

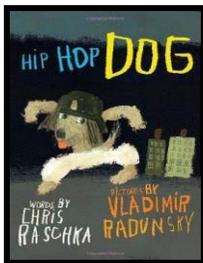


Vladimir Radunsky

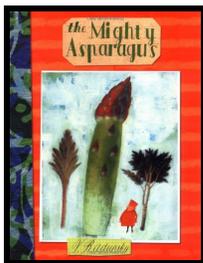
“Vladimir Radunsky is a quiet and peaceful man, and a confirmed pacifist” (jacket flap copy for *Manneken Pis*, 2002). This theme carries through his work—most evident in this picture book subtitled, “A simple story of a boy who peed on a war.” Based on a Belgian legend, it tells about a terrible war that devastates a town where a young boy had lived happily with his mother and father. While he is separated from and searches for them, the urge to pee becomes so strong that the boy lets loose from the town walls onto the raging battle, dampening their hostility and setting the fighters to laughing. Ever since then, a bronze statue in Brussels commemorates Manneken Pis, the “peeing boy.”

Perhaps being born in Russia in 1954 and living in Moscow during the Cold War until he emigrated in 1982 to New York City influenced Radunsky’s pacifist outlook on life. He has collaborated with his wife, Eugenia, Chris Raschka, Bill Martin Jr., and Mikhail Baryshnikov, and he has illustrated texts by Mem Fox, Woody Guthrie, and Edward Lear, as well as his own. His quirky, unconventional works have been translated into many languages and demonstrate diverse artistic styles. *The Mighty Asparagus* (2004) was named a New York Times Best Illustrated Book of the Year.

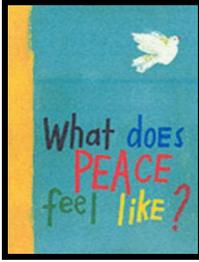
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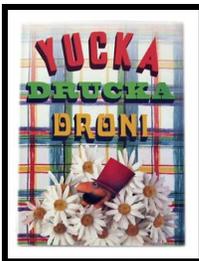
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Links of Interest

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