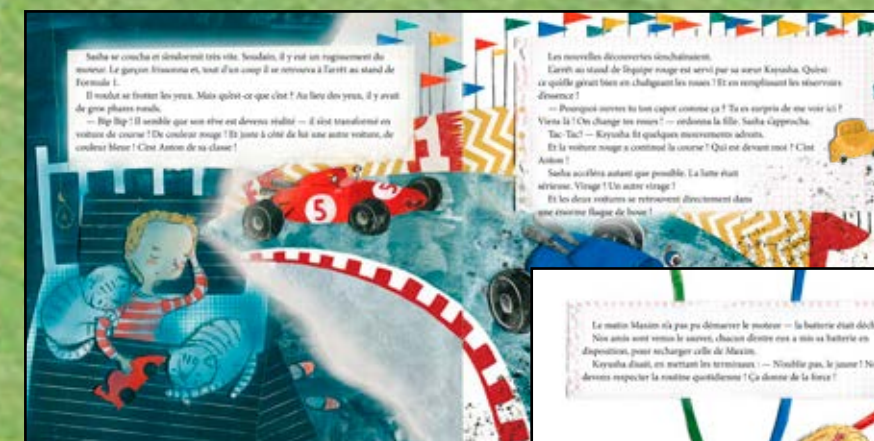


One day, a boy named Alex did not want to brush his teeth before going to bed despite all the persuasions of his father, the doctor. Alex falls asleep ... And he has a dream that he suddenly turned into a racing car! What to fill it with? Sandwiches and candies or fruits and vegetables? Which car drives better – clean or dirty one? Curved or straight? Now Alex really wants to win the race and is ready to comply with all operating rules!



The Game

- The book was written in collaboration with **Dmitry Mokhov**, Doctor of Medical Sciences.
- It teaches the correct attitude to your body and health not with dull instructions but through an exciting story of racing.
- There is also a funny walking game at the end of the book.



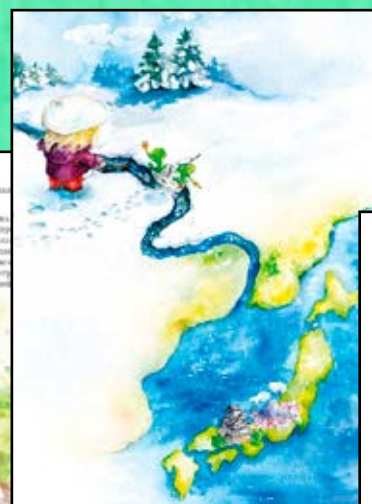
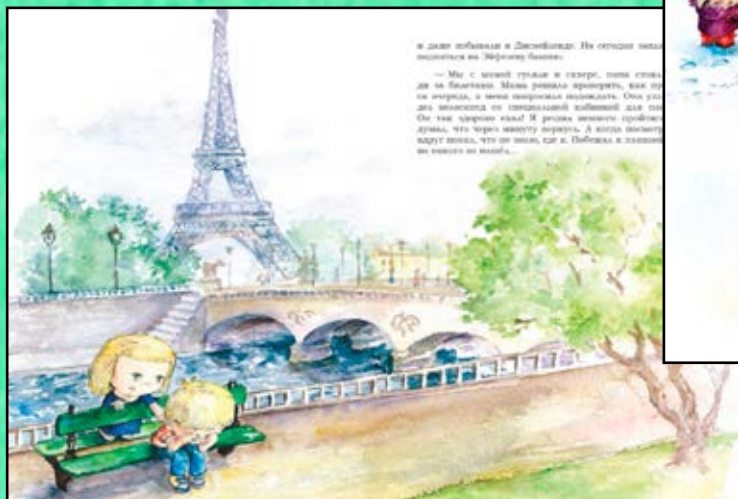
Be healthy! How to get super strong, fast and win races
30 pages | 221x223 mm

