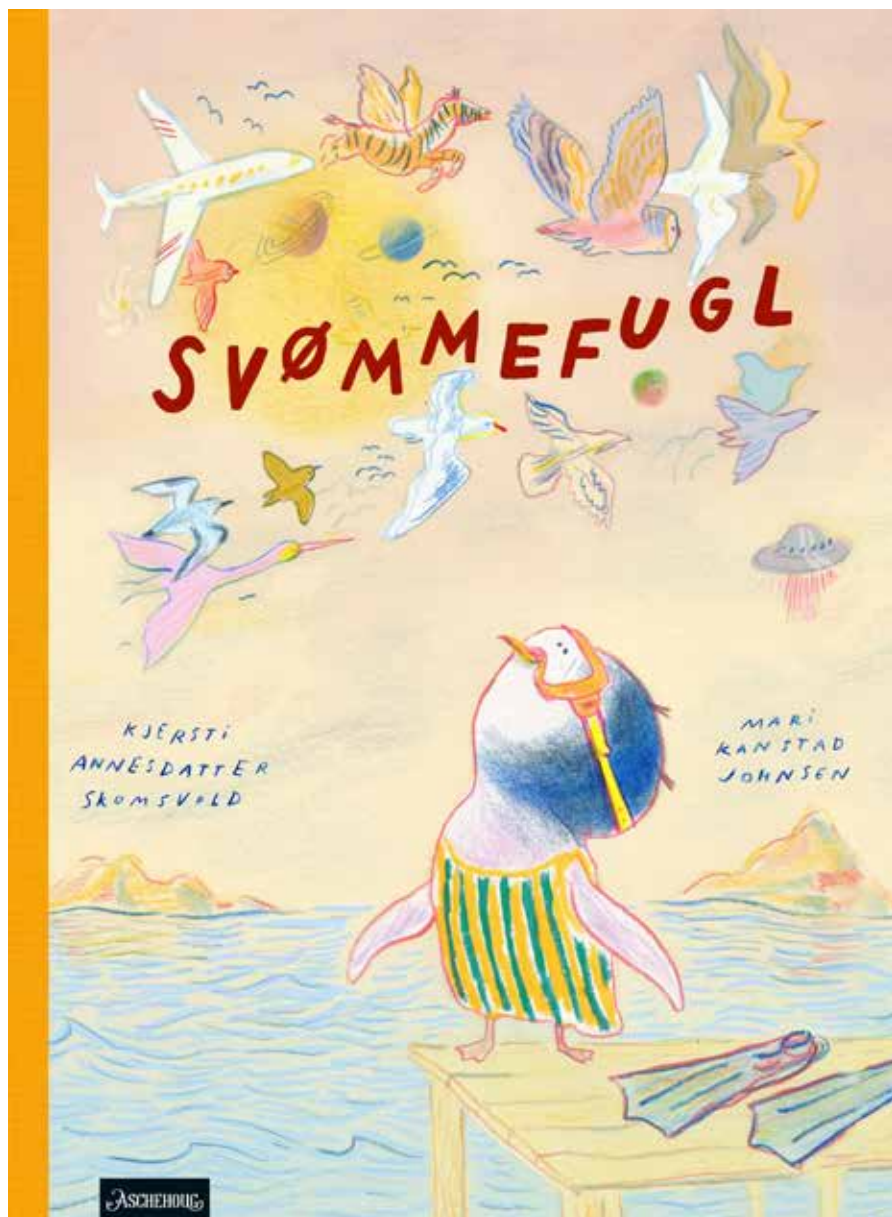


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Per Dybvig

The Orchestra



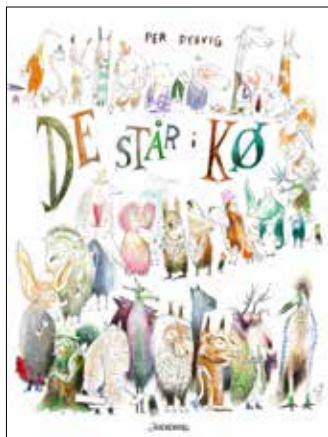
Fink finds a trumpet and starts playing. One musician after another joins Fink. Anything can happen – and it does!

