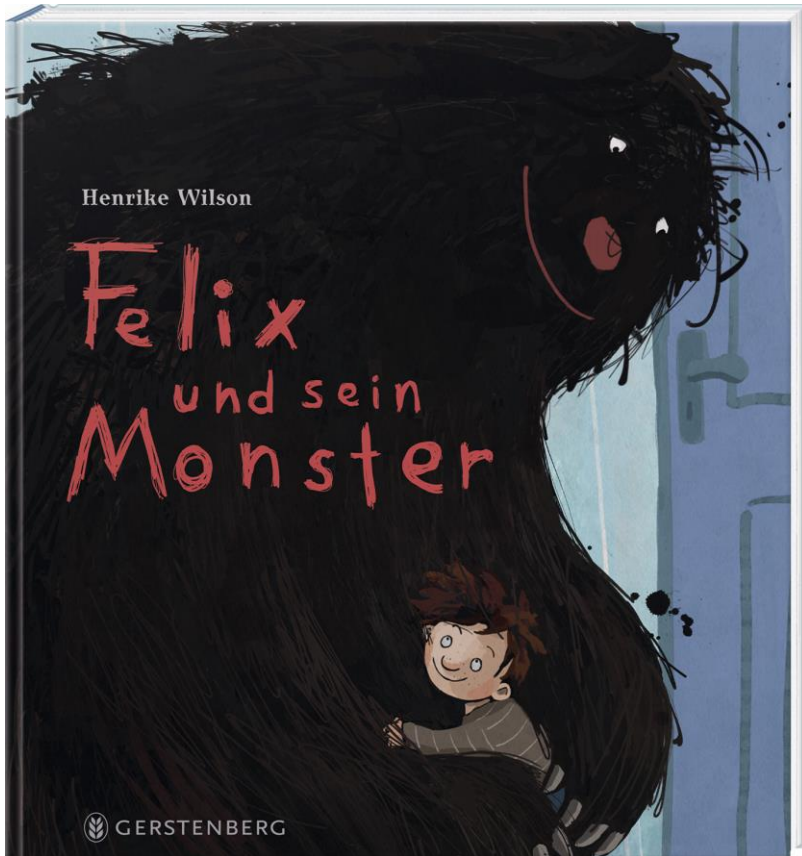


Monster Alert!



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Felix And His Monster

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Felix would be content with life, and with himself, if he just weren't so afraid! He often has this feeling that something scary is lurking ahead. He gets spooked easily and then he worries about what the other kids will think of him. Then one day he gets into a terrible rage about this fear he can't shake. He takes it out in wild scribbling on a piece of paper. What's left is a monster! A super-cool monster!

Henrike Wilson writes with great sensitivity about finding the courage to face one's fears. A book about courage and friendship – and a very special monster!



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Rough Translation:

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Felix is still quite sleepy. He had a bad night. He dreamed that the kids in his kindergarten class were laughing at him. "Scaredy cat!" Paul shouted, and Lara curled up in laughter.

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Unfortunately, Paul is right. Felix often thinks that somewhere something creepy is lurking.

His sister Lotti does not know anything yet. She is simply curious and crawls fearlessly on her discovery tours.

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Felix is on his way to kindergarten, which is just around the corner. Today of all days, the cat has to scare him. Felix is annoyed. Actually, he knows that the cat often sits on the tree by the road. But he flinches every time she hisses from above and glares at him.

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Later outside in kindergarten, Paul is the hero. Felix would like to go for a really wild swing, but he doesn't dare. What if everyone laughs - like in the dream?

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At home he hears Stinker, the dog of Mr. Krautwurm's dog, yapping like crazy. That too! Dad always says that little Stinker just wants to greet everyone. Felix sees it quite differently. Fortunately, the leash is now being pulled. "Stinker, it's all right, it's only Felix," mumbles Mr. Krautwurm from the apartment.

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Felix got past Stinker in one piece. Thank goodness! Mum is at home, looking after Lotti and waving at him from the living room. Felix goes into his room. He is angry at everything and everyone, but most of all at himself. Something rises up inside him - unstoppable. He grabs a large sheet of paper and paint and then he blots and paints wildly.

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And suddenly there is the monster that he just painted, right next to him. It laughs so hard that the walls shake: "Ha, ha, ha, that's quite a monster you painted!" "And", grumbles the monster, bending down curiously, "it looks pretty dangerous. So dangerous that it's frightening!" Felix takes a deep breath. "But aren't you dangerous?" he asks in surprise. "No way!" replies the monster cheerfully. "I'm your friend! We belong together!"

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That almost knocks Felix over! "Shall we have a romp?" asks the monster. Without thinking, Felix jumps up and grabs hold of his shaggy, warm fur. He is overjoyed! They romp around until the moon shines into the room.

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At some point, they get tired. Felix snuggles up against his big, fluffy friend and soon they are snoring away in glory. That night, Felix sleeps deeply and soundly and completely protected in the arms of his monster.

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The next morning, the monster is still there. Felix jumps out of bed. He bravely pulls open the closet doors. The walk to kindergarten is a cinch. And today, for the first time, he dares to go for a monster-sized swing. He whizzes through the air on the swing and feels wonderfully light.

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When Stinker starts barking again in the hallway, Felix stops. Maybe Dad really is right. Stinker now carefully sniffs Felix's hand. It tickles a little. Mr. Krautwurm looks with a smile out of his apartment and Felix grins back.

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Back in his room, Felix whispers: "Monster, we are a SUPER TEAM!"



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