ASTA - THE HURRICANE: GEOGRAPHICAL ADVENTURES

Children are very fond of heroes who are endowed with some incredible abilities, because they really want to be like them and believe that this is actually possible. The heroine of this book is a girl named Asta, who can get to any corner of the earth along with gusts of wind. Asta is a funny, brave, resourceful and quick-witted girl. In each chapter, she helps boys and girls from other countries: thanks to her, a boy called Senya finds his lost parents in Paris, an American girl Theo will learn to skate, and Japanese grandmother Nana, despite all the obstacles, will see the cherry blossoms in bloom. At the end of each chapter there are questions that allow you to discuss with children how they would act in a given situation, what emotions the incident evokes in them.



- This book was my debut and in just a month it became a best-seller on the website www.ozon.ru (analogous to amazon.com);
- It received laudatory reviews from professors of geography, artists, and journalists;
- Its sequel was included in the list of the most anticipated books of 2019 in many ratings.



ASTA - THE HURRICANE: A JOURNEY THROUGH RUSSIA

The book is a continuation of the beloved adventures of Asta. In the first book, she traveled the world, got acquainted with world capitals, learned how people live in different parts of our planet. In this story, she travels by train from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok along the longest railway in the world, the Trans-Siberian Railway, and on her way she introduces us to different parts of the country. But, of course, her travels are not limited only to the route along which the train rushes (do you remember about the amazing powers of the heroine?).



- The book was published in 2019 and in just a month, half of the print run was sold;
- It is not only an art book but also an educational one;
- On the day of the presentation at the Russian Railways Museum in St. Petersburg, the record for visitors was broken for the entire existence of the museum.



ASTA - THE HURRICANE. TRAVELING ACROSS THE WORLD

Continuation of the bestseller about Asta who knows how to move with the wind. This time she will have the most unusual journey - together with her parents, she will travel around the world on a huge cruise ship.

In this book Asta:

- gets acquainted with the great geographical discoveries;
- learns a lot about the continents and oceans, the structure of the Earth, the formation of the relief;
- learns to work with maps and a compass, determine the scale and navigate the stars;
- she will help children from China, Australia, USA, Finland and will do many more good things.

The expert of the book was the teacher of geography, candidate of pedagogical sciences (PhD) Olga Zhabrovskaya. Thanks to her experience and unexpected plot twists, the story will help you master the basic knowledge of geography.

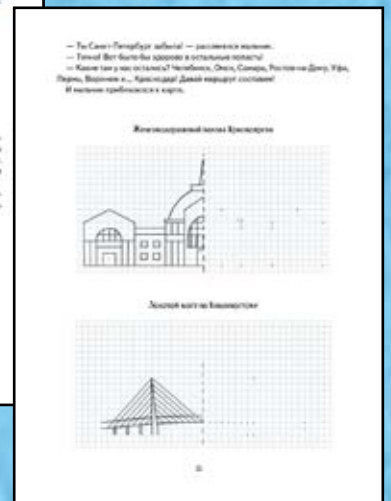
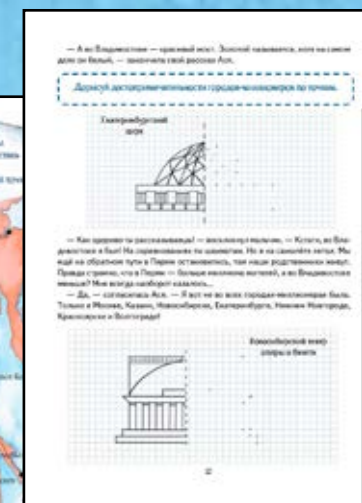


QUEST. ASTA - THE HURRICANE IN RUSSIA. 100 FUN TASKS, LABYRINTHS, MAPS, STICKER GAMES.

