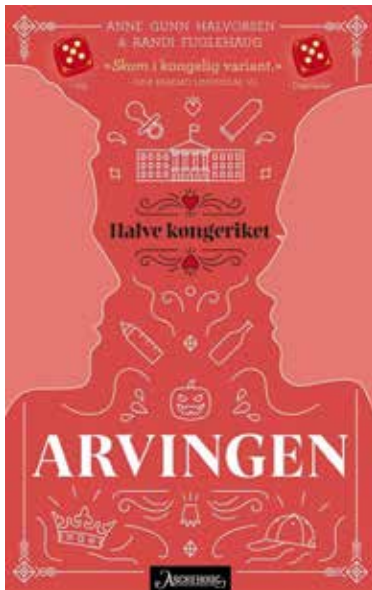
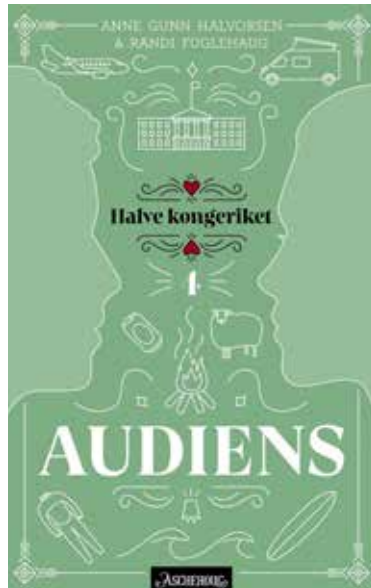


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CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT



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WINNER OF THE GERMAN BOOK AWARD

## THE DEUTCHER JUGENDLITERATUR PREIZ 2021

OUR OWN LITTLE PARADISE

Original title: *Syden*

by Marianne Kaurin

Marianne Kaurin has written a multi-layered children's book with interwoven narrative strands. The child's play is impressively staged as an autonomous space where the children actively can develop themselves and be strengthened for reality. The characters are convincing and in harmony with each other, and so are the adult characters in their finely balanced representation. Franziska Hüther manages to translate the author's sensitive language perfectly and to effectively place the ambiguous humor.

*From the jury's statement*

Foreign rights sold in 12 territories:

Catalan (Pagès Editors), Chinese simplified (Citic Press), Czech (Host), Danish (Turbine), Georgian (Sulakauri), German (Woow Books), Hungarian (Central Médiacsoport), Korean (Yeoyoudang), Lithuanian (Terra Publica), Slovakian (Tatran), Swedish (Lilla Piratförlaget), World English (Arctis Books USA)

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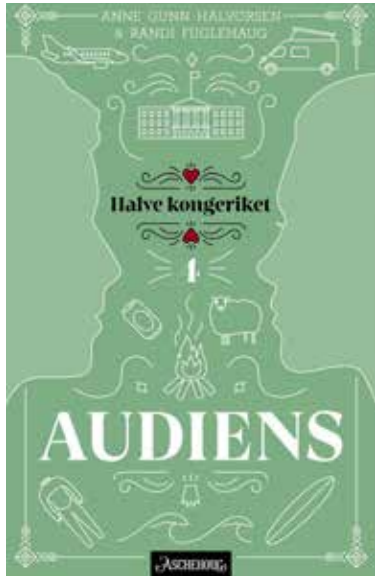
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# Randi Fuglehaug & Anne Gunn Halvorsen

## Royalteen 4. Audience



Original titles: *Halve kongeriket. Audiens*

First publication: May 2022

Publisher: Aschehoug

YA • 300 pp

When the group of friends organise a trip up north to Unstad in Lofoten for the summer holidays, the king-to-be Karl Johan also devises his own, secret plan. Not only is he going to win back his ex-girlfriend Lena, he's going to show the Norwegian people that he is more than just a party prince. But nothing goes to plan. Karl Johan is a newcomer in the surf town of Unstad, and the local heroes end up stealing both the girls and his pride, and when the sun never sets, everything comes to light. Can Karl Johan win both Lena and the entire kingdom?

In the *Royalteen* series we follow the royal twins, Prince Karl Johan and Princess Margrethe, and their friends at high school. The series are modern love stories, portraying the struggles and joys of being young and today's pop culture.

