

Raoul de Jong

An inspirational
journey into the heart
of Suriname



Raoul de Jong (b. 1984) travelled through West Africa for four months at the age of nineteen, survived New York for four months with fifty dollars in his pocket and walked from Rotterdam to Marseille. He has published six novels.

Jaguarman

My Father, His Father and Other Heroes of Suriname

Cover of Dutch edition



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Jaguarman.

Mijn vader, zijn vader en andere Surinaamse helden

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‘A surprisingly rich book’

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Bas von Benda-Beckmann

The tragic camp fates of Anne Frank and each of her seven companions in hiding



Bas von Benda-Beckmann (b. 1976) currently works as a historian at the Anne Frank Foundation. Previous books include *The Velser Affair*, which was shortlisted for the Libris History Prize, and *The Oranjehotel*, which garnered equally high praise.

After The Annex

Anne Frank and the Nazi Death Camps



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Na het Achterhuis.

Anne Frank en de andere onderduikers in de kampen

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‘Everyone should read this unbearable book, though you actually would never recommend it to anyone.’

Trouw

Bregje Hofstede

A beautifully-written essay that shifts the problem of sleeplessness beyond the sleeper



Bregje Hofstede (b. 1988) is a writer and journalist, whose debut novel *The Sky Above Paris* received excellent reviews and was translated into German and Danish. She followed this with *Drift*, which was also published in German. Her next book was *The Rediscovery of the Body*, in which she examines her own burnout.

Getting To Sleep

How an Insomniac Reclaimed the Night



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Slaap vatten.

Hoe een slapeloze de nacht terugwon

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‘With *Drift*, Bregje Hofstede proves that she belongs to the new wave of Great Dutch writers.’

De Wereld Draait Door book panel (TV)

Daniël Verlaan

I Know Your Password

True stories from the
dark side of the web



Daniël Verlaan (b. 1989) is a tech journalist for the TV channel *RTL Nieuws* where he reports on technology and researches the dark side of the internet. In 2019, he received two journalism prizes for his work: *De Tegel* for journalistic talent, and *De Loep*, the prestigious prize for the best investigative journalism.

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‘A true page-turner.’

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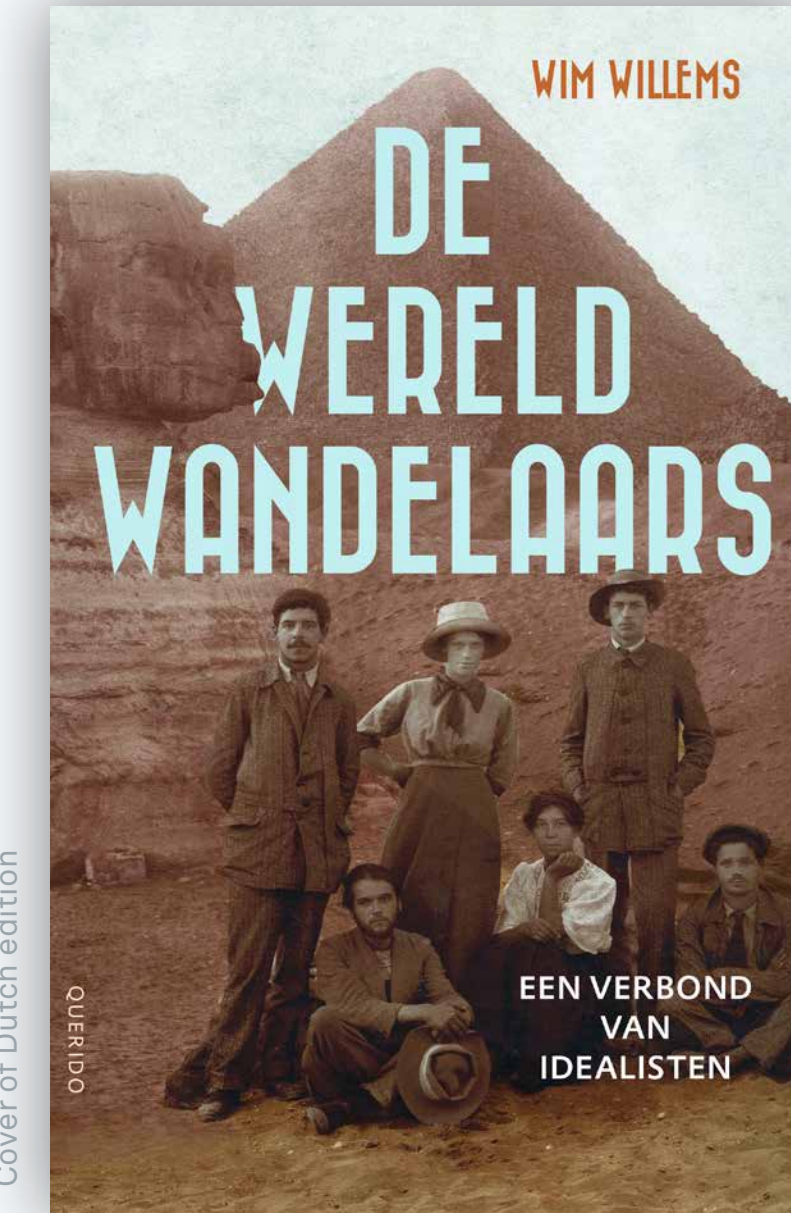
Wim Willems

