

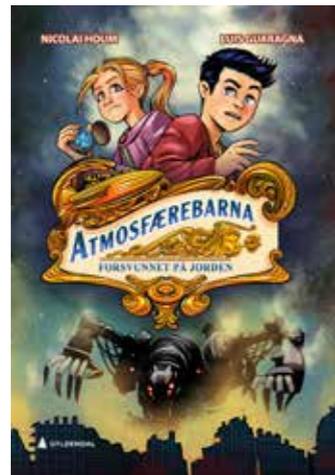
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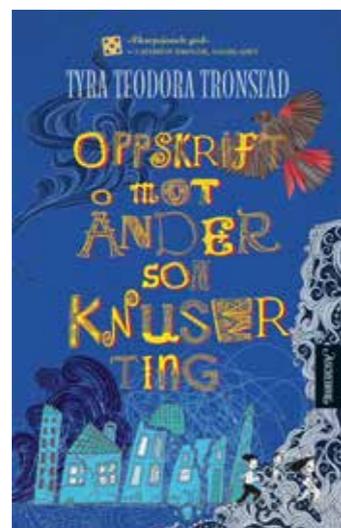
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graphic novel for middle grade readers

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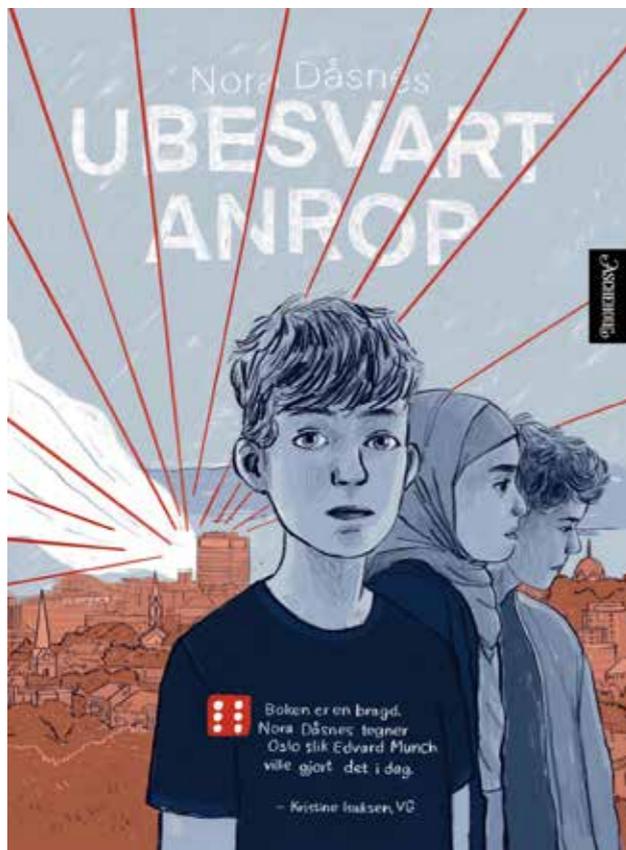
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# Nora Dåsnes

## Missed Calls

awarded the 2022 Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literary Prize



Original title: *Ubesvart anrop*  
 Publ.: 2021  
 Graphic novel • 23,0 cm X 17,0 cm • 283 pp  
 Age: 13+/YA  
 Publisher: Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights: Catalan (Meraki), Danish (Turbine),  
 French (Casterman), World Spanish (Meraki)

English reading material

A story about being young in the time following a terrorist attack.

The graphic novel *Missed Calls* tells a story about searching for the meaning in life when you are facing the meaningless. It's a story about being on the outside, it's about sorrow and anxiety, and it's a story about how demanding it can be to reach out for each other, and how crucial it is when we manage.

**"Nora Dåsnes draws Oslo the way Edvard Munch would have done today."**  
 VG, 6/6 stars

"This year's prize winner has created a book which engages, touches and makes the reader reflect on collective, political societal issues alongside individual, existential questions.

The book's visual language is sober and consistent, and carries a clear personal touch. Through pictures and text, the main character's inner and outer life is depicted in an expressive and unsentimental way. The illustrations are fluid with an everyday melancholy, while the written language is both believable and spoken. Where the text withholds information, the pictures take over as the main narrator of the story. The use of colours is deliberate, effective and telling, and shows how the book's creator is able to elegantly outline the boundary between past and present, between dreams and reality."

*From the Nordic Council jury's statement*

### Awardlist:

the 2022 Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literary Prize

the 2021 Ministry of Culture Graphic Novel Prize

the 2021 Riksmål Prize for Excellent Prose

"GOLD Best Illustrations Children's Books 2022"  
 The Year's Most Beautiful Books (the Norwegian Designer's Guild's Visual Prize)

### Nora Dåsnes international award list:

Winner of the Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literary Prize

Nominated for the Angoulême Comic Festival Award (France)

Nominated for the Max und Moritz Preis (Germany)



Nora Dåsnes (b. 1995) is a graphic designer, illustrator, and author. Her praised graphic novels for children and young adults have earned several prestigious awards and international nominations, and are published in 10 territories. Nora Dåsnes has a degree in illustration and animation from Kingston University, London. She lives in Oslo, Norway.

Photo: Agnete Brun

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



Original title: *Ti kniver i hjertet*  
 Publ.: 2020  
 Graphic novel • 24,0 cm X 17,0 cm • 250 pp  
 Age: 9 - 12  
 Publisher: Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine), Faroese (Bókadeild), French (Casterman), German (Klett), Italian (Mondadori), Korean (Gimm-young), Polish (Czarna Owca), Spanish LA/NA (Planeta Mexico), Spanish Spain (RBA Libros), Swedish (Alfabeta), World English (Hippo Park/Astra Publ.)

English reading material

Nothing is as it used to be when Tuva and her friends start seventh grade. While one of Tuva's best friends now has a boyfriend and the other best friend still wants to play with sticks and fight with the boys, Tuva finds it hard to choose side. Besides, Tuva plans to fall in love herself. Then Miriam shows up.

**A warm-hearted graphic novel about friendship, falling in love for the first time, and figuring out what is cool when you start seventh grade.**

"A debut of an extraordinary high standard, among others through Dåsnes' grip of the details. In *Cross My Heart and Hope to Die*, so much can depend on a small glance, minimal facial expressions, and a father's raised eyebrows. And that's pretty big."  
*From the jury's statement, the 2020 Ministry of Culture's Literary Prize*

"It is smart art of storytelling from first to last page."  
*From the jury's statement, the Pondus Prize*

"... hits right in your heart!"  
 Empirix.no

### Awardlist:

Nominated for the 2022 International Angoulême Comics Festival Awards (France)

Nominated for the Max und Moritz Preis 2022 (Germany)

Awarded the 2020 Ministry of Culture Graphic Novel Prize

Awarded the 2020 Pondus Prize

Awarded "GOLD Best Illustrations Children's Books 2021" and "Diploma Graphic Novels 2021"  
 The Year's Most Beautiful Books (the Norwegian Designer's Guild's Visual Prize)

Nominated for the 2021 Best Graphic Novel

Nominated for the 2021/2022 Avid Reader Award "Bokslukerprisen"

Nominated for the 2021 Children's Book Prize (Bergen Library)

## Nora Dåsnes: Save Our Forest!



Original title: *La skogen leve!*  
 Publ.: 2022  
 Graphic novel • 24,0 cm X 17,0 cm • 232 pp  
 Age: 9 - 12  
 Publisher: Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine), French (Casterman), German (Klett), Swedish (Alfabeta), World English (Hippo Park/Astra Publ.)

English reading material

When Bao finds out that the adults have decided to turn the forest close to the school into a parking lot, she realizes that she's the one who must act! With her best friends Tuva and Linnea along her side, Bao organizes a protest to save the forest. Do Abdi and the other boys in class really understand why it's so important to save the forest? And how do you make the adults understand the seriousness of the situation when you're 12 years old?

