

### Armenian children's

# The King of Darkness

**Children's book**. Vernatun Media. Baku 2023 picture book with short text

Illustrations by the author

Age 3+

Awards: 2023 Book of the Year finalist

> philosophical tale, journey, meaning of life, overcoming fear and sadness

Translations: English available

A little king lived in his castle - the Darkness.

Every morning he would drink his black coffee and play chess with the black pieces. Life was perfect because nothing disturbed the Darkness, until a strange sound from behind his window robbed him of peace.

Very afraid of the outside world, he tried many ways to figure out the sound, but nothing worked in Darkness.

Life in the castle was no longer happy.

He eventually decided to overcome his fear and open the door.

This is how he discovers... light!





THE AUTHOR

translations
3 languages

#### awards

2023 Book of the Year Award finalist
2021 BOOK ART
International Contest Of CIS
2020 IBBY honor list
2019 Children's Writers
And Illustrators Contest of Armenia
Winner and Special Prize of First Lady

#### sample available

full English

#### other works

The Giant Musician
The Blue Fox

Lilit Altunyan was born 1980 in Yerevan (Armenia). She had local and international exhibitions as a visual artist, and is the author and illustrator of picture books. Her debut film project "When I am Sad" was selected by "Animation du Monde" in ReAnimania IAFF 2018, and won the "Folimage Coproduction Award" in MIFA Pitches, Annecy IAFF 2019.

Lilit's stories reveal universal truths as they speak of identity, self-discovery, purpose and dreams, belonging and emotions. The messages in her books can be uncovered not only for children but also for adults, as their multilayer depth unfolds gradually.





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