Photo: Agnete Bruun



ANNE GUNN HALVORSEN (b. 1984) is a journalist and a critic. She has written several non-fiction books for young adults and adults.

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

A story about becoming who you are,  
and getting the one you want  
– all while holding your head above the water.

### ROYALTEEN:

**Sold in pre-empts, auctions,  
and multi-book deals in 10 territories.**

**The film, adapted by Netflix,  
scheduled for worldwide streaming  
Summer 2022.**

**Winner of the 2020 YA prize.**

## Royalteen • YA series, six titles

Original titles: *Halve kongeriket*.

#1 *Arvingen* (2020, 270 pp), #2 *Drømmeprinsen* (2021, 208 pp), #3 *På tronen* (2021, 312 pp),

#4 *Audiens* (spring 2022, 300 pp), #5 *Blått Blod* (fall 2022), #6 *Kroningen* (tbp 2023)

Publisher: Aschehoug

**Reading material:** full English ms #1, English excerpt #2, English summaries #1 - #6,

English reviews #1, Norwegian ms #1 - #4

Foreign rights: Bulgarian (Perseus, 6 books), Catalan (Planeta), Danish (Gyldendal, 3 books in auction), French (Hachette Romans, 4 books in pre-empt), German (Arena, 3 books in auction), Italian (DeA Planeta, 2 books in auction), Polish (Jaguar Bonnier, 4 books in pre-empt), Russian (AST, 2 books), Ukrainian (Ranok), World Spanish (Planeta). Film rights: Netflix



### #1 The Heir

Can there be a future for Karl Johan, first in line to the throne, and Lena, the secret teenage mum?



### #2 Prince Charming

Last year's prom ended in major drama for Princess Margrethe, and the problems are piling up for the Royal family. Who is a real princess allowed to date?



### #3 On the Throne

When her video goes viral, TikTok star Tess is praised for her fight against racism. But what happens when she falls in love with the pop artist she accused of being a racist?

Have you ever wondered what it's like dealing with teenage issues while being a part of the royal family, then the *Royalteen* books are for you!

Praise for #1 The Heir:

*This book is a sure-fire hit! Funny, feel-good royal goodies plus teenage issues. The Heir is a Kinder egg of a YA book. (...) with what looks like a fairy tale happy ending – until the very last sentence. I jump out of my chair – and literally scream for a follow-up. The authors have to get a move on. This book simply has to be a hit.*

Cathrine Krøger, Dagbladet, 5/6 stars

*... a social wet dream of a YA book.*

Oda FaremoLindholm, VG, 5/6 stars

*No wonder publishers were fighting to win this book.*

Anne Cathrine Straume, NRK

*... deserves to be as successful as the TV series "SKAM".*

Britta Voergaard Poulsen, Litteratursiden

Praise for #2 Prince Charming:

*... like a home-alone party that takes place entirely on young people's terms. (...) Such word-perfect prose and content makes for greedy readers. Every chapter is like a chunk of chocolate: even as you eat it, all you can think about is devouring the entire bar.*

Nora Steenberg, Bok365, 5/6 stars

## Hannah Mileman & Nora Dåsnes (ill.)

### Winnie Wants to Count to 10



Original titles:

*Vesle vil også telle til ti*

First publication: March 2022

Publisher: Aschehoug

Board books • 18.5 cm x 18.5 cm • 32 pp

Age: 2 - 5

**Reading material:** English ms,  
Norwegian PDF

Wendy has been given homework to count all the birds in the park. Winnie wants to join in and count the animals and bugs he finds. But can he make it all the way to ten?

The world is full of new and strange things for Winnie to explore. Sometimes the world gets a little high or steep. Sometimes it even gets a little scary. Wendy doesn't think that Winnie can manage all the things she can do. But Winnie is both clever and brave. Winnie isn't too little to do anything!

The youngest readers can recognise themselves in the both Winnie's small dilemmas and big emotions.



Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine)

A board book series told with warmth and humor through text and illustrations.