Hooray! The elusive Asta-the Hurricane sets off on a journey across Russia again! But this time she needs your help! Together with her and her new friend Alyosha you will ride on the railway, visit millionaire cities, walk along Red Square and Troitsky Bridge, make many geographical discoveries. You'll be able to catch fish in Lake Baikal, climb Everest, cook traditional brushwood cookies according to the recipe of a real Tatar grandmother, and most importantly, fulfill two cherished dreams of our heroes.



- Inside the book you'll also find an exciting quest, 5 geographic maps, more than 50 stickers, labyrinths, rebuses, puzzles!
- The book is suitable for the joint leisure of a parent with a child of primary school age.



WAR VS CHILDHOOD

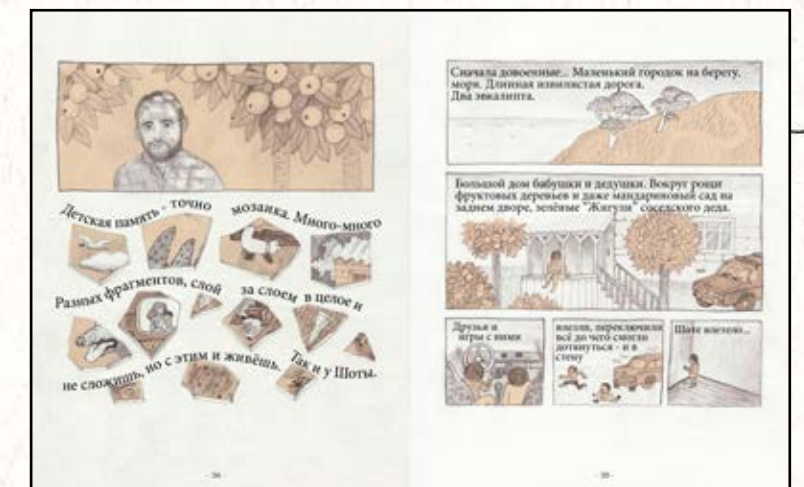
"War vs Childhood" is an anti-militaristic graphic novel about war through the eyes of children. The book contains the memories of real people who grew up in countries, affected by ethnic and territorial conflicts. My co-author **Yulia Brykova** and I recorded the memories of heroes who were on opposite sides of the same conflict, and 14 independent artists from Russia and Ukraine illustrated them in the genre of a graphic novel. This is a strong and necessary book in our time, which will tell you that war is always bad.



The book is about the wars of modern history through the eyes of children; Thanks to the genre of the graphic novel, complex stories will become visible and understandable to contemporaries;



The book brought together 13 real stories (Northern Ireland, Israel, Palestine, Donbas, Ukraine, Abkhazia, Georgia and the countries of the Balkan bloc) and drawings by 14 artists from Russia and Ukraine;



- There are no heroes, defenders, allies or enemies in the book, only pure and sincere impressions.
- This is an up-to-date anti-war book that will help you avoid bitter mistakes in the future.