*Save Our Forest!* is a stand-alone story from the same univers as the acclaimed and awarded *Cross My Heart and Hope to Die*.

**A story about being old enough to understand what needs to be done, but too young to be taken seriously.**

"Nora Dåsnes has established herself as one of our most important children's book voices."  
 VG 5/6

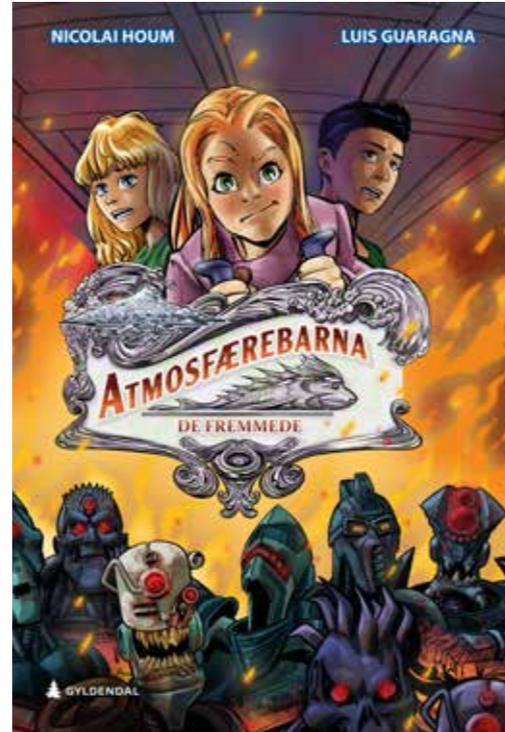
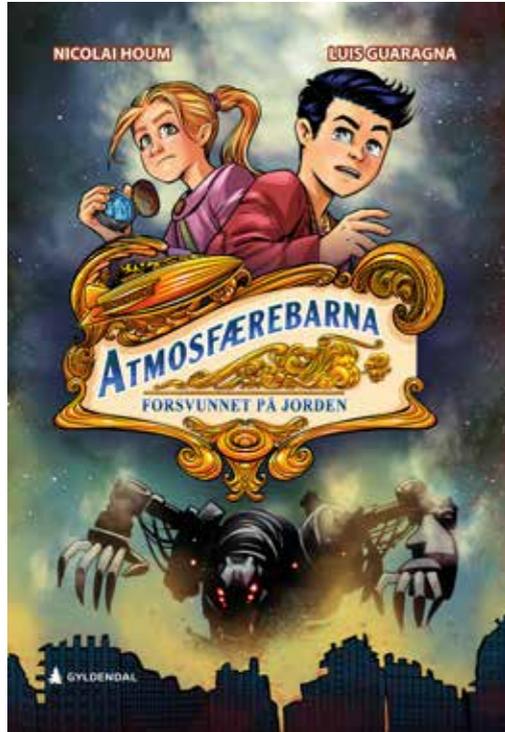
"... a skilful graphic novel artist par excellence."  
 Periskop

"... a powerful graphic novel."  
 NRK

"A new successful graphic novel ...  
 Dåsnes hammers in that commitment avails."  
 Vårt Land

# Nicolai Houm & Luis Guaragna (ill.)

## Children of Empyrean - a two volume series



1. Lost on Planet Earth  
Original title: *Forsvunnet på Jorden*  
First publication: January 2023  
114 pp

2. The Strangers  
Original title: *De fremmede*  
First publication: January 2024  
114 pp

Graphic novel • 17,0 cm X 24,0 cm  
Age: 9 - 12  
Publisher: Gyldendal  
Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine), Swedish (Berghs)

English reading material

Empyrean is an airship flying high above the Earth, and above the clouds. It's the home of some thousand people. The Earth is too toxic and polluted for humans to live and the ravages of the cyborgs makes it an extremely dangerous place. Best friends Akai and Juli have lived all their life on Empyrean and have never been down on Earth. When the airship has to descend to Earth to collect resources, Akai's dog, Nova, suddenly jumps overboard. The lives of Akai and Juli are changed forever when they decide to search for Nova among Earth's dangerous ruins. Down on the ground, they are hunted by cyborgs. To their surprise they discover that there are still people living on Earth.

In the second volume, Akai is still on Earth, while Juli is safe back at Empyrean trying to convince everybody that there are still people living on Earth, and that they need help. It's obvious that someone on the airship knows something. When the authorities put a lid on the case, Juli, Akai's sister and mother take action to rescue Akai and the stranded people.



Luis Guaragna (b. 1973) is an Italian-Argentinian cartoonist, illustrator, and game designer. His books are published in Argentina, Brazil, France, USA, UK, and Spain. His recent works include comics with script by the filmmaker John Carpenter and a graphic novel series scripted by Aleksander Kirkwood Brown. Guaragna lives in Tromsø, Norway.

Nicolai Houm (b. 1974) is the author of acclaimed children's books, novels for adults, and a collection of short stories. He has studied creative writing and journalism and works as an editor for children's books. Houm lives in Drammen, Norway.

"... a solid story. (...) The very last illustration in the [first] book is so painful and beautiful, a drawn cliffhanger of highest class."  
Serienett.no

"... exciting stuff, solid writing ..."  
DN

"An intens story!"  
NRK

For middle grade readers  
who love  
sci-fi, cyborgs, and adventures!

# Maja Lunde & Hans Jørgen Sandnes (ill.)

## Whitebear, the Polar Bear Prince



Original title: *Kvitebjørn*  
First publication: 2022  
Graphic novel • 25,5 cm X 20,5 cm • 229 pp  
Age: 9 - 12  
Publisher: Kagge  
Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine), German (cbj/PRH),  
Hungarian(Cser), Spanish (Galimatazo)  
Film rights: Maipo

### English reading material

The adventurous girl Liv and her family lives in a drought-ridden queendom ruled by a greedy and unhappy queen. When Liv meets a mysterious white bear she goes with him to his ice kingdom in the mountains. A passionate friendship develops between the two. Whitebear is not only a bear but a prince who was once cursed by the witch queen. But the queen's evil spell is closing in on Liv and Whitebear. The fearless Liv, with her charming animal friends by her side, sets out on a journey to confront the queen and save Whitebear. Liv must stand up and fight for what she believes in, for everyone she loves, and for the whole world.

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

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

"... quite simply an exciting and magnificent story...  
Hans Jørgen Sandnes has created something outstanding...  
I hope it (the book) will become a classic."

Serienett.no

**A grand, heart-warming story for all ages,  
about love, greed, and courage.  
Packed with suspense, humour,  
and breathtaking scenery.**

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 4 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 Booksellers' Prize and was the most sold book in Germany in 2017. She writes books for children, young adults, adults, and script for film and TV. Lunde lives in Oslo, Norway.



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Photo: Atle Holtan

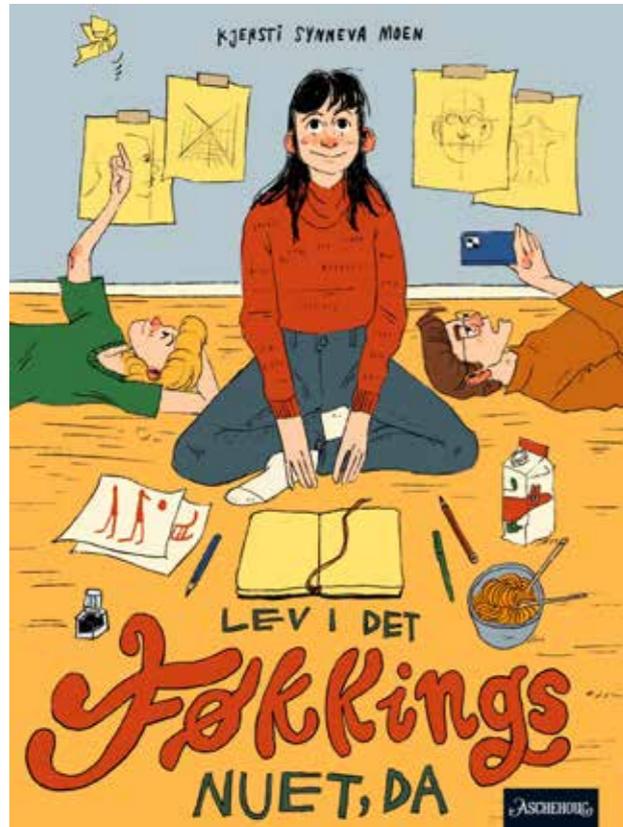
Hans Jørgen Sandnes (b. 1979) is an awarded illustrator, animator, graphic novel author, and film director. He has illustrated more than 30 children's books, many of them bestsellers. His illustrations are published in 20 territories. *Whitebear, the Polar Bear Prince* is the third title he publishes in collaboration with Maja Lunde. Sandnes lives in Sandefjord, Norway.