Idealist revolutionaries
in sandals



Wim Willems (b. 1951) is emeritus professor of Social History at the University of Leiden. As an avid walker who also grew up in a working-class family where studying was not a given, he felt a strong bond with the three globetrotters and their inspired endeavour to lead a different life.

Cover of Dutch edition



The Globetrotters

A League of Idealists

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*De Wereldwandelaars.
Een verbond van idealisten*

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**‘A story that seems too
crazy to be true, but
nevertheless is. [...] It is
a breath-taking journey.’**

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Beatrice de Graaf

Radical Redemption

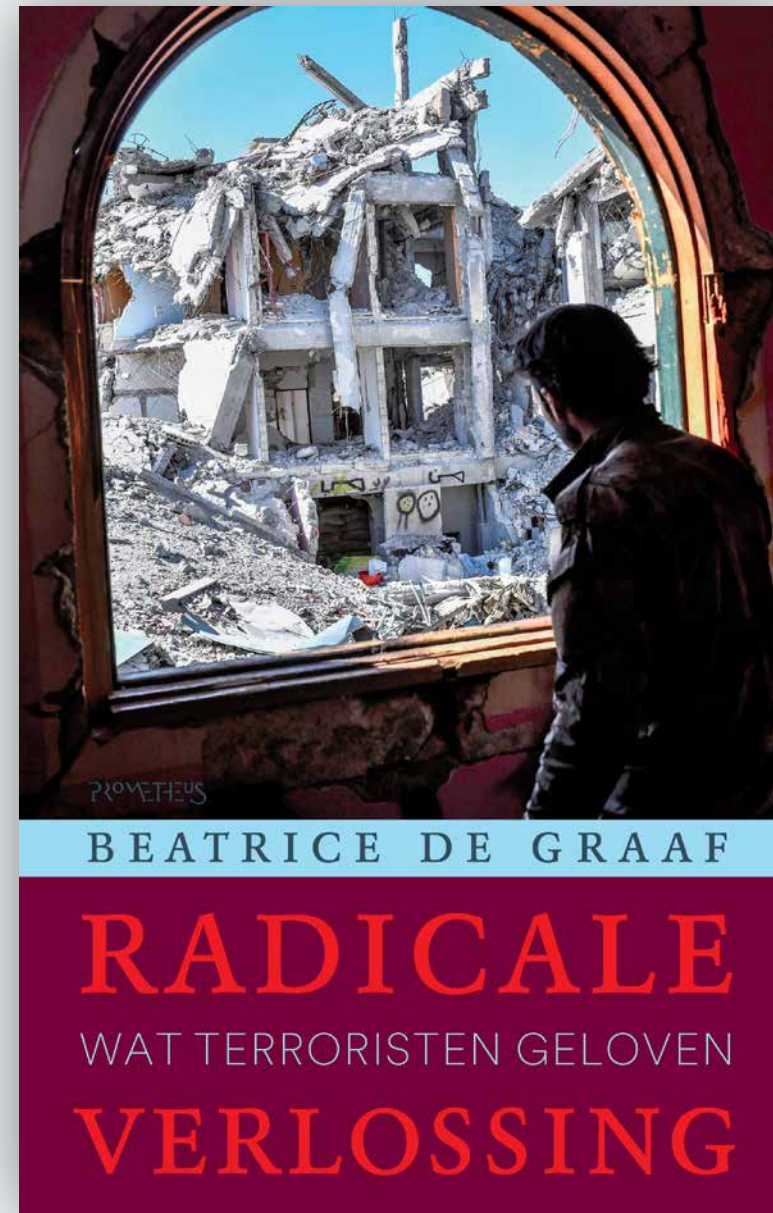
What Terrorists Believe In

On terrorism and the
search for meaning
– a human portrait



