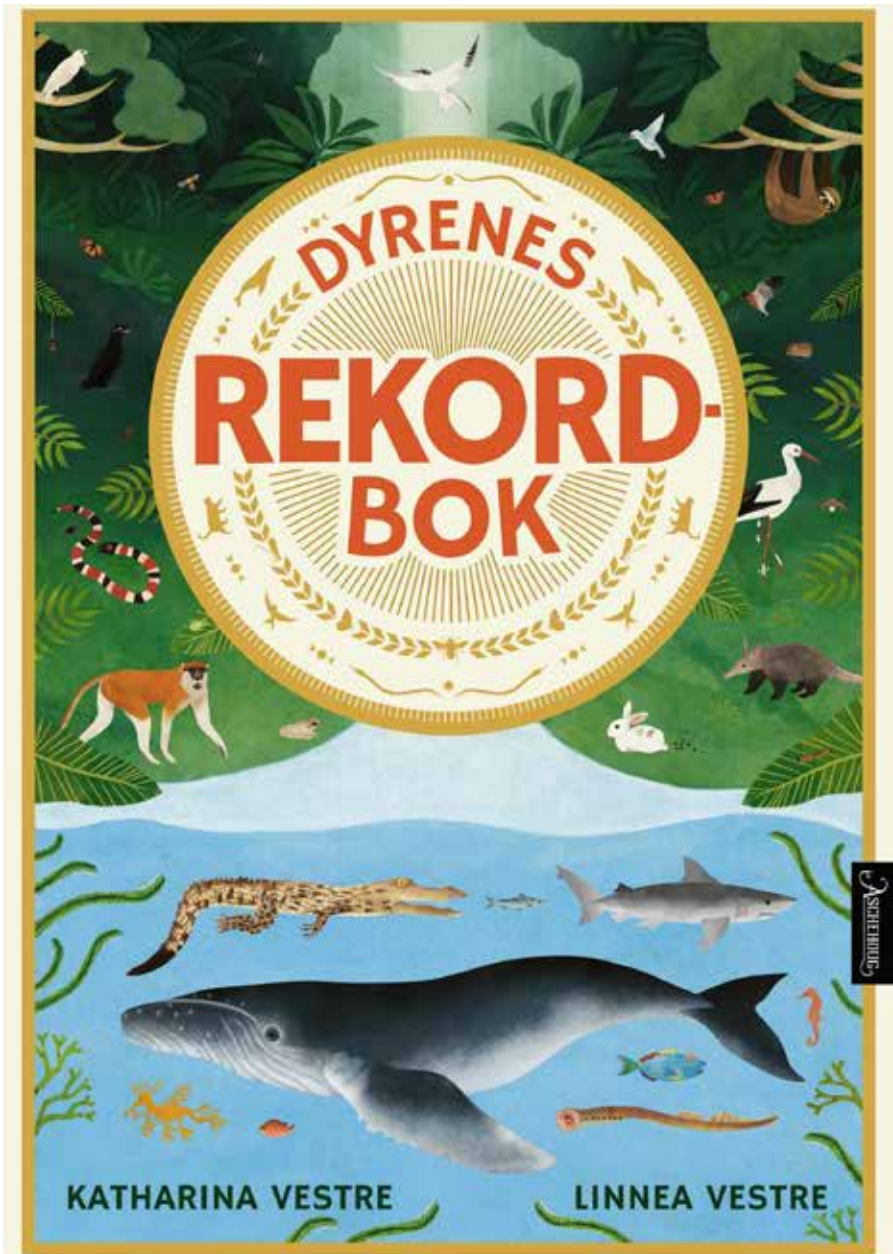


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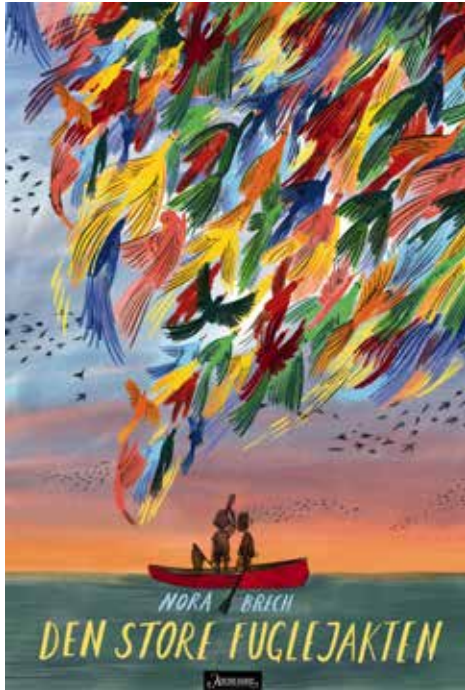
## NON-FICTION

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## 13 - SELECTED BACKLIST

## Nora Brech

### The Magical Bird Hunt



Original title: *Den store fuglejakten*  
 First publication: November 2020  
 Picture book, 3+  
 Pages: 48  
 Format: 23 x 31  
 Publisher: Aschehoug

Kim and Karl are looking for a bird so rare that no one really knows if it exists. While they search for the mythical creature they encounter numerous different birds: the umbrella bird, the clock bird and the lamp bird. And all of them want to help the two boys on their quest.

*The Magical Bird Hunt* is an epic picture book celebrating imagination and is a tribute to nature.

Nora Brech's highly acclaimed picture books are sold to 8 territories

NORA BRECH (b. 1988) is an illustrator and designer, and has a degree in art drawing. She has published 4 picture books. She has illustrated several children's books and picture books written by other authors.



Photo: Stine Friis Hals

## Line Baugstø

### I Am Leona



Nominated for the  
 2020 ARK Children's Book Prize

... a good place to be.  
 Fædrelandsvennen, 5 out of 6 stars



*If We Were Lions* (2019) award list:

Winner of the 2018 Norwegian Book Bloggers' Prize

Nominated for:

the 2018 ARK Children's Book Prize

the 2018 "Bokslukerprisen" Prize - 80,000 children will read and vote for the winner

the 2019 Children's Book Prize

Foreign rights: Faroese (Bókadeild), Italian (Mimebù), Swedish (Opal)

