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NEW 2025 BOOK RELEASE.

Pixie, the Philosopher's Cat by Maria daVenza Tillmanns.

In Pixie, the Philosopher's Cat, our Philosopher dialogues with her precious cat about one of her favorite books, which she has decided to read again to help enhance her own understanding of our complicated world. This little book explores issues of trust and integrity, love and friendship, but also blind loyalty and cowardice. Communicating with her cat, the Philosopher escapes the need for words, which so often get tangled and misused. Through this dialogue, Maria daVenza Tillmanns explores the disconnect between

our increasing dependence on words and how our use of words often leads us astray and leaves us confused. She worries that meaningful communication has, in fact, broken down. However, in the Philosopher's exploration of what gives life real value, we discover that other forms of communication based on trust, integrity and truthfulness can once again give our exchange of ideas a North Star.

About The Author: Author of the collection From Tails to Tales, Maria daVenza Tillmanns loves philosophy. Her multicultural background set the stage for her interest in the discipline, which has helped her navigate the contradictory values she grew up with. She has a PhD in philosophy of education and her passion is philosophizing with children, adults and, especially, Pixie Cat, who was the inspiration for this book. She lives in San Diego with her husband, Willy.



Awarded 5 Stars by the Editor at Book Marketing Global Network. If you are or have shared your life with a cat, enjoy art (photos of paintings) and find that life gives you more questions than answers, I encourage you to read "Pixie, the Philosopher's Cat" by Maria daVenza Tillmanns.

This book is dedicated to Rachel's 16-year-old calico cat named "Pixie". Author Maria daVenza Tillmanns expertly uses each exquisite photo to illustrate the story. The Philosopher in this tale shares "the same inquisitive and curious spirit" as Pixie. Her apartment is a sanctuary for her books, art and plants. Her love for art comes from her grandfather, who she never knew. One of her favorite keepsakes is a beautiful review of her grandfather's art written by well- respected art critic Marcel Sauvage.

Like so many of us, the Philosopher ponders life and contemplates, "Why do so many people yearn for purpose or meaning in their lives, when — it seemed to her, at least — life itself was inherently meaningful? And truly, would Pixie yearn to be something other than the cat she was? The Philosopher gently stroked Pixie's back and considered. No, she thought, Pixie wouldn't want to be anything other than Pixie."

The Philosopher spends her time reading. One of her favorite books is "The Real Thief", written and illustrated by William Steig. She looks at the cover, then flipped through the book, pausing on each illustration. She loves Steig's visual interpretation of the story. The drawings are so expressive of the deep feelings the characters experienced — their pride, their joy, their pain and their sorrow.

This tale goes on to share the Philosopher's thoughts and questions as she reads. The depth of her thought process and questions not only pertain to characters and situations in the book, but to the world, life and people around her. She is left "to ponder about the power of uncertainty".

As you read, you will form your own questions and opinions. I will let you discover the Philosopher's conclusion about the state of uncertainty. After you read this book. I invite you to enjoy the whole "Huk and Tuk" (Social Philosophy) series.

Maria daVenza Tillmanns used to teach a "Philosophy with Children" program in underserved San Diego schools in partnership with the University of California, San Diego. In 1980, she attended Dr. Matthew Lipman's workshop on philosophy for children and later wrote her dissertation on philosophical counseling and teaching under the direction of Martin Buber scholar Dr. Maurice Friedman. She has publications in a number of inter-national journals. For Maria, philosophy is an art form, and she enjoys painting with ideas. Philosophy has helped her navigate the world in all its complexity, including having a multicultural background and having been raised in the US as well as in the Netherlands. She came back to the US to study and moved across the Atlantic multiple times.