Photos: Oda Barby

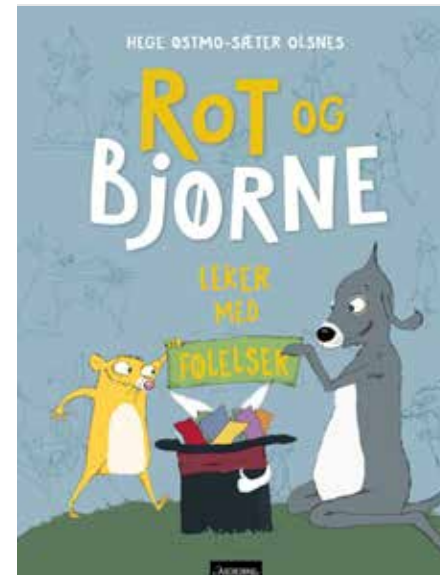


HANNAH MILEMAN (b. 1995) is an author, illustrator and graphic designer. She has a degree from Kingston University, London.

NORA DÅSNES (b. 1995) is an author, illustrator and graphic designer. She has a degree in illustration and animation from Kingston University, London. Her debut, the graphic novel *Cross My Heart and Hope to Die*, is awarded prestigious literary prizes, nominated for the 2022 International Angoulême Comics Festival Awards, and published in 9 territories.

## Hege Østmo-Sæter Olsnes

### Riot and Bearsley Play and Learn About Emotions



Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine)



Backlist titles format 18,5 cm x 18,5 cm • 32 pp

Original title:

*Rot og Bjørne leker med følelser*

First publication: April 2022

Publisher: Aschehoug

Picture book • 28 cm x 21,5 cm • 48 pp

Age: 2 - 5

**Reading material:** English ms,  
Norwegian PDF

Riot and Bearsley are best friends. Today, they're going to play and learn all about emotions. What makes us really happy? And why do some people get mad, and others get sad? What happens to our bodies when we are scared? And what does love feel like? Riot and Bearsley are full of emotions, and in this book, they share all of their feelings with the readers. Maybe Lo will turn up too?

Praise for the series:

*Top entertainment for two to three-year-olds.*  
Janne Støylen, Bergens Tidende, 5/6 stars

*It is a joy to see how these great, so-called 'simple', picture books for toddlers often succeed in capturing very basic human emotions (...). Funny and relevant for all ages.*

Bokmorten

Perfect for reading aloud.



Photo: Stine Friis Hals

HEGE ØSTMO-SÆTER OLSNES (b. 1989) has a degree in theatre education and works at the theatre and teaches drama. She grew up at the island Sotra on the west coast of Norway, not far from Bergen.

## Maren Tjelta Thu

### Alva and Santa



Foreign rights:  
Catalan (Triqueta Verde), Danish (Turbine), Galician (Triqueta Verde),  
German (Magellan), World English (Wacky Bee Books), World Spanish  
(Cumio Editorial)

*It is a great debut. I hope for more along the same lines!*

Anne Cathrine Straume, NRK

*Every day of Advent spreads out over a myriad of colours, shapes and details, in such a rich format.*

Janne Karin Støylen, Bergens Tidende

MAREN TJELTA THU (b. 1997) is an illustrator living in Stavanger, Norway.



Photo: Marthe Thu

Original title: *Alva og julenissen*

First publication: November 2021

Publisher: Aschehoug

Picture book • 25 cm x 30 cm • 52 pp

Age: 2 - 5

**Reading material:** English ms,  
Norwegian PDF

Alva and her family are preparing for Christmas, and so is Santa. Join Alva and decorate the house, bake gingerbread, wrap the Christmas presents, and go sledging. *Alva and Santa* is a familiar and heart-warming story about the days leading up to Christmas.

24 spreads, one for each day in Advent.

A search and find book for the youngest of readers.

