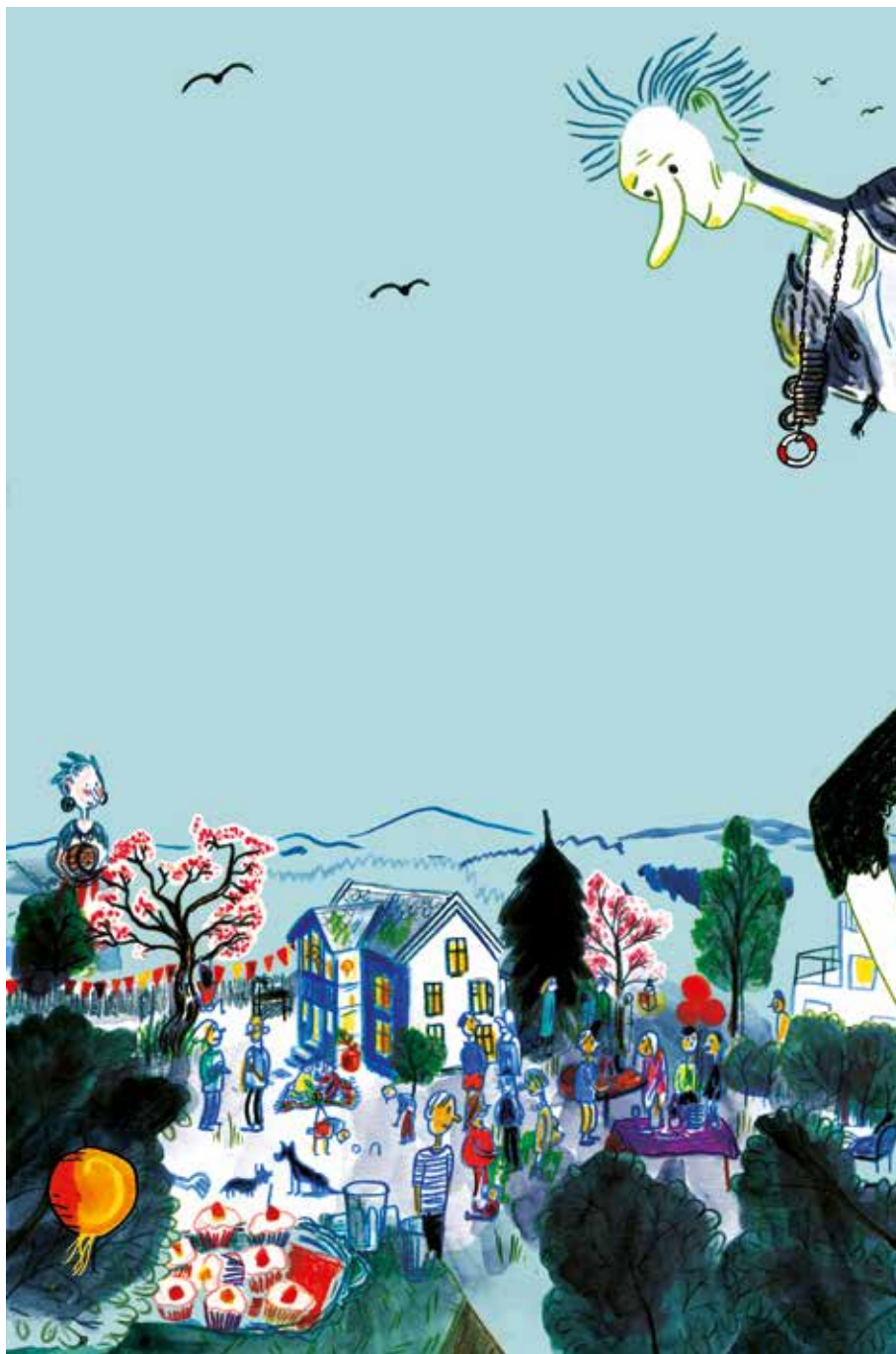


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# IBEN AKERLIE

Illustrated by Inga H. Sætre

**Do you believe in giants?**

## THE GIANT PARTY

*Kjempefesten*  
Children's book 6+  
128 pages  
Aschehoug 2019  
Foreign rights: Polish

A fantasy-filled, humorous and thought-provoking tale about giants, birch soda, tug o'war and friendship. Perfect for reading aloud!

Finn and Maja are bored and decide to throw a big garden party. Invitations are sent out, but one of them is caught by the wind and flies deep into the forest, landing at the feet of the giant Kim. And since the invitation reads "Welcome to a giant party", Kim and his giant friend Pandora get ready to return to being among people once again.



Photo: Oda Berby



Photo: Stine Friis Hals

IBEN AKERLIE'S (b. 1988) debut *Lol Lars* won the 2016 ARK Children's Book Prize and became a bestseller. She works as an actor and has played in several films and tv-series. Akerlie has a degree in special education.

INGA H. SÆTRE (b. 1978) is an award-winning illustrator, animator and cartoonist.



## LOL LARS

*Lars er lol*  
Middle grade 9+  
231 pages  
Aschehoug 2016  
Foreign rights: Arabic, Danish, Estonian, German, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian



**#1 BESTSELLER IN NORWAY 2016**  
**Sold to 11 territories**

**Nominated for:**  
The 2016 Bookseller Prize  
The 2016 Norwegian Children & YA Authors' Association First Book Prize  
The 2016 Book Blogger Prize

"A humanistic accomplishment of a children's book. [...] Lol Lars melted this reader's heart. [...] This is a perfect read"  
— VG, 6 out of 6 stars



# NINA BROCHMANN & ELLEN STØKKEN DAHL

Illustrated by Magnhild Winsnes

The only book a girl needs about entering puberty

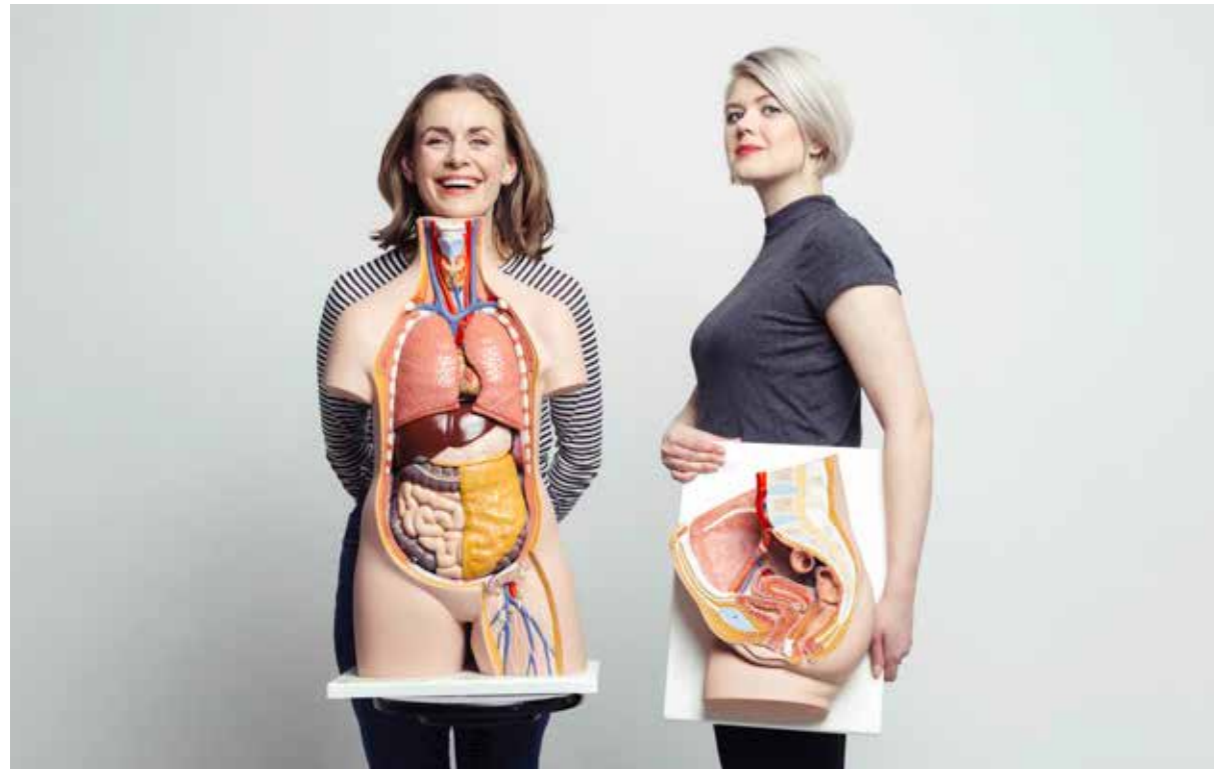


Photo: Anne Valeur

NINA BROCHMANN (b. 1987) and ELLEN STØKKEN DAHL (b. 1991) are both doctors. They got their medical education from the University of Oslo. They have spent several years working with sexual health among young people and minority groups, both as teachers and health workers.

MAGNHILD WINSNES (b. 1980) is an animator and illustrator. She has worked with several productions as animator, designer, director and producer. Among them the Academy Award winner animation film, "The Danish Poet", directed by Torill Kove.



Photo: Åse Holte



From the authors of the international success *The Wonder Down Under* (sold to 36 languages!)

## THE GIRL BOOK Nina and Ellen's Guide to Puberty

*Jenteboka. Nina og Ellens guide til puberteten*  
Non-fiction 10+  
260 pages, format 14 x 21,5  
Aschehoug 2019

What is menstruation?  
Why do we sweat?  
How tall will I be?  
When will I develop breasts?

The transition from child to adolescent is not easy. The body is changing, hormones take control and the brain undergoes a kind of reorganising. Adults know all about this, but for someone who is right in the midst of it all, it's not so easy to understand what is going on.

In *The Girl Book* doctors Nina Brochmann and Ellen Støkken Dahl explain

everything you need to know about puberty. Young girls should not have to resort to "googling" to find answers to the most important questions about their bodies.

*The Girl Book* is a quality guide from the authors behind the international success *The Wonder Down Under*, who understand a young girl's body inside and out. They give tips, secrets, stories from real life and good advice to someone who is about to enter into puberty. And because some girls enter into puberty early and others late, this book is suited for girls from 10 to 20 years of age.



# LISA AISATO

## A celebration of life

– a collection of the best illustrations by the illustrator of *The Snow Sister* and *The Girl Who Wanted to Save the Books*, both sold to 26 languages

No one illustrates a person's fears, hopes and dreams as beautifully as Lisa Aisato. In *Life. Illustrated* she has collected all her best work; classic illustrations as well as new drawings, and written a gripping text about this life we all have to master. All of life's phases: love, sorrow, doubt and great joy are portrayed and illustrated in Aisato's unique style, a style which touches us to our inner most being.



## LIFE. ILLUSTRATED

*Livet. Illustrert*  
Illustrated book for all ages  
200 pages, format 24 x 27  
Kagge 2019

Named as one of the 10 best Norwegian writers under 35 by Morgenbladet in 2015.

