



## Antonis Papatheodoulou Creative Director - Children's Books Author

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Antonis Papatheodoulou was born in 1977 in Piraeus, Greece. Speaks **Greek, English & Spanish**.

### education

Antonis studied **Computer Animation & Visualisation** (Parsers School of Arts, 1995-1999) and finished a Summer Course of **Stop Motion & Traditional Animation Techniques** (9zeros, Barcelona, 2006). He completed a bachelor's degree in **Hispanic Language & Civilization** at the Hellenic Open University, a **Creative Leadership** course by Future London Academy and is currently attending a certificate program in **Indie Games Development** at the UK's National Film & Television School.

### work experience

Antonis has worked as **Copywriter, Associate Creative Director, Creative Director** and **Group Creative Director** in the advertising industry (**Publicis** 2006-2008, **Tribe/GREY** 2008-2022, **Wunderman Thompson** 2022-2023, **VML** 2024-Today) for clients such as *Nestlé, JDE, Vodafone, HP, Sanofi, Citi, Eurobank, Eurolife FFH, Amstel, PepsiCo, megaTV, Audi, BP, Athens Heart Mall, AB Super Markets, SKLAVENITIS Super Markets, SANITAS, VOLTON Energy, SUPERFAST Ferries, WWF, MSF, Ministry of Health*. His advertising work has won several **Ermis Awards**, a **WebX Content Award** (2017), a **Corporate Affairs Excellence Communication Award** (2018) and a **Retail Business Gold Campaign Award** (2019).

### writing for children

Since his 1st published book in 2000, he keeps writing and translating stories, songs & scripts for children. Books he authored have been translated into **Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French, Swedish, Danish, Turkish, Galician, Catalan, Basque, English, Japanese, Chinese & Korean**, have been transformed into **theatre & puppet theatre** plays and have won several awards including two **Greek State Picture Book Awards**, two awards of the greek sector of the **International Board on Books for Young People** (IBBY) as well as the **International Compostela Prize** for picture books in **2016**. Six of his books have made it to the **White Ravens** lists of the best children's books from around the world, selected every year by the **International Children's Library of Munich**.

## voluntary work & projects for children

Antonis has voluntarily conceived and organised playful activities & projects on reading, creative writing and the rights of the child, in cooperation with schools, public libraries, the **Hellenic Children's Museum**, **METAdrasi**, **UNICEF** and the **Department for children's rights of the GREEK OMBUDSMAN**. He organised the songwriting workshops on children's rights *An sas ta tragoudisoume* in collaboration with the **Greek Network for the rights of the child (DDP)**.

For 5 consecutive years, he has voluntarily been the author of the **Playmobil Play & Give** books, dedicated to supporting the **Bone Marrow Donor Bank Orama Elpidas**.

Antonis has been a **volunteer Scout leader** for many years in the Sea Scouts of Piraeus, the National Training Team & the International Relations Team of the **Scouts of Greece** and has served as the **Chairman of the 8th World Scout Youth Forum in 2002**.

As the **Social Service Commissioner** of the Scouts of Greece from 2014 to 2017, he initiated several nationwide social projects & activations including ***A Santa's bag in every neighbourhood***, ***The best sandwich is the half one*** and the refugee response initiative ***A boat full of medicine***.

## digital skills

Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, Illustrator, Animate, Premiere, Audition

## hobbies

Antonis loves video games, reading, photography & handcrafts.

He is an amateur guitar & ukulele player, an aikidoka and a dinghy & offshore sailor.

## portfolio

Download a PORTFOLIO from this link: <https://bit.ly/AntonisWritingPortfolio>

### Hello!

My name is  
Antonis Papatheodoulou.

I am a children's books author  
& advertising creative director.

I am based in Athens, and I speak  
Greek, Spanish & English.

[my CV](#)

[my website](#)

my SoMe profiles

[instagram](#) | [linkedIn](#) | [facebook](#)



\* That's not me. It's the  
"little weaver of words"  
the main character of  
one of my most popular  
books in Greece.

## APPENDIX

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### noteworthy courses & certifications

**Creative Leadership** | Leading & motivating design teams, Future London Academy, 2024  
**Green Digital Skills Certificate** | Sustainable & inclusive digital design | INCO Academy, 2024  
**Picturecamp** | Picturebook masterclass in rural Spain | B.Davies, C.Haughton, A.Deacon, J.Martin, 2015  
**Adapting Literature for Television & Cinema** | Arista & Mediadesk, S. Cleary | Athens, 2006  
**Advanced Children's Literature Course** | Escuela de Escritores de Madrid, 2006  
**Traditional Storytelling Techniques** | IBBY, Hellenic Book Center, A. Pellowski, 2006  
**The Peace Cruise** | 10 day seminar on Peace Education, Conflict Analysis & Negotiation | WOSM, EU, UNESCO & The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe | Egypt, Israel, Cyprus, 1999  
**Financing of Cartoon Production** | Hellenic AV Institute, M. Robison, Forum Cartoon | Syros 1998  
**Multimedia Workshop** | MEDIA II, La Fémis, école nationale supérieure des métiers de l'image et du son | Paris, Maison Du Geste et de l'image, 1998