**For everyone who loves the magic of Christmas!**

## Linnea Vestre

### The Animal Book of Colors

### The Animal Book of Counting



Original titles:

*Dyrenes fargebok*

*Dyrenes tellebok*

First publication: January 2022

Publisher: Aschehoug

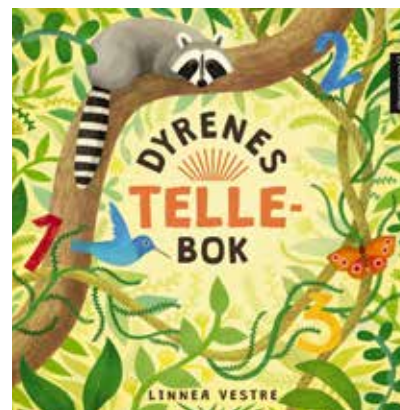
Board books • 17 cm x 17 cm • 22 pp

Age: 0 - 2

**Reading material:** English ms, Norwegian PDF

#### THE ANIMAL BOOK OF COLORS

It's fun to learn about colors and explore exciting animals! Red like a ladybird. Yellow like a duckling. Green like a python.



#### THE ANIMAL BOOK OF COUNTING

It's fun to learn to count and explore exciting animals! How many claws does the sloth have on each paw? How many feathers does the hummingbird have on its tail?

LINNEA VESTRE (b. 1993) works as a designer, photographer, illustrator, and visual artist, with a degree from the Art Academy in Oslo, Norway. She is the author and illustrator of *The Animal Book of Records* (2020), an illustrated non-fiction children's book published in 12 territories, co-written with her sister, Katharina Vestre.



Photo: Hildur Augustsdottir

## Maja Lunde & Hans Jørgen Sandnes (ill.)

### Valemon, the Polar Bear Prince



Original title: *Kvitebjørn*  
First publication: June 2022  
Publisher: Kagge  
Graphic novel • 21,5 cm x 27,2 cm • 200 pp  
Age: 6 - 9  
**Reading material:** English ms,  
Norwegian PDF

The adventurous girl Liv and her family lives in a drought-ridden kingdom ruled by a greedy and unhappy queen. When Liv meets a mysterious white bear in the forest she goes with him to his ice kingdom in the mountains. But the queen's evil spell is closing in on Liv and the white bear. Liv must stand up and fight for what she believes in, for everyone she loves, and for the world.

The animated film, scripted by Maja Lunde, is in development.

Film rights: Maipo

A story about love, greed, and courage,  
told with humour and suspense,  
by the author of  
the international bestsellers  
*The History of Bees* and *The Snow Sister*.

For readers in all ages.

Based on a folktale  
in the same tradition as  
*Beauty and the Beast*.

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 children's book, *The Snow Sister*, illustrated by Lisa Aisato, was a record-breaking success, printed in 250 000 copies in Norway and published in 30 languages. Her novel for adults, *The History of Bees*, won the 2015 Norwegian Bookseller's Prize and was the most sold book in Germany in 2017.

HANS JØRGEN SANDNES (b. 1979) is an award illustrator, animator, graphic novel author, and film director. He has illustrated more than 30 children's books, many of them bestsellers.



Photo: Oda Berby



Photo: Atle Holtan

## Michelle Tolo

### Ghost Friend 2. Poltergeist



Original title: *Spøkelsesvenn 2. Poltergeist*  
First publication: April 2022  
Publisher: Aschehoug  
Graphic novel • 17 cm x 24 cm • 200 pp  
Age: 9 - 12  
**Reading material:** English ms,  
Norwegian PDF

While Magnus and Saga are learning more about the dangerous Poltergeists, a new challenge arrives together with Magnus' father: the hardheaded ghost of a Viking boy, who is trapped in an ancient coin. Freeing him proves to be a difficult task – especially when dealing with hungry Poltergeists at the same time.

Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine)



A graphic novel series about a particularly unique friendship.

Praise for *Ghost Friend 1. The First Meeting*:  
(...) *vividly and effectively told* (...) *The result is incredibly professional.*  
*The artist behind this series knows what children want.*  
Guri Fjeldberg, Bergens Tidende

(...) *the sweetest children's graphic novel series on the Norwegian market in recent years, both for its illustrations and its story.*  
Trond Sætre, Serienett.no

MICHELLE TOLO (b. 1991) is an illustrator and concept designer working with films, among them "Transformers 5" and "Passengers", games, and commercials for international studios. She worked in London for several years before heading back to Norway. Tolo has a degree as CG artist from The Animation Workshop in Denmark.



