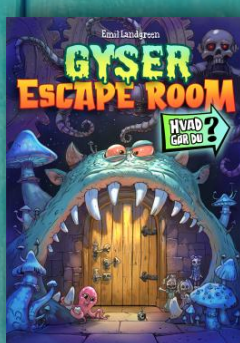
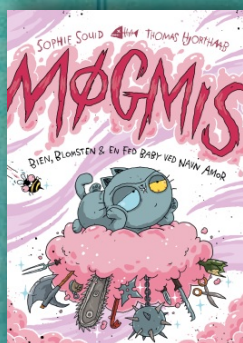
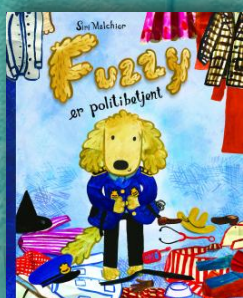
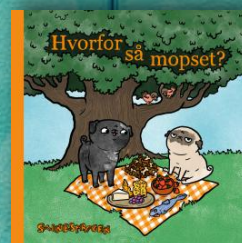
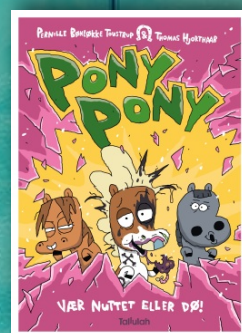
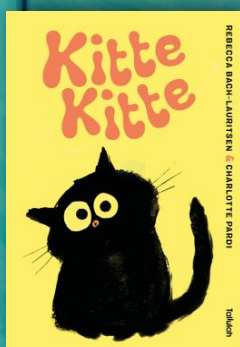
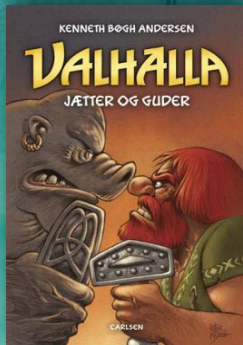




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All categories



Kenneth Bøgh  
Andersen

Peter Madsen



## Valhalla (II) – Giants and Gods

### Valhalla (II) - Jætter og guder

*Valhalla – Giants and Gods* is the continuation of Kenneth Bøgh Andersen's terrific retelling of the comic book series Valhalla, which plays with Norse mythology with humor and excitement. The trilogy follow the siblings Tjalfe and Røskva on their adventure in the land of the gods and the stories from the comic series are integrated into the plot as a continuous chapter book story. The third book is scheduled for 2027.

**Kenneth Bøgh Andersen** is a bestselling Danish author of horror, fantasy and sci-fi novels, translated into 15 languages.

**Peter Madsen** is an award-winning Danish comic book illustrator and one of the idea-makers behind the most successful comic book series Denmark has ever produced.

## SYNOPSIS

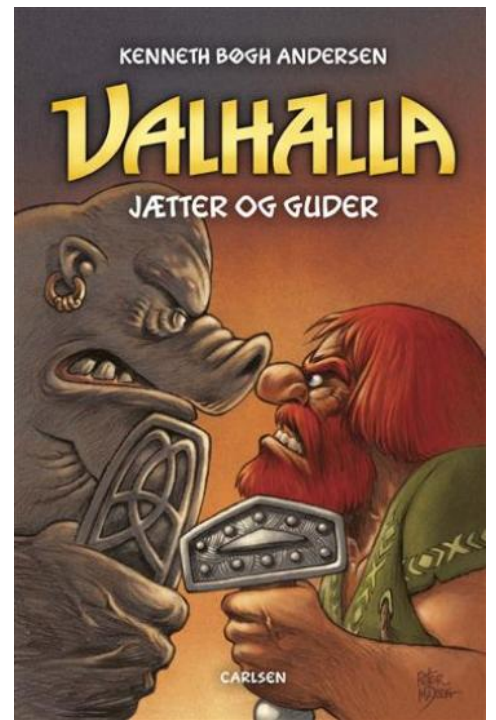
Welcome back to Asgard.

The fight between the gods and the giants intensifies, and time and again Tjalfe and Røskva are thrown into new wild adventures – not least because the gods are constantly throwing themselves into crazy challenges. Like when Thor sets out to catch the Midgard Serpent, or when Odin bets his own head in a bet.

At the same time, Røskva's psychic ability takes over, but what do the strange things she sees mean? And who is it that is stealing food from the house of the thunder god?

The book is provided with beautiful illustrations by Valhalla artist Peter Madsen and the following albums are integrated into the plot:

- "The Serpent in the Abyss"
- "The Golden Apples"
- "The Big Challenge"



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *May, 2027*

200 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Adventure*

Available material: *English sample of the first book, The Land of the Gods*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Julie Midtgaard



# The Ruler of the Grotesques

## Groteskernes hersker

An action-packed choose-your-own-action novel aimed at 10-14-year-olds, who will have to put their moral compass to work to determine the plot and the ending.

**Julie Midtgaard** is an award-winning Danish YA Fantasy author.

## SYNOPSIS

The world has ended. Only three islands remain. And the grotesques are approaching.

Sander and his friends live on the Middle Island. But the island is a prison of rules, sakm and eternal fear, and beyond the Wall lurk the grotesques - disgusting, bloodthirsty creatures that threaten to devour everything.

Together with Amara and Miki, Sander defies the island's tyranny and sails into the unknown. Among the grotesques they find incomprehensible mysteries and dark truths. How far will they go to reveal them when what feels right is not always what is rewarded?

The choice of the reader determines their fate.

'The Ruler of the Grotesques' is a stand-alone volume in the series Are You the Hero or the Villain? - captivating stories by various Danish authors that let the reader's moral compass determine the plot and, not least, the ending.

Illustrated by Mikkel Schmidt Maltesen.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *November, 2025*

200 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Tween*

Genre: *Fantasy*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Kim