### list of book awards

- **Public Children's Book Award 2020** *The Giving Library*, with D. Chatziplis, illustrated by M. Delivoria.
- **Public Bookstores Special Award 2020** *Amalia*, illustrated by Daniela Stamatiadi.
- **Anagnostis Picture Book Award 2020** *Amalia*, illustrated by Daniela Stamatiadi.
- **Public Children's Book Award 2019** *The secret handbook of the blue circle*, illustrated by Iris Samartzi.
- **Public Bookstores Special Award 2017** *Wrong leg Billy*, illustrated by Petros Bouloubasis.
- **IX International Compostela Prize for Picturebooks 2016** *One last letter*, illustrated by Iris Samartzi.
- **IBBY Non Fiction Award 2015** *Boats that sailed Imagination* co-written with Maria Angelidou
- **Greek State Picturebook Book Award 2012** *The good and the bad Pirates*, illustrated by Iris Samartzi.
- **IBBY Illustrated Book Award 2012** *The good and the bad Pirates*, illustrated by Iris Samartzi.
- **Greek State Picturebook Book Award 2011** *The city that drove out war*, illustrated by Myrto Delivoria.
- **DIAVAZO Children's Book Award 2011** *The city that drove out war* illustrated by M. Delivoria.
- Mentions in the **White Ravens** list of the **International Children's Library of Munich**: 2020 *Amalia*, 2017 *Wrong leg Billy*, 2015 *Boats that sailed Imagination*, 2014 *No, Miss Teacher*, 2012 *The good and the bad Pirates*, 2011 *The city that drove out war*

### Books for Children by Antonis Papatheodoulou

(2023) Santa Academy Exams, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by Myrto Delivoria  
(2023) Derechos, una compania siempre a tu lado, co-written with S. Pagona in support of migration NGO metadrasi.org, illustrated by M. Delivoria  
(2021) En la cola para el arca, Kalandraka Editorial, Spain, illustrated by I. Samartzi  
(2019) Amalia, Ikaros Publishing, illustrated by D. Stamatiadi  
(2019) The giving library, Patakis Publications, co-written with D. Chatziplis, illustrated by M. Delivoria  
(2019) Léon Millequestions, Langue Au Chat, Belgium  
(2018) Level Up, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi  
(2018) Boats that played with fire, Ikaros Publishing, co-written with M. Angelidou, illustrated by C. Kourtoglou  
(2018) Boats that sailed curiosity, Ikaros Publishing, co-written with M. Angelidou, illustrated by C. Kourtoglou  
(2018) On Elli's wavy sea, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi  
(2017) Callisto and the book of the sky, Metaixmio Publications, illustrated by V. Grivas  
(2017) Grandpa & grandma's magic tricks, Playmobil edition supporting the Bone Marrow Donor Bank "Orama Elpidas"  
(2016) One last letter, Kalandraka Editorial, illustrated by Iris Samartzi  
(2016) Give-0-saur, Patakis Publications, co-written with Alexandra K\* to support the Boroume Food Saving NGO, illustrated by D. Sivetidis  
(2016) The myth of Arachne, Metaixmio Publications, illustrated by V. Grivas  
(2016) Peleus & Thetis, Metaixmio Publications, illustrated by V. Grivas

(2016) Zeus, Athena & the power of giving, Playmobil edition supporting the Bone Marrow Donor Bank "Orama Elpidas"

(2016) "Wrong leg Billy", Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by Petros Bouloubasis

(2016) Tick Tack, clocks time for class, Ikaros Publishing, illustrated by M. Delivoria

(2015) What's that miaow on the roof?, Papadopoulos Publishing, Illustrated by Sofia Touliatou

(2015) The school is afraid of Nicholas, Minoas Publications, illustrated by G. Sgouros

(2015) The best job in the world, Playmobil edition supporting the Bone Marrow Donor Bank "Orama Elpidas"

(2014) The doctor is afraid of Nicholas, Minoas Publications, illustrated by G. Sgouros

(2014) Boats that had no fear, Ikaros Publishing, co-written with M. Angelidou, illustrated by C. Kourtoglou

(2014) Boats that sailed imagination, Ikaros Publishing, co-written with M. Angelidou, illustrated by C. Kourtoglou

(2014) When I grow up I can become..., Ikaros Publishing, illustrated by M. Delivoria

(2014) The knight and the fairy, Playmobil edition supporting the Bone Marrow Donor Bank "Orama Elpidas"

(2013) My classmate is a pirate, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by N. Kapatsoulia

(2013) The Good and Bad Witches, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2013) No, Miss Teacher!, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by N. Kapatsoulia

(2013) The dark is afraid of Nicholas, Minoas Publications, illustrated by G. Sgouros

(2012) The little tailor of words, Metaixmio Publications, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2012) The Good and the Bad Knights, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2011) The Good and the Bad Pirates, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2011) Pegs on the rope, Pataakis Publications, illustrated by P. Bouloubasis

(2010) The town that drove war out, Pataakis Publications, illustrated by M. Delivoria

(2010) The Christmas Alphabet, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by M. Delivoria