Maja Lunde and Hans Jørgen Sandnes' shared passion for nature runs through the pages in their graphic novel based on *Valemon*, a much-loved fairy tale.

A modern classic that will make readers in all ages want to go out and explore this wonderful world we live in.

## Kjersti Synneva Moen

### Grab the F\*cking Moment



Original title: *Lev i det føkkings nuet, da*  
 First publication: April 2023  
 Graphic novel • 17,0 cm X 23,0 cm • 200 pp  
 Age: 13+  
 Publisher: Aschehoug

English reading material

Amalie is moving away from home to a studio apartment she'll share with her best friend. Amalie has been accepted at the art class at high school and is finally starting a new and adult life. But nothing turns out as she expected. She is no longer the best in class at drawing and mum calls every single day being sad. And the one person that Amalie had counted on disappears just when she needs her the most.

A story about feeling lonely for the first time in life, about understanding the meaning of clichés, and about becoming your own best friend.

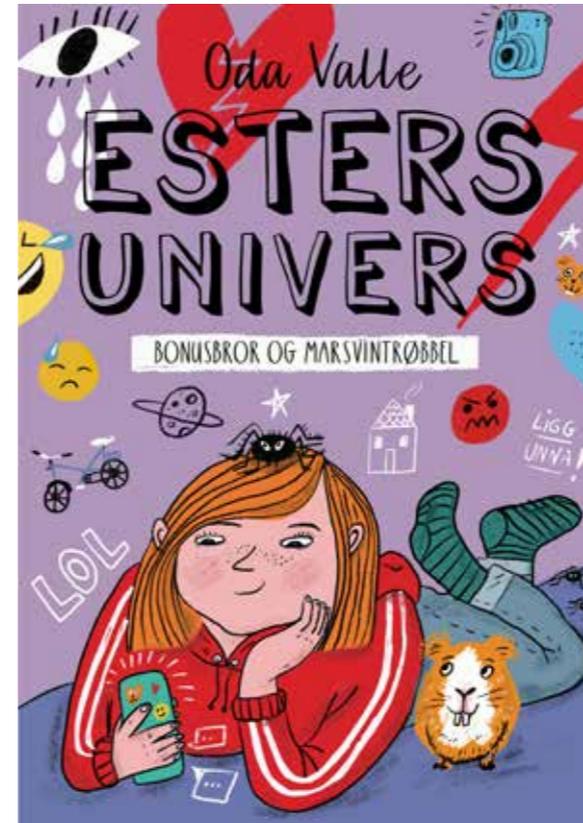


Photo: Agnete Brun

Kjersti Synneva Moen (b. 1995) is an illustrator and a cartoonist living in Oslo, Norway. She grew up in a small place in the middle of Norway. *Grab the F\*cking Moment* is her first graphic novel.

## Oda Valle

### Ester's Univers. Bonus Brother and Guinea Pig Trouble



Original title:  
*Esters Univers. Bonusbror og marsvintrøbbel*  
 First publication: May 2023  
 Graphic novel • 17,0 cm X 24,0 cm • 200 pp  
 Age: 6 - 9  
 Publisher: Aschehoug

English reading material

Ester lives one week with mum, and one week with dad. It works perfectly fine! Until today. Mum's boyfriend Tor are moving in. And it's not only Tor who's moving in. So will Bo, Tor's son. Ester can't stand any of them. Together with her best friend she plans how to get rid of them. They will prank Bo! Bo then will sure want to move, and ta-da, Ester is rid of him and Tor. Or will she? Can it be that Bo is a nice guy?

A story about getting a bonus brother you haven't asked for, about doing something about it, and about understanding that you might got it wrong.



Photo: Oda Valle

Oda Valle (b. 1983) is an illustrator, author, and cartoonist. She has a bachelor's in visual communication from Birmingham Institute of Art and Design, a year programme in educational theory and practice in design, art, and craft from University of Bergen. Valle lives in Os, Bjørnafjorden on the west coast of Norway.

# Michelle Tolo

## The Ghost Friend series



Original title:  
*Spøkelsesvenn 1. Det første møtet*  
 Publ.: 2020  
*Spøkelsesvenn 2. Poltergeist*  
 Publ.: 2022  
 Graphic novel • 24,1 cm X 17,7 cm • 120 pp  
 Age: 6 - 9  
 Publisher: Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine)

English reading material

"... vividly and effectively told ... The result is incredibly professional. The artist behind this series knows what children want."  
 Bergens Tidende

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

### Book #1: The First Meeting

Magnus finds it hard to be new in town. He gets to know Chris and Even who like to do pranks, while his mother is constantly nagging him to do homework. No one really understands Magnus. Until Saga turns up. But Saga is not an ordinary friend. She is a ghost, and only visible to Magnus. And she is hiding something. Saga has a big secret!

### Book #2: Poltergeist

Magnus and Saga are dealing with hungry Poltergeists when they face a new challenge: A hardheaded ghost of a Viking boy is trapped in an ancient coin. Freeing him proves to be a difficult task.

*The Ghost Friend series tells the story about a unique friendship.*

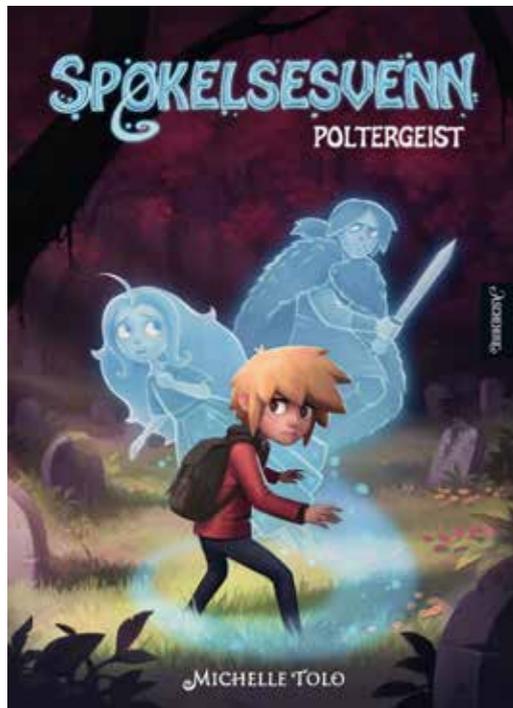


Photo: Oda Berby



Michelle Tolo (b. 1991) is an illustrator and concept designer working with films like "Transformers 5" and "Passengers", games, and commercials for international studios. She worked for several years in London before heading back to Norway. Tolo is a CG artist educated at The Animation Workshop in Denmark. Today she lives in Bergen, Norway.

