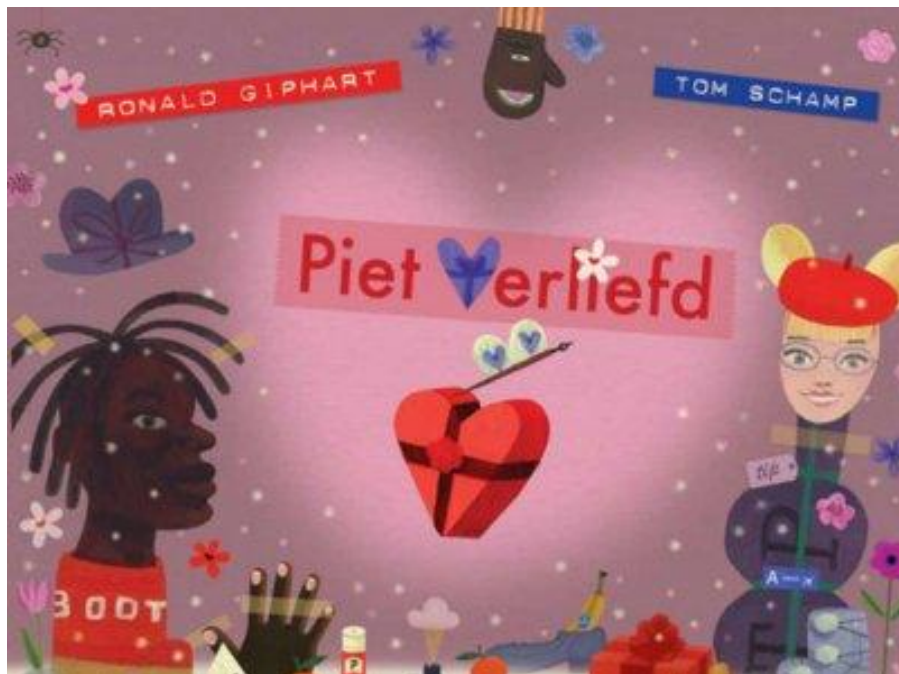


Sinterklaas in the Netherlands



At 17 November Sinterklaas was supposed to come to the Netherlands. But his steamer was broken, so Sinterklaas can't get to the Netherlands. So the Zwarte Pieten came to the Netherlands to buy gifts for the children, but accidentally the Zwarte Pieten stole the Sinterklaas coins around instead of the candy (pepernoten) and now they can't buy presents for the children. The Zwarte Pieten are doing everything to get the coins back. People have the coins in their shoes or in their wallet so they can

give it back to a Piet or in the supermarket. And then they do it in their shoes. Now the Zwarte Pieten have the coins but Sinterklaas doesn't want to buy any gifts for the children anymore. So the Zwarte Pieten are sad. There is a Piet, his name is Pietje verliefd (Pietje in love) and he has a girlfriend, but he can't find his girlfriend. So he sends a letter to his girlfriend and now she sends a letter back and he is happy. Now he can go to his girlfriend. The Zwarte Pieten have gathered many coins, so they can now buy presents. But a lot of coins are still missing, so the Pieten are still searching for the coins. And on 5 December it is boxing evening. Then the Zwarte Pieten go to all the houses and give the children gifts and spice and marzipan and candy.