The Line

- Winner of the Critics' Prize
- Nominated for the Ministry of Culture's Picture Book Prize
- Nominated for the Brage Prize, Norway's national book award
- 16,000 copies sold in Norway, and the second most sold children's book in 2024
- Sold in 6 territories

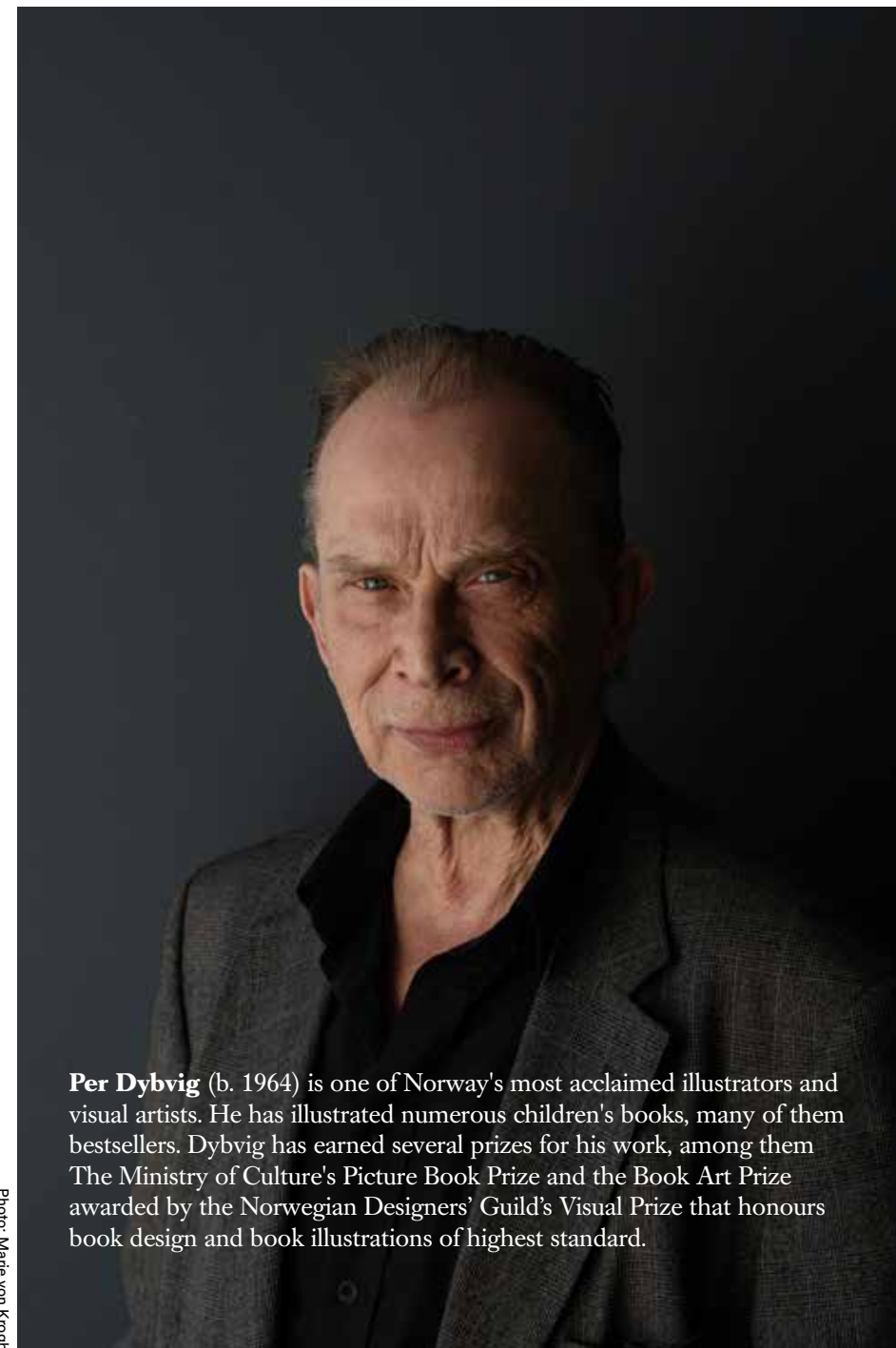
“Brilliant” ★★★★★ 6/6 stars, VG, about *The Line*