Beatrice de Graaf (b. 1976) researches the history of terrorism, war and violence and is particularly interested in the fight against them. She was a fellow at Cambridge University, regularly makes public appearances as an expert on terrorism.

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Radicale verlossing. Wat terroristen geloven

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‘The great thing about these portraits is that they are all worthwhile, carefully documented and averse to clichés or pre-established stances.’
de Volkskrant

Frank Westerman

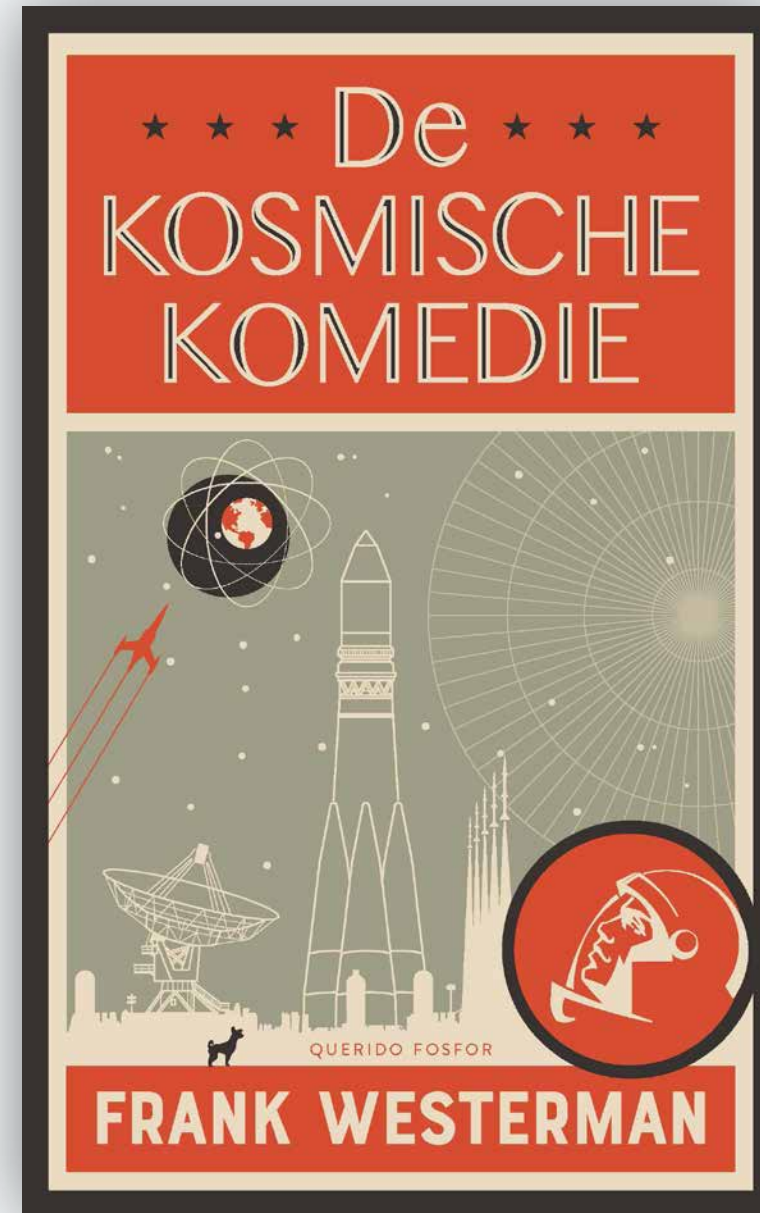
The Cosmic Comedy

On terrorism and the
search for meaning
– a human portrait



Frank Westerman (b. 1964) is the author of many bestsellers: *The Republic of Grain* (1999), *Engineers of the Soul* (2002), *El Negro and Me* (2004), *Ararat* (2007), *Brother Mendel's Perfect Horse* (2010), *Choke Valley* (2013) and *A Word A Word* (2016). His work, which has received numerous awards, has been widely translated.