Nominated for:  
The 2010 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award  
The Brage Literary Prize  
The Critics' Prize  
H. C. Andersen Award 2016  
The Book Blogger Prize

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LISA AISATO (b. 1981) is an awarded and highly acclaimed author, illustrator and artist. Her unique style has made her one of the most beloved artist in Norway. She runs her own gallery in her house at Hvaler islands where she lives together with her family.



Photo: Einar Berresen



# MAJA LUNDE & HANS JØRGEN SANDNES (iii.)

A new magical tale from the author of *The Snow Sister* (sold to 26 languages!)



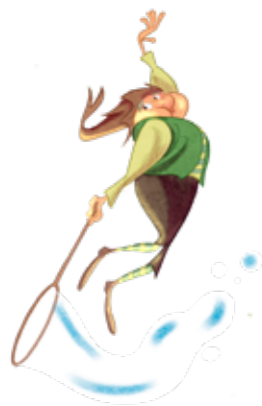
## THE NAME BEARER

*Navnebringeren*  
Picture book  
48 pages, format 21 x 27,5  
Aschehoug 2019



Everyone has heard about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy. But very few have heard about the Name Bearer. Even though he is the one that gives every child a name. Probably it is because he is so very shy. The Name Bearer lives in the tiny gap between the sea and the sky. Many different names bloom in his garden, and every day he travels out into the world delivering name-flowers to newborn babies. Life is peaceful and secure. But one day something terrible happens: a child is about to be given the wrong name! Now the Name Bearer has to act quickly and do something he is really quite afraid of.

The perfect gift for a birth, baptism or naming ceremony, and for every child who wonders how they got their name.



Herr Nome kan ikke røre navnet, for det tåler jo ingenting.

„Det er derfor han må danse, virvle navnet opp i luften igjen. Enda godt at han har øvd.“

Fottene frem og tilbake. Armene opp og ned.

Han strever og svetter. Svetter og strever. Nå må det vel gå?



Photo: Oda Berby



Photo: Atle Holtan

MAJA LUNDE (b. 1975) is the author of the international success *History of Bees* (2015), sold to 36 territories and the most sold book in Germany in 2017. Lunde has written 10 books for children.

HANS JØRGEN SANDNES (b. 1979) is an award-winning illustrator, animator and director. He has illustrated more than 30 children's books, including the bestselling children's book series *Detective Agency No. 2* by Jørn Lier Horst.

## PICTURE BOOKS

Nora Brech (16)

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Irene Marienborg (21)

Vegard Markhus (22)

Trine Sejrup (23)

Hege Østmo-Sæter Olsnes (28)





# NORA BRECH

A warm and beautiful story about an unusual friendship



## THE WOLF FOREST

*Ulveskogen*  
Picture book 3+  
32 pages, format 23 x 31  
Aschehoug 2019

Hedda is afraid to go into the forest. She is afraid of the wolf who lives there. After a while she realises that the wolf is also afraid, and that perhaps they can take care of one another.



## WHO WANTS TO CELEBRATE MY BIRTHDAY?

*Hvem vil komme i bursdagen min?*  
Picture book 3+  
48 pages, format 23 x 31  
Aschehoug 2018  
Foreign rights: Catalan, Danish, Greek, Korean, Spanish

## CORNELIA AND THE JUNGLE MACHINE

*Cornelia og jungelmaskinen*  
Picture book 3+  
32 pages, format 23 x 31  
Aschehoug 2017  
Foreign rights: World English

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NORA BRECH (b. 1988) works as an illustrator and has a degree in art drawing. She has illustrated several children's books and book covers.



Photo: Stine Friis Hals

# EMILIE CHRISTENSEN & DORTE WALSTAD (ill.)



What can you do to prevent your big brother from moving out?

## HENRY MOVES OUT

DEBUT

*Henrik flytter*  
Picture book 3+  
48 pages, format 23 x 31  
Aschehoug 2019

Vilde's big brother is going to move out. She won't allow him! Vilde puts superglue under his tennis shoes, rubber boots and slippers. That way he can't ever leave.



Photo: Niklas Lello

EMILIE CHRISTENSEN (b. 1986) is a singer-songwriter based in Oslo.



Photo: Dina Walstad

DORTE WALSTAD has a degree in illustrations from the Academy of Art in Oslo.

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# NINA E. GRØNTVEDT & BÅRD SLETVOLD TORKILDSEN (ill.)

The B For series is about Bea and Adil and their life in the kindergarten

## B FOR BIRTHDAY

*B for bursdag*  
Picture book 3+  
40 pages, format 22 x 23  
Aschehoug 2019  
Foreign rights: Danish

Bea wants to celebrate Adil's birthday. But Adil is not as excited as Bea thought he would be. Doesn't he like birthdays? Bea must find a clever way to celebrate Adil's birthday exactly the way he wished for.



## B FOR BEST FRIEND

*B for bestevenn*  
Picture book 3+  
40 pages, format 22 x 23  
Aschehoug 2018  
Foreign rights: Danish

It is playtime in the kindergarten and Bea wants to play. She loves to play outdoors, but she needs a best friend. That is not easy to find, even for a Superhero like Bea. Luckily, she meets Adil.



# LIV GULBRANDSEN & ÅSHILD KANSTAD JOHNSEN (ill.)

A high-spirited story about being your very best when you do things your own way

## SCHOOL MONKEY

*Skoleape*  
Picture book 4+  
32 pages, format 21 x 29,5  
Aschehoug 2019

On the first day of school Ella wants to be cooler than cool. Her mum has laid out new clothes for her, but Ella wants to be even cooler. She knows exactly what she will wear instead of the white shoes and pink shirt.

An intimate story about children who are daring and independent, tolerant grown-ups who oversleep and a super cool monkey mask.



Photo: Titt Melhuus



Ill: Bård Sletvold Torkildsen

NINA E. GRØNTVEDT (b. 1979) has a degree in graphic design and illustration from England. She has studied creative writing and literature at the Norwegian Institute for Children's Books.

BÅRD SLETVOLD TORKILDSEN (b. 1990) is an illustrator and designer. He has a degree in illustrations, virtual art and design.



Photo: Stine Friis Hals



Photo: Åshild Kanstad Johnsen

LIV GULBRANDSEN (b. 1974) is the project manager for the Book Year 2019, celebrating the book, the readers and the importance of reading. She has a long career as a children's tv and radio host at the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation. Her one-woman show summing up Karl Ove Knausgaard's "My Struggle" has been hugely successful. Gulbrandsen has studied creative writing and literature at The Norwegian Institute of Children's Literature.

ÅSHILD KANSTAD JOHNSEN (b. 1978) has a degree in visual communication and works as an illustrator. She has published several award winning picture books and loves to collect all sorts of strange things.

# TRINE MANGERSNES

When Lisa plays with Cactusaurus Rex anything can happen

## LISA AND CACTUSAURUS REX DEFINITELY DO NOT WANT A HAIRCUT

*Lisa og Kaktusaurus Rex skal i hvert fall ikke klippe seg*  
Picture book 3+  
32 pages, format 23 x 23  
Aschehoug 2019

**L**isa and Cactusaurus Rex are at the hairdresser's. But they have no plans of having their hair washed and definite not cut. So when the hairdresser attacks them with a treatment for louse, a pair of scissors and a permanent, total chaos ensues. Doesn't the hairdresser look a lot like a witch? And doesn't papa need a new hair style?



## LISA AND CACTUSAURUS REX BIRTHDAY PARTY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

*Lisa og Kaktusaurus Rex feirer bursdag midt på natten*  
Picture book 3+  
32 pages, format 23 x 23  
Aschehoug 2018

**I**t is Lisa's birthday, but Daddy is still asleep. Lisa and Cactusaurus Rex are ready for a celebration in the middle of the night. They need decorations and cakes, and candy, and gifts! But where are all the gifts? Where is the candy? And what is a living piñata doing in the middle of the living room in the middle of the night?



Photo: Stine Friis Hals



TRINE MANGERSNES (b.1985) is an author and illustrator. She has studied illustration and visual communication specialising in children's book illustration and publication design.

# IRENE MARIENBORG

## THE NORA SERIES

**N**ora is charming and full of energy. We meet her in everyday life situations familiar for the youngest readers as well as the adults reading the books aloud.



*Nightly-night! Says Nora*  
*Yuck! Says Nora*  
*A Baby! Says Nora*  
*We Have to Tidy up! Says Nora*  
*Happy Birthday! Says Nora*  
*I Have to Pee! Says Nora*  
*I Want to Bake! Says Nora*  
*It's Raining! Says Nora*  
*Nice Polkadots! Says Nora*

Picture books 3+  
32 pages, format: 18,5 x 18,5  
Aschehoug 2012 - 2019  
Foreign rights: Chinese (Simplified), Polish



IRENE MARIENBORG (b. 1966) is a graphic designer and illustrator, living in Oslo, Norway. She is educated at Parson School of Design in Paris and New York, and at Esmod Oslo (fashion school).



Photo: Niklas R. Lallo

# VEGARD MARKHUS

Headless humour

## THE ROUND PROBLEM

*Det runde problemet*  
Picture book 3+  
40 pages, format 24,5 x 24,5  
Aschehoug 2019

Robert can't smile. Everything is just a big mess. And when he trips over a round "thingumabob" on the floor, Robert realises that he really has a problem.



## A BORING BOOK



*Ei kjedeleg bok*  
Picture book 3+  
32 pages, format 17 x 24  
Aschehoug 2017  
Foreign rights: Chinese (Simplified), Danish

The main character thinks the book he's in is boring. He wants out! He wants to be in an exciting book.

## TIMOTHY LOSES HIMSELF



*Timothy mister seg sjølv*  
Picture book 3+  
32 pages, format 29 x 20,5  
Aschehoug 2010

*Timothy Loses Himself* is a simple, absurd and funny story that plays with the concept of losing oneself with humorous text and illustrations.



Photo: Stine Friis Hals

VEGARD MARKHUS (b.1983) is an author, illustrator and teacher. He was awarded the 2010 New Norwegian Children's Literature Prize for *Timothy Loses Himself*.

# TRINE SEJRUP

Help Tina find the kittens that have wandered off!

## DETECTIVE TINA GOES KITTEN HUNTING

*Detektiv Trine på katejakt*  
Picture book 3+  
44 pages, format 25,5 x 30  
Aschehoug 2019

Things aren't as they should be. The kittens have wandered off from their mother, and Tina and the squirrel Karamell have to help her find her young. How many kittens are missing? And where on earth can they be hiding? Tina and Karamell head out on a kitten hunt around the farm. Along the way they experience fun and exciting things.