LINE BAUGSTØ (b. 1961) made her literary debut in 1986, and has since published novels, short stories and popular and awarded children's books.



Photo: Pernille Marie Walvik

## Elin Hansson

### Everything That Rhymes With Gro



Original title: *Alt som rimer på Gro*  
First publication: October 2020  
Middle grade  
Age: 9 - 12  
Pages: 250  
Publisher: Aschehoug

Gro is very good with words. She has always ghost-written the messages her best friend Mina sends her crushes. Gro has never been in love. That is until a new boy, Josh Johanson, starts in her class. He immediately gets the part as Balder in the school play "Balder's Death". When Gro gets the part as Balder's mother, she's afraid the battle is lost. But luckily Gro's grandmother knows a thing or two about love.

A wild comedy of pugs, love affairs, and stage fright

ELIN HANSSON (b. 1985) is a journalist and a photographer, and has studied creative writing and literature at The Norwegian Institute for Children's Books. Her debut, *Pencil Heart*, was nominated for the 2019 ARK Children's Book Prize and sold to Germany.



Photo: Stine Friis Hals

## Maja Lunde & Lisa Aisato (ill.)

### Lilly and The Sun Keeper



Original title: *Solvokteren*  
First publication: October 2020  
Middle grade  
Age: 9+  
Pages: 198  
Format: 24 X 27  
Publisher: Kagge

Lilly has a vague memory of the sun. Her world is always dark and rainy, and nothing will grow in the wet soil. But her grandfather is hiding something, and Lilly needs to know what. In the forest, where no child should go, Lilly finds a secret path and a whole new world opens. What is Grandpa's secret? And what has really happened to the sun? Lilly discovers something that will change everything for everyone.