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De kosmische komedie

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**‘A wonderful book
about man, the cosmos
and the desire to reach
further than seems
possible.’**

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Renata Laqueur

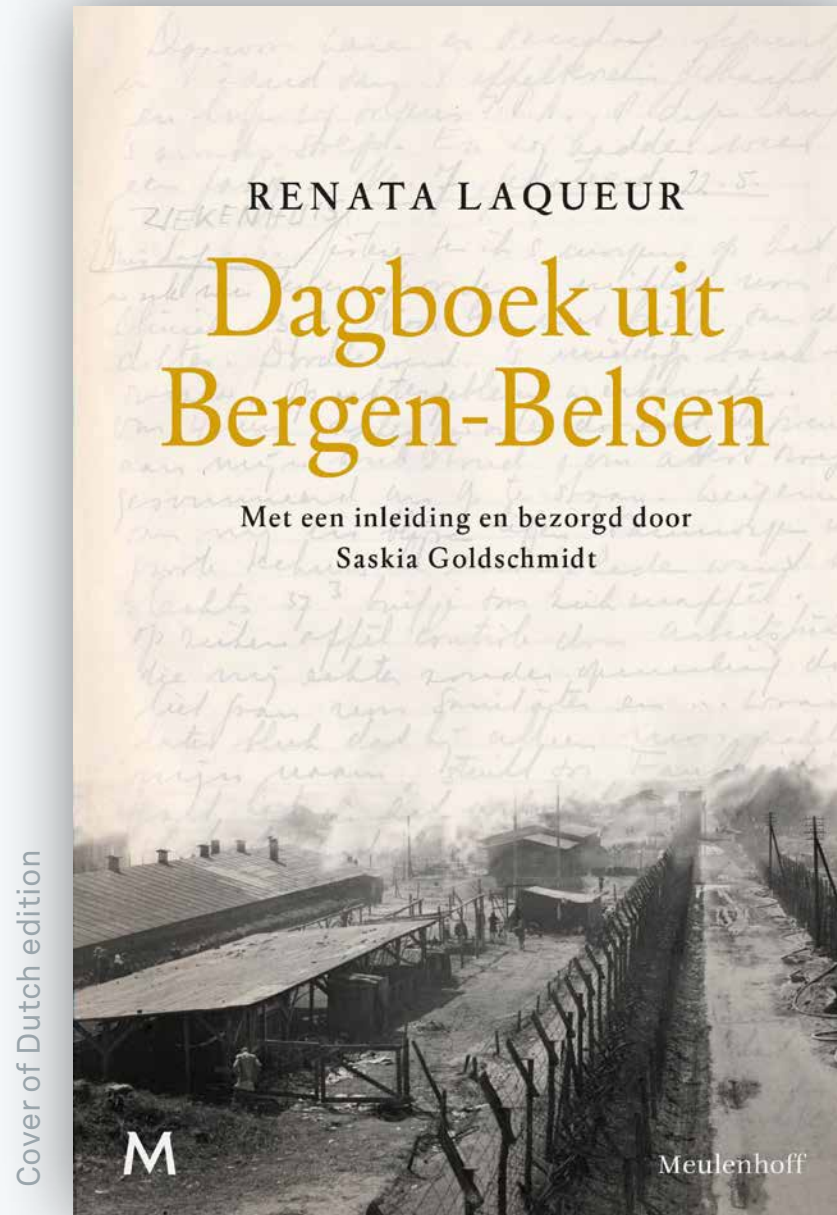
A rare and detailed
Holocaust testimony,
comparable with
Last Stop Auschwitz



Renata Laqueur (1919-2011) was born in what is now Brzeg, Poland and grew up in Amsterdam. Her father was a Prussian professor and among the first scientists to isolate the hormone testosterone. After the war, she moved to New York City, where she remarried and completed a PhD in Comparative Literary Studies.