“Genius” ★★★★★ 6/6 stars, NRK, about *The Line*



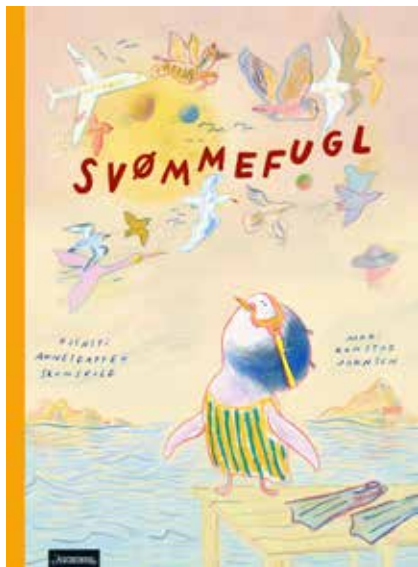
Orkesteret
Aschehoug, September 2025

Picture book • Ages 3 - 6
48 pages • Format 22,0 × 28,0



Per Dybvig (b. 1964) is one of Norway's most acclaimed illustrators and visual artists. He has illustrated numerous children's books, many of them bestsellers. Dybvig has earned several prizes for his work, among them The Ministry of Culture's Picture Book Prize and the Book Art Prize awarded by the Norwegian Designers' Guild's Visual Prize that honours book design and book illustrations of highest standard.

Kjersti A. Skomsvold & Mari Kanstad Johnsen (ill.) Swimwing



Grandma thinks that it's about time for Ella to learn how to swim. Ella finds the sea dark, cold and full of dangers. She would rather learn to fly.

Swimwing is a story about daring and about winning. It's a story about small penguins, eager grandmothers, and the hidden secrets of the sea.

Rights sold: Korean (Booklight)

Bedtime for Bo

- On the New York Times / New York Public Library list "Best Illustrated Children's Books Award" (U.S.)
- The BRAW Amazing Bookshelf - Bologna Ragazzi Award (Italy)
- Awarded "Best of Show 2022" – The Year's Most Beautiful Books (the Norwegian Designers' Guild visual prize)
- Sold in 18 territories



"a master class in how to shepherd a rambunctious child to bed with patience, creativity and good humor."
- New York Times, about *Bedtime for Bo*

Svømmefugl
Aschehoug, September 2025

Picture book • Ages 3 - 6
52 pages • Format 21,0 x 28,0



Photo: Agnete Brun

Kjersti Annesdatter Skomsvold (b. 1979) is an internationally acclaimed and award-winning author. Her debut adult fiction novel, *The Faster I Walk, the Smaller I Am*, was shortlisted for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award and published in 29 territories. A versatile and prodigious writer, Skomsvold writes children's books, fiction and poetry.

Mari Kanstad Johnsen (b. 1981) is an internationally awarded and acclaimed artist, children's book author and illustrator. In 2012, her illustrations in a picture book was on the American magazine Flavorwire's list "The 20 Most Beautiful Children's Books of All Time". In 2017 she was honored "special mention" at the international Bologna Ragazzi Awards. She is a nominee for the 2025 ALMA – the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Kanstad Johnsen has illustrated for several newspapers and magazines, including New York Times. She has a degree from Oslo National Academy of the Arts and Konstfack, University of Arts, Crafts and Design in Stockholm.



Photo: Erika Hebert

Nora Dåsnes

Just Say Yes



Tuva, Linnéa, and Bao can't wait—they're finally going on a school band camp!

At camp, anything can happen. Linnéa has a plan: she's going to get a boyfriend. Bao just wants to play the drums. And Tuva? Well, Tuva just wants Mariam to ask if they can be girlfriends for real. But that never happens. So Tuva decides to take matters into her own hands—and fast. Because at the camp, Mariam meets Amanda, and suddenly Tuva isn't so sure anymore: What's the difference between a girlfriend and a best friend when you're a girl in love with another girl?

Just Say Yes is a standalone sequel to *Cross My Heart and Never Lie*.