**Everyone wants to have a best friend.  
 Magnus' best friend is Saga.  
 She is not an ordinary friend, she is a ... GHOST.**

**First title in the series was nominated for  
 the Sproing Prize**

**Second title is nominated for  
 the Ministry of Culture Graphic Novel Prize**

# Fanny Vaager & Annika Linn Verdal Homme (ill.)

## Image of a Tesla on Fire



Original title: *Bilde av en brennende Tesla*  
 First publication: March 2023  
 Graphic novel • 21,6 cm X 17,8 cm • 200 pp  
 Age: YA  
 Publisher: Aschehoug

English reading material

This is Ivy, Asha, and Farzana's story.

A story about cars, secret rave parties, daddy's boys, and a gigantic baby.

A story about abuse of power, radical protest groups, and dirty pigs with suits and ties in the pigsty.

A story about joy and anger, about violence and friendship.



Photo: Birgit Solhaug



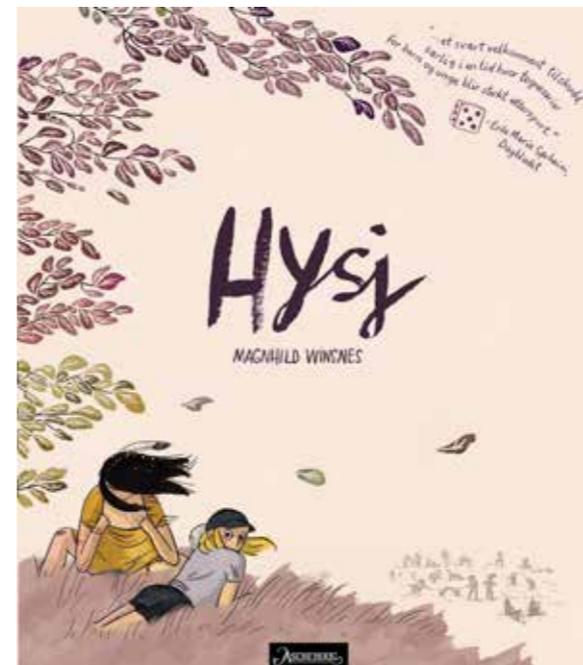
Photo: Tonje Lona Eriksen

Annika Linn Verdal Homme (b. 1997) is a punk musician, illustrator, and graphic designer. She has a degree from Oslo National Academy of the Arts. Originally from the city of Kristiansand, she lives currently in Oslo, Norway

Fanny Vaager (b. 1989) is an author. She writes for newspapers and magazines, has worked at an advertising agency, as a dramaturg, and a stage director. She lives in Oslo, Norway.

# Magnhild Winsnes

## Shhh



Original title: *Hysj*  
 Publ.: 2017  
 Graphic novel • 23,0 cm X 20,0 cm • 368 pp • Age: 10+  
 Publisher: Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights: Chinese simpl. (PRH China), Croatian (V.B.Z.), French (Sarbacane), German (Limbion), Italian (Mondadori), Russian (Popuri), Spanish (Liana Editorial)

English reading material

**Awardlist:**

**Exceptional Book 2021 (Germany)**

International Children's and Youth Literature of the 21th  
 International Literature Festival Berlin

**the Ministry of Culture First Book Prize**

**the Critics' Prize for Best Children and YA**

**the Norwegian Children & YA Author's Association  
 First Book Prize**

**"BEST OF SHOW"** The Year's Most Beautiful Books  
 (the Norwegian Designer's Guild visual prize)

**"GOLD – Best Illustrations and Design Children's Book"**  
 The Year's Most Beautiful Books (the Norwegian Designer's Guild  
 visual prize)

"... wonderful, tender ... original and beautiful ..."  
 Hamar Arbeiderblad, 6/6 stars

"... a powerful debut ...  
 a book that smells of summer and freshly cut grass  
 and tells a story that really hits."  
 Empirix

"... excellent prose and exciting visual compositions,  
 my expectations for her next project are high."  
 Dagbladet, 5/6 stars

"... catches to the point the fragile, insecure time  
 between childhood and youth. ... a beautiful book."  
 Dagsavisen

Magnhild Winsnes (b. 1980) is an awarded and highly acclaimed animator and illustrator. For her illustrations in the two bestsellers *The Girl Book* and *The Boy Book*, written by Nina Brochman and Ellen Støkken Dahl, she was awarded "GOLD" and "SILVER" for best illustrations and design non-fiction children and YA. Winsnes has worked with several animation 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

# Irene Marienborg

## Merry Christmas! Says Nora



Original title: *God jul! sier Nora*  
 Publ.: 2022  
 Picture book • 18,5 cm X 18,5 cm • 32 pp  
 Age: 2+  
 Publisher: Aschehoug

It's december and Nora looks forward to Christmas. Every morning she wakes up early eager to open her Advent calendar. In the kindergarden they're having a Christmas workshop, and Nora is making a supernice star for Grandma as a Christmas present. But when Aldo all of a sudden takes the star with him, Nora wonders what she is going to give Grandma for Christmas.

Colourful and joyful stories  
 for the youngest readers



Photo: Niklas R. Lello

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

The  
 Nora series  
 11 titles



Picture books • 18,5 cm X 18,5 cm • 32 pp  
 Age: 2+  
 Publisher: Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine), Polish (Media Rodzina)

English reading material

Titles in the series:  
*Merry Christmas! Says Nora*  
*Ouch! Says Nora*  
*Nighty-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*

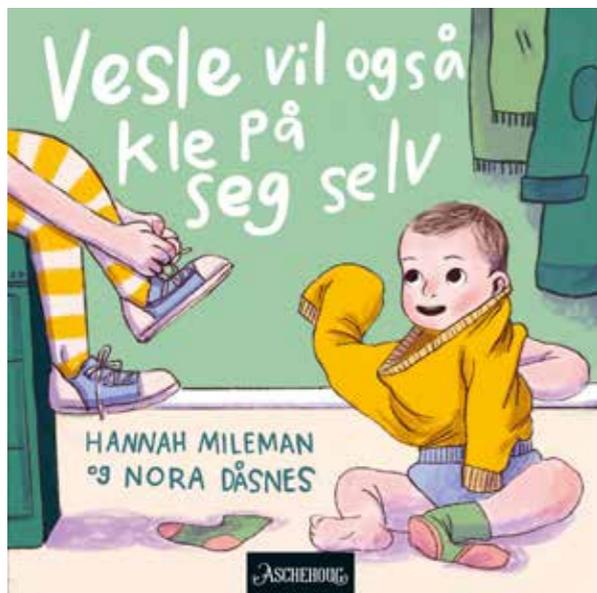
## Meet Nora!

Charming Nora is full of energy! She splashes in puddles, bakes cookies, looks at the stars, goes to the bathroom for the first time, and celebrates her friend's birthday.

The Nora series portray the exciting everyday life situations that are familiar for the youngest readers as well as adults reading the books aloud.

## Hannah Mileman & Nora Dåsnes (ill.)

### Winnie Wants to Dress Himself



Original title:  
*Vesle vil også kle på seg selv*  
Publ.: 2022  
Picture book • 18,5 cm X 18,5 cm • 32 pp  
Age: 2+  
Publisher: Aschehoug  
Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine)

Winnie is the little brother, and big sister Wendy often helps him. But not today! Today Winnie wants to put his clothes on all by himself! Will it work? Will Winnie be as good as Wendy at putting his clothes on?



Winnie Wants to Bake

Original title: *Vesle vil også bake*  
First publication: 2021



Winnie Wants to Go to the Loo

Original title: *Vesle vil også gå på do*  
First publication: 2021



Winnie Wants to Count to Ten

Original title: *Vesle vil også telle til ti*  
First publication: 2022

### Winnie Wants to ...

- a board book series
- warm-hearted and humorous
- the youngest readers can recognize themselves in Winnie and his small dilemmas and great emotions

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!

**Hannah Mileman** (b. 1995) is an author, illustrator, and designer with a degree from Kingston University, London. She lives in Oslo, Norway.



