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20th century translated classics

The Asterix series written by René Goscinny, illustrated by Albert Uderzo, translated from French by Anthea Bell and Derek Hockridge (Hachette). First published in France and Belgium, 1961

The Bears' Famous Invasion of Sicily written and illustrated by Dino Buzzati, translated from Italian by Frances Lobb (Alma Books). First published in Italy, 1945


An Elephantasy by María Elena Walsh, translated from Spanish by Daniel Hahn (Pushkin Press). First published in Argentina, 1966

Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kästner, illustrated by Walter Trier, translated from German by Eileen Hall (Vintage Classics). First published in Germany, 1928

Finn Family Moomintroll written and illustrated by Tove Jansson, translated from Swedish by Elizabeth Portch (Puffin). First published in Finland, 1948

Fly Away Home by Austrian author Christina Nöstlinger, translated from German by Anthea Bell (Vintage). First published in Germany, 1973

Glowrushes by Roberto Piumini, translated from Italian by Leah Janeczko (Pushkin Press). First published in Italy, 1987

Kiki's Delivery Service by Eiko Kadono, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton, translated from Japanese by Emily Balistrieri (Puffin). First published in Japan, 1985

The King of the Copper Mountains by Paul Biegel, translated from Dutch by Gillian Hume and Paul Biegel (Pushkin Press). First published in the Netherlands, 1964

The Letter for the King by Tonke Dragt, translated from Dutch by Laura Watkinson (Pushkin Press). First published in the Netherlands, 1962

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, translated from French (France) by Ros Schwartz and Chloe Schwartz (Pan Macmillan). First published in USA, 1943

My Sweet Orange Tree by José Mauro de Vasconcelos, translated from Portuguese by Alison Entrekin (Pushkin Press). First published in Brazil, 1968

Nicholas by René Goscinny, illustrated by Jean-Jacques Sempé, translated from French by Anthea Bell (Phaidon). First published in France, 1959


Telephone Tales by Gianni Rodari, illustrated by Valerio Vidali, translated from Italian (Italy) by Antony Shugaar (Enchanted Lion Books). First published in Italy, 1962

The Tintin series by Hergé, translated from French (Belgium) by Leslie Lonsdale-Cooper and Michael Turner (Farshore). First published in Belgium, 1929

Wordygurdyboom! The Nonsense World Of Sukumar Ray by Sukumar Ray, translated from Bengali by Sampurna Chattarji (Puffin). First published in India, 1923