Cross My Heart and Never Lie

- Winner of the Stonewall Book Award (U.S.)
- Shortlisted for the Premio Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi Award (Italy)
- Nominated for the Cento Prize (Italy)
- Nominated for the International Angoulême Comics Festival Award (France)
- Nominated for the Max und Moritz Preis (Germany)
- 20,000 copies printed in France
- Sold in 18 territories

"A soft and adorable story of first sapphic love and the trials and tribulations of pre-teen friendships, with gorgeous cosy artwork. Reading this was like a warm hug."
- Alice Oseman, author of "The Heartstopper" series, about *Cross My Heart and Never Lie*



Bare si ja
Aschehoug, October 2025

Graphic novel • Ages 9 - 12
250 pages • Format 17,0 x 27,0

Photo: Agnète Brun

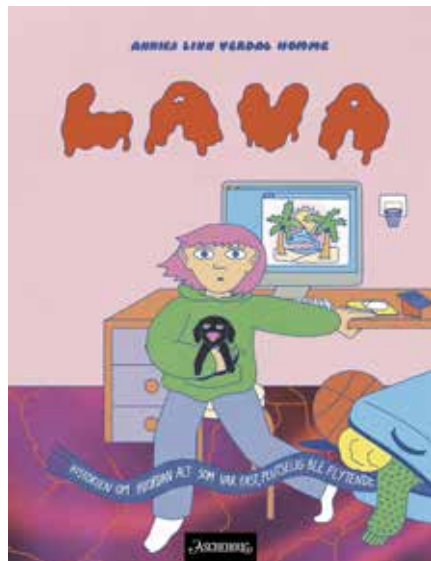
Nora Dåsnes (b. 1995) is an awarded and highly acclaimed author and illustrator of graphic novels. She received the prestigious 2022 Nordic Council Literary Prize for *Missed Calls*. For her debut, *Cross My Heart and Never Lie*, she has earned international awards and nominations, among them the Stonewall Book Award (U.S.). For *Save Our Forest!* she won the Prix UNICEF de littérature jeunesse (France).

In 2025, Dåsnes was named one of Norway's 10 best younger writers, in a prestigious list published every ten years in a cooperation between the cultural weekly Morgenbladet and Lillehammer Literary Festival. The list showcases 10 writers under 35 who are considered the most promising literary talents of their generation.

Nora Dåsnes has a degree in illustration and animation from Kingston University, London.

Annika Linn Verdal Homme

Lava



The story of how everything that once felt solid suddenly became fluid.

Evi's life is turned upside down the day she learns that her parents are getting divorced. They're not handling it well, and neither is she. Evi rebels. She refuses to move. She refuses to be a child from a broken home. And she definitely refuses to visit her mother who has moved to a city far up north. So when a one-way ticket to Tenerife pops up on her flight app, Evi doesn't hesitate. She's going.

Joining her on this impulsive escape is a tiny puppy, a gift from her dad. But should a teenager really be solely responsible for a puppy? And what happens when she's forced to take responsibility for herself in a foreign place?

Divorce hits differently for everyone. Sometimes it looks like this: parents who are idiots, coaches who disappoint, and friends who just don't get it. Evi refuses to play along, and there are consequences. Because really, should a child be expected to carry the weight of their own life, and a puppy, while the parents are trying to figure out their lives?

"Homme is a natural artist (...) exceptionally skilled at creative and dynamic thinking in the combination of text, images, colors and fonts."

- Serienett

"complex and good (...) downright funny."

- Empirix

"impressive energy and a narrative surplus"

- Barnebokkritikk

"Revenge is sweet in Annika Linn Verdal Homme's charming comic."

- Klassekampen

Lava.

Historien om hvordan alt som var fast, plutselig ble flytende
Aschehoug, August 2025

Graphic novel • Ages 12 - 16
250 pages • Format 15,0 x 20,0

Photo: Agnete Brun



Annika Linn Verdal Homme (b. 1997) is a punk musician, illustrator, and graphic designer. Her picture book *Mega Brother* was selected for the prestigious BRAW Amazing Bookshelf – Bologna Ragazzi Award and nominated for the Critics' Prize. Homme has a degree from Oslo National Academy of the Arts.

Michelle Tolo

Ghost Friend 3. Full Moon



Magnus and Saga are back!

Magnus and Saga work hard to solve the mystery of the poltergeists that have taken over Vandredal. Then they meet Key, a strange boy who offers an important clue. Magnus soon learns that dreams can quickly turn into nightmares when poltergeists are near!

Full Moon is the third volume in the “Ghost Friend” series, a story filled with mysterious creatures, old secrets, and new friendships.

Perfect for readers who love suspense and adventure!

“incredibly professional. The artist behind this series knows what children want.”