Photo: Oda Berby

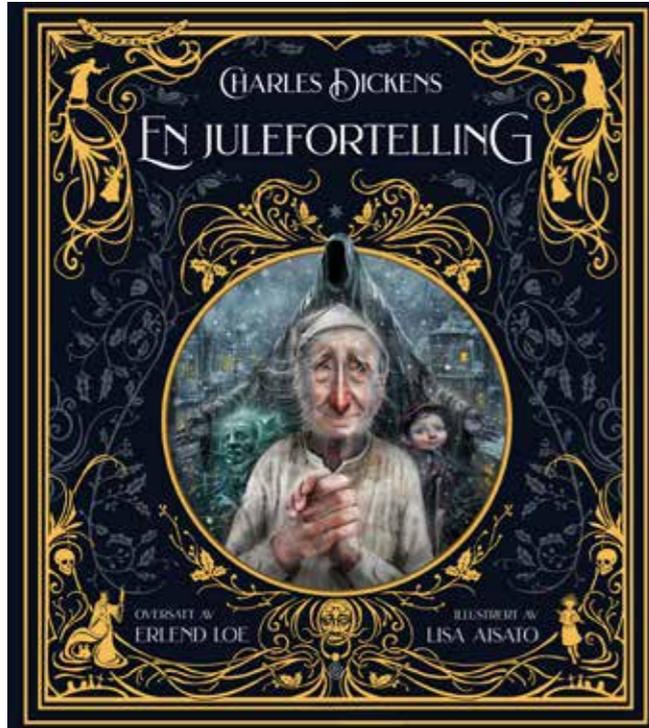


Photo: Agnete Brun

**Nora Dåsnes** (b. 1995) is a graphic designer, illustrator, and author. Her praised graphic novels have earned several prestigious awards and international nominations, and are published in 10 territories. Dåsnes has a degree in illustration and animation from Kingston University, London. She lives in Oslo, Norway.

## Lisa Aisato

Illustrates *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens



Original title: *A Christmas Carol*  
Publ.: 2022  
Illustrated book  
Format: 24 cm X 27 cm • 130 pp  
Age: a classic for readers 8 - 100  
Publisher: Kagge

Foreign rights:  
Bulgarian (Ciela Norma), Catalan (B de Blok/PRH Spain), Danish (Straarup), Estonian (Rahva Raamat), German (WooW Books), Hungarian (Libertine), Korean (Gimm-Young), Polish (Literackie), Slovakian (Tatran), World Spanish (B de Blok/PRH Spain)

Material: full-color illustrations and book design

**#1 bestselling artist**  
**Lisa Aisato**  
illustrates the classic  
*A Christmas Carol*  
by Charles Dickens

The original text is in the public domain.

*A Christmas Carol* is as popular today as after it was first published more than 175 years ago. Charles Dickens, through the voice of Ebenezer Scrooge, continues to urge us to honor Christmas in our hearts and try to keep it all the year round. Lisa Aisato portrays Scrooge's transformation in her unique style which touches us to our innermost being.

Lisa Aisato is praised for her sumptuous full-color illustrated books. All of them have been record-breaking sales successes, which are sold to publishing houses throughout the world and have earned several nominations and international awards.

"I have endeavoured in this Ghostly little book, to raise the Ghost of an Idea, which shall not put my readers out of humour with themselves, with each other, with the season, or with me. May it haunt their houses pleasantly, and no one wish to lay it."  
Charles Dickens



Lisa Aisato (b. 1981) is an award-winning and bestselling author, illustrator, and artist. Her acclaimed books are published in more than 30 territories. The coffee table art book, *All the Colors of Life* (2019), a bestseller printed in 170,000 copies in Norway, won the Norwegian Booksellers' Prize and hit Der Spiegel's bestseller list spring 2022. *The Snow Sister* (2018), written by Maja Lunde, was a record-breaking success, printed in 250,000 copies in Norway. Aisato runs her own gallery at Hvaler Islands on the South East coast of Norway where she lives.

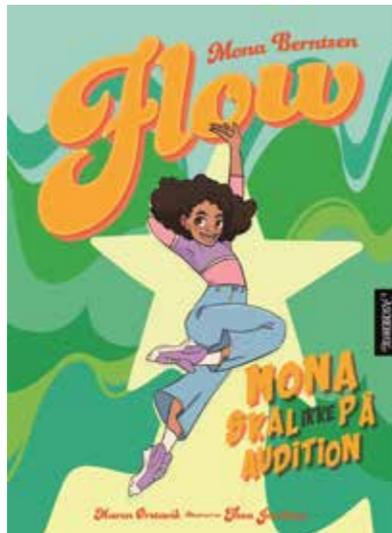
# Mona Berntsen & Thea Jacobsen (ill.)

## The Flow Series



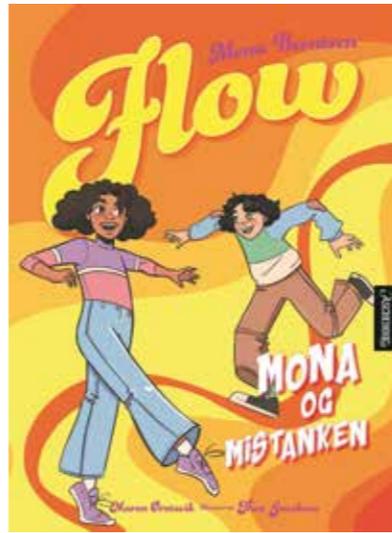
Flow 1.  
Mona and the Dance Dream

Original title: *Mona og dansedrømmen*  
First publication: 2022  
112 pp



Flow 2.  
Mona Is (Not) Going to Audition

Original title: *Mona skal (ikke) på audition*  
First publication: 2022  
144 pp



Flow 3.  
Mona and the Suspicion

Original title: *Mona og mistanken*  
First publication: March 2023  
100 pp

Illustrated children's books series  
Co-author: Maren Ørstavik  
Format: 15,0 cm X 20,5 cm  
Age: 6 - 9  
Publisher: Aschehoug  
Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine)

**The FLOW series  
is about  
Mona who loves to dance!**

**Flow 1**  
Mona's passion in life is dancing. Dancing is all she wants to do. But the dance girls at school are incredibly stupid and they are mean to Mona's best friend Benji. She could never support them when they ask for her help. Or could she?

**Flow 2**  
Mona finally makes friends with Cornelia, the best dancer at Tiny Studio. But the friendship is at stake when the TV danceshow "The Future Star" has an audition. Mona must make a difficult choice. What is most important: to be the best dancer or to be the best friend?

**Flow 3**  
Only the best dancers at Tiny Studio are invited to join the elite group The Movesters. Mona is one of the lucky ones who get the chance, but she struggles to find her place. When a mysterious theft happens and her best friend Benji becomes a suspect, she is forced to make an impossible choice: the dance group or Benji?



Photo: Julie Pike

Mona Berntsen (b. 1990) is a Norwegian-Moroccan dancer. She's a winner of the TV show "So You Think You Can Dance Scandinavia", and works with artists like Justin Bieber, Madonna, Justin Timberlake, and Alicia Keys.