(2009) The grandma, the child and the guitarist fum fum fum, Pataakis Publications, illustrated by D. Stamatiadi

(2008) James Pond, forest detective, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by D. Stamatiadi

(2008) 12 gifts for Christmas, Papadopoulos Publishing, (collection of Christmas Stories from various Greek authors)

(2007) A box of laughter, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by E. Vavouri

(2007) Lakis, the taxi driver, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by L. Tsounhika

(2007) The wandering Park, Pataakis Publications, illustrated by G. Sgouros

(2007) Who is Mary Christmas?, Pataakis Publications, illustrated by S. West

(2006) The wizard of ozone, Minoas Publications, illustrated by N. Maroulakis

(2006) Once up on... a shelf, Papadopoulos Publishing, co-written with T. Infante, illustrated by D. Karapanou

(2006) Si Su Do or on a forgotten piano, General Secretariat of Youth, illustrated by H. Bekiaris

(2006) Little Bat lost her hair clip, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by E. Vavouri

(2005) Who makes up the jokes?, Pataakis Publications, illustrated by V. Eleftheriou

(2000) The little red riding broom, Minoas Publications, illustrated by S. Palantzas

## Classic Literature retold by Antonis Papatheodoulou

(2021) Don Quijote or the knight who jumped out of his book to change the world, Miguel de Cervantes, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2020) Black Beauty or a story written in horse language, Anna Suel, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2020) Treasure Island or the most pirate of all pirate stories, Robert Luis Stevenson, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2020) Dr Dolittle or the doctor that spoke the language of animals, Hugh Lofting, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2020) The Jungle Book or growing up with the cubs, Rudyard Kipling, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2019) Little Women or a tale of four real girls, Luisa May Alcott, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2019) Alice in Wonderland or curiouiser and curiouiser, Lewis Carrol, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2019) School of Robinsons or how to have everything, Jules Verne, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2018) Tom Sawyer or the largest playroom in the whole world, Mark Twain, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2017) Five weeks in a balloon or knowledge is an adventure, Jules Verne, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2016) Robur the Conqueror or the captain of the skies, Jules Verne, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2015) 20.000 leagues under the sea or Nemo, Nautilus and other mysteries of the deep, Jules Verne, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2015) From the earth to the moon or a canon for peace, Jules Verne, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2015) Journey to the centre of the earth or a planet full of secrets, Jules Verne, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2014) Around the world in 80 days or who is really rich, Jules Verne, Papadopoulos Publishing, illustrated by I. Samartzi

(2011) Pinocchio, Carlo Collodi, Minoas Publications, illustrated by K. Chadoulou

## Books of Antonis Papatheodoulou published abroad

(2023) Næste niveau, DANISH, Arkimedes, Denmark

(2022) Hediyeler Veren Kütüphanesi, TURKISH, Yakamoz, Turkey

(2021) Juca Mil-Perguntas, PORTUGUESE, Carochinha, Brazil

(2021) A la cua de l' arca CATALAN, Kalandraka Catalunya, Spain

(2021) Na cola para a arca GALICIAN, Kalandraka Editorial, Spain

(2021) Na fila para a arca PORTUGUESE, Kalandraka Portugal, Portugal

(2021) Arkara Sartzeko Ilaran, BASQUE, Pamiela, Spain

(2021) In coda pera l' arca, ITALIAN, Kalandraka, Italy

(2021) En la cola para el arca, SPANISH, Kalandraka Editorial, Spain

(2021) Mark's Question Mark, Faros books, United Kingdom

(2019) Léon Millequestions, Langue Au Chat, Belgium

(2019) Level Up, ENGLISH, Faros Books, United Kingdom

(2019) The Good and the Bad Knights, CHINESE, Blossom Press, China

(2019) The Good and the Bad Pirates, CHINESE, Blossom Press, China

(2019) The Good and the Bad Witches, CHINESE, Blossom Press, China

(2018) One last Letter (Ett sista brev), SWEDISH, Atrium Förlag, Sweden

(2018) One last Letter (Un'ultima lettera), ITALIAN, Kalandraka Italia, Italy

(2018) Don't be silly - Wrong leg Billy!, KOREAN, Seedbook Publishing CO, Korea

(2018) Callisto and the book of the sky, ENGLISH, Metaixmio, Greece

(2018) The myth of Arachne, ENGLISH, Metaixmio, Greece

(2016) Don't be silly - Wrong leg Billy!, JAPANESE, WorldLibrary, Japan

(2016) One last Letter (L'última carta) CATALAN, Kalandraka Editorial, Spain

(2016) One last Letter (Unha última carta) GALICIAN, Kalandraka Editorial, Spain

(2016) One last Letter (Uma última carta) PORTUGUESE, Kalandraka Editorial, Spain

(2016) One last Letter (Azken gutuna), BASQUE, Pamiela, Spain

(2016) One last Letter (Una última carta), SPANISH, Kalandraka Editorial, Spain

(2014) A Cidade que derrotou a guerra, PORTUGUESE, Companhia das Letrinhas, Brazil

(2006) Si Su Do or on a forgotten piano, ENGLISH, General Secretariat of Youth, Greece