

## CRADLE OF WORDS

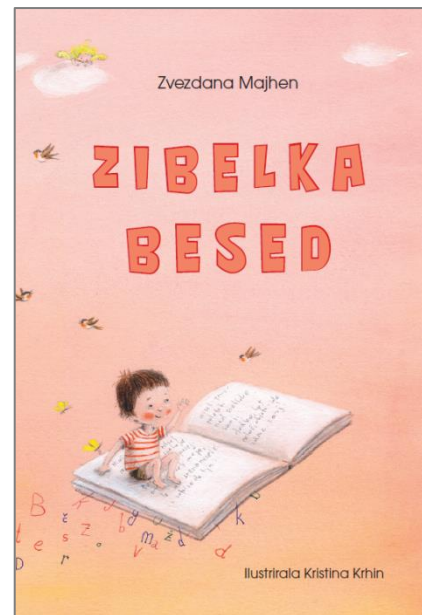
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Little poems for little readers.

The collection of 34 poems is designed for kindergarten children and children between the ages of 5 and 8. Many of them are dedicated to books and the message they bring, also to family, the connections between family members, the environment in which we live, leisure time activities, holiday greetings and the happiness we all want.

Format: 16.5 × 24cm, colour print, hardcover, 60 pages



## Synopsis

The first cycle of poems carries the title **WORDS ARE IMPORTANT**. It talks about the creation and meaning of poetry, which originates in the poet's imagination and nurtures the reader into a thinking and feeling being. It discusses the value of language and how words are used, especially when they are aimed at others. Words can also be ugly and in those moments we shouldn't be proud of them. When we put words together we create books, valuable companions for both children and adults. The cycle ends with a poetic story about a storyteller whose mission is inspired by unconscious forces and to whom the author attributes magical powers.

The title of the second cycle **KIND THOUGHT** already indicates that kind-heartedness and love are the central theme of the book. It talks about the power of a hug, children's desire to be accepted, family, unconditional love, mothers and babies – but it also discusses serious topics such as death.

The **ODE TO THE SUN** cycle praises the universe and cosmic order. In it, the sun-day and the moon-night are presented to children. It also teaches about weather conditions and nature.

The fourth cycle, **ON A MERRY-GO-ROUND**, puts children's joyfulness, inquisitiveness and playfulness in words. It prepares children for their first big milestone in life – starting school.

The last cycle, **A MESSAGE TO HAPPINESS** warmly welcomes happiness to visit lovely and kind people. Transformed into a winter and Christmas holiday scene, it describes the magical time around New Year's Eve. The final words of the book are dedicated to the wishes we so love to express on this occasion – wishing peace, love, health and happiness.

## Sample translations

### CRADLE OF WORDS

In a cradle of words  
The poet cradles his dreams,  
When they grow into a poem  
He lets it be read as it seems.

Readers absorb poems  
With their vivid imagination,  
And slowly fill up  
Their gallery of admiration.

A book of poems is more  
Than words that have been written,  
Look inside its pages  
Find a deeper meaning hidden.

### WONDERLAND

Winds whirl and swirl,  
Little flakes of snow,  
You can barely see where you stand.  
Skyscrapers and flats,  
Meadows and churches,  
Transform into a wonderland.

In this lacy winter,  
The castle is hidden,  
Behind a silver curtain.  
A prince awaits springtime,  
To bring him a princess,  
That he shall love for certain.

## WISH BOX

The year has passed so quickly,  
The time has come to see,  
What wonderful things the wish box holds,  
For the future story that shall unfold.

So full is the box with all sorts of things:  
Peace, love, health and happiness it brings  
And for children of all ages in it dwells –  
A valuable necklace of wisdom, as well.

The box shall stand among the birds,  
Open in the cradle of words,  
For ever and all the days in the year –  
Whomever you meet, tell them with cheer!