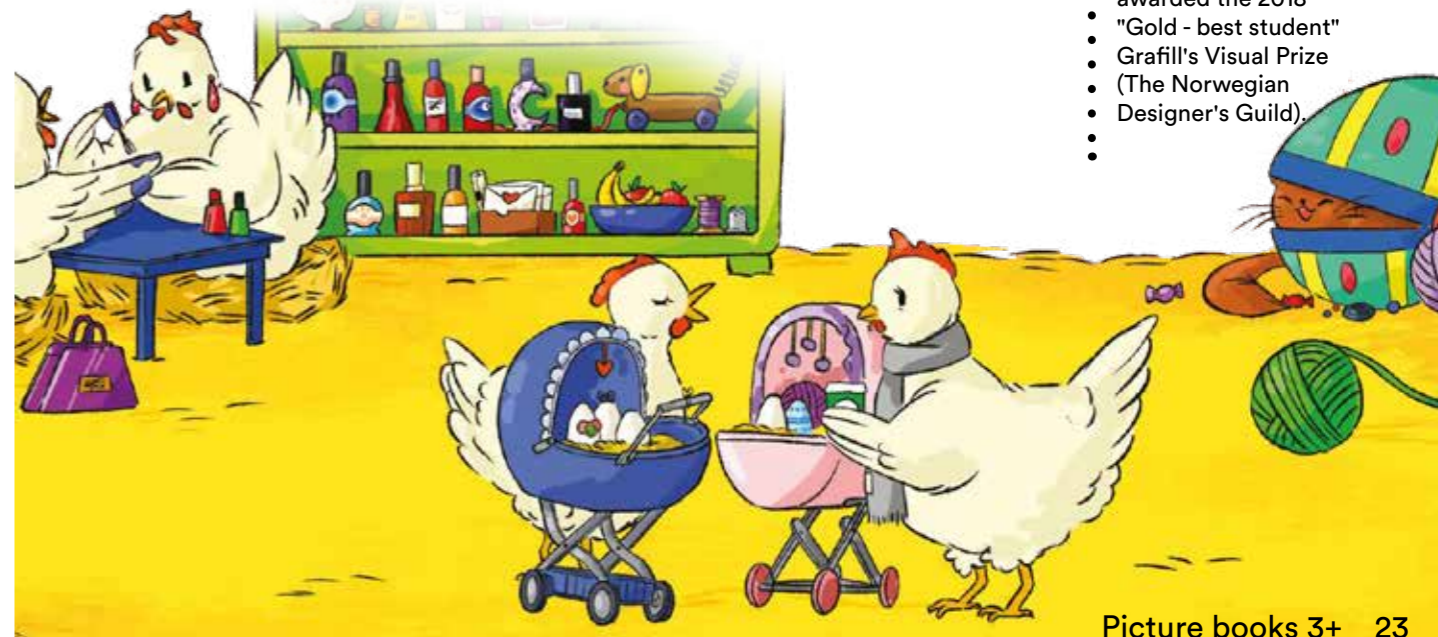


DEBUT



Photo: Trine Sejrup

TRINE SEJRUP is an illustrator and designer. She was awarded the 2018 "Gold - best student" Grafill's Visual Prize (The Norwegian Designer's Guild).



# HEGE ØSTMO-SÆTER OLSNES

**Funny and familiar about two best friends  
who are not always in agreement**

## THE RIOT AND BEARSLEY SERIES

In the books about Riot and Bearsley we meet two best friends with completely different personalities. While Riot is impatient, enthusiastic and full of ideas, Bearsley is pensive, precise and concerned with following the rules. So obviously it is not always easy for them to agree on things.

### RIOT AND BEARSLEY DRAW

*Rot og Bjørne tegner*  
Picture book 3+  
32 pages  
Format 18,5 × 18,5  
Aschehoug 2019  
Foreign rights: Danish

Riot and Bearsley are best friends. One day Riot decides to make a lot of drawings. Bearsley also wants to draw, but Riot has taken all the drawing paper. What happens when Bearsley draws on one of Riot's drawings? A messy situation quite familiar to most young children.



## CHILDREN'S BOOKS 6+

Unni Lindell and Lars Rudebjer (ill.) (26 - 27)

Mona Grivi Norman and Isabell Martinsen (ill.) (28 - 29)

Photo: Stine Frits Hals



HEGE ØSTMO-SÆTER OLSNES (b. 1989) is a theatre educator. In addition to her work at the theatres she also teaches within the field of drama.

### RIOT AND BEARSLEY PLAY HIDE AND SEEK

*Rot og Bjørne leker gjemsel*  
Picture books 3+  
32 pages  
Format 18,5 × 18,5  
Aschehoug 2019

The best friends Riot and Bearsley are playing hide and seek. But what happens when Riot wants to be found right away when Bearsley is taking his time looking for him? And isn't hiding in the dark actually quite scary?



# UNNI LINDELL

Illustrated by Lars Rudebjer

UNNI LINDELL (b. 1957) is one of Norway's best selling writers. Her crime novels have been translated into numerous languages and has sold millions of copies. Lindell has also written poems, short stories and books for children and young adults. She has received several prestigious prizes for her works, and sold more than 4 million copies world wide.

LARS RUDEBJER has been working as a freelance illustrator since 1989. In addition to books, he has illustrated board games, postcards and comic strips.

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## THE KISSING FACTORY

*Kyssefabrikken*  
Children's book 6 +  
60 pages  
Aschehoug 2019

Abandoned factories, dark nights and a grandmother who knows all about kissing. Unni Lindell is back with a romantic and slightly scary book about Ella.

Eno is much older than Ella, who is now 8 years old. The new boy in the neighbourhood is both cool and good looking, but Ella is a little afraid of him. That is because every afternoon after school he, along with two boys and two girls go out to the abandoned factory. What do they do there? One day Ella and her friends decide to follow them to find out. But the situation becomes more dangerous than Ella had imagined.



"My love for reading started with these books, without them this blog would never exist"

- Nora Vinjor Røssland (15)  
Book blogger



## THE ELLA SERIES

- Kiss Me On Tuesday*
- Red Is For Love*
- I Love You With All Mi Hart*
- Boyfriend At Night*
- In Love Forever*
- Love, Right?*
- Love Heart*

Children's books 6+  
Aschehoug 2007 - 2017

# MONA GRIVI NORMAN

## Illustrated by Isabell Martinsen

Strange things happen in Lindegaard Zoo, luckily they have the zoo detectives on hand to sort it all out

### THE ZOO DETECTIVES SERIES

For readers 6 - 9, with facts about the animals in every book



#### THE WHITE LION

*Den hvite løven. Dyrehagedetektivene 1*  
Children's book 6+  
104 pages, format 21 x 16  
Aschehoug 2019

The white lion cub Elsa disappears from Lindegaard Zoo the night before its name party. When the police are without any clues, and Dad says that small lion cubs like Elsa will survive only a few hours without food, Hanna and Theo have to solve the mystery themselves.



#### PANDA ON THE RUN

*Panda på rømmen. Dyrehagedetektivene 2*  
Children's book 6+  
104 pages, format 21 x 16  
Aschehoug 2019

Lindegaard Zoo is organizing a big event with bears, animal carers and exhibitions from the four corners of the world. When a panda manages to escape from the Chinese exhibition, the tracks lead in a direction that Hanna and Theo would rather not follow.



#### TRICKSTER LEMURS

*Lure lemurer. Dyrehagedetektivene 3*  
Children's book 6+  
104 pages, format 21 x 16  
Aschehoug 2019

Hanna and Theo take part in looking after the lemurs. But then they receive a message from the zookeeper Aisha: The baby lemurs have become sick! It seems that they have eaten something toxic, and Hanna and Theo have to find out who poisoned the lemurs, and what they must do to make them well again.



#### TIGER TROUBLE

*Tigertrøbbel. Dyrehagedetektivene 4*  
Children's book 6+  
104 pages, format 21 x 16  
Aschehoug 2020

A family of rare Bengal Tigers have moved into the Tiger Park. The park is crowded with visitors, and the tiger cubs are very cute. But when Hanna and Theo discover a rope hanging over the edge of the enclosure they have to find out if someone has tried to steal the tiger family - or is something else going on.



Photo: Niklas Lello



Illustration: Isabell Martinsen

MONA GRIVI NORMAN (b. 1983) is a journalist covering health, crime and foreign affairs. She loves animals. Dogs, dolphins and marmosets are her favorite animals.

ISABELL MARTINSEN (b. 1991) is an illustrator and character designer with a Bachelor degree in virtual art and design from Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences. She loves to draw animals, especially lions and dogs.

# RAGNHILD BROCHMANN

A story about the search for eternal life and murky death. And the lifesaving friendship between a child and a very unusual grown up.

## GULLIVER BLITZ AND THE MYSTERY OF PROFESSOR OWLHOUSE

*Gulliver Blitz og mysteriet med professor Uglehus*  
Middle grade 9+  
200 pages  
Aschehoug 2019

DEBUT

### MIDDLE GRADE 9+

Ragnhild Brochmann (31)

Lars Joachim Grimstad (32)

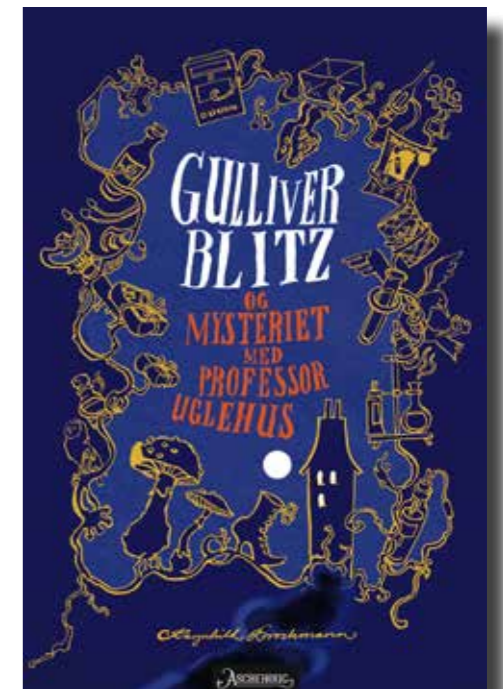
Mina Lystad (33)

Christopher Pahle (34)

A. Audhild Solberg (35)

Elin Hansson (36)

*Gulliver Blitz and the Mystery of Professor Owlhouse* is a classic mystery set within the firm grip of an old house that moves and shakes its inhabitants. Who is the kinesiologist Topsy and her huge, golden pig that makes Gulliver's ceiling tremble? Who is Arne, the seagull expert that never leaves the house? And who is Terrible Sad, the unbelievably old woman who everyday tip-toes down to her mailbox only to find... nothing. Or is that really true? As Gulliver falls ill, the Owlhouse comes more and more alive.



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Photo: Robert Rønning



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RAGNHILD BROCHMANN is an art- and fashion historian, a tv-series creator and the author behind the popular column The Aesthete in the newspaper Morgenbladet. She also illustrates her own work.



# LARS JOACHIM GRIMSTAD

Leif has tricked death once before, can he do it again?



