



Mette Vedsø



Happy Happy

This *White Raven* 2022 book is a modern comedy of errors for 12 to 15-year-olds, about class differences, grasping the moment, daring to dream and standing up for yourself.

Mette Vedsø (b. 1968) studied chemistry and biotechnology, then trained at the Writer's School for Children's Literature. Since 2010, she has written several critically acclaimed children's books, including picture books and tween novels. Her work is suffused with an implicit understanding for children, especially the slightly displaced ones with big hearts – her observations and writing are moving, subtle and poetic.

SYNOPSIS

Happy Happy is a novel about 13-year-old, Ubbe, who is accidentally given a super expensive golf set and in a mix-up starts frequenting the golf club in the liebhaver part of town. Ubbe is dead set to keep this a secret to his dad. Because Ubbe and his dad live in the ugliest house on the West Road with 44 bus lines in the front garden and his dad thinks golf is only for "rich pigs".

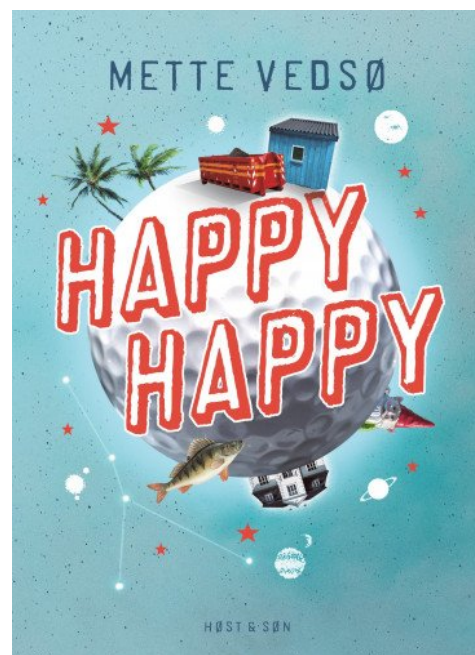
Mette Vedsø writes with warm humour about class differences, about daring to be true to yourself and putting your foot down – even if it hurts the people you love the most.

- Winner of the Orla Prize 2023 in the category "The Book I could see Myself in"
- Shortlisted for the IBBY Honour List 2024
- Included in the [White Ravens 2022](#) catalogue
- Nominated in the category "YA Novel of the Year" by the Copenhagen Libraries
- Nominated for the Orla Prize 2022 in the category "Best plot"

REVIEWS

"Happy Happy is a soft form of social realism, a modern comedy of errors, where the reader is allowed to laugh about the characters" – (Weekendavisen)

"Mette Vedsø writes like only Mette Vedsø can. The book is intimate, warm and humorous" – (Library review)



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Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *YA*

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Belonging/Identity, Friendship, Family, Growing up*

Available material: *English sample and English synopsis*

Territories Handled

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