- Bergens Tidende, about the first volume in the “Ghost Friend series”

“The Ghost Friend” series

- Nominated for the Ministry of Culture's Graphic Novel Prize
- Nominated for the Sprong Prize

Rights sold: Danish (Turbine), Faroese (Bókadeild), French (Jungle / Steinkis), Swedish (Nypon och Vilja)



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 is a CG artist educated at The Animation Workshop in Denmark. Tolo worked in London for several years before heading back to Norway.

Maja Lunde & Lisa Aisato (ill.) The Thunder Queen



Rights sold: Albanian (Botimet Jozef), Danish (Turbine), Estonian (Rahva Raamat), German (btb Random House), Polish (Literackie), Slovakian (Tatran), Swedish (Bonnier Carlsen)

For as long as she can remember, Isabella has been on the move with her mother, always chasing the next adventure, never staying in one place for long. Life is full of excitement, but something deep within her never feels quite right. Then, in a village in the forest, their journey comes to a halt. For the first time, Isabella finds friendship and a sense of belonging. Maybe even a home. The villagers are preparing for the Festival of the Dead. And by the strange, ancient oak tree in the forest, someone is waiting for Isabella. Perhaps with the answers she's been searching for.

The Thunder Queen, the autumn book in the Seasons' Quartet, is a story about rage, secrets, and the courage to make a choice that could change everything.

• Nominated for ARK Children's Book Prize

The Seasons' Quartet

Maja Lunde and Lisa Aisato are praised for their unforgettable stories and sumptuous full-color illustrated books. *The Snow Sister* was an instant hit, a bestseller printed in 250,000 copies in Norway. Published in 31 territories, it has earned international awards and nominations. The feature film "The Snow Sister" was launched on Netflix December 2024.

"magnificent" ★★★★★ 6/6 stars, VG, about *The Snow Sister*

"literary miracle" ★★★★★ 6/6 stars, Dagbladet, about *The Snow Sister*



The Snow Sister
The winter book



Lilly and the Sunkeeper
The spring book



The Windmaker
The summer book



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 adult fiction novel, *The History of Bees*, won the Norwegian Booksellers' Prize as well as multiple international awards. It spent 3 consecutive years on the Der Spiegel official German bestseller list. Lunde writes books for children, young adults, adults, and script for film and TV.

Lisa Aisato (b. 1981) is an award-winning and bestselling author, illustrator, and artist. Her books are published in more than 30 territories. The coffee table art book, *All the Colors of Life*, is an international bestseller and awarded the Norwegian Booksellers' Prize.

Helene Flood

The Mountain That Glows in the Dark



The cousins Sofie, Kasper, Olivia, and Edvard travel to a mountain hotel with their family. It doesn't take long before they realize that strange things are happening at the hotel, and that not all the guests and staff are as innocent as they seem. Who is the mysterious woman in room number 3 who skis at night? Why do belongings keep disappearing from the hotel guests? And what will the cousins do when they need their special powers but suddenly can't use them?

A thrilling adventure for readers who loves mysterious mountain peaks, magical power, and a real mystery that keeps you guessing.

The Mountain That Glows in the Dark is third out of four volumes about the cousins with special powers.

"A master of suspense."

- Dagbladet, about *The Silver Sparkling Island*

"Terrific suspense for children by the queen of thrillers, Helene Flood.

(...) it's cosy to hang out with these kids. (...) an entertaining sequel, great for both reading by yourself and reading aloud."

- Dagbladet, about *The House That Whispers in the Night*

The Silver Sparkling Island

- Nominated for ARK Children's Book Prize



Fjellet som lyser i mørket
Aschehoug, October 2025

Middle grade novel
200 pages

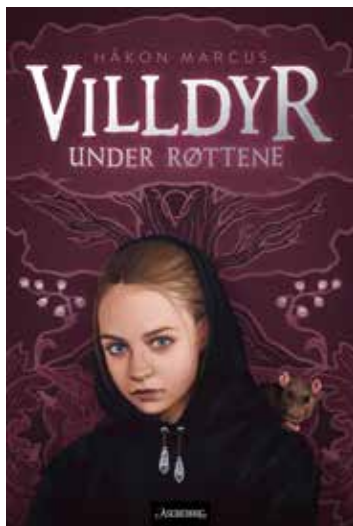
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Helene Flood (b. 1982) is the author of international bestselling and award-winning adult fiction thrillers published in 30 territories. She is a psychologist with a PhD degree.

