



Katalin Gál

Vince Books

Sector	Book publishing and trade
Region	Budapest, Hungary
Nomination as an Ambassador	<p>I am the co-founder, co-owner and managing director of Vince Books, a publishing house based in Budapest.</p> <p>Things did not start out this way. I had studied psychology at the university and worked as a clinical psychologist for more than 20 years, teaching at the Semmelweis Medical University, practicing at the university's Clinique of Pediatrics and Pulmonology, and also as a private practitioner.</p> <p>Vince Books was established by my husband, Gábor Vince and me in 1991. I started participating in the daily work of the company only at the end of the 90's when my husband became ill, and I took over the company's management my husband's death in 2001.</p> <p>My interest extends beyond running our company to the overall state of the Hungarian book-publishing industry. I have been elected member of the presidential board and vice-president of the Hungarian Publishers and Booksellers Association, founded in 1795, which is one of the oldest and most prestigious institutions of its kind in Europe. I am also a member of the Intellectual Property Council.</p>
About the company	<p>Apart from publishing, importing, promoting and selling books, and establishing international cooperation, Vince Books has also entered the retailing business by running eight bookstores.</p> <p>As many as three of our bookstores have merited the prestigious Hermes Prize, an acknowledgment awarded by the Hungarian Ministry of Culture to the bookstores of the highest quality.</p> <p>To this day, the company has remained fully-owned by our</p>

	family – me and my daughter Eszter, who is a lawyer and my son György, who is an economist.
Year of business launch	1991
Number of staff	19
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