Photo: Oda Berby

## Graphic novels backlist:

### Nora Dåsnes: Cross My Heart and Hope to Die



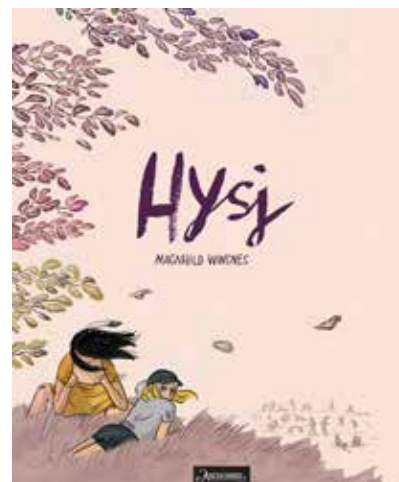
Nominated for the  
**2022 International Angoulême Comics Festival Awards**

Award list:

- “GOLD Best Illustrations Children’s Books 2020” and “Diploma Graphic Novels 2021” The Year’s Most Beautiful Books (the Norwegian Designer’s Guild’s Visual Prize)
- the 2020 Ministry of Culture Graphic Novel Prize
- the 2020 Pondus Prize
- the 2021 Best Graphic Novel
- the 2021/2022 Avid Reader Award “Bokslukerprisen”
- the 2021 Children’s Book Prize (Bergen Library)
- Selected title White Raven 2021

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

### Magnhild Winsnes: Shhh



Awarded:

**Exceptional Book 2021**  
**International Children’s and Youth Literature of the 21th International Literature Festival Berlin**

Award list:

- “BEST OF SHOW” and “GOLD – Best Illustrations and Design Children’s Book” – The 2018 Year’s Most Beautiful Books (the Norwegian Designer’s Guild visual prize)
- the 2017 Ministry of Culture First Book Prize
- the 2017 Critics’ Prize for Best Children and YA
- the 2017 the Norwegian Writers for Children First Book Prize
- Selected title White Raven 2018

Foreign rights: Chinese (simplified) (Penguin Random House China), Croatian (V.B.Z. Ltd), French (Éditions Sarbacane), Italian (Mondadori), Russian (Popuri), Spanish (Liana Editorial)

### Nora Dåsnes: Missed Calls



Awarded:  
**the 2021 Riksmål Prize for Excellent Prose**

Nominated for:  
the 2021 Ministry of Culture Graphic Novel Prize

*Nora Dåsnes portrays Oslo the way Edvard Munch would probably have done today.*

Kristine Isaksen, VG, 6/6 stars

Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine), French (Casterman Jeunesse)



## Iben Akerlie

### The Summer Everything Happened



Original title: *Sommeren alt skjedde*

First publication: May 2022

Publisher: Aschehoug

Middle grade novel • Age: 9 - 12 • 200 pp

**Reading material:** English excerpt, Norwegian ms

Nora is dreading the summer holidays, which she'll be spending in a small town with her grandmother, whom she doesn't really know. But what happens, is better than Nora could have imagined. She meets Abbas, with the greenest eyes she has ever seen. But why is Abbas scared of the shopkeeper, and why is there one set of rules for Nora, and a different set for Abbas?

*The Summer Everything Happened* is a story about a fate meeting, a friendship, the difficulty of standing up to injustice, and finally the courage it takes to do so.

By the author of the award-winning and bestselling *Lol Lars*, published in 15 territories.

IBEN AKERLIE (b. 1988) is an author and one of Norway's leading young actors. Her debut middle grade novel *Lol Lars* was an instant best seller, published in 15 territories, awarded the prestigious ARK Children's Book Prize, nominated for the Book Seller's Prize, the Norwegian Children & YA Authors' Association First Book Prize and the Book Blogger Prize. Akerlie has a degree in special education.



Photo: Anne Valeur

## Maren Ørstavik

### The Last Wild Horse



Original title: *Den siste villhesten*

First publication: March 2022

Publisher: Aschehoug

Middle grade novel • Age: 9 - 12 • 277 pp

**Reading material:** English summary, Norwegian ms

Something strange is happening at Secret Creek riding camp. The wild horses the camp manager was about to sell have disappeared. Hedda wants to save them, but she can't do it alone. And since Natalie only seems to want to hang out with Eline, Jake is the only other person left to turn to. The boy who always does what he likes, the boy who can ride the wild horses. But Jake has his own secrets too.