Håkon Marcus

The Feral series



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“Finally a showdown with the classic fantasy hero. (...) bubbles with the joy of writing.”
- Aftenposten

“extraordinary (...) fresh and smart”
★★★★★ 5/6 stars, Dagbladet

“of international standard”
- Barnebokbloggen.no

- Awarded Aschehoug Children's Book Prize
- Awarded the First Book Prize (the Norwegian Children & YA Authors' Ass. Literary Prize)
- Nominated for ARK Children's Book Prize
- Best Book of the Year list (Dagens Nyheter, Sweden)

The hiderunners, the wild animals that can take human form, live among us in secrecy. They fight for territories, power, and wilding – the ancient power that compels nature to obey them. Embla is unaware that she will play a crucial role in the dangerous power struggle between the animal clans. Soon Embla finds herself braving a magical wilderness fraught with danger. She must uncover her true identity, before a dark order of owl witches can catch her in their razor-sharp talons.

In the second volume, the rats have returned after years in exile and the world of hiderunners is in turmoil. While searching for a mysterious thief, Embla uncovers a hidden world deep underground, ruled by lawless vermin. A plan is already in motion to shift the balance of power in the Utlands, and Embla isn't the only one hunting in the dark.

Villdyr 1 and Villdyr 2. Under røttene
Aschehoug, 2023 and October 2025

Fantasy Middle Grade Novel
350 and 300 pages

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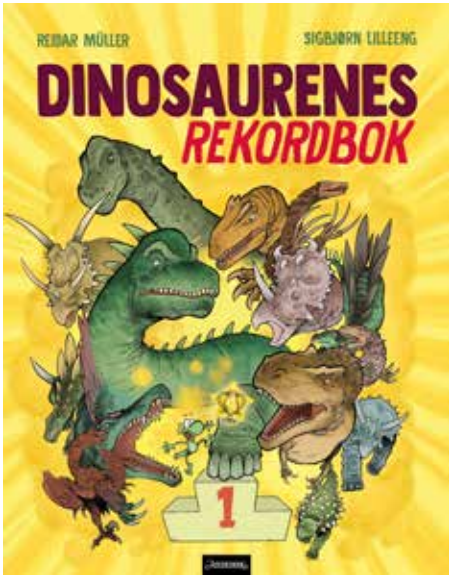


Håkon Marcus (b. 1989) has a master's degree in creative writing and literature from the Norwegian Children's Book Institute and a bachelor in Art Direction. “The Feral” series will consist of 4 volumes.

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Reidar Müller & Sigbjørn Lilleeng (ill.)

The Dinosaur Book of Records



Step back in time to the age of dinosaurs! Discover which dinosaur was the biggest, the fastest, and the one with the most horns. Along for the ride is Iggy, a friendly cartoon dino who helps explain the incredible records.

Packed with exciting facts and fascinating knowledge, this fun book uses world records to bring dinosaurs to life. Learning about the coolest animals that has lived on our planet has never been this exciting – or this fun!

Rights sold: Danish (Straarup)

Life is Dangerous! The Amazing Story of the Evolution of Life From Bacteria to You

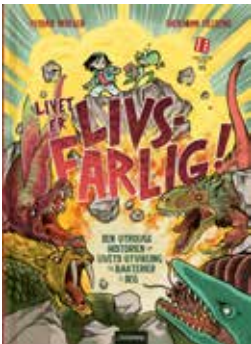
“Thank you to *Life is Dangerous!* for inspiring the next generation of researchers. (...) At its best, nonfiction for children makes the facts seem like something close to magic. This is exactly what kind of book *Life is Dangerous!* is.”