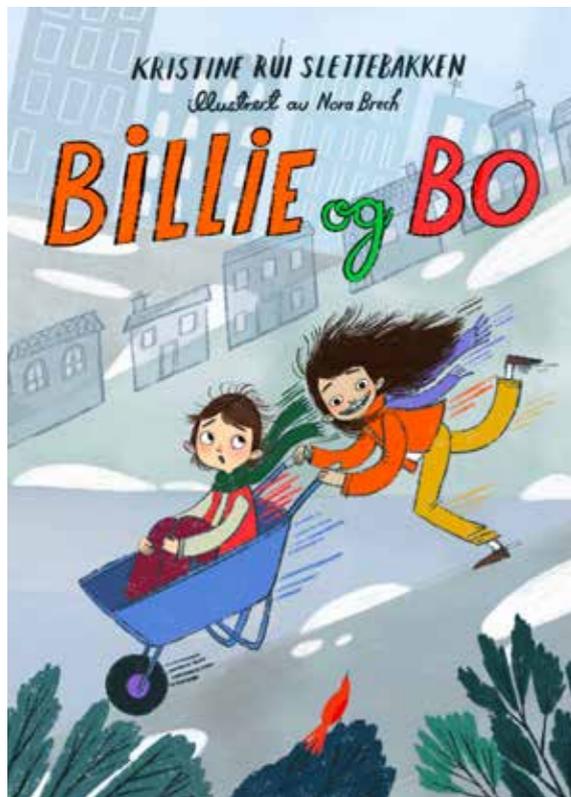


Photo: Agnete Brun

Thea Jacobsen is an illustrator and animator. She has a 3D Animation (BaHons) degree from the University of Greenwich in London. Jacobsen lives in Oslo, Norway.

# Kristine Rui Slettebakken & Nora Brech (ill.)

## Billie and Bo



Original title: *Billie og Bo*  
First publication: May 2023  
Illustrated children's book  
Format 17 cm X 23,5 cm • 103 pp  
Age: 6 - 9  
Publisher: Gyldendal  
Foreign rights: Danish (Straarup, in auction)

English reading material

When Billie joins Bo's class she decides that Bo is her chosen one. Bo finds it quite nice to have a friend who's not afraid of anything. A friend who has a twig in her hair, who jumps into freezing cold water, and every day waits for Bo outside his apartment building. But what does Billie mean by being the chosen one?

With black and white illustrations by Nora Brech.



Photo: Julie Pike

Nora Brech (b. 1988) is an acclaimed illustrator and picture book artist. Her picture books are published in 15 territories. In 2019 she was nominated for the Norwegian Book Prize (Brage) for her illustrations in a children's book. She has a degree in art drawing. Brech lives in Oslo, Norway.

Photo: Julie Pike



Kristine Rui Slettebakken (b. 1977) has written several award-winning children's books. Her debut was nominated for the Norwegian Children & YA Authors' Association First Book Prize. For her second book she received the Ministry of Culture Literature Prize and was nominated for the two prestigious awards, the Norwegian Book Prize (Brage) and the ARK's Children's Book Prize. Slettebakken has studied creative writing and literature at the Norwegian Institute for Children's Books. She is an actor, theatre instructor, and narrator of audio books. She grew up in the small town of Kragerø and lives in Oslo, Norway.

# Iben Akerlie

## The Summer Everything Happened



Original title: *Sommeren alt skjedde*  
 Publ.: May 2022  
 Middle grade novel • 175 pp  
 Publisher: Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights: Bulgarian (Tonipress), Danish (Gyldendal), German (Oetinger), Ukraine (The Old Lion)

English reading material

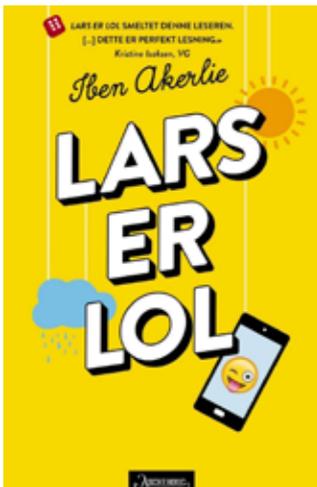
Nora is dreading the summer holidays, which she'll be spending with her grandmother, whom she doesn't really know. But what happens, is better than Nora could have imagined. She meets Abbas, with the greenest eyes she has ever seen. But why is Abbas scared of the shopkeeper, and why is there one set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

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

### Nominated for the 2022 ARK Children's Book Prize

"A very good children's book ...  
 an ambitious author that hits the young  
 readers straight in their hearts."  
 NRK

"Akerlie's books are warmly humanistic ... a demonstration  
 of the distinction between sympathy and empathy."  
 Aftenposten



**Lol Lars**  
 Original title: *Lars er lol*  
 Publ.: 2016  
 Middle grade novel • 230 pp  
 Publisher: Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights sold in 15 territories  
 Film rights: Nordisk Film  
 English reading material

Nominations:  
 The Norwegian Booksellers' Prize  
 The Norwegian Children & YA Authors' Association First Book Prize  
 The Book Bloggers' Prize  
 The Children's Book Prize (Bergen Library)  
 The "Boksluker" Prize

**#1 Bestseller**  
**Awarded**  
**the ARK Children's Book Prize**

**Nominated**  
**for the Norwegian Booksellers' Prize**

Photo: Oda Hveem

"... an indisputable talent for storytelling."  
 Klassekampen, about *The Summer Everything Happened*

"A humanistic accomplishment of a children's book. [...]  
*Lol Lars* melted this readers heart. [...]"

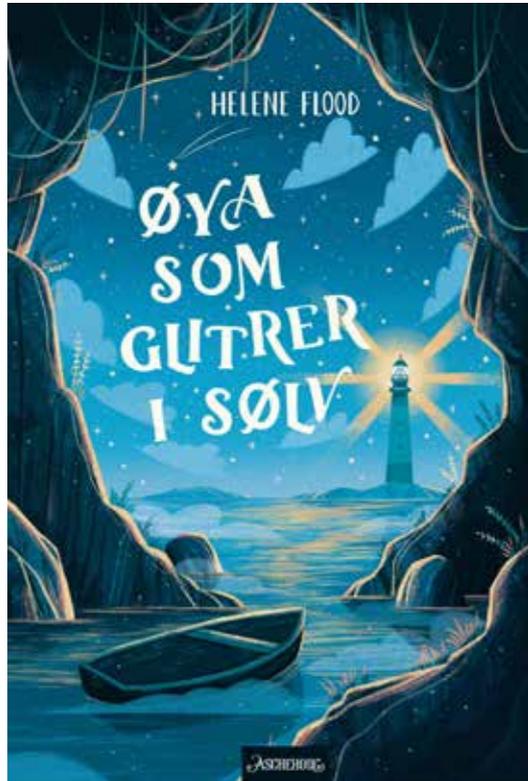
"It is a perfect read."  
 VG, 6/6 stars, about *Lol Lars*

"... super charming."  
 Dagbladet, about *Lol Lars*

Iben Akerlie (b. 1988) is a bestselling children's book author and one of Norway's leading actors. Sold in 15 territories, her debut *Lol Lars* was an instant bestseller, won the prestigious ARK Children's Book Prize, and was nominated for the Norwegian Book Sellers' Prize, the Norwegian Children & YA Authors' Association First Book Prize, and the Book Bloggers' Prize. The film based on *Lol Lars* will be launched September 2023. Akerlie has a degree in in special education.

## Helene Flood

### The Silver Sparkling Island



Original title: *Øya som glitrer i sølv*  
First publication: April 2023  
Middle grade novel • 200 pp  
Publisher: Aschehoug

Like every summer before, the four children spend the summer holiday on an idyllic island. But soon lazy summer days turns into dark and dangerous mysteries. Why is the old, closed lighthouse sending signals in the night? Who leaves mysterious traces in the sand on the beach? And for what purpose is the cave at the outermost islet used, and by whom? The more curious the children are, the more dangerous it gets.

A perfect summer read!