Diary From Bergen-Belsen

March 1944 - April 1945



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Dagboek uit Bergen-Belsen. Maart 1944-april 1945

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**‘She describes the
misery of the camp
starkly – but also with
sensitivity.’**

Nederlands Dagblad

Sandra Langereis

Erasmus' life and thought
– the definitive biography
of a European icon

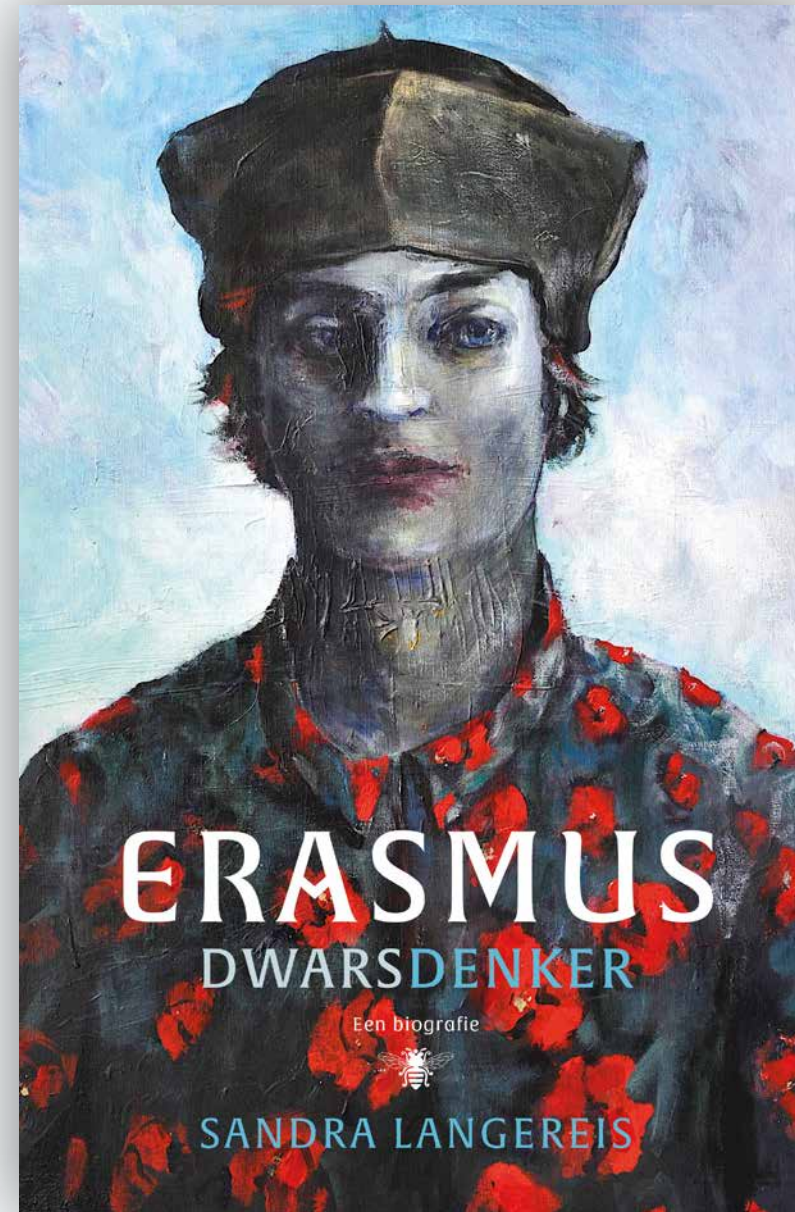


Sandra Langereis (b. 1967) is a historian of science and culture and a biographer. Her previous biography, *The Wordsmith*, about the 16th-century printer and publisher Christoffel Plantijn, was nominated for the Libris History Prize and chosen as best biography and best history book of 2014.