*The Last Wild Horse* is third book in the series about the horse-loving girl Hedda. Titles in the series:

Book #1: *The Secret of the White Horse*

Book #2: *Sudden Storm*

Book #3: *The Last Wilde Horse*

A thriller series for horse-lovers, about secrets, intrigues, friendships, and romance.

*A dream of a book for horse-loving girls.*

Ingrid Senje, Barnebokkritikk.no

prais for #1, *The Secret of the White Horse*



MAREN ØRSTAVIK (b. 1986) learned horse-riding at a ranch in the US. She is a journalist and music critic and has worked as an editor for a magazine about art for children and young people. She trained as a pianist at the Norwegian Academy of Music and Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover, Germany. Ørstavik currently lives in New York.



Photo: Oda Berby

## Maren Skolem

### How I Spent the Money



Original title: *Hva jeg gjorde med pengene*  
First publication: February 2022  
Publisher: Aschehoug  
YA • Age: 16+ • 350 pp  
**Reading material:** English summary and excerpt, Norwegian ms

Johanne is a student and works as a journalist for the student magazine. She has been supported with a grant to travel with and write about the band "Ask for October" on their European tour. However, she hasn't written a single word, and she doesn't intend to either. Johanne only agreed to go on the tour to keep an eye on her little sister. That's because she knows that the band's charming guitarist, Torjus, is dangerous. Now she has to write to explain what she did with the money.

*The story is original, fresh, and peppered with a glimpse of mood from the magic of live music, which nicely balances the heavy theme. (...) Skolem's writing is trustworthy and at times touchingly raw. (...) Johanne's story raises an important and often ignored issue, which is perpetual relevant. Especially for young people. I dare say that unfortunately there are many, far more than we think, who have something in common with Johanne. That is why this book is important.*

Shana Fevang Mathai, NRK

MAREN SKOLEM (b. 1991) is a scriptwriter for TV and film, among them the HBO TV series *Beforeigners* and the Netflix series *Post Mortem*. She earned the 2018 Amanda Award for her short film script. Skolem has a degree from the Norwegian Film School and has studies in creative writing.



Photo: Karina Rønning Studio Elisenberg

## Bertine Zetlitz

### Top Girl



Original title: *Top Girl*  
First publication: October 2021  
Publisher: Aschehoug  
Age: 13+ • 200 pp  
**Reading material:** English summary, Norwegian ms

Elli is top girl. She always raises her hand, she's on first name terms with her teachers, and she stands at the top of her cheerleading team's pyramid formation. But when it starts getting a little too difficult to hide the fact that the letters hop and dance around the page, and her friends decide to pretend that she doesn't exist, her worst nightmare is realised. She falls. As everything else falls apart too, and nothing is as it should be, how will Elli bring herself to get back on her feet again?

*A book that contains so much wisdom.*  
Marianne Lystrup, Vårt Land

*Bertine Zetlitz has written her way into the elite of this year's debut writers, with a solid novel about the drive for success and reading disorders among children.*

Astrid Fosvold, Periskop

*Top Girl* is an excruciating and brutally honest story about not showing weakness, being the first and the best, while also being small and vulnerable.

*(...) a combination of the linguistic intensity, the creativity and the content of the novel that makes this story so engaging.*

Jonas Hansen Meyer, NRK

BERTINE ZETLITZ (b. 1975) is a music artist, composer, and author. She is a four-time recipient of the Norwegian Grammy Awards "Spellemannsprisen". She has published a fiction novel for adults, *Top Girl* is her first young adult novel.



