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Paper Hearts

Papirhjerter

A heart-warming novel about non-existing breasts, a new boy in class, best friends and broken promises.

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SYNOPSIS

Paper Hearts is about standing in the middle of a whirlwind of feelings and body, to feel abandoned and wrong and at the same time, finding out how to be a good friend. Or a girl friend. Or daughter. Or perhaps just yourself?

It is summer and the class is buzzing. But Alva cannot go to the public pool, because she is going to her dad's for the summer break. Now she can instead sit and scroll through all the stuff that she is missing out on. A heart can be torn as thin silk paper, but luckily new ones can be folded and given to someone who looks after them.

Paper Hearts is a warm and hopeful story about the summer before everything begins.

Winner of the Danish Cultural Ministry's Children's and YA Author Prize 2023 and chosen as one of two Danish creators for the [IBBY Honour List 2026](#).

Check out Danish publisher, Gutkind's, lovely extra material [here](#).

REVIEWS

"A really lovely and sensitive story about the transition from child to young woman, with the changes it sparks in emotions and in the body... the book's strength is the stunning cover, the imagery in combination with the paper hearts and especially the stunning and original layout, where the text is broken up and the sentences are spread out over the pages" – (Danish Library Centre, Dansk BiblioteksCenter)

"This lovely yellow book comes warmly recommended for all imminent and newly bloomed teenagers" – (Litteratursiden)



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Available material: *English sample upon request.*

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Territories Sold

Azerbaijani: Alatoran Literature Magazine