



Ruth Rahlff

## Amanda and the Heart of Junk

illustrated by Mila Marquis

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**An unusual superheroine with cute sidekicks combatting a real issue personified: excessive waste production and pollution.**

Something's wrong at Peppermint Hill! Not only do things mysteriously disappear without a trace, the town gets more and more littered – and no one seems to care. No one but Amanda, that is, but she has a lot on her plate already: a little sister who's quite a nuisance, best friends who are spending more and more time with the mean new guy in class, and ever since she fell into a strange liquid at her parents' junk yard, she's discovering weird new abilities. Like the one that lets her speak to her self-made scrap figurines that have suddenly come to life. When things are spiralling out of control, Amanda and her new friends seem to be the only ones standing between the destruction of their town and the phantom menace brooding beneath ...



## Creative People:



**Author:** Ruth Rahlff, born in Lüneburg, tried herself as a sales talent in her uncle's bookshop at an early age. Later on, she apprenticed in publishing, worked in a very big and a very small publishing house as an editor, and has been working as a freelance author since 2004. When she's not reading, travelling, eating ice cream, or romping about with her dog, she makes up stories for children and young adults.



**Illustrator:** Mila Marquis started creating fantastical dream worlds with pen and paper when she was a little girl and couldn't think of a more perfect pastime than thus escaping reality day by day. She studied fashion design at the HAW and has been committing her funny, beautiful and dreamy ideas to paper for many years. She lives with her two sons, a white tousled monster, two bold guinea pigs and a wise terrapin in Hamburg.

