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# Team Nuggets: How to be a Good Friend

## Karlas fatalastiske bog om venskab

Set in the universe of *Team Nuggets* (Danish title: Karla's Fantalastic Class), the popular animated TV-series from Danish National Television, which is also sold to Canal+ in France, YLE in Finland, NRK in Norway, SVT in Sweden, as well as TV stations in Czech Republic, Iceland, Slovenia and Spain, this is a spin-off and a perfect read-aloud book to talk about emotions and friendships with children at kindergarten or pre-school age.

**Pernille Bønløkke Toustrup** studies at the Danish Manuscript School for Children's Literature.

**Tor Fruergaard** (b. 1980) is an award-winning animation director, cartoonist, children's book writer and illustrator.

Michael Hegner is a director and screenwriter who has developed, written and directed several animated films and TV series, including LEGO Star Wars and The Freemaker Adventures.



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#### **SYNOPSIS**

What does it mean to be a good friend?

Team Nuggets: How to be a Good Friend is a read-aloud book full of fun and recognisable everyday dilemmas as they appear to Karla the chicken.

Each chapter tells a story about a day among the friends in Karla's class - everyone is different, but luckily there's room to be as "Fantalastic" as you like!

The stories are written by Pernille Bønløkke Toustrup, based on episodes from the animated TV-series, *Karla's Fantalastic Class*. The series is created by Tor Fruergaard and Michael Hegner and is known from the children's programme, *FredagsTamTam*, on Danish National Television.

The book is fully illustrated in colour with images from the series.

Check out Danish publisher, Gutkind's extra material here.

#### About the TV series:

Targeted at 5-8 year olds, the gender neutral comedy series was commissioned by DR from Sparre Production and co-produced with Godo Films for Canal + France, the 52 x 7' animated series *Team Nuggets* completed production in 2023 and went on to win *the Pulcinella award* for Best Animation in its target age group and landing the runner up prize at the much lauded *Prix Jeunesse International Awards* in 2024. The series also won both Best Children's show and Most Innovative New Creation at Danish *TV Prisen Awards* show in 2024. The show has also won the first price at *Rotterdam Children's Film Festival* 2024.

Team Nuggets is a fast-paced primary school comedy starring an ambitious young chicken, Karla, and a band of very volatile and diverse classmates. Navigating school life for the first time is a huge deal and emotions run high. Lessons and schoolyard games often spill into chaos which can only be calmed by working out the important stuff; like true friendship and self-control.

#### **REVIEWS**

"A bunch of wonderful books that expand the Karla universe and will be loved by the many fans. The books focus on friendship, empathy and differences by telling the same stories from different points of view." – (Danish Library Centre (Dansk Bibliotekscenter)

"In a clever Penrose triangle narrative, we learn how our emotions affect others for better or worse... The book is ideal for talking about emotions with children of preschool and primary school age... The diaries are really fun and should definitely complement the longer books about Karla and her friends." – (Danish blog, The Book Bot (Bogbotten)