Foreign rights: Denmark (Turbine), Estonian (Rahva Raamat), German (btb Random House), Hungarian (Cser), Lithuanian (Tyto Alba), Polish (Literackie), Slovenian (Tatran), Ukrainian (Starylev/The Old Lion)

An adventurous tale of love, fear, courage, and joy, and about the hope for a new spring

Nominated for the 2020 ARK Children's Book Prize

*Lilly and the Sun Keeper* is the spring book in the quartet of the year's seasons. The winter book, *The Snow Sister*, is published in 30 territories and was the most sold book in Norway in 2018. The summer book and the fall book will be published in 2022 and 2024. All are stand alones.

MAJA LUNDE (b. 1975) is the most successful Norwegian author of her generation. Her books are translated into 40 languages and has sold more than 2,5 million copies. Her novel for adults, *History of Bees*, won the 2015 Norwegian Bookseller's Prize and was the most sold book in Germany in 2017.



Photo: Oda Berby

LISA AISATO (b. 1981) is an awarded and highly acclaimed author, illustrator, artist, and runs her own gallery. Her book *Life Illustrated*, won the 2019 Norwegian Bookseller's Prize and was no.1 bestseller for many weeks.



## Kathrine Nedrejord

### Sami Bastard!



Original title: *Lappjævel*  
First publication: October 2020  
Middle grade  
Age: 9 -12  
Pages: 200  
Publisher: Aschehoug

Samuel is at the bottom of the social ladder at boarding school. He is bullied for being Sami. Samuel misses his parents, yet he tries to fit in and act less like a Sami. Soon he feels he doesn't belong anywhere. But there's one thing nobody can take from Samuel; he likes to run, and to run really fast.

*Sami Bastard!* tells the story of identity and belonging, and questions what home is.

**Kathrine Nedrejord was awarded  
the 2019 Havmann Prize  
for her adult novel *Transformation***

KATHRINE NEDREJORD (b. 1987) lives and studies in Paris. She writes books for children, YA, adults, and theatre plays. She is currently the house dramatist at the National Theatre in Oslo.



Photo: Kari Live Rønningen

## Amina Sewali

### Listen Up, Diary! The Day Nansi Made Journaling Cool Again



Original title: *Hør'a dagbok!*  
*Dagen Nansi gjøret dagbokskrivning heftig igjen.*  
First publication: September 2020  
Middle grade  
Age: 9 -12  
Pages: 230  
Publisher: Aschehoug

Listen Up!

This book is about me, I'm Nansi, 12 years old. My plan is to be the biggest rapper ever. But there's big drama in my life. Do you wanna know more? Yeah, I can tell that you wanna know more about Nansi. Then you have to read my book, right. Because my book is dangerous, bro!  
See you at first page!  
– Nansi

**With black and white illustrations  
by the author, Amina Sewali**

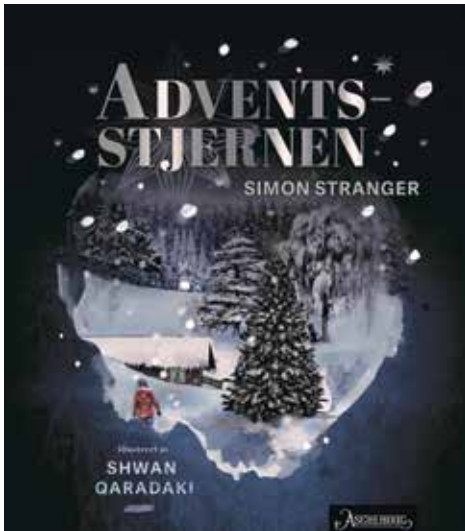
AMINA SEWALI (b. 1989) is a screenwriter, actress and artist. She has made a music album and performed at schools with self written plays. Sewali works as an actress at the National Theatre in Oslo. "Listen Up, Diary!" is her first book.



Photo: Astrid Waller

## Simon Stranger & Shwan Qaradaki (ill.)

### The Christmas Star



Original title: *Adventsstjernen*  
First publication: October 2020  
Middle grade, 9 - 12  
Pages: 218  
Format: 22 x 24  
Publisher: Aschehoug

Their lives couldn't be more different. Stella, eleven years old, lives with her dad who works as a police officer, and her mom has recently died. Yousef is a seventeen year old refugee from Palestine on the run, who got a refusal for his application for residence permit. When Stella and Yousef meet in a barn one freezing day in December their destiny intertwine under the starry night.