## MEANING OF LEIF

*Meningen med Leif*  
Middle grade 9+  
200 pages  
Aschehoug 2019

Leif has lost his father as well as his hearing in one ear. Therefore he talks more to himself than most others. One Friday he is visited by a strange old man desperately searching for his bees. The old man's name is Bopp and he proclaims "Life is a bluff. The trick is to allow yourself to be fooled." It is the start of a weekend that can change Leif's life. That is, if he survives.

## PRIME MINISTER FATHER AND SON SERIES

*Statsminister Fahr og sønn*  
Middle grade 9+  
Aschehoug 2013 - 2016  
Foreign rights: British English, Danish, French, German, Hungarian, Turkish



Winner of the "Boksluker" Prize 2017/2018

Nominated for:  
The 2014 Brage Literary Prize  
The 2013 and 2014 ARK Children's Book Prize

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LARS JOACHIM GRIMSTAD (b. 1972) once dreamed of becoming prime minister, but came no closer than getting a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He has played 69 soccer games in the Norwegian Premier League, and is currently working as a Creative Director in an advertising agency.



Photo: Niklas Lello

# MINA LYSTAD

"It is easy to get hooked on Mina Lystad's children's novel about fake news and teenage crushes. Some books are immediately difficult to put down. [...]"

## NERD

You just have to let yourself be carried away."

- Dagbladet on *Fake*, (5 out of 6 stars)

*Nørd*  
Middle grade 9+  
196 pages  
Aschehoug 2018  
Foreign rights: Danish, Swedish, German, Russian

Marie is clumsy and wishes that she was as pretty and cool as her classmate Heddy. Heddy has thousands of followers on her YouTube channel, and knows how to style her hair so it looks dead awesome. One day the teacher decides that all the students have to start a YouTube channel because social media is an important to master. Marie posts a video of how clumsy she is, and to her surprise, it's an instant success. Everyone laughs at her, but for a different reason than before. In a way Marie has become popular. But is it worth it?

Nominated for the 2018 ARK Children's Book Prize



Photo: Stine Friis Hals

## FAKE

*Fake*  
Middle grade 9+  
200 pages  
Aschehoug 2019  
Foreign rights: Danish, Swedish

Marie knows that the juiciest gossip works best in the school newspaper, and elaborates on the truth in an interview with Tarjei, the cutest boy in school. Fake news become big news in the schoolyard as well, and Marie must answer to the choices she makes and at the same time dare to believe in herself.

Nominated for the 2019 ARK Children's Book Prize

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MINA LYSTAD (b. 1983) is a journalist, scriptwriter for television, a photographer and a blogger.



ASCHEHOUG

# CHRISTOPHER PAHLE

Getting to the other side of the galaxy is easy,  
finding the way home is difficult

DEBUT

## Kass and Tycho THE FORBIDDEN SOLAR SYSTEMS

*Kass og Tycho: De forbudte solsystemene*  
Middle grade 9+  
325 pages  
Aschehoug 2019



Not many days start with a marble and end on the other side of the universe, but for the twins Kass and Tycho it is just that kind of day. Hidden under a pyramid-shaped mountain in the forest, they find a mysterious spacecraft, and before they know it, they are hurled farther out into space than any other human being has been before them. How are they going to find their way back home? Are they really alone onboard the spacecraft? And what really hides in the Forbidden Solar Systems? The quest to return to earth sends the twins on a journey out into an expansive alien universe where they must defy dangers, enemies, warlike aliens, cosmic rays and exploding stars. But the greatest danger is something they can't even see ...



Photo: Niklas Lello

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CHRISTOPHER PAHLE (b. 1982) once saw the four innermost moons of Jupiter through a telescope. Besides looking for stars, Pahle works as a screenwriter, film director and a journalist.

# A. AUDHILD SOLBERG

What is hiding in the forest? Who is the next victim?

## THE HARP

*Harpa*  
Middle grade 9+  
225 pages  
Aschehoug 2019  
Foreign rights: Danish, Swedish



Agnes is spending the autumn school holiday in a small village, and envisions a boring week. Her cousin Sindre would rather hang out with his friend Ben, and the neighbour girl Tyra is busy doing her own thing. But when the four youngsters make a terrible discovery in the forest, everything changes. Something is not right in the village. Something is hiding in the woods, something frightening that they don't understand. Then one of them disappears.

*Harpa* is the scary movie you want to see again and again, even if you don't really dare. An intense, frightening and fascinating thriller novel.

Nominated for the 2019 ARK Children's Book Prize

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## THE MONSTER GIRLS SERIES

Award-winning and bestselling series with  
60 000 copies sold in Norway!



*Superbitchene 1 - 4 (The Monster Girls 1 - 4)*  
Middle grade 9+  
Aschehoug 2014 - 2017  
Foreign rights: Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Swedish, Ukrainian

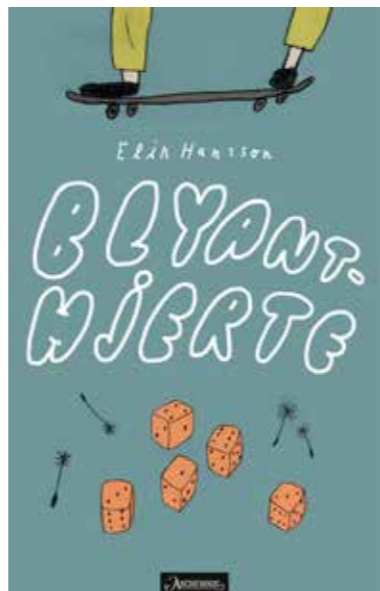
# ELIN HANSSON

All the things you suddenly dare to do  
when you fall in love

## PENCIL HEART

*Blyanthjerte*  
Middle grade 9+  
184 pages  
Aschehoug 2019

Her first crush stabs Liv like a pencil in her heart. She is 12 years old, but wishes she was an old lady. Middle school is not at all appealing. She would rather sit with her grandmother and play cards or draw. But grandmother isn't around anymore. So when Frans with the world's greenest eyes whizzes into Liv's summer on his skateboard, Liv admits that she must try to act her age, and decides to learn skateboarding.



DEBUT

Nominated for the 2019 ARK Children's Book Prize



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ELIN HANSSON (b. 1985) is a journalist and has studied creative writing and literature at The Norwegian Institute for Children's Books. *Pencil Heart* is her first book.

## YOUNG ADULT

Kathrine Nedrejord (38)

Tyra Teodora Tronstad (39)

N. K. Lillebo (40)



# KATHRINE NEDREJORD

Some secrets are more dangerous than others

## SARA'S SECRET

*Det Sara skjuler*  
Young Adult  
158 pages  
Aschehoug 2019

After the party everything changed. Lajla noticed it right away. Sara's eyes are empty, she is afraid of the dark, afraid of her own shadow. And even though Lajla promised not to interfere, she just can't leave it alone. She must find the person responsible. He won't get away with it. A rape in a small place puts all relationships to the test. Nedrejord's novel verbalises the fear, anger and despair too many young girls experience.



## WHO AM I WHEN YOU ARE GONE?

*Hvem er jeg når du blir borte?*  
Young adult  
144 pages  
Aschehoug 2016



## LET ME GO

*Slepp meg*  
Young adult  
206 pages  
Aschehoug 2018  
Foreign rights: German



**Nominated for:  
The 2019 YA Prize  
IBBY Honour List 2020**

KATHRINE NEDREJORD (b. 1987) is a Sami and Norwegian author who lives in Paris. She writes YA books and novels for adults, and is currently the house dramatist at the National Theatre in Oslo.



Photo: Kari Live Rønningen

# TYRA TEODORA TRONSTAD

The song of bats is just another expression for love

## THE SONG OF BATS

*Flaggermusmusikk*  
Young Adult  
Aschehoug 2019

Ellen's mother runs a shelter for injured bats in the garden shed, but during the winter she goes into a deep, continuous sleep for several weeks. Ellen's little brother is having strange seizures more and more often, and the only thing that helps is when the rare Baroque bat sits on his forehead. One day Ellen seeks help from the website, "Biologist Answers". Here she finds someone who will gladly help her. But help doesn't come in the way Ellen had imagined.



## THE DARKNESS COMES FROM WITHIN

*Mørket kommer innenfra*  
Young adult  
256 pages  
Aschehoug 2016



Winner of The 2016 Critics' Prize

Praise for *The Darkness Comes From Within*:

"... the darkest and most important YA [...] exceptionally very well written"  
– Dagbladet

## ANIMAL THOUGHTS

*Hundetanker*  
Young adult  
240 pages  
Aschehoug 2012  
Foreign rights: Danish, German



**Nominated for  
The 2012 Critics' Prize**



Photo: Studio Vest AS

TYRA TEODORA TRONSTAD (b. 1972) is a highly acclaimed and award-winning Norwegian author.

# N. K. LILLEBO

## DON'T TOUCH THOSE WHO SLEEP

DEBUT

*Rør ikke de som sover*  
Young Adult  
248 pages  
Aschehoug 2019

Emmi wakes up and realises she is dead. She searches for an answer to what happened to her, and tries to understand whose fault it is that she has ended up in the city beneath the earth. Through flashbacks, diary entries and talks with people she meet, there emerges a story about friendship, abuse and a system that did not manage to help those who needed it the most.



## NON-FICTION

Andreas Tjernshaugen and  
Line Renslebråten (ill.) (42 - 43)

Maja Lunde and Lisa Aisato (ill.) 44



Photo: Monika Tronsmed

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N. K. LILLEBO (b. 1986) studied at Westerdals Oslo ACT. *Don't Touch Those Who Sleep* is her first book.

# ANDREAS TJERNSHAUGEN

Illustrated by Line Renslebråten

## THE BLUE WHALE

Surprising Stories and Fabulous Facts About the Giant of the Sea

*Blåhvalen. Fantastiske fortellinger og fabelaktige fakta om kjempen i havet*  
Children's non-fiction 9+  
80 pages, format 21 x 26  
Kagge 2019

The blue whale is not only the biggest and strongest animal species in the sea, it also lives a strange and enigmatic life. The blue whale crosses the world's ocean in search of huge swarms of krill, small crustaceans that blaze red in daylight and flash blue in the dark. Part of the year no one knows exactly where the blue whales are or exactly what they are doing. No scientist has ever seen a birth or a mating. The species has a dramatic history: In the last century it was close to be exterminated.

In 2018 Andreas Tjernshaugen published *Whale Tale. How We Hunted the World's Largest Animal to the Brink of Extinction* to stellar reviews. The book will be out in German this fall. His 2015 book *The Secret Life of Small Birds* spent several weeks on Der Spiegel's bestseller list.

ANDREAS TJERNSHAUGEN (b.1972) has published several non-fiction books. He works as an editor at the Great Norwegian Eyclopedia and has a ph.d. in sociology from the University of Oslo.



Photo: Katrine Gramnæs



Photo: Knut Petter Meen

LINE RENSLEBRÅTEN (b. 1980) is a writer and illustrator. She teaches arts and crafts and has written and illustrated five non-fiction books for kids. She loves drawing animals.