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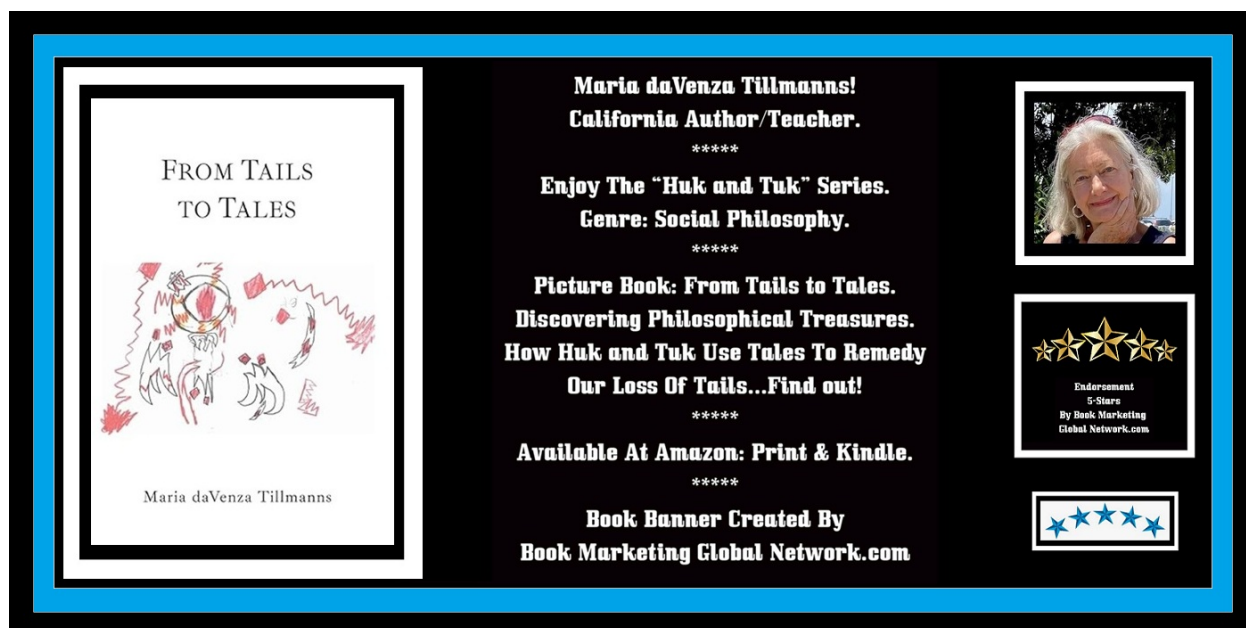
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From Tails to Tales by Maria daVenza Tillmanns.

“From Tails to Tales” Is An All In One Book.

How Huk and Tuk Use Tales To Remedy Our Loss Of Tails.... Find out!

Discovering Philosophical Treasures In Picture Books.

Did you know we used to have tails that helped us connect to each other and the world around us? But then of course we lost our tails - or so the story goes - and now we need new ways to connect. In From Tails to Tales, best friends Huk and Tuk find a way to compensate for this loss. They discover that by discussing stories - or tales, if you like - they can recreate that deeper understanding of themselves, each other and the world, essential for feeling connected. Although the tales they discuss may seem simple, the complex questions they raise make them rewarding for adults and children to ponder together.

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Introduction To Series.

Our most nuanced skills for communication were lost when we lost our tails, so the story goes.

Huk and Tuk explore ways we can compensate for this loss, by telling stories -- tales -- through polyphonic listening and by entering into dialogue to create a new, deeper understanding of ourselves and the world we live in.

Doing philosophy with children inspired Maria deVenza Tillmanns to recreate the bonds of meaningful communication in the writing of this whimsical, playful story. Philosophy should make us -- children and adults -- re-think what we think we know and push the boundaries of accepted practices. Hopefully, it will also make us laugh about taking things too seriously.

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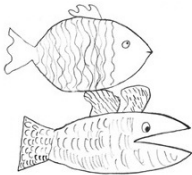
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**WHY WE ARE
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PART I**



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Why We Are In Need Of Tales: Part 1 by Maria daVenza Tillmanns.

In 'Why We Are In Need Of Tails', Huk and Tuk explain why reading tales to each other is so important.

Huk and Tuk explore intriguing questions that arise from their discussions of six different picture books written by Arnold Lobel and Leo Lionni.

Is something ever truly mine alone?

How do we come to know what we don't know?

What makes a friend a friend?

These and many more questions take us on a journey through the world of Huk and Tuk.

Doing philosophy with children inspired Maria daVenza Tillmanns to recreate the bonds of meaningful communication in the writing of her whimsical, playful stories. Philosophy should make us - children and adults - re-think what we think we know.

