



The Illustrator

Mele Brink was born in Bielefeld in 1968 and went to Aachen to study Architecture. Following her final degree and work in form of a mobile memorial place for Lady Di, she found that she preferred to earn her living with drawing. Having started out with cartoons, nowadays talking rucksacks, giants, frogs and sperlings are bustling on her desk.

The Author

Tine Ziegler is an enthusiastic listener. She grew up in the Bavarian mountains, studied restoration sciences and worked in various museums. Today she writes and lives near Munich with her family and two cats. You would often not find her at her desk, but on the go, listening to people, animals, artwork or everyday things. This is what her stories grow out of.

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Are You Spinning yet?

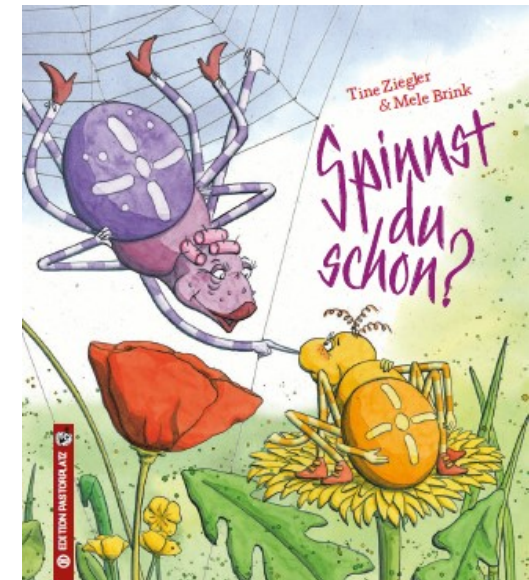
Spiders spin spiders' webs. That is normal. But one little spider in the meadow is different. Arachnida cannot spin webs. The old cross spider urges her to keep practicing and grows increasingly impatient when Arachnida keeps failing to accomplish this task. In the end, all the other insects and animals in the meadow laugh at her for not being a normal spider.

But Arachnida is tough and resourceful. She bravely finds her own solution to the problem. And in the end even manages to impress the old cross spider.

Who's to say what is normal? Everyone is crazy in their own way.

REVIEW

"The story is cute, informative and has a very important message: It's not easy if you're different and you may easily be teased by others [...]. But gives you a chance to not just be average and boring. The story builds momentum through the funny illustrations. [...] Fear, exertion, joy, all feelings can be read wonderfully on her [Arachnida's] face." - www.kinderohren.wordpress.com



- The courage to be different and creative leads to success
- Spiders are great animals—no need to be scared of them

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