KAGGE

# MAJA LUNDE & LISA AISATO (ill.)

An activity book based on the magical universe of *The Snow Sister*

## THE SNOW SISTER ACTIVITY BOOK

*Snøsøsteren. Aktivitetsbok*  
Activity book 6+  
48 pages, format 21,3 x 29  
Kagge 2019

A Christmas activity book containing fun tasks for the Advent weeks and entertaining games for the quiet days during the Christmas holidays.

Here you'll find the recipe for Hedvig's Advent Orange and Christmas Cocoa, puzzles, quizzes, pictures to colour, memory game, learn how to say "Merry Christmas" in many languages, and much, much more.



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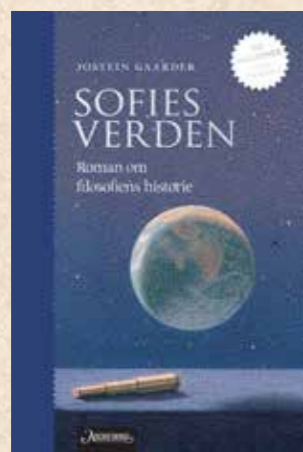
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# JOSTEIN GAARDER

Author of *Sophie's World*, the most widely read Norwegian novel of all time translated into 65 languages



In 1991, when JOSTEIN GAARDER (b. 1952) wrote *Sophie's World* he believed that a novel on the history of philosophy would appeal only to a specialist readership. In 1995 the book was the most sold novel in the world.

To date *Sophie's World* has been translated into 65 languages and has sold over 50 million copies. Jostein Gaarder's other works, both his children's books and adult novels, have proved hugely popular and are published around the world.



*Anton and Jonatan*, 2014  
*Questions Asked*, 2012  
*The World According to Anna*, 2013  
*Checkmate*, 2006  
*The Orange Girl*, 2003  
*Bibbi Bokken's Magic Library*, 1993  
*Through a Glass Darkly*, 1993  
*The Solitaire Mystery*, 1990  
*The Christmas Mystery*, 1992  
*The Frog Castle*, 1988





# INGER HAGERUP & PAUL RENÉ GAUGUIN (ii.)

Highly treasured rhymes and poems known by every child in Norway



## SO STRANGE

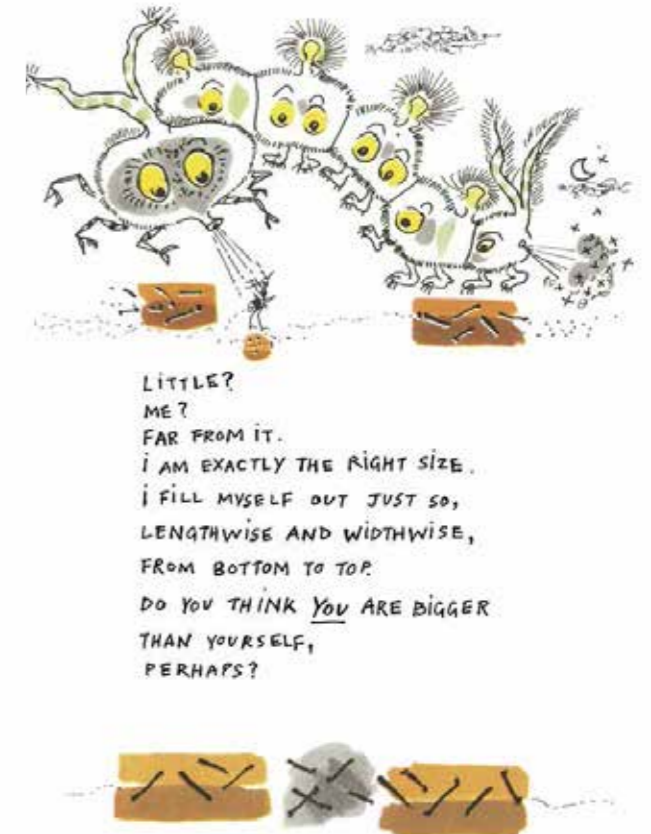
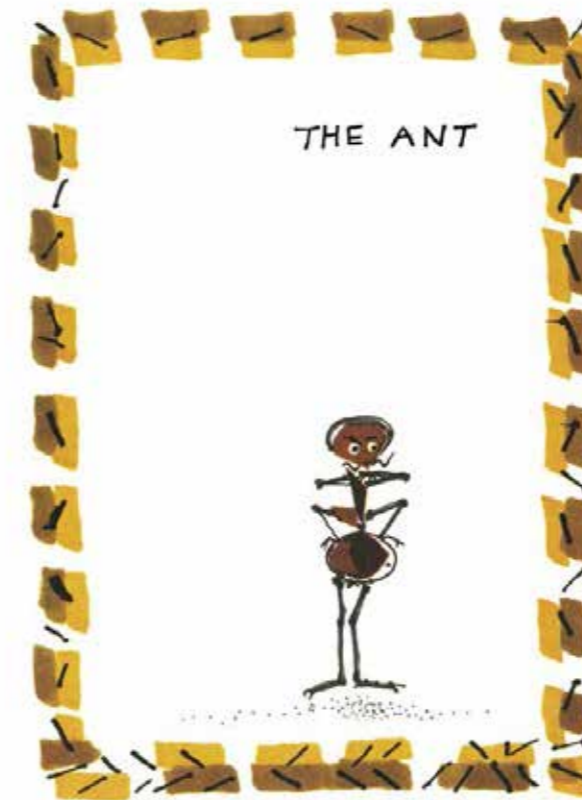
*Så rart*  
Children's poetry  
98 pages, format 25 x 18  
Aschehoug 2005  
Foreign rights: American English, Chinese, Dutch

"Inventive and fun: a sassy, vividly illustrated child's introduction to the gifted Norwegian versifier"

– Kirkus Review

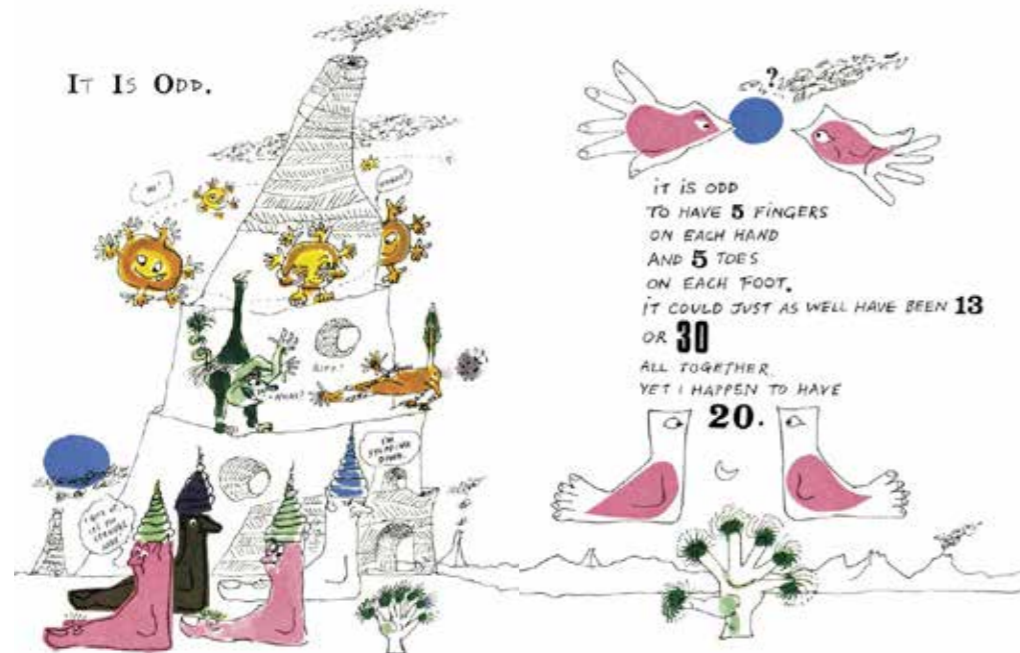
This Norwegian children's classic contains Inger Hagerup's most beloved collections: *So Strange* (1950), *Little Parsley* (1961) and *That Summer* (1971). Hagerup's rhymes and jingles are catchy with peculiar humor. Nonsense verses alternate with fresh and fine poems about animals, insects, birds, flowers, bakers and shoemakers.

*So Strange – collected children's rhymes* has sold 100 000 copies in Norway, and is still in print since first published in 2005.



LITTLE?  
ME?  
FAR FROM IT.  
I AM EXACTLY THE RIGHT SIZE,  
I FILL MYSELF OUT JUST SO,  
LENGTHWISE AND WIDTHWISE,  
FROM BOTTOM TO TOP.  
DO YOU THINK YOU ARE BIGGER  
THAN YOURSELF,  
PERHAPS?

The poems "It is Odd" and "The Ant" are translated from the Norwegian by Becky Crook.



IT IS ODD.

IT IS ODD  
TO HAVE 5 FINGERS  
ON EACH HAND  
AND 5 TOES  
ON EACH FOOT,  
IT COULD JUST AS WELL HAVE BEEN 13  
OR 30  
ALL TOGETHER,  
YET I HAPPEN TO HAVE  
20.



Photo: Aschehoug

INGER HAGERUP (1905 - 1985) is above all a poet of love. But she is also a poet of death; many of her best poems circle this subject. A third characteristic is her rebellious involvement, which has had intense manifestations. Her children's poems are known and highly treasured by every child in Norway.

Inger Hagerup made her literary debut in 1939 with *I Got Lost in the Woods*, a collection of poems. This was followed by a number of highly acclaimed collections. Her poems for children are classics in

Norwegian children's literature. Inger Hagerup has written radio plays and reinterpreted Shakespeare and Goethe.

The Norwegian artist PAUL RENÉ GAUGUIN (1911 - 1976) was a painter, graphical artist, sculptor, book illustrator and scenographer, particularly known for his coloured woodcuts. He was the grandson of the French impressionist Paul Gauguin.

# HADDY NJIE & LISA AISATO (ill.)

## SOON YOU'LL BE SLEEPING One Year of Good Night

*Snart sover du. Et års god natt*  
Picture book 2+  
32 pages, format 28 x 25  
Cappelen Damm 2016  
Foreign rights: Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), Croatian,  
Danish, German, Greek, Romanian, Slovene, Spanish,  
Swedish, World English

A beautifully illustrated good night story about the seasons of the year as they sleep and waken to life again.

Children sleep. Grown-ups sleep. Animals sleep. And the seasons sleep as well. When winter is awake, the other three sleep. And when winter is ready for sleep, spring wakes up from his dreams. Summer wakes after spring, and autumn follows after summer, and finally it is winter's turn again.



"Turning the pages of this lovely book is like returning to childhood's best and strongest children's books memories"

– Dagbladet, 6 out of 6 stars

HADDY NJIE (b. 1979) is an artist, a columnist, singer, writer, composer and one of Norway's most known and beloved tv presenters on The Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation.

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Photo: Aisato

# KLAUS HAGERUP & LISA AISATO (ill.)

Sold to 26 languages!