★★★★★ 6/6 stars, VG, about *Life is Dangerous!*

“Popular science of international standard”

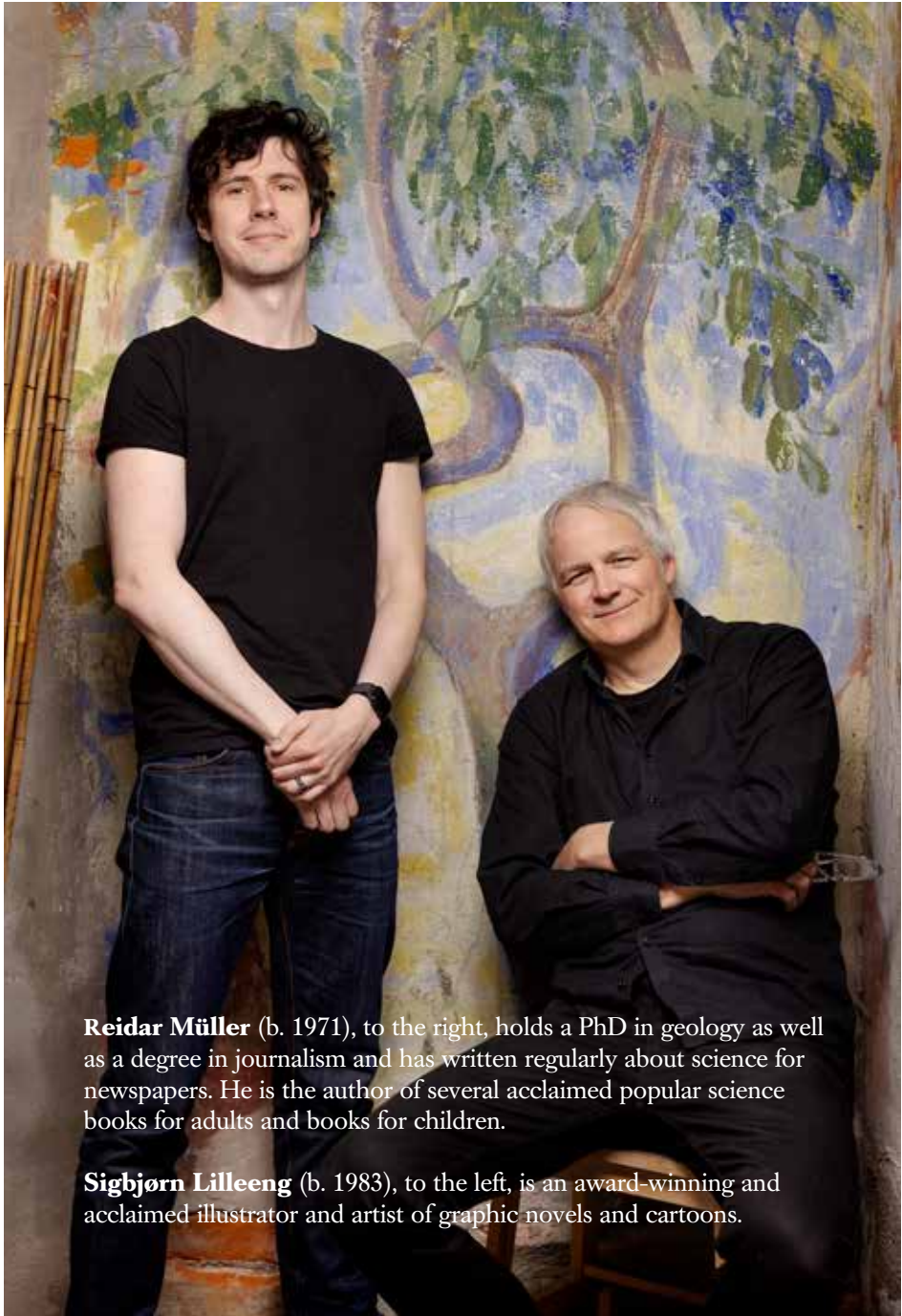
- Aftenposten, about *Life is Dangerous!*

- Awarded “GOLD” - the Year’s Most Beautiful Illustrated Books (The Norwegian Designer’s Guild’s Visual Prize)
- Nominated for the Brage Prize, Norway’s national book award
- Nominated for the Ministry of Culture’s Non-Fiction Prize
- Nominated for the 2025 Best Graphic Novel
- 10,000 copies sold in Norway
- Sold in 11 territories



Dinosaures rekordbok
Aschehoug, October 2025

Illustrated Non-fiction • Ages 6 - 9
72 pages • Format 25,0 x 32,0



Reidar Müller (b. 1971), to the right, holds a PhD in geology as well as a degree in journalism and has written regularly about science for newspapers. He is the author of several acclaimed popular science books for adults and books for children.

Sigbjørn Lilleeng (b. 1983), to the left, is an award-winning and acclaimed illustrator and artist of graphic novels and cartoons.

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