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Brain Crash

Hjernestyr

Hjernestyr is an independent sequel to *Papirhjerter*. Same style, same universe, new main character.

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SYNOPSIS

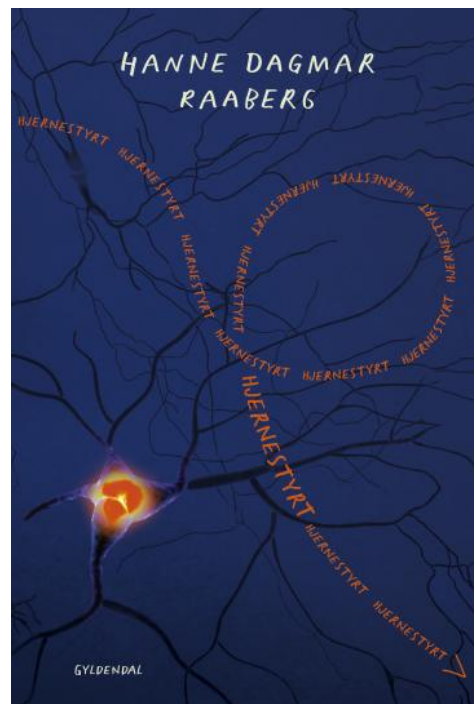
It is autumn, and everything is withering for Alfred. Normally, he is always on top of things. He has: 1 sweet girlfriend, 1 strong OK-chopped body, 1 smart brain, 1 fun year as a scout leader. But he also has 1 hour by train to Alva, and he is afraid of falling through. It is difficult to stay on top when *missing* becomes a rhythm, and *doubt* falls into beat.

Brain Crash is a warm and hopeful story about pressure and expectations and about setting a finishing line that is so far away that you can no longer see it yourself. How do you ask for help when you are lying down?

For the independent prequel, *Papirhjerter*, Hanne Dagmar Raaberg received the Ministry of Culture's *Author's Prize for Children's and YA Books 2023* and the School Libraries' *Author's Prize 2024*. It was part of two Danish books selected for the *IBBY Honours 2025*.

REVIEWS

"A strong and sensitive story about being a boy on the way to manhood and the expectations that many feel they have to live up to. It is also about having your first girlfriend and the wild emotions that are part of it." – (Library Review)



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Sub-category: *Tween*

Genre: *Realism*

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Territories Handled

World except: Danish