## THE GIRL WHO WANTED TO SAVE THE BOOKS

*Jenta som ville redde bøkene*  
Illustrated children's book 6 - 9  
55 pages, format 19 x 24  
Gyldendal 2017

Anna is nearly 10 years old and loves to read. She loves reading so much that one of her best friends is the librarian, Monsen. One day Monsen tells Anna what happens to the books no one borrows from the library. The books disappear. The books are destroyed. But what happens to all those who live inside these books, Anna wonders?



"[...] specific and exciting for children, nifty and humorous for adults. Not many manage that balance"

– Dagbladet

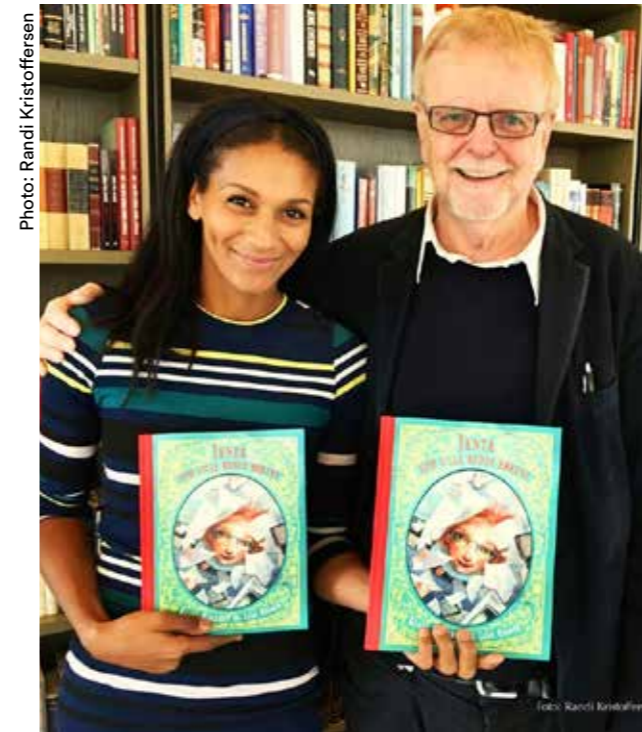


Photo: Randi Kristoffersen

KLAUS HAGERUP (1946 - 2018) was a stage director and dramatist. He made his debut as an author in 1969 with a collection of poems. Over the last decades he made a name for himself as a writer of books for children and young adults, resulting in a number of prizes.

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GYLDENDAL

# MAJA LUNDE & LISA AISATO (ill.)

Bringing you the magic of Christmas!

## THE SNOW SISTER

*Snøsøsteren*  
Illustrated children's book all ages  
188 pages, format 24 x 27  
Kagge 2018

Christmas Eve is approaching. This is also the day Christian will turn eleven years old. Usually this is the best day of the year, filled with the aroma of gingersnaps and tangerines, the sound of a crackling fire, the decorated Christmas tree and the flickering candlelight. All the things that make up Christmas. But this year nothing is as usual. Christian's family mourn the death of his big sister, and it seems like Christmas has been cancelled. Then one day Christian meets the happy and Christmas-loving Hedwig and begins to believe that perhaps there will be Christmas after all. But there's something strange about Hedwig. And who is the old man who is lurking around the house all the time?

*The Snow Sister* is a timeless book for readers of all ages in the spirit of Christmas Classics like Charles Dickens *A Christmas Carol*.

Sold to 26 languages

"[...] literary miracle of a book"  
– Dagbladet, 6 out of 6 stars



**Nominated for:**  
**The 2018 Norwegian Booksellers' Prize**  
**The 2018 ARK Children's Book Prize**  
**The 2018 "Boksluker" Prize**



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# MAJA LUNDE

Illustrated by Hanne Sigbjørnsen

Bestselling series – 50 000 books sold in Norway



## THE WORLD'S COOLEST KIDS SERIES

KAGGE

*Verdens kuleste gjeng 1 - 5*  
Children's books 6+  
Kagge 2015 - 2017  
Foreign rights: Danish, Latvian, Swedish

Meet the world's coolest kids: The unstoppable Helena. The handsome, but very stupid Ivan. The nerd Alfred. And Bjørg, who thinks she is the most boring person on the planet. Together they find themselves in the most embarrassing, yet hilarious, situations.

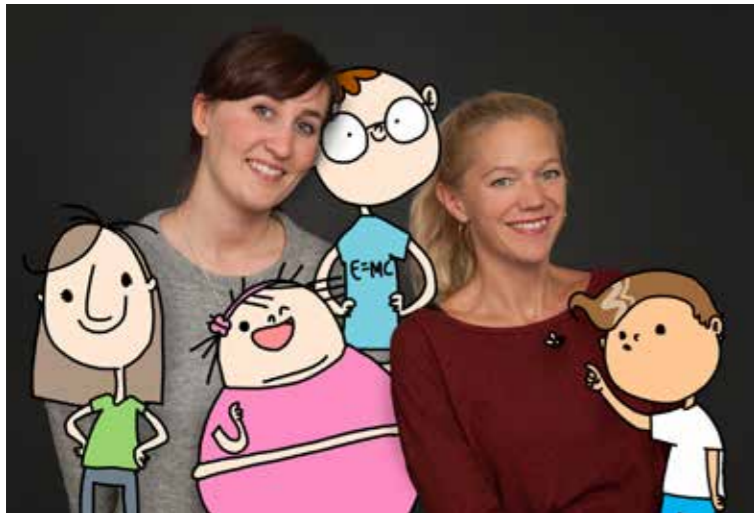


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HANNE SIGBJØRNSEN (b. 1989), aka Tegnehanne, is an award winning cartoonist and illustrator.

# MAJA LUNDE

## BATTLE

*Battle*  
Young adult  
233 pages  
Kagge 2014  
Foreign rights: Bulgarian, Danish, German, Spanish, Swedish  
Film rights: Friland



Amalie has everything; good looks, money, a handsome boyfriend and she is a talented dancer. When her family's life turns upside down, she must leave everything behind. Then one day she meets Mikael who is unlike anyone she has ever met before. He's a hip-hop dancer and the best one to battle. For the first time in her life Amalie must trust her feelings, she must dare to break rules, dare to show the world who she really is.

A feelgood YA novel about double life, dance and love. The film version of *Battle*, a modern Romeo and Juliet story inspired by Flashdance and Dirty Dancing, was launched september 2018.

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## BORDER CROSSING

*Over grensen*  
Middle grade 9+  
166 pages  
Gyldendal 2012  
Foreign rights: German, Russian  
Film rights: Maipo

Autumn 1942. Four children are heading for the Swedish border. For two of them it is a matter of life and death: Sarah and Daniel are Jewish and soon to be deported by the Nazis. For a long time they've managed to stay hidden in a basement. But when their parents are arrested, they decide to flee. They have to walk many, many miles through the woods before they hopefully can reach freedom. Fortunately they meet some good helpers along the way. But who can they really trust?



Photo: Oda Berby

KAGGE

GYLDENDAL

# MAJA LUNDE & HANS JØRGEN SANDNES (iii.)

**Painted in chocolate!**

## THE MOST AMAZING THING

*Den helt sanne historien om hvordan det aller beste ble til*  
Children's books 6+  
48 pages, Format 21 x 27,5  
Aschehoug 2017  
Foreign rights: Chinese, Czech, Danish, Icelandic, Romanian, Turkish, World English

*The Most Amazing Thing* is an extraordinary tale about grumpy master chefs, a stubborn cat, five cocoa beans and last, but not least, a very imaginative girl.

The picture book is beautifully illustrated by Hans Jørgen Sandnes, and all the images are painted with real chocolate!



Photo: Oda Berby



Photo: Atle Holtan

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HANS JØRGEN SANDNES (b. 1979) is an award-winning illustrator, animator and director. He has illustrated more than 30 children's books, including the bestselling children's book series *Detective Agency No. 2* by Jørn Lier Horst.



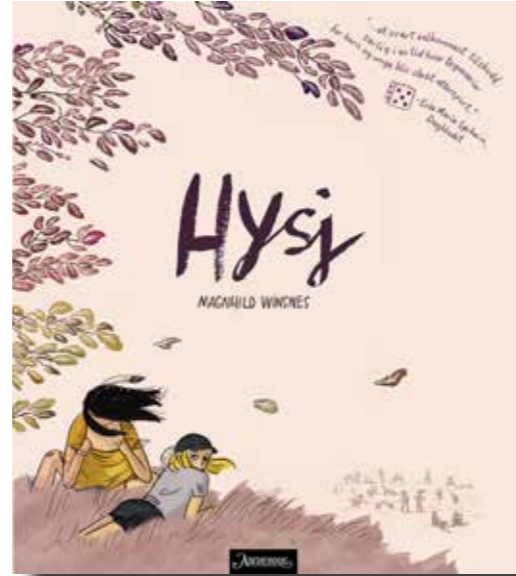
# MAGNHILD WINSNES

Beautiful, humorous and sensitive about secrets

## SHHH

*Hysj*  
Graphic novel 10+  
400 pages, format 23 x 20  
Aschehoug 2017  
Foreign rights: Chinese, French, Italian, Spanish

This is the summer Hanna realises that she is lagging behind in just about everything: hobbies, friends, her body, boys, EVERYTHING. Through various experiences, encounters and discoveries Winsnes portrays the transition from child to teenager with a great deal of humour and seriousness. Winsnes' illustrations resemble the lense of a camera – she has the unique ability of telling a story with images.



**Winner of:**  
The 2017 Ministry of Culture's First Book Prize  
The 2017 Critics' Prize for best children and YA  
The 2017 Norwegian Writers For Children First Book Prize  
"Best of Show" 2018 – The Grafill's Visual Prize (The Norwegian Designer's Guild)  
"Gold – Best illustrations/Design children's book"

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MAGNHILD WINSNES (b. 1980) is an animator and illustrator. She has worked with several productions as animator, designer, director and producer. Among them the Academy Award winner animation film, "The Danish Poet", directed by Torill Kove.



Photo: Aase Holte

# ENDRE LUND ERIKSEN

## THE SUMMER DAD TURNED GAY

*Den sommeren pappa ble homo*  
Children's books 9+  
192 pages  
Aschehoug 2012  
Foreign rights: Danish, Dutch, French, German



Arvidsjaur has a name he would like to keep a secret, a dog he would like to keep shut in and a dad who has behaved extremely oddly ever since his mum made off with her a bit too personal trainer. And as if that wasn't enough: this year he and his dad are to spend their holiday in an old, decrepit caravan in some deadbeat place far out in the countryside, where the sole attraction is Scandinavia's most famous outside loo.

The only young person living there, Indiane, is already well into adolescence, even though she is only one day older than Arvidsjaur. She has a golden retriever that Arvidsjaur's mongrel Waldo mates with every time he gets the chance. She also has a dad, Roger Berg. He goes around stripped to the waist a lot of the time and is completely gay. He also spends a lot of the time visiting Arvidsjaur's dad.