*The Christmas Star* is a moving story of enigmas, fleeing, and homelessness, but also of friendship and belonging, and that the weeks before Christmas is a magical time of the year.

A girl without a mom.  
A boy without a homeland.  
And a big secret they can't share with anyone.

A Christmas book told in 24 chapters

With color illustrations  
by Shwan Qaradaki

SIMON STRANGER (b. 1976) made his debut in 2003, and has since written more than ten books for children, young adults and adults. His novel for adults, *Keep Saying Their Names*, won the 2018 Norwegian Booksellers Prize and sold to 22 languages.

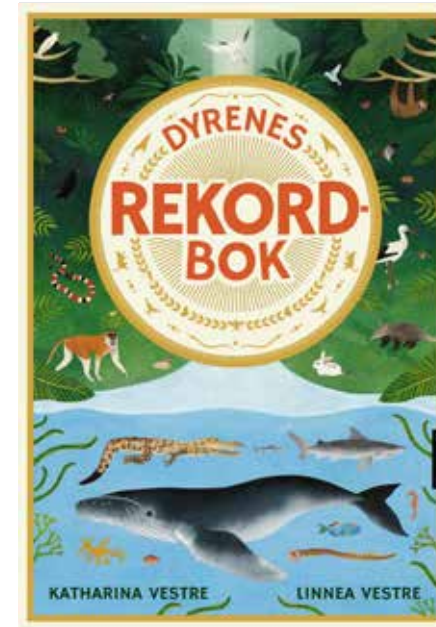
SHWAN QARADAKI (b. 1977) is an artist, painter, illustrator, photographer, and video- and filmmaker. He has lived in Norway since he came as a political refugee from Suleimania, Kurdistan in 1999. Qaradaki has art degrees from The Art Academy in Suleimania, and from The Nordic Institute of Stage and Studio in Oslo and Oslo National Academy of the Arts.



Photo: Agnete Brun

## Katharina Vestre & Linnea Vestre

### The Animal Book of Records



Original title: *Dyrenes rekordbok*  
First publication: October 2020  
Non-fiction, 5+  
Pages: 90  
Format: 24 x 34  
Publisher: Aschehoug

Did you know that a slimy, brown worm can grow longer than a blue whale? Or that some fish communicate with fart? Nature is full of fascinating animals who are experts in the strangest things. How high is it possible to jump? Which animal sweats the most, and who has the best night vision? And did you know that there is a fish that can predict the weather, and that there's a frog that smells like peanut butter?

*The Animal Book of Records* is the book for everyone who wants to learn about the most incredible animals on earth.

Foreign rights:  
Danish (Gyldendal, three way-auction), Polish (Zysk),  
Swedish (Lilla Piratförlaget, three way-auction)

Meet world champions in  
eating, sleeping, farting  
and many more fun records

For young readers and their families

Illustrated and designed  
by Linnea Vestre

LINNEA VESTRE (b. 1993) has a degree from the Art Academy in Oslo. She works as a designer, photographer, illustrator and visual artist.



Photo: Emil Vestre

KATHARINA VESTRE (b. 1992) is a Doctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Biosciences at the University of Oslo. Her non-fiction book for adults, *The Making of You. A Journey from Cell to Human* (2018), is translated into 23 languages.

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18 - Randi Fuglehaug and Anne Gunn Halvorsen

## Maja Lunde & Lisa Aisato (ill.)

### The Snow Sister

... LITERARY MIRACLE OF A BOOK.