Erasmus The Maverick

A Biography

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*Erasmus: dwarsdenker.
Een biografie*

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**‘There were biographies
about Erasmus already,
but those were more like
sketches. Not one is as
detailed and well-written
as *Erasmus The Maverick*.’**
Vrij Nederland

Margriet van der Heijden

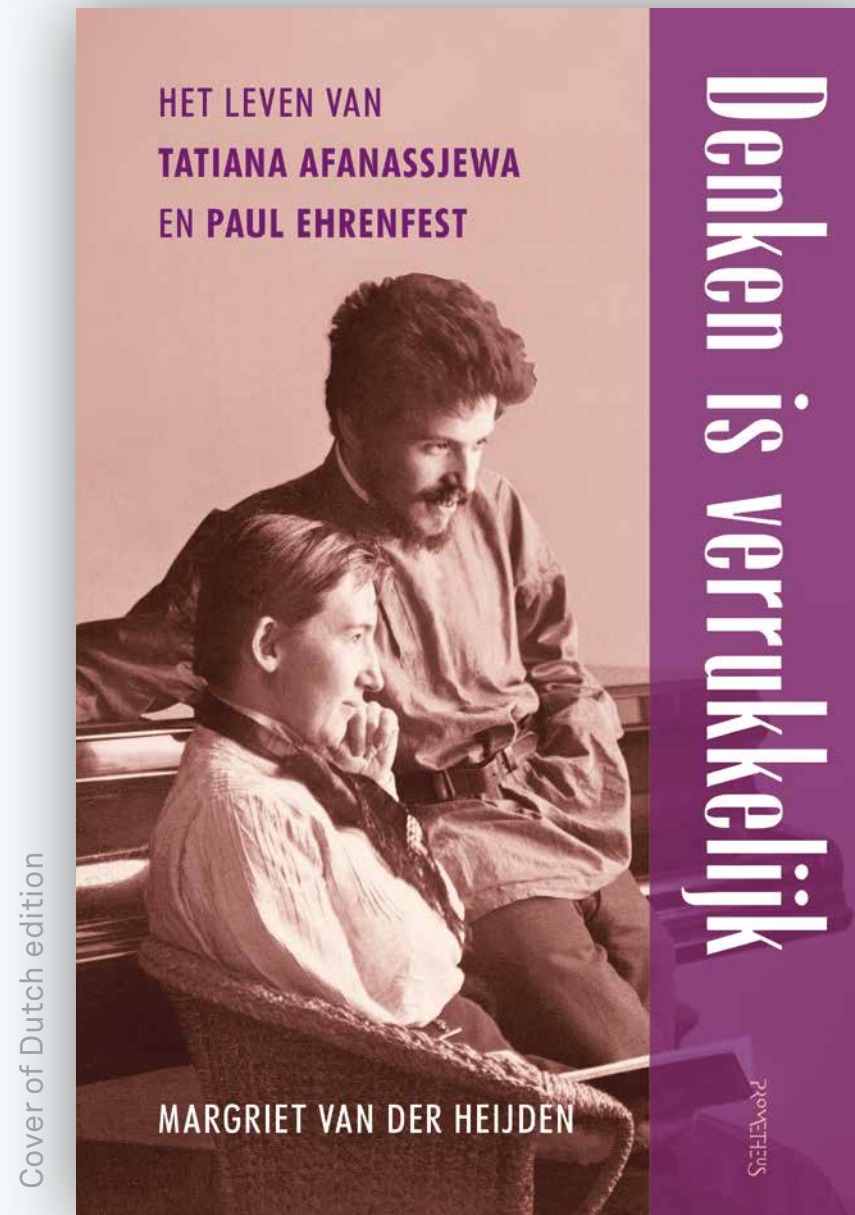
A double biography that
foregrounds science as
an ongoing conversation



Margriet van der Heijden is a particle physicist, trained at CERN in Geneva, and currently working as a science journalist. She teaches at Amsterdam University College.

The Delightfulness of Thought

The Lives of Tatiana Afanassjewa and Paul Ehrenfest



Dutch title

*Denken is verrukkelijk. De levens van
Tatiana Afanassjewa and Paul Ehrenfest*

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**‘A double biography
that reads like a novel.’**

De Nederlandse Boekengids

Rudi Wester

A captivating book about
a life-long search for love
and justice



Rudi Wester studied French language and literature. She is a literary critic, former director of the Dutch Institute in Paris and former director of the Foundation for Production and Translation of Dutch Literature.