A lot can go wrong this summer. And the weather's nothing to write home about either.

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ENDRE LUND ERIKSEN (b. 1977) is one of Norway's most beloved children's book authors, and spends a lot of time traveling to festivals and schools to share his love of books.

## SUPER

*Super*  
Teens 13+  
214 pages  
Aschehoug 2009  
Foreign rights: Danish, Dutch, French, German



Julie is fourteen years old, and already sick of being herself. She's had it with being anxious and alone. This summer she will change. Mum and dad think she's going away on a summer camp, but Julie has other plans. For a week she will stay home all by herself and do exactly what she wants. Get drunk. Get a tattoo. Drive a car. Get to know somebody. Kiss.

She does get to know somebody. Jomar. When they are together, she dares to do all those things she didn't dare before. When she is with Jomar she's super. But Jomar isn't who he claims to be. He has secrets. If you find out, Jomar says, you will hate me for the rest of your life.



Photo: Stine Friis Hals

# NICOLAI HOUM

Vilde's father is in prison. No one must know.

## WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT VILDE

*Det du ikke vet om Vilde*  
Middle grade 9+  
197 pages  
Gyldendal 2018  
Foreign rights: Danish, German, Swedish

Who in their right mind would volunteer to give a talk about their own father on the first day of school? Well, actually, Vilde does, because it's fun to talk about a father who lives in Africa and saves orphaned tiger cubs. Vilde has just one problem, or rather one very big problem – nothing of what she says is true.



## WHILE EVERYONE SLEEPS

*Når alle sover*  
Illustrated by Rune Markhus  
Picture book 3+  
40 pages, format 21 x 29  
Gyldendal 2011  
Foreign rights: Danish, French, Macedonian, Spanish



**Nominated for:**  
**The 2011 Critics' Prize**  
**The 2011 Ministry of Culture's Picture Book Prize**

NICOLAI HOUM (b. 1974) has published three highly acclaimed novels for adults, a collection of short stories and two children's books. He has studied creative writing and works as an editor for Children's books.



Photo: Paal Audestad

RUNE MARKHUS (b. 1972) is an award winning illustrator. His motives are characterized by humor and often described as filmatic. His picture book, without words, is on White Ravens 2017 selected list.



Photo: Markhus

"Children who reads this book may feel braver, more adventurous and more considerate"

– Dagbladet, 6/6 stars,  
on *While Everyone Sleeps*

# MARIANNE KAURIN

## BLUE LAGOON DELUXE

*Syden*  
Middle grade 9+  
220 pages  
Aschehoug 2018  
Foreign rights: Danish, Georgian, German

When the best summer holiday is the one you thought would be the worst.

Ina has no plans for the summer holiday. All of a sudden, in front of the entire class she blurts out that she's going to the Med for several weeks. She doesn't know why she's lying, and the lie keeps growing. Another big problem is that the new boy in class has moved to Ina's neighbourhood. He will easily find out that she is not on holiday at all.



## YOUR MAJESTY



*Deres majestet*  
Children's books 6+  
131 pages  
Aschehoug 2016  
Foreign rights: German

A story about  
the very first  
– too big – love.

## ALMOST AUTUMN



*Nærmere høst*  
Young adult  
256 pages  
Aschehoug 2012  
Foreign rights: American English, Danish, German

The year is 1942. Soon everything will change. A debut YA novel about events in autumn 1942, told by five different voices.

**Winner of:**  
**The Sydney Taylor Book Award 2018**  
**The Ministry of Culture's First Book Prize 2012**  
**The YA Prize 2013**

"Ilse Stern is a kind of Anne Frank"  
– Vårt land



Photo: Studio Vest AS

MARIANNE KAURIN (b. 1974) has studied creative writing and literature at the Norwegian Institute for Children's Books. She works as an editor for children's books.

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# TORUN LIAN

Illustrated by Øyvind Torseter

Nominated for the 2018 Nordic Council Literature Prize  
 Winner of The 2015 Brage Literary Prize  
 Winner of The 2016 Ministry of Culture's Literary Prize  
 Winner of The 2016 Ministry of Culture's Illustrator Prize



## THE ALICE SERIES

*Alice Andersen, Reserveprinsesse Andersen, Alice svømmer ikke, Alice og alt du ikke vet og godt er det*  
 Middle grade 9 +  
 Aschehoug 2014 - 2017  
 Foreign rights: Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Danish, Faroese, French, German, Ukrainian

Torun Lian's successful and very charming series about Alice, and her rich inner life, are strong, poetic and irresistible every day stories.

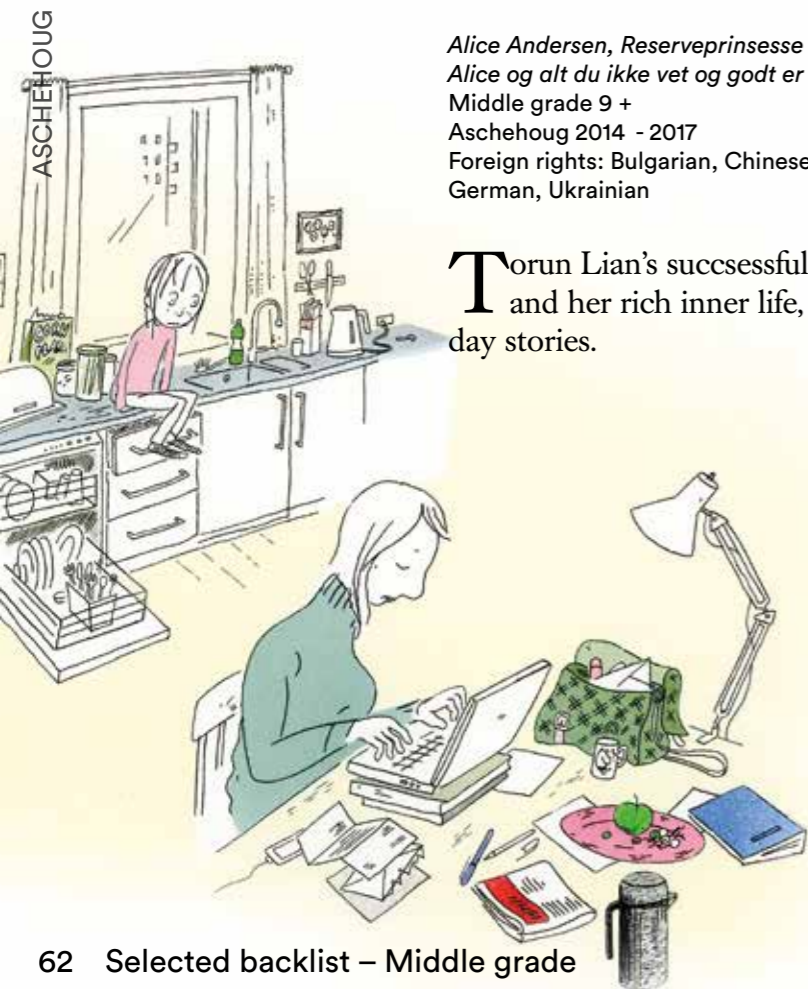


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TORUN LIAN (b. 1956) is an internationally award winning and highly acclaimed film director and author. She has written film scripts, plays, television series and books for children, young adults and adults.

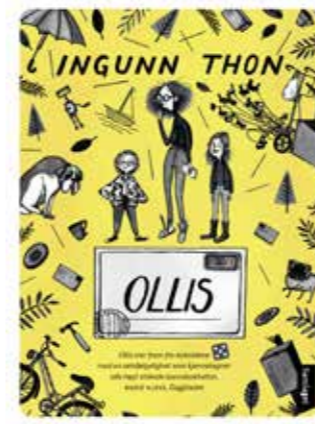
# INGUNN THON

Illustrated by Nora Brech

Exciting, gripping and funny about friendship, family and courage

## OLLIS

*Ollis*  
 Middle grade 9+  
 200 pages  
 Samlaget 2017  
 Foreign rights: Danish, Georgian, German, Italian, Turkish, World English



Meet 10 year old OLLIS, short for Oda Lise Louise Inger Sonja, a new unforgettable character in Norwegian children's literature!

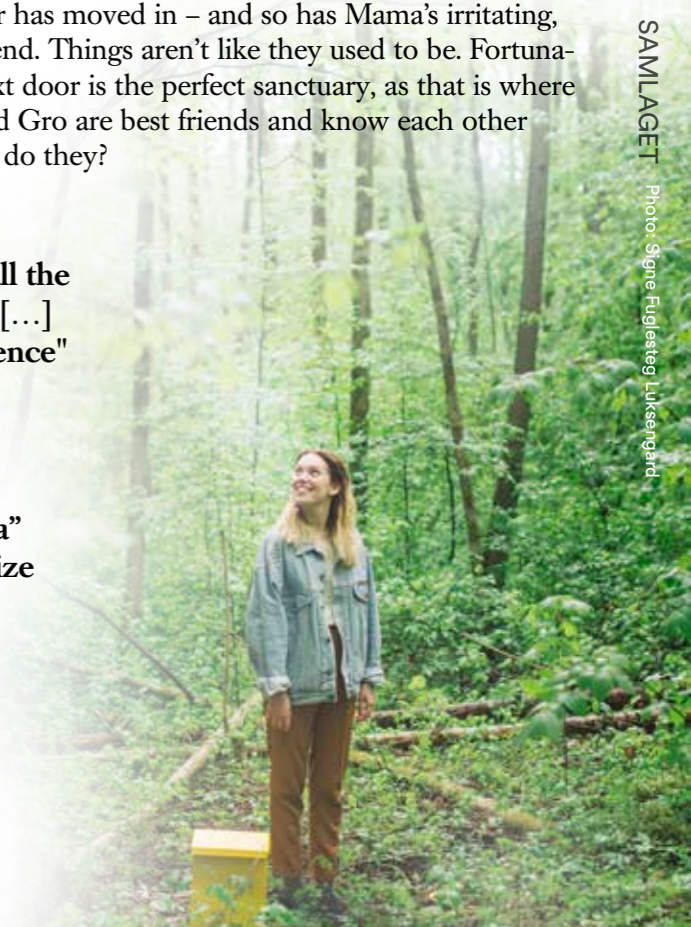
Life is turned upside down at Ollis and Mama's house. A tiny, sweet little brother has moved in – and so has Mama's irritating, clean-freak boyfriend. Things aren't like they used to be. Fortunately, the house next door is the perfect sanctuary, as that is where Gro lives. Ollis and Gro are best friends and know each other inside and out. Or do they?

"Ollis stands out from the book pages like all the most highly loved children's book heroes. [...] Charming children's book debut par excellence"

– Dagbladet

Nominated for:  
 The 2018 Italian literary prize "Premio Strega"  
 The 2017 Ministry of Culture's First Book Prize  
 The 2017 ARK Children Book Prize  
 The 2017 "Boksluker" Prize

INGUNN THON (b. 1986) works as a script writer, puppeteer and a children's tv-host and radio reporter in The Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation. She has a degree in creative writing and journalism, and studies at Screenwriting School at New York Film Academy.