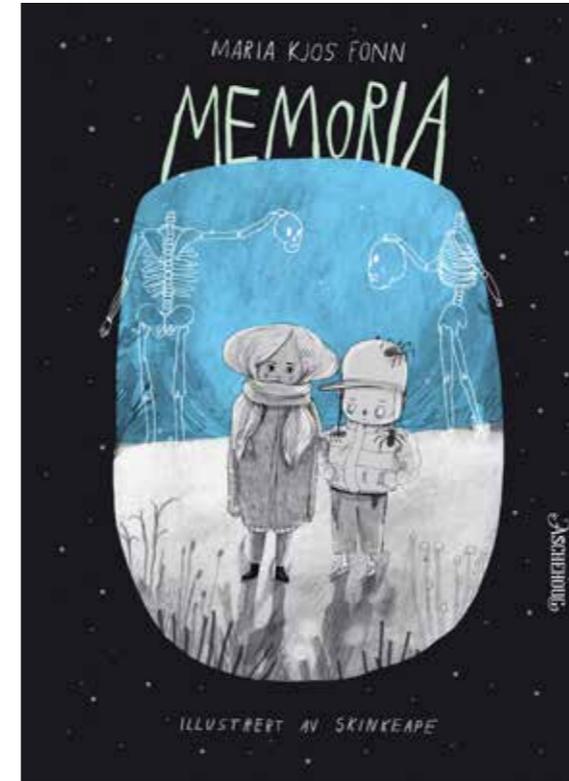
Suspense for children from the internationally award-winning and bestselling author Helene Flood.



Helene Flood (b 1982) is the author of international bestselling adult fiction thrillers. Her debut, *The Therapist*, is bought for film by Anonymous Content, and rights have been sold to 29 countries, topped bestseller charts, and earned numerous awards and nominations. *The Silver Sparkling Island* is her first book for children. Flood is a psychologist with a PhD degree and works as a psychologist and researcher at the National Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress. She lives in Oslo, Norway.

## Maria Kjos Fonn

### Memoria



Original title: *Memoria*  
First publication: November 2022  
Middle grade novel • 200 pp  
Publisher: Aschehoug

Liv's grandmother is the best in the world at playing the piano, smoking, and cursing. When the grandmother dies and everybody forgets that she has ever lived, Liv must go to Memoria, the realm of the dead, to bring back her grandmother's memory. Many dangers await in Memoria. Will Liv manage to get back alive?

With black and white illustrations by Skinkeape.

A moving and poetic story about loss, about everything we mean to each other, and about to moving on.

"... a fantastic, playful ghost story ..."  
Dagbladet, 5/6 stars

"... a homage to the longing and a resistance against oblivion."  
Klassekampen

"Rich and poetic about death's place in the consumer society. Maria Kjos Fonn's first children's book endeavour to open the conversation about how we deal with death and memories in a way that both children and adults will benefit from reading the book."  
Vårt Land

Maria Kjos Fonn (b. 1990) is one of the strongest young literary voices in Norway. For her first novel, *Kinderwhore*, she was awarded the prestigious Tarjei Vesaas Debut Prize and nominated for the Norwegian Book Award (Brage). She is also established as a prominent essayist on issues like politics, feminism and society. *Memoria* is her first children's book. She lives in Oslo, Norway.



## Ellen Sofie Lauritzen

### Cat NOW! plz



Original title: *Må. Ha. Katt!*  
First publication: 2021  
Middle grade novel • 203 pp  
Publisher: Aschehoug  
Foreign rights: Danish (Straarup)  
English reading material

Eli is about to start sixth grade, and life sucks. Mom has moved (to "Shitty Stein"), Dad is quieter than ever, Billie doesn't want to be BFFs anymore, and everything is Eli's fault. Watching cat videos on YouTube and looking for cats online seems to be the only thing that helps. While browsing for cats, Eli finds Alf, a five-year-old, broad-shouldered black and white house cat. Can he solve this lame life? And most importantly: Can he become a YouTube star, a catfluencer?

*Cat NOW! plz* is a sore story full of humour and heart, about fragile friendships, cool cats, stupid parents, and the fear of being exposed.

If you're a fan of cat videos, you will love Eli and Alf!

"... easily read and gripping"  
Vårt Land

"... a rock solid debut ... told with vitality, humour and warmth"  
Periskop

"... a book for all cat lovers"  
Barnebokkritikk

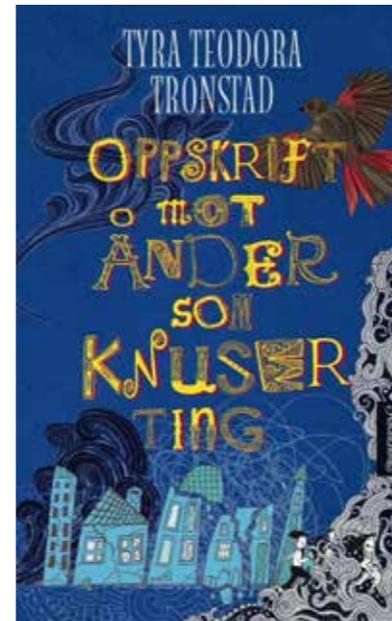
Ellen Sofie Lauritzen (b. 1985) has for many years worked as a critic and a journalist. Today she works in publishing. She is an author of non-fiction books for adults. *Cat NOW! plz* is her debut as a children's book author. Lauritzen lives in Oslo, Norway.



Photo: Agnete Brun

## Tyra Teodora Tronstad

### How to Deal With Stormy Spirits



Original title: *Oppskrift mot ånder som knuser ting*  
First publication: 2022  
Middle grade novel • 198 pp  
Publisher: Aschehoug  
Foreign rights: Danish (Turbine)  
English reading material

The only thing Henry knows about his dead mother is that she was the best shoemaker in the world and that he and his father must never talk about her. If they do, terrible storms will come and crush everything in the small flat where they live. When the storm one day comes to school, Henry is blamed for the damages the storm causes. And when Henry's father, the famous opera singer whose voice has been poor since the death of Henry's mother, is in danger of losing his job, Henry must find out what his mother is trying to tell them. It requires curiosity and courage, good friends, and a girl with a silver cape, a bird, and a recipe for how to deal with stormy spirits.

Awarded the Norwegian "Riksmålsprisen" for excellent prose  
Nominated for the 2022 Norwegian Book Award (Brage)

"Tronstad creates magic ..."  
Aftenposten

"Reminiscent of Astrid Lindgren and Roald Dahl."  
Dagbladet 5/6 stars

"A stunningly beautiful children's book."  
NRK

"Exceptionally good. ... Her literary voice is fantastic, the rhythm, metaphors, and merry brutality is reminiscent of Astrid Lindgren and Roald Dahl. ... I have no doubt that this book will be a success for fantasy readers in all ages."  
Dagbladet 5/6 stars

"It's so well made ... It will for sure create a joy of reading for the target group."  
Klassekampen

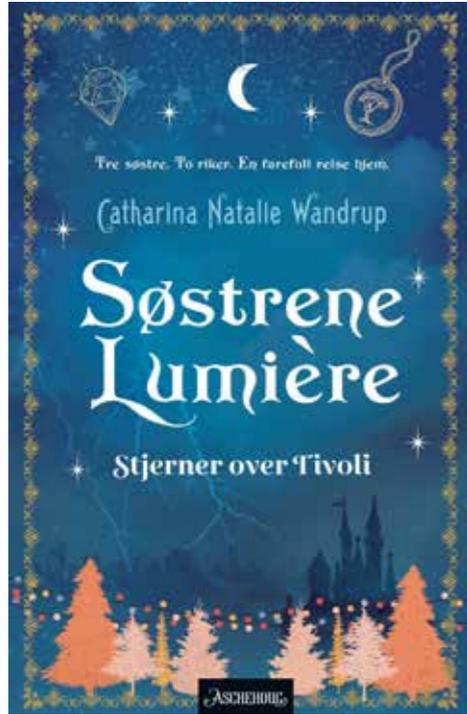
Tyra Teodora Tronstad (b. 1972) is an author of several acclaimed and awarded books for young adults and adults. She has twice been awarded and once been nominated for the Critics' Prize for Best Children's and YA Book. *How to Deal With Stormy Spirits* is her first children's book. Tronstad lives in Oslo, Norway.



