

always seems to find out and scolds him afterwards. The boy becomes obsessed with milk, it even haunts his sleep. Until the day he visits the dentist. This story introduces children in an entertaining way to the issue of nutrition and makes them realise how important a healthy diet is. (4+)

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**Békés, Pál (text)**

Sajdik, Ferenc (illus.)

A bölcs hiánypótló

(The wise defect-remover)

Budapest : Móra, 2005. – 112 p.

(Az én könyvtárom)

ISBN 963-11-8007-7

*Otherness – Individuality*

The crazy clock, who doesn't have a sense of time, the hairless hair-monster, and the hole, being »Nothing« personified, decide to have their »abnormalities« remedied and set off on a long, exhausting, and adventurous trip to the »Wise Defect-Remover«. In the end, however, thanks to their very abnormalities, the three friends manage to save the sage's life. The funny philosophical confrontation with the modern society's obsession with beauty and perfection ends in the wise man's liberating »Solomonic decision« not to remove their defects. Realistic, sketchy black-and-white drawings complement this action-filled fantasy story. (8+)

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**Tamkó Sirató, Károly (text)**

Banga, Ferenc (illus.)

Tengerecki hazaszáll

(Tengercki returns home)

Budapest : General Press K., 2005. – 38 p.

ISBN 963-9598-50-X

*Children's poetry – Pun – Wordplay*

To celebrate the 100th birthday of Hungarian avant-garde poet Tamkó Sirató Károly, General Press is publishing a three-volume edition of his works. Volume One contains his most popular children's verses, and Volume Three is going to come out in the course of this year. The second volume, reviewed here, presents 25 poems about

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**Tsitás, Makés (text)**

Berutsu Katerina (illus.)

De mu aresei to gala

(I don't like milk)

Athēna : Psychogios, 2005. – [48] p.

(Phraulitsa; 11)

ISBN 960-274-880-X

*Milk – Dentist – Nutrition*

Vassilis hates milk. Despite this, every single morning, his mum hands him a big glass of milk and insists that he drinks it. Sometimes he doesn't have a choice but close his eyes, hold his breath, and gulp down the hateful drink. There are other times, however, when he manages to pour it into the cat's bowl or down the kitchen sink while his mother is busy doing something else – but she