LINA-MARLINA

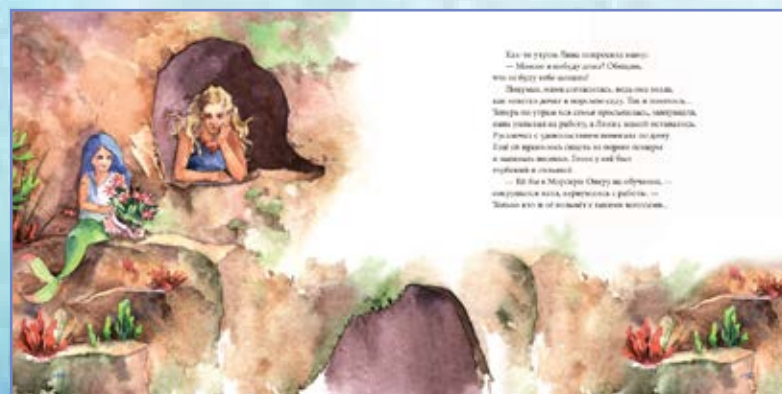
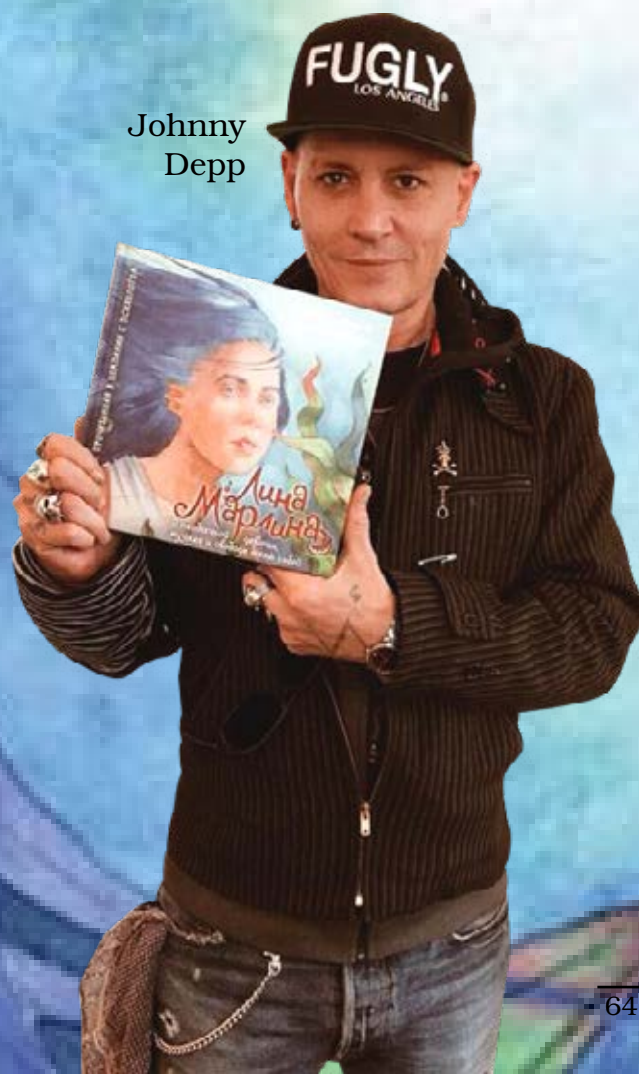
Lina-Marlina story is about an unusual girl, music and freedom to be yourself. A magically realistic and realistically magic story about the mermaid called Lina. It's about how you can achieve success if you work hard and go towards your goal.

It's also about how to find yourself in this world, even if you are not like everyone else. And finally, it's about how to be happy.

The fairy tale will not leave indifferent any child.



- I first posted the story online, and it began to enjoy immense popularity. Perhaps because there are no princes in it;
- It became a bestseller book on ozon.ru in 2018;
- There's even a photo of **Johnny Depp** holding the book!