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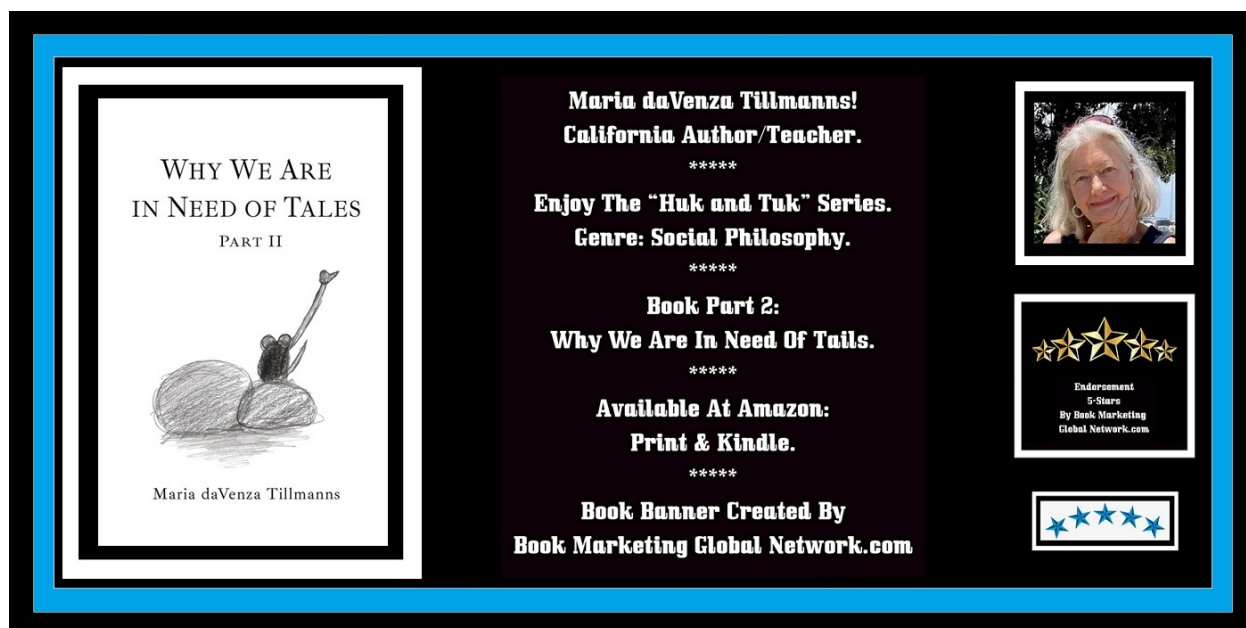
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Why We Are In Need Of Tales: Part Two by Maria daVenza Tillmanns.

In 'Why We Are In Need Of Tails', we learn that our most nuanced skills for communication were lost when we lost our tails - or so the story goes. Huk and Tuk explore ways to compensate for this loss by developing polyphonic listening or by entering into dialogue with each other rather than carrying on a monologue. And they learn that telling tales helps connect us when actual tails no longer can.

In Part I, Huk and Tuk discuss six different picture books by Arnold Lobel and Leo Lionni and explore the intriguing questions the tales inspire, gaining a new understanding of the deep connection we have to each other and the world we live in.

In Part II, Huk and Tuk discuss another important aspect of telling tales: making dreams come alive. Here they discuss six more tales by Arnold Lobel and Leo Lionni and learn that we cannot live without the dreams that our imaginations create. Dreams give us hope and imagination and - with the help of courage and determination - allows us to create extraordinary things.

Doing philosophy with children inspired Maria daVenza Tillmanns to write these whimsical, playful stories about profound, weighty ideas to help recreate the bonds of meaningful communication with one another - the young and not so young alike.



Review by Amy Leask: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Thoughtful provoking! Reviewed in Canada on September 23, 2021. Verified Purchase. I love stories with a big question baked into them! A great read and would make a wonderful gift as well.

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PART III**



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Why We Are in Need of Tales: Part Three by Maria daVenza Tillmanns.

In 'Why We Are in Need of Tails'; we learn how we all used to have tails that helped us connect to each other and the world around us. When we lost our tails, we also lost our most nuanced way of communicating, so the story goes. Best friends Huk and Tuk explore ways we can compensate for this loss. They discover that by telling stories - or tales, if you like - and by discussing the intriguing questions

they raise, we're able to create a deeper understanding of ourselves, each other and the world we live in. Although Huk and Tuk's tales seem simple at first, the questions they raise are nuanced and complex, making them rewarding for adults and children to ponder together.

Now, in Part III, the latest in the 'Why We Are In Need of Tales' series, Huk and Tuk gain an understanding of the different choices we make in different situations - and how important choices can be. And they learn that in order to make careful choices, we have to keep our eyes wide open.

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Why We Are in Need of Tales: Part Four by Maria daVenza Tillmanns.

In Why We Are In Need of Tails - the first book in the Huk and Tuk series - we learn how we all used to have tails that helped us connect to each other and the world around us. But then we lost our tails - and

with that loss went our most nuanced way of communicating with the world. In *Why We Are In Need of Tales*, Parts I through III, Huk and Tuk find a way to compensate for this loss. They discover that by discussing stories - or tales, if you like - they can recreate that deeper understanding of themselves, each other and the world, which is essential for feeling connected. Now, in *Why We Are In Need of Tales*, Part IV - the final book in the series - Huk and Tuk look at how we deal with situations that are beyond our control. For example, can we really control nature, or must we find ways to work with nature instead? Although the tales they discuss may seem simple, the complex questions they raise make them rewarding for adults and children to ponder together.

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