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In 1991, when Jostein Gaarder wrote *Sophie's World* he believed that a novel on the history of philosophy would appeal only to a specialist readership. In 1995 the book was the most sold novel in the world.



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Akin Düzakin (b. 1961) is a highly acclaimed and award winning illustrator. He moved to Oslo, Norway, in 1987 after finishing a degree in industrial design and architecture in his homeland Turkey. He has a degree in illustrations from Oslo National Academy of the Arts.