Photo: Agnete Brun

## BESTSELLERS picture books



Lisa Aisato:  
ALL THE COLORS OF LIFE  
Original title: *Livet. Illustrert*  
Publisher: Kagge, 2018 • Adult gift book  
Foreign rights sold in 17 territories



Haddy Njie & Lisa Aisato (ill.):  
A DREAM FOR EVERY SEASON  
Original title: *Snart sover du*  
Publisher: Cappelen Damm, 2016 • Age: 3+  
Foreign rights sold in 16 territories

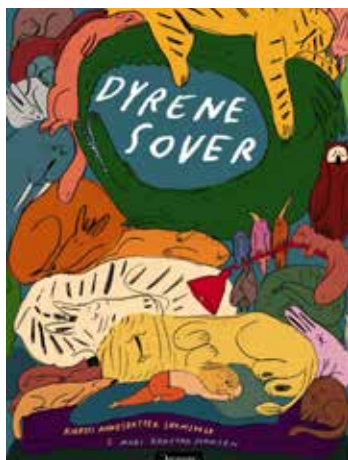
## BESTSELLERS illustrated children's books



Maja Lunde & Lisa Aisato (ill.):  
THE SNOW SISTER  
Original title: *Snøsøsteren*  
Publisher: Kagge, 2018 • Age: 9+  
Foreign rights sold in 30 territories



Maja Lunde & Lisa Aisato (ill.):  
LILLY AND THE SUNKEEPER  
Original title: *Solvokteren*  
Publisher: Kagge, 2020 • Age: 9+  
Foreign rights sold in 16 territories



Kjersti A. Skomsvold & Mari K. Johnsen (ill.):  
BEDTIME FOR BO  
Original title: *Dyrene sover*  
Publisher: Aschehoug, 2021 • Age: 3+  
Foreign rights sold in 12 territories



Nora Brech:  
THE LAST RAINBOW BIRD  
Original title: *Den store fuglejakten*  
Publisher: Aschehoug, 2021 • Age: 3+  
Foreign rights sold in 11 territories



Klaus Hagerup & Lisa Aisato (ill.):  
THE GIRL WHO WANTED TO SAVE THE BOOKS  
Original title: *Jenta som ville redde bøkene*  
Publisher: Gyldendal, 2017 • Age: 6+  
Foreign rights sold in 30 territories

## BESTSELLERS middle grade novels



Iben Akerlie:  
**LOL LARS**  
 Original title: *Lars er lol*  
 Publisher:  
 Aschehoug, 2016  
 Foreign rights sold in  
 14 territories



Marianne Kaurin:  
**OUR OWN LITTLE PARADISE**  
 Original title: *Syden*  
 Publisher:  
 Aschehoug, 2018  
 Foreign rights sold in  
 12 territories



Mina Lystad:  
**NERD**  
 Original title: *Nørd*  
 Publisher:  
 Aschehoug, 2018  
 Foreign rights sold in  
 10 territories



Ingunn Thon:  
**OLLIS**  
 Original title: *Ollis*  
 Publisher:  
 Samlaget, 2017  
 Foreign rights sold in  
 10 territories

## BESTSELLERS illustrated nonfiction



Nina Brochmann, Ellen Støkken Dahl  
 & Magnhild Winsnes (ill.):  
**THE GIRL BOOK**  
 Original title: *Jenteboka.*  
*Ellen og Ninas guide til puberteten*  
 Publisher: Aschehoug, 2019 • Age: 10+  
 Foreign rights sold in 19 territories  
 Film rights: Paraiso



Nina Brochmann, Ellen Støkken Dahl  
 & Magnhild Winsnes (ill.):  
**THE BOY BOOK**  
 Original title: *Gutteboka.*  
*Den guide til puberteten*  
 Publisher: Aschehoug, 2021 • Age: 10+  
 Foreign rights sold in 8 territories

## BESTSELLERS young adults



Randi Fuglehaug & Anne Gunn Halvorsen:  
**ROYALTEEN series**  
 Original title: *Halve kongeriket*  
 Publisher: Aschehoug, 2020, 2021, 2022  
 Foreign rights sold in 10 territories. Film rights: Netflix



Katharina Vestre & Linnea Vestre (ill.):  
**THE ANIMAL BOOK OF RECORDS**  
 Original title: *Dyrenes rekordbok*  
 Publisher: Aschehoug, 2020 • Age: 5+  
 Foreign rights sold in 11 territories



Andreas Tjernshaugen & Line Renslebråten(ill.):  
**THE BLUE WHALE**  
 Original title: *Blåhvalen*  
 Publisher: Kage, 2020 • Age: 8+  
 Foreign rights sold in 5 territories

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