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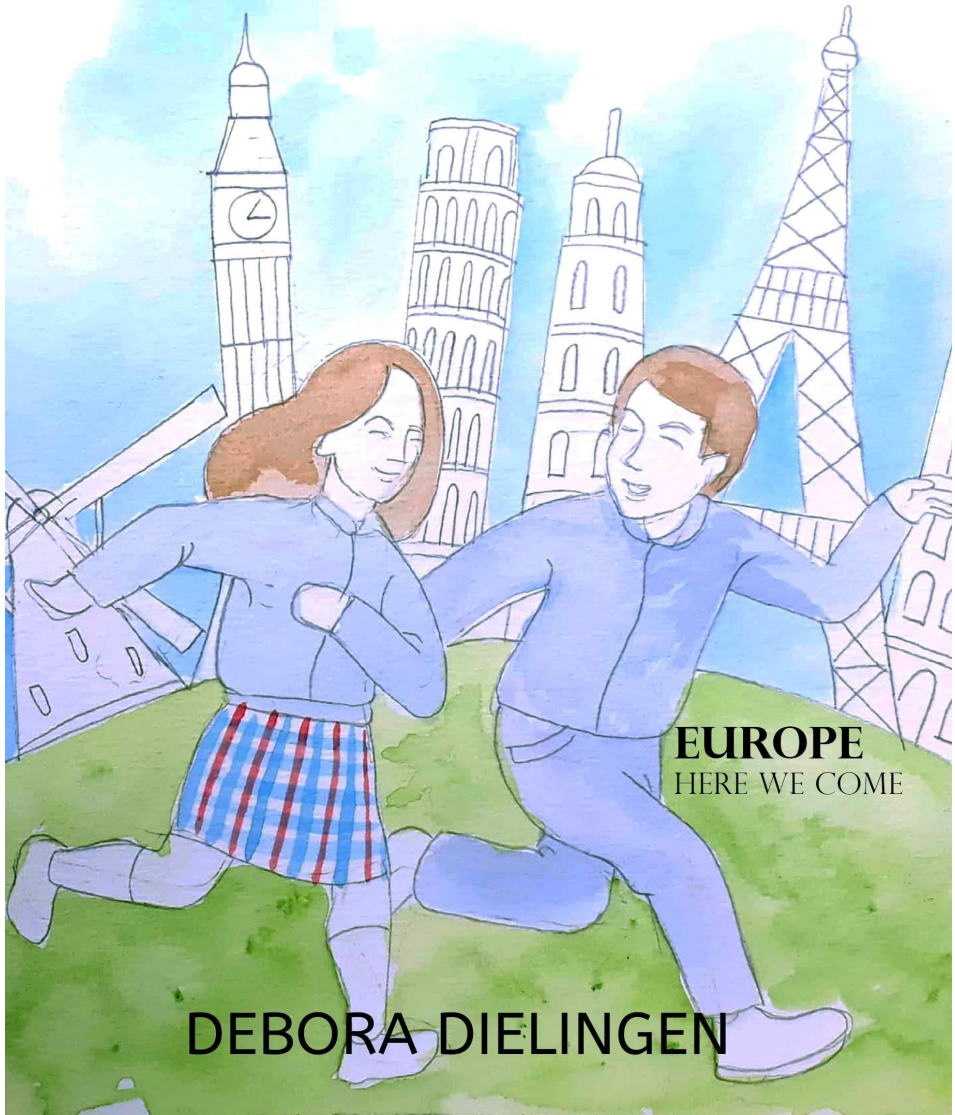
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FINN & FAY

DISCOVER THE WORLD



EUROPE
HERE WE COME

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AMSTERDAM - The Kingdom of the Netherlands



Finn and Fay traveled from London and arrived in Amsterdam.

They will have a little picnic in the most famous park, Vondel Park, next to the colorful tulips.

The blue sky is dotted with fluffy white clouds, it is a warm day.

“Look, Finn,” says Fay, pointing up at the sky. “That cloud looks like a cow.”

“Ha ha ha, you’re right,” laughs Finn, popping a potato chip in his mouth. He scratches at the little freckles on his face.

“Isn’t the Netherlands famous for its black-and-white cows?”

“That’s right,” says a voice.

Fay turns around and sees a girl with blonde hair and blue eyes. Her dog happily sniffs at Fay’s shoes.

“Hallo,” says the girl. “I’m Judith, and this is my Hondje. It means ‘doggy’ in Dutch. Are you new here?”

“Yes, we are,” says Fay, getting up. “I’m Fay and this is my brother Finn. We’re from London, and we love travelling.”

“I am a Dutch local, I know Amsterdam well. I am ready to show you the sights, are you ready?” asks Judith.

“Yes please,” says Finn. “That will be a lot of fun. How do you say ‘thank you’ in Dutch?”

“In Dutch we say dank je wel,” explains Judith. “Or dank u wel when you talk to older people. Or to posh people, like our King.”

“Excellent,” says Fay. “Dank je wel.”

The girl smiles at Fay, peering at her red hair through obviously short-sighted eyes. “I love your hair a great deal,” she tells Fay.

“Oh,” Fay says, touching her head and grinning a little, “thank you very much. So what are we going to see first?” She is very excited.

“Speaking of Kings, would you like to feel royal for a bit?” asks Judith.

“Oh yes, could we?” says Finn.

And so, they wander towards the Royal Palace Amsterdam. They gaze at the huge chandeliers in the Citizen’s Hall. “In the Golden Age, this Palace was extremely important,” says Judith.

Fay’s jaw drops. “There was a time where everything was made out of gold?”

“No, no,” laughs Judith. “It was called that way because back then The Netherlands was world leader in arts, science and trade.”

“So, this city made a lot of money?” asks Ted.

“Heaps,” nods Judith. “Nowadays, this Palace is used for state visits, you know, when the King invites other kings, queens and presidents to visit the Netherlands and taste Gouda cheese.”

“My teacher said that Rembrandt van Rijn used to live here. Did he live in this Palace?” asks Fay.

Judith shakes her head. “His paintings are at the Rijksmuseum. Are you up for a Treasure Hunt there?”

Finn, Fay, Judith and Hondje have so much fun exploring the Rijksmuseum. They even play ‘I Spy With My Little Eye’ when they get to Rembrandt’s masterpiece The Night Watch.

Afterwards, they happily walk through the city. Fay adores the narrow streets and the old warehouses that hug each other alongside the small canals.



Finn marvels at the Anne Frank House, which is where a little Jewish girl and her family hid behind a bookcase in the Second World War.

At the gift shop Finn and Fay buy two fun magnets to take home as souvenirs; a pair of clogs and a windmill.

“Is that Central Station?” asks Fay when they walk along Damrak. “Such a pretty building.”

“Watch out!” says Judith as she quickly pulls Finn aside. “This is a cycling path. That bike nearly ran you over.”