# GUDRUN SKRETTING

The award winning and bestselling Anton series is charming entanglement comedy about friendship, first love and about having a father who sells outside toilets

## THE ANTON SERIES

*Anton og andre uhell*, 2016  
*Anton og andre flokkdyr*, 2017  
*Anton den store*, 2018  
 Middle grade 9+  
 Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights: Bulgarian, Danish, German, Italian, Swedish, Ukrainian



When Anton gets a piece of information he would rather have lived without, that he is an accident - a result of broken a rubber, he needs to find a way to restore balance in the universe and create meaning out of his existence. His idea is to do something selfless that is really worthwhile.

**Winner of:**  
 The 2016 Norwegian Children & YA Author's Association First Book Prize  
 The 2016 Ministry of Culture's First Book Prize  
 The 2017 ARK Children's Book Prize



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 GUDRUN SKRETTING (b. 1971) is a classical pianist educated at The Norwegian Academy of Music. She has studied creative writing and literature at the Norwegian Institute for Children's Books.

# INGRID OVEDIE VOLDEN

"A talent [...] one of the finest and important voices in Norwegian children and YA literature"

– Adresseavisen on *The Heart Is a Clenched Fist*

## THE HEART IS A CLENCHED FIST



*Hjertet er en knyttneve*  
 Middle grade 9+  
 266 pages  
 Aschehoug 2017  
 Foreign rights: Bulgarian, Macedonian, Swedish

Aline and Oliver are in the same class, but they never talk to each other. One day Oliver's father has a heart attack and ends up in the Cardiology Ward at the hospital. Aline suddenly turns up, as she has decided to write a school paper on the human heart. Aline and Oliver fall in love and start hanging out in secret. What will they do when Oliver's father is discharged from the hospital? Can they be together out in the open?

## EVERYTHING THAT COUNTS



*Alt som teller*  
 Middle grade 9+  
 208 pages  
 Aschehoug 2016  
 Foreign rights: Bulgarian, Danish, Faroese, German, Russian, Swedish

Petra is 12. She loves even numbers, hates un-even numbers and truly hates Pi in all its imperfection and ever-going decimals. This challenge is the sole reason why she is the top scorer on her soccer team. If she scores one goal, she has to score two. If she scores three, she has to score four, etc. She also has a fear of water. But one day she witnesses a boy who swims, and he is counting under water. Petra's friend, Melika, is a refugee constantly waiting for updates on her big brother who is trying to reunite with their family.

**Nominated for:**  
 The 2016 Ministry of Culture's First Book Prize  
 The 2016 Norwegian Children & YA Author's Association First Book Prize

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 INGRID OVEDIE VOLDEN (b. 1981) has a degree in political science and has worked as a music columnist and critic for several years.



Photo: Oddbjørn Steffensen

# HELENE GUÅKER

## HOWLERS



*Vov-vov-effekten*  
Young adult  
192 pages  
Gyldendal 2018

A father who died of an overdose. A lie revealed. A fight at school recess. And that's just the beginning. When a rucksack full of money mysteriously appears, Alex is sucked into the dangerous underground world of the city.



Photo: Richard K. Johansen  
HELENE GUÅKER (b. 1983) writes in the genres fiction, poetry and YA.

# FREDRIK HØYER

## ADULTS



*De voksne*  
Young adult  
200 pages  
Aschehoug 2018

A warning to all young people who are about to grow up.

Two best friends start middle school. Eilertsen has problems fitting in, and Edvin has problems at home. Edvin's theory is to blame the adults for everything. The adults are a foreign race who are brainwashing children into adulthood. Eilertsen and Edvin put their heads together to find out what they must do before they become adults too. They plan to bring down the adult virus that is taking over the world.



Photo: Synne Øverland Knutsen

FREDRIK HØYER (b. 1988) has studied literature and creative writing. He is an actor, artist and slam poet.

# HASSE HOPE

## BUDDI

"Hasse Hope has written an intelligent and satirical YA about technology, politics and feelings"

– VG, (5 out of 6 stars)



*Compis*  
Young adult  
298 pages  
Aschehoug 2018

Coolness is not programmable.

The year is 2057 and the company PrivatOil is about to launch Buddi, the world's first 100 % humanlike robot, targeted at young and lonely people that need a robot friend. When the robot turns out to be the world's greatest nerd, and no one wants to hang out with it, the company is in despair. The researchers at PrivateOil realize that coolness cannot be programmed, it must be learned the old-fashioned way. So the robot Buddi becomes a student at the coolest school in town hanging out with the coolest boy in school.



Photo: Stine Friis Hals

HASSE HOPE (b. 1986) is an actor, comedian and TV-host. He has studied creative writing.

# IDA JACKSON

## DANIELLE



*Danielle*  
Young adult  
184 pages  
Aschehoug 2016

An action-packed, nerve-wracking, brutally honest story about friendship, jealousy and rage.

16 year old Danielle is possibly a genius. Her ambition is to be an acclaimed artist, but she's in big trouble. Her boyfriend Kimma is not only dumber than her, he scares her. Terribly. Danielle dumps him and finds new friends. They're into politics, and some day they will start a revolution. But first they're going to make out, fight, say nasty things about their parents and – last but not least – watch out for Kimma, who's desperate and dangerous.



Photo: Erik Dyrhaug

IDA JACKSON (b. 1987) is an acclaimed and award nominated author of children's books, YA and non-fiction. She is a blogger and participant in public debates.

Nominated for:

The Brage Prize for Children and YA 2016

The Ministry of Culture's Literary Award for Children and YA 2016

# BJØRN SORTLAND

Illustrated by Trond Bredesen

Bestselling series – 240 000 copies sold in Norway!



## THE ART DETECTIVES SERIES

*Kunstdetektivene 1 - 16*

Middle grade 9+

Aschehoug 2000 - 2012, Piggsvin 2014 - 2016

Foreign rights: Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), Faroese, Italian, Korean, Spanish, Turkish

High-paced action, thrilling crime puzzles, art history and alternative travel guides!

David and his family are always getting mixed up in dangerous adventures. The action of each book takes place in different cities, where well-known art works are stolen. A corrupt, former policeman is often behind the thefts. He is both dangerous and clever.

The reader is provided with aspects of art, architecture, history and geography. Plenty of detailed illustrations by Trond Bredesen.

## EVERY MORNING MY SISTER DIPPED HER BREASTS INTO ICY WATER TO BE PRETTY

*Hver morgen dyppet min søster brystene i isvann for å bli pen*

Young adult

194 pages

Piggsvin 2017

The first part of the book tells the story of Mariam, fourteen years old, living in Homs, Syria. The war breaks out and in the second part of the book we meet Mariam at seventeen. In the middle of ruins and war, she is taking care of her little brother in a bombed-out cellar in the eastern part of Aleppo.

*Every Morning My Sister Dipped Her Breasts Into Icy Water to Be Pretty* is based on research and conversations with refugees, and tells a story about how it is like to be young and in love and at the same time fight for your own and other's lives.



"Bjørn Sortland masters both the prose and the dramaturgy to make this a realistic story about the terrifying brutality of war"

– Dagbladet



Photo: Britt K. Andersen

BJØRN SORTLAND (b. 1968) is one of Norway's most established, international award winning and highly acclaimed authors. His books for children and YA have been translated into 20 languages. Sortland also writes for radio, television and the theatre stage. He is a professor in the art of creative writing at the Norwegian Institute for Children's Books.

# HEIDI SÆVAREID

"Extraordinarily talented"  
– Dagbladet

## FAULT LINES

*Bruddlinjer*  
Young adult  
303 pages  
Gyldendal 2017

What can be found in the middle of nowhere?

Daniel goes missing without a trace from the Glastonbury Festival and his family is afraid of what might have happened. In order to find him, Daniel's little sister Hedda begins to dig into the past. She discovers that her brother has lived a life she knew nothing about. But Daniel is not the only one with a secret. Hedda has gotten entangled in a "Sugar Daddy" relationship, and is afraid that she has brought a curse upon her life through witches' rituals.

The story ends at the Nowhere Festival the middle of the Spanish desert. But what will she find in the middle of nowhere?



Photo: Kasia Kiliszek

## LOPSIDED

*Slagside*  
Young adult  
272 pages  
Gyldendal 2016

What do you do if you want to escape from yourself?

Vilde moves to Bristol to take a year off after high school. She leaves behind everything she has in Norway – including her boyfriend Markus. In Bristol she is drawn into the environment of the brutal martial art Krav Maga, and meets the strange, manipulative Fiona. This acquaintanceship comes to have fateful consequences, drives Vilde into a corner from which she cannot extricate herself.

An extremely sharp and well-written novel about trying to live with oneself and all one's lopsidedness.

**Nominated for The 2016 Brage Prize**

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HEIDI SÆVAREID (b. 1984) is a highly acclaimed and award winning author, translator and literary critic. She has a degree in Nordic Literature from University of Oslo. She lives in Bristol, England.



# LIV MARIT WEBERG

Dark and self-deprecating humor, great one-liners and observations is what have made readers fall in love with this young Norwegian voice

## ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ME IN RANDOM SUCCESSION

*Påstander om meg i tilfeldig rekkefølge*  
Young adult  
140 pages  
Aschehoug 2018



Weifa's girlfriends think she lacks some of the personal qualities needed to be able to live a fulfilling life. She is easily swayed, loses her head in emergency situations, sucks at relationships with both boys and girls and is completely shameless. Just to mention a few. Her girlfriends tell her this in the nicest possible way, because they want to help her. She cannot live like this, there are rules to follow – especially if you are a girl. But is Weifa really the one who needs help?

**Nominated for:  
The 2018 Ministry of Culture's  
Literary Prize**



Photo: Studio Vest AS

## LUCKILY, NOBODY NEEDS ME

*Det er heldigvis ingen som trenger meg*  
Young adult  
169 pages  
Aschehoug 2015  
Foreign rights: Chinese (complex), Chinese (Simplified), Danish, German



After moving in with her boyfriend at the other side of the country, our narrator knows she should be happy, but she's not. Soon she realizes that you need more than a boyfriend to become a successful person. She decides to excel at the social game everyone talks about. From now on she'll be just like everyone else.

## LUCKILY, PEOPLE DON'T NOTICE ME

*Jeg blir heldigvis ikke lagt merke til*  
Young adult  
192 pages  
Aschehoug 2014  
Foreign rights: Chinese (Complex), Chinese (Simplified), Danish, German, Korean, Swedish



Why start dating someone when you won't be able to afford a divorce lawyer when the time comes? This is the mindset of the main character, a shy teenager longing to be invisible. She doesn't even try to fit in when she starts university, although she is dumped, has a boss that hates her, and her nemesis is around her every day, she finds her own way to survive.

**Winner of:  
The 2014 Ministry of Culture's Literary Prize**

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