Photo: Hans Fredrik Asbjørnsen

# Catharina Natalie Wandrup

## The Sisters Lumière. Stars Above Tivoli



Original title: *Søstrene Lumière. Stjerner over Tivoli*  
 First publication: November 2022  
 Middle grade novel • 376 pp  
 Publisher: Aschehoug

### English reading material

The princesses Liv, Klara, and Hjertia are on the run, on their way back home to the realm of Lamèredi. Someone is chasing them, and that someone knows that there's something special about them. The three sisters set off on a perilous journey through Grim, the humans' realm, ruled by a terrifying emperor and where they experience modern technology for the first time. They find shelter in a closed amusement park, but can they be safe there? How can they save themselves when their new friends need their help? Will they ever find their way home?

A thrilling and exciting magical story about heroic courage, amazing power, and daring doing the right thing instead of hiding forever.

Fantasy for middle grade readers

"[The book] will hit the children straight in their heart. It feels extra relevant to read a fantasy novel where the world's peace is at stake. It's refreshing ..."

Aftenposten

"Wandrup's debut is original and has a distinctive character that established authors struggle to achieve. [The book] is one of the best children's books in 2022."

Bok365 6/6 stars

"The reader is absorbed into the magical world."

Periskop

Catharina Natalie Wandrup (b. 1987) is a film and tv photographer. *The Sisters Lumière. Stars Above Tivoli* is her debut. She lives in Oslo, Norway.



# Taran L. Bjørnstad

## Week 40



Original title: *Uke 40*  
 First publication: February 2023  
 Young Adult Novel • 275 pp  
 Publisher: Aschehoug  
 Foreign rights: Danish (Straarup, pre-empt)

### English reading material

18-year-old Even is in his last year as a high school student and he has big plans. His ambitions are to qualify for the national championship in climbing and then the examination for military service. When he meets Iben, who is two years older, stunningly beautiful, and a student of philosophy, he falls deeply in love. They spend a night together. But Iben is not easy to understand. She keeps a distance and is hard to contact. Even is thrown into a roller coaster of emotions, from overwhelming love to a broken heart. When a psychiatrist one day contacts Even and tells him that Iben is pregnant and that she is not able to care for a child, he is faced with a difficult choice. What will Even do? Can he be a father?

"Week 40 is a strong and sympathetic novel..."  
 Dagbladet 5/6 stars

"Taran L. Bjørnstad has written a sensationally trustworthy story about a 18-year-old who is suddenly to become a dad."

NRK

Taran L. Bjørnstad (b. 1966) is an established author of acclaimed and award-winning books for children and young adults. Her books are translated into several languages. In 2017 she was nominated for one of the world's most prestigious literary awards, the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis for her middle grade novel *The Crocodile Thief*. She has been the leader of the Norwegian Writers for Children Author's Association. Bjørnstad has a university degree in media and communication from London and Oslo and has worked as a media analyst and researcher.



# Randi Fuglehaug & Anne Gunn Halvorsen

## Royalteen 6. The Queen



Original title: *Halve kongeriket 6. Dronningen*  
 First publication: June 2023  
 Young adult novel • 200 pp  
 Publisher: Aschehoug

English reading material

Everybody finds it so cool that Fanny is gay. Everybody but Fanny.

Fanny's heart goes crazy when she meets Julie again. Last time they tried to be a couple, it ended at the police station. After that Fanny said stop because she couldn't stand the trouble and noise. So why is this loud girl all she can think of?

A modern love story about new pride, old prejudice, and about finding oneself at the end of the rainbow.

### THE ROYALTEEN SERIES:

Winner of the 2020 YA prize - *The Heir*  
 Nominated for the 2023 YA prize - *Royal Blood*

Sold in pre-empts, auctions,  
 and multi-book deals in 13 territories

The film, *Royalteen*, adapted by Netflix,  
 went straight into the Top 10 in 73 countries

The second film,  
*Royalteen 2: Princess Margrethe*  
 will be streamed on Netflix in May 2023



Photo: Netflix film poster

Original titles: *Halve kongeriket*. #1 *Arvingen* (2020, 270 pp), #2 *Drømmepriinsen* (2021, 208 pp), #3 *På tronen* (2021, 312 pp), #4 *Audiens* (2022, 300 pp), #5 *Blått Blod* (2022, 230 pp), #6 *Dronningen* (2023), #7 *Hoffnarren* (2023), #8 *Kroningen* (2024)

Publisher: Aschehoug

Reading material: full English ms #1, English excerpt #2, English summaries #1- #8, English reviews #1, Norwegian ms #1- #6

Foreign rights: Bulgarian (Perseus, 6 books), Catalan (Planeta, 3 books), Danish (Gyldendal, 3 books in auction), Dutch (Unieboek, Het Spectrum, 3 books), Finnish (WSOY, 4 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), Romanian (Univers, 2 books in pre-empt), Russian (AST, 2 books), Ukrainian (Ranok, 3 titles), World Spanish (Planeta, 3 books). Film rights: Netflix



**"Funny, feel-good royal goodies plus teenage issues. ... I jump out of my chair – and literally scream for a follow-up... This book simply has to be a hit."**

Dagbladet, 5/6 stars,  
 about *Royalteen 1: The Heir*

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.

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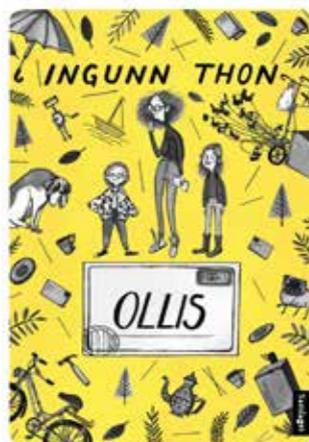
## BESTSELLERS middle grade novels



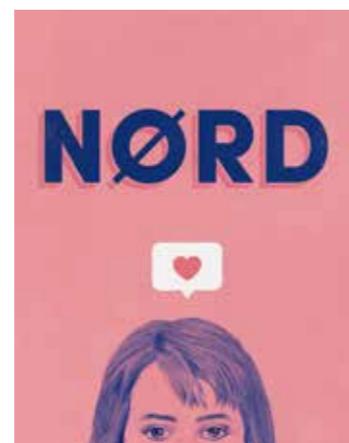
Marianne Kaurin:  
OUR OWN LITTLE PARADISE  
Original title: *Syden*  
Publisher: Aschehoug, 2018  
Foreign rights sold in 17 territories  
• **Awarded Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis 2021**



Iben Akerlie:  
LOL LARS  
Original title: *Lars er lol*  
Publisher: Aschehoug, 2016  
Foreign rights sold in 15 territories  
Film rights: Nordisk Film



Ingunn Thon:  
OLLIS  
Original title: *Ollis*  
Publisher: Samlaget, 2017  
Foreign rights sold in 10 territories  
• **Nominated for the 2021 CILIP Carnegie Medal (UK)**  
• **Nominated for "Premio Strega 2018" (Italy)**



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

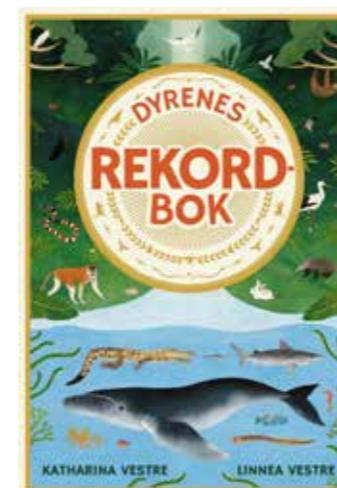
## BESTSELLERS illustrated nonfiction



Nina Brochmann, Ellen Stokken 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 20 territories  
Film option rights sold: tba



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



Katharina Vestre & Linnea Vestre (ill.):  
THE ANIMAL BOOK OF RECORDS  
Original title: *Dyrenes rekordbok*  
Publisher: Aschehoug, 2020 • Age: 5+  
Foreign rights sold in 12 territories



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



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