Dagbladet, 6 out of 6 stars



Published in 30 territories  
Film rights: Anonymous Content

Winner of the Polish award Child Friendly World  
(Swiat przyjazny dziecku)

Nominated for:  
the 2018 Norwegian Booksellers' Prize  
the 2018 ARK Children's Book Prize  
the 2018 "Boksluker" Prize  
"Best translated children's book 2019" in Estonia

Foreign rights: Albanian, Belarusian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese simpl., Croatian, Czech, Danish, Estonian, Faroese, Finnish, Georgian, German, Greek, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovakian, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian

No. 1 bestseller - printed in record breaking 250,000 copies in Norway

SNØSØSTEREN  
Kagge, 2018

Illustrated, age 9+  
188 pages, format 24 x 27

## Nina Brochmann, Ellen Støkken Dahl & Magnhild Winsnes (ill.): The Girl Book.

Nina and Ellen's Guide to Puberty



FROM THE AUTHORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS *THE WONDER DOWN UNDER*

Published in 16 territories

Winner of the 2019 Ministry of Culture's Non-Fiction Prize

No. 1 bestseller

... a smart and fantastic book about things we normally find embarrassing to talk about. (...) a visual feast, with amazing illustrations. There is not one boring page.

VG, 6 out of 6 stars

Foreign rights: Braz. Portuguese, Chinese simpl., Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Korean, Latvian, Polish, Russian, Swedish, Ukrainian

JENTEBOKA.  
NINA OG ELLENS GUIDE  
TIL PUBERTETEN  
Aschehoug, 2019

Illustrated non-fiction, age 10+  
260 pages, format 14 x 21

## Lisa Aisato

### Life Illustrated

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE!

...a wonderful and unpretentious book, a perfect gift, as a box of chocolate, to absolutely anyone.

Aftenposten



Foreign rights: Braz. Portuguese, Catalan, Chinese simpl., Danish, Estonian, Faroese, German, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish

Published in 15 territories

Winner of the 2019 Norwegian Booksellers' Prize

No. 1 bestseller - printed in 70,000 copies in Norway

Gift book for all ages

LIVET ILLUSTRERT  
Kagge, 2019

Illustrated, all ages  
200 pages, format 24 x 27

## Klaus Hagerup & Lisa Aisato (ill.)

### The Girl Who Wanted to Save the Books

WHEN YOU LOVE TO READ!

... magical and poetic...

Hamar Arbeiderblad, 5 out of 6 stars



Published in 31 territories

Lisa Aisato was awarded "Ordnappene 2018" for her illustrations

Foreign rights: Albanian, Armenian, Braz. Portuguese, Catalan, Chinese simpl., Croatian, Czech, Danish, Estonian, Georgian, German, Greek, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovakian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian

JENTA SOM VILLE REDDE BØKENE  
Gyldendal, 2017

Illustrated, age 6 - 9  
55 pages, format 19 x 24



## Nora Dåsnes

### Cross My Heart and Hope to Die



Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine), French (Casterman Jeunesse), German (Klett Kinderbuch), Italian (Mondadori), Korean (Gimm-young), Spanish (Latin-America and US, Planeta Mexico), Spanish (Spain, RBA Libros), Swedish (Alfabeta)

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE IN LOVE?

A heartwarming story of friendship, falling in love for the first time and figuring out what is cool when you start seventh grade.

*Nora Dåsnes' debut hits right in the heart!*  
Empirix.no

*You will fall in love with the character Tuva. (...) I wished I had a graphic novel like this when I was I child.*

Serienett.no

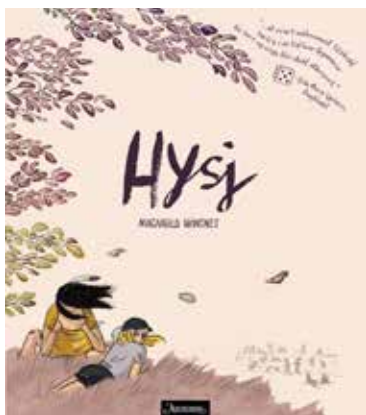
Sold to 8 territories

TI KNIVER I HJERTET  
Aschehoug, 2016

Graphic novel age 9+  
250 pages, format 17 x 24

## Magnhild Winsnes

### Shhh



Foreign sales: Chinese simpl. (PRH China), Croatian (V.B.Z. Ltd), French (Sarbacane), Italian (Mondadori), Spanish (Liana)

