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## The Story of a Boy who is (maybe) called Torben

### Historien om en dreng der (måske) hedder Torben

A moving, atmospheric illustrated novel aimed at 6-10 year-olds.

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## SYNOPSIS

A boy lives alone in a little house. He is mostly on his own. He can no longer remember what his name is - it been too long since anyone said his name. It's possible that there was once a lady living there, who called him Sausage, but he is not quite sure.

One day he gets a letter from the school: the boy has to attend and learn maths and sit still in class. Luckily, he meets the girl, Kirsten, who cannot comprehend why he doesn't have a name.

Maybe they can find a suitable name for him together?

## REVIEWS

"It is a really lovely and moving book with lots of food for thought and conversation sparks - on e.g. loneliness, gender identity and lack of responsible adults. The few adults in the book are rather caricatured and awful. The teacher is tired of children and bullies Kirsten because she cannot spell; the boy lives alone without any adults around; and it is indicated that Kirsten is being hit at home. Even if the book includes several serious topics, it is neither sentimental, nor heavy." – (Lektørdtalelse - Library review)



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## Territories Handled

World except: Danish