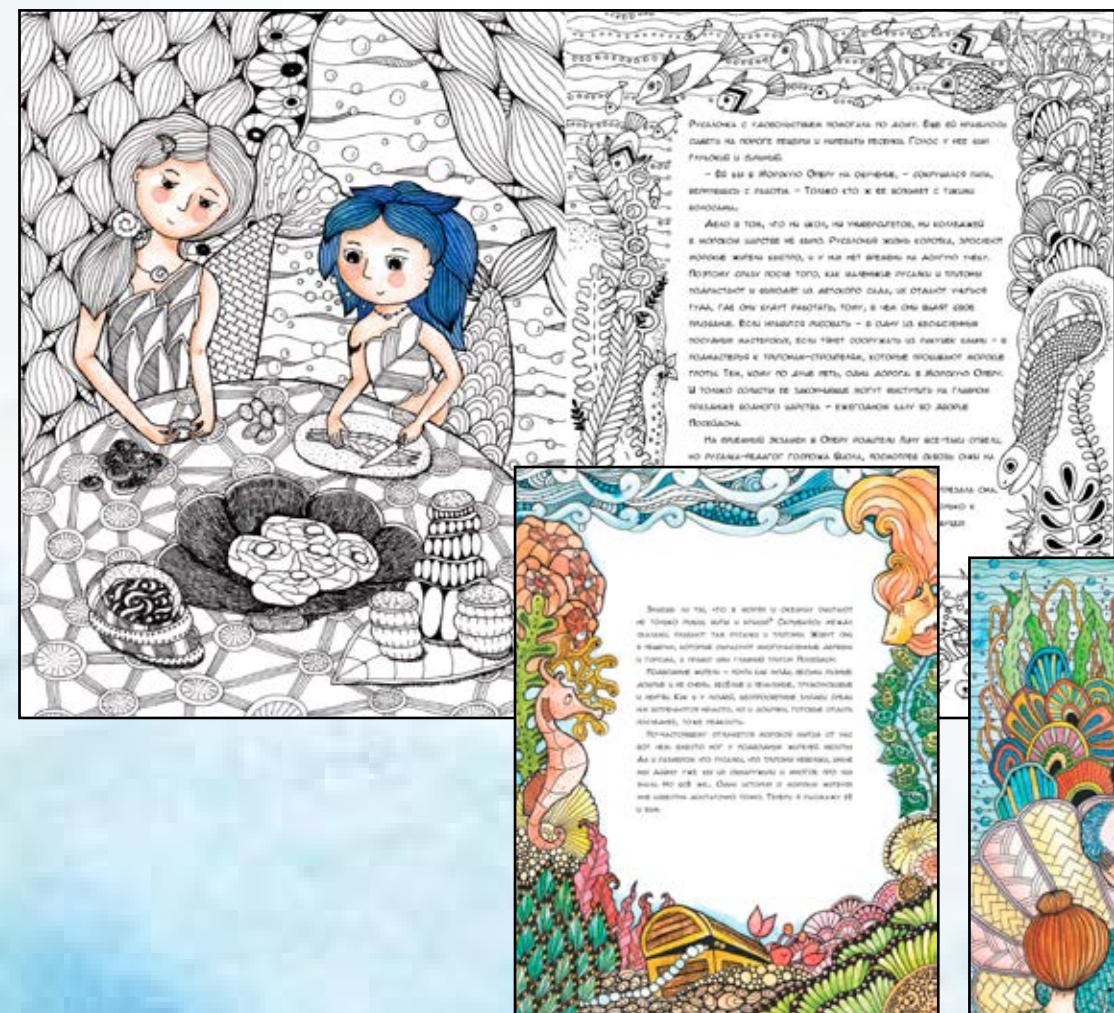


Lina-Marlina
64 pages | 221x223 mm

LINA-MARLINA: ZEN COLORING.



- Due to the popularity on the Internet the book was published in two versions at once: watercolor and zen-coloring.
- The coloring version became the first in Russia zen-coloring book with a developing plot.
- The book has received reviews of famous psychologists and even the Russian choreographer Boris Eifman.



Lina-Marlina: Zen Coloring.
56 pages | 215x280 mm

THE ADVENTURES OF A BULLFINCH IN AFRICA

A fidget bullfinch named Styopa lives in the forest near the village. He is bored with staying in one place all year round, and he decides to head south. But how can a small bird overcome such a long path? Other birds come to his aid - a wise rook, two cheerful geese and snow-white herons. Will Styopa be able to get to the shores of Africa and will he like it far from his homeland?



- The book will tell not only about the adventures of the stubborn bullfinch, but it will also introduce you to sedentary and migratory birds, and will also allow your child to learn about the signs of the season called autumn;
- It's a part of a series of four books with footprints, the child goes on a journey, moving the bookmark with the main character through the pages of the book.



