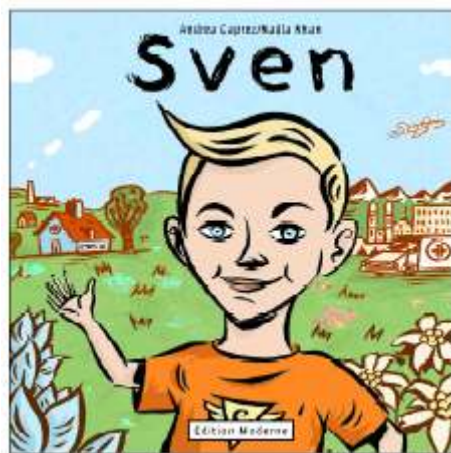


Fatma's Fantastic Journey

A graphic novel for children from 12 years upwards.
By Christophe Badoux and Nadia Khan

In this graphic novel fifteen years old Sven travels for regular checkups to Zurich, where he gets to know Fatma, Claudia and Luca, all of them similarly affected by Moyamoya Disease. Together they have a fantastical adventure which takes them in a thrilling and informative journey through the human body and the human brain.

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Sven

A picture-book for children from 4 years upwards
By Andrea Caprez and Nadia Khan
Published by Dr Nadia Khan

This picture-book tells the story of 4-year-old Sven who, after initially baffling symptoms, was diagnosed with Moyamoya Disease. His parents fly with him to Zurich where he is operated on and spends a long time recovering before he can travel back home.

The diagnosis of Moyamoya Disease takes everyone by surprise. The investigation, the travel abroad and the operation make everybody feel insecure. This picture-book aims to explain their illness to affected children in an easily understood manner, and to take away any anxieties concerning the illness, the operation and everything associated with it.

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MOYAMOYA?

The illness which is called Moyamoya Disease is characterised by a blocked artery at the base of the brain. Diagnosed for the first time in Japan in the year 1956, it especially affects children, but is, luckily, not too common. To compensate for the blockage, the blood fans out into hundreds of small peripheral arteries. The pattern of these arteries resembles a puff of smoke, which is called Moyamoya in Japanese. Due to an under-supply of blood, the brain suffers permanently from small strokes. The only cure is a by-pass operation which can be administered in just a handful of hospitals, Zurich being one of them.

Dr Nadia Khan, consultant at Zurich University Hospital and lecturer at the University of Zurich, is one of very few neurosurgeons specialising in this operation. Initiated by Dr Khan, two books will be published in the summer of 2006, targeting affected children and their families as well as friends, teachers, minders and doctors.