Is There Any Life Stranger Than Mine? Jef Last 1898-1972



Dutch title

Bestaat er een raarder leven dan het mijne?
Jef Last 1898 - 1972

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**'A very readable and
affectionate biography.'**

Biografie Portaal

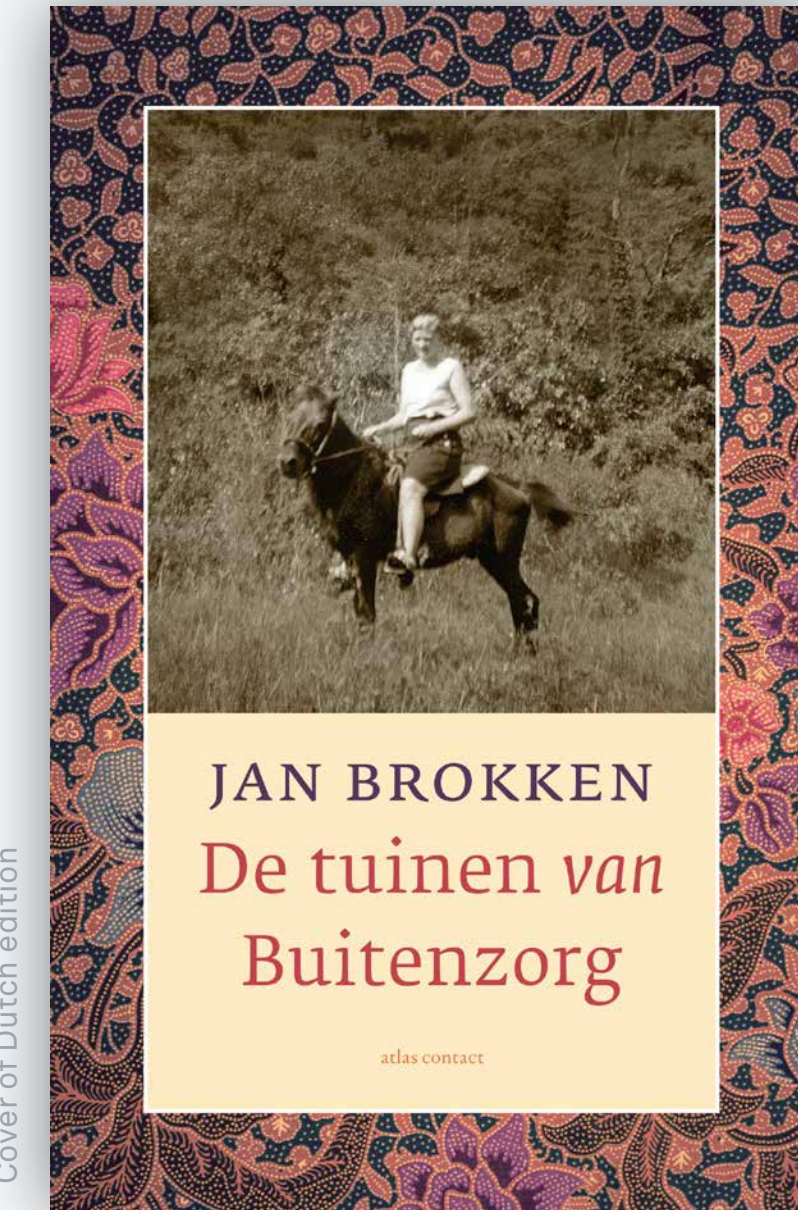
Jan Brokken

Master storyteller
Jan Brokken dives into
his personal history



Jan Brokken (b. 1949) has written books about a number of exotic and far-off places, including West Africa, the Dutch Caribbean, Indonesia and China, winning acclaim for his adventurous attitude and sensitive style.

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The Gardens of Buitenzorg

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De tuinen van Buitenzorg

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***‘The Gardens of Buitenzorg
is vintage non-fiction
by an internationally
esteemed craftsman.’***