The adventures of a bullfinch in Africa
24 pages | 201x203 mm

THE ADVENTURES OF A KITTEN IN ST. PETERSBURG

Once a homeless kitten named Chernysh (or Blackie) decides to choose his future owner. Most of all he likes a girl with red bows who was passing by one moment. But how to find her again in the big city? Fearless Blackie sets off on a journey through the streets and courtyards. Will he be able to find the girl and will she become his mistress?



- The book will tell not only about the adventures of a brave kitten but it will also introduce readers to the birds and animals that can be found in the city, and also allow the child to learn about the signs of the season called autumn;
- It's a part of a series of four books with footprints, the child goes on a journey, moving the bookmark with the main character through the pages of the book.



The adventures of a kitten in St. Petersburg
24 pages | 201x203 mm

THE ADVENTURES OF A MOUSE IN THE LIBRARY

Nedo is a very curious little mouse who lives in the children's library. One day an idea, unusual for an animal, comes to his mind - he decides to learn to read! Nedo now resorts to the library counter every day to meet children and learn new letters. But can Nedo be able to master the entire alphabet and read his first book?



- This story will tell not only about the perseverance and adventures of a smart mouse,
- but it will also introduce young readers first to vowels, and then to consonants of Russian language, and also teach them how to find signs of the season called summer.
- It's a part of a series of four books with footprints, the child goes on a journey moving the bookmark toy with the main character through the pages of the book.



The adventures of a mouse in the library
24 pages | 201x203 mm

THE ADVENTURES OF A PUPPY ON RED SQUARE

A small puppy named Polkan lives near Red Square. But he is cold and hungry there. Therefore, one day he decides to find himself a job. Where can a watchdog come in handy? Will they take him to guard the Kremlin's Spasskaya Tower, the colorful Cathedral of St. Basil the Blessed, or GUM, the central Moscow store?



- The book will tell not only about the puppy's adventures and his meeting with his future owner, but it will also introduce readers to the main sights of Moscow.
- It's a part of a series of four books with footprints, the child goes on a journey moving the bookmark toy with the main character through the pages of the book.



The adventures of a puppy on Red Square
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ONE FOR EACH OTHER

This is a book with stories of friendship between animals and people around the world. You'll find out about a lonely ostrich in a Moscow zoo who made friends with giraffes and a zebra, sled dogs that performed a real feat, and then were betrayed by their owner, a bear cub, a tiger cub and a lion cub, rescued in the USA.



- The book was published in 2019 in co-operation with WWF Russia. And part of the funds from its sale in Russia goes to help the forests of Kamchatka;
- The publication of the book was accompanied by an exhibition of works by the artists on one of the central streets of St. Petersburg;
- The book became a laureate of the For the Benefit of Peace prize.



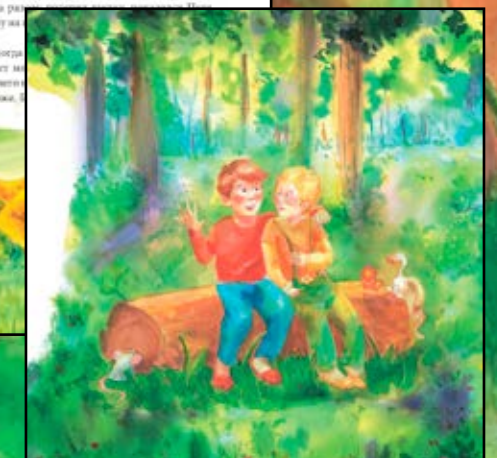
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A TALE ABOUT BRAVE PETYA, A LITTLE HOUSE SPIRIT AND MAGIC TRYN-GRASS

The book is about a boy who was afraid of what he shouldn't be afraid of: a doctor, a policeman and even of darkness.



- The illustrator was selected on a competitive basis, and there were more than 200 variants of Petya by various artists posted online;
- Finally, the illustrations in the book were painted by a wonderful artist from Siberia Yevgenya Kozhevnikova;
- The book was included in the list of Top 100 Best Books of the Non Fiction Salon 2019 in Moscow.



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