EVERYTHING THAT SUDDENLY IS A SECRET

Winner of:  
2017 Ministry of Culture's First Book Prize

2017 Critics' Prize for Best Children and YA

2017 Norwegian Writers for Childrens First Book Prize

“Best of Show” 2018 – The GRAFILL’s Visual Prize  
(the Norwegian Designer’s Guild)

“GOLD – Best Illustrations/Design Children's Book”  
2018 – The GRAFILL’s Visual Prize (the Norwegian  
Designer’s Guild)

HYSJ  
Aschehoug, 2017

Graphic novel age 10+  
400 pages, format 23 x 20

## Ida Tufte Michelsen

### Alma Freng and the Sun Travelers



Foreign rights:  
Bulgarian (Perseus)  
Danish (Straarup, in auction)  
Swedish (Alfabeta)

A MAGICAL ADVENTURE OF COURAGE,  
REVENGE, EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDSHIPS  
AND AMAZING POWER

Nominated for the 2020 ARK Children’s Book Prize

*An impressive debut (...) A gift to children and young readers.*

Dagbladet, 5 out of 6 stars

*Already by the first pages the story grabs the reader, and by the scary and Harry Potteresque start the scene is set (...) I want more!*

Bok365, 5 out of 6 stars

ALMA FRENG OG SOLFANGERNE  
Aschehoug, 2016

Middle grade 9 - 12  
290 pages

## Marianne Kaurin

### Blue Lagoon Deluxe



Foreign rights:  
Danish (Turbine)  
Georgian (Sulakauri)  
German (Woow Books)

A STORY OF FRIENDSHIP, SOCIAL MEDIA-SHOWING OFF  
AND THE DISCOVERY THAT PARADISE CAN BE FOUND IN  
THE MOST UNLIKELY OF PLACES

Winner of the German literary prize LUCHS for July 2020

Shortlisted for LUCHS Book of the Year 2020

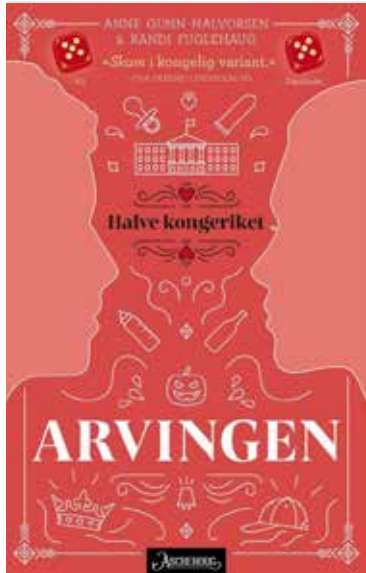
*A piece of art*  
From the LUCHS jury's statement, by DIE ZEIT and  
Radio Bremen

SYDEN  
Aschehoug, 2018

Middle grade 9 - 12  
220 pages

# Randi Fuglehaug & Anne Gunn Halvorsen

## Royalteen. The Heir



CAN THERE BE A FUTURE FOR  
THE KING-TO-BE AND THE SECRET TEENAGE MOM?

*This book must be a hit! (...) The end is like a fairy tale happy ending, until the last sentence. I jump in my chair and literally scream for a follow up. The authors must hurry up.*

Dagbladet, 5 out of 6 stars

*... a modern Cinderella story from the tv series SKAM's neighbourhood. No wonder publishers were fighting to win the book.*

NRK

*... a social wet dream of a young adult book. It's Gossip Girl meet Crown Princess Mette Marit's past, meet little Marius as a teenager, meet the tv series SKAM.*

VG, 5 out of 6 stars

Foreign rights:  
Bulgarian (Perseus)  
Danish (Gyldendal, 2 book-deal in auction)  
Film rights: several offers on the table

Second title  
*Prince Charming*  
tbp February 2021

HALVE KONGERIKET. ARVINGEN YA 13+  
Aschehoug, 2020 270 pages

ANNE GUNN HALVORSEN  
(b. 1993) is a journalist and a critic. She has written several non-fiction books for adults.



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RANDI FUGLEHAUG  
(b. 1980) is a journalist and author of several books for children and adults, fiction and non-fiction.

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