De Standaard

Jannah Loontjens

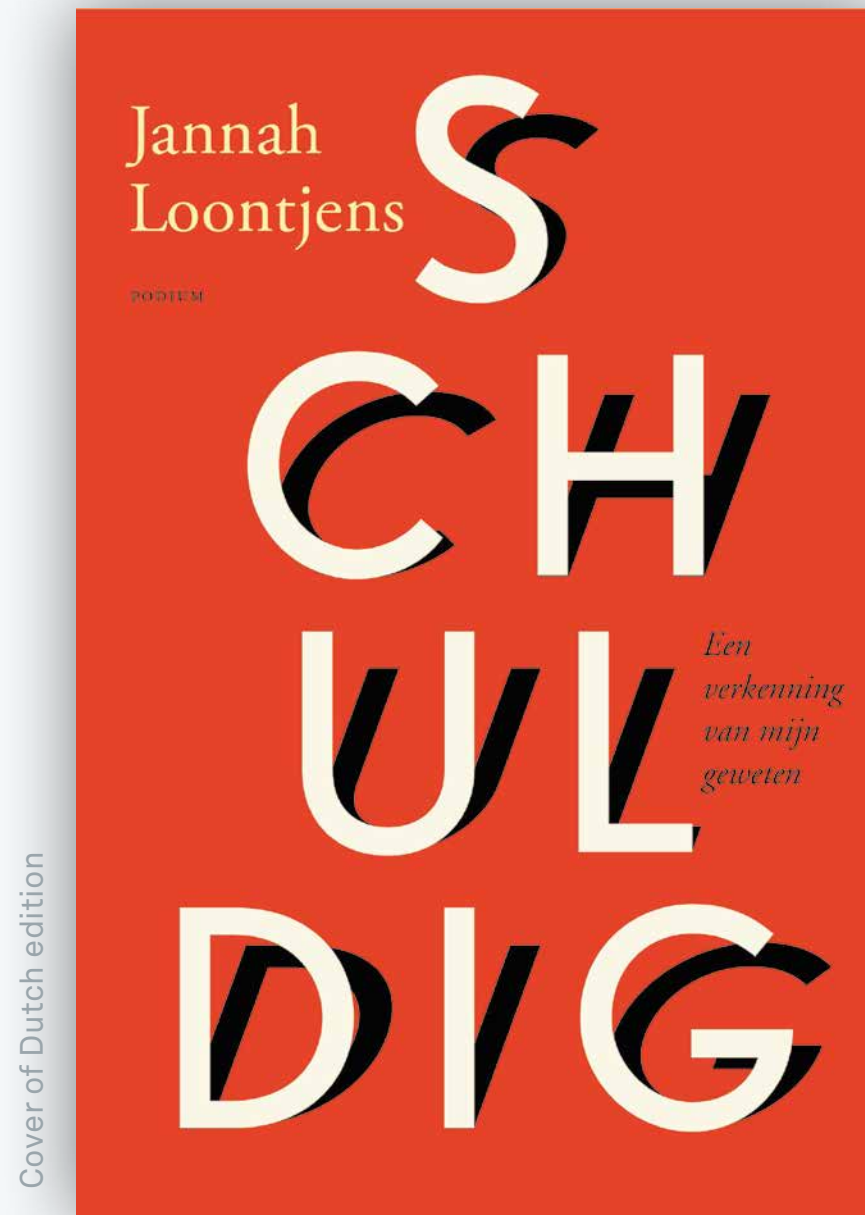
A subtle, philosophical exploration of the fear of other people's judgement



Jannah Loontjens (b. 1974) is a philosopher and writer. Her earlier novels include *Good Luck* (2007), *How Late* (2011), *Actually* (2014) and *But Then Again*. Her work has been translated into Danish and Hungarian.

Guilty

An Exploration of My Conscience



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Schuldig

Een verkenning van mijn geweten

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**‘Inspired and literary,
Loontjens takes the path
to self-reconciliation.’**

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Jaap Goudsmit

Observations about
the coronavirus crisis
by a professor with a
can-do attitude



Jaap Goudsmit (b. 1951)
is a Dutch scientist and
non-fiction writer, best
known for his research
on AIDS and Influenza.

Free From Corona

The Start of a New Era

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Vrij van corona

Het begin van een nieuw tijdperk

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**‘A book that looks forward,
despite the unmistakable
problems, to the future
with optimism.’**

Het Parool

Marjan Slob

Loneliness is a human talent, even if it does not make you happier



Marjan Slob is an essayist, columnist and philosopher. She previously wrote *Hersenbeest* (Brain Animal), which was awarded the Socrates Cup in 2017. She also writes for *de Volkskrant*.

The Empty Sky

On Loneliness



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De lege hemel
Over eenzaamheid

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‘A scintillating and quirky book about loneliness, surprisingly multidimensional in scope. Supplely and attractively written.’

Jury report for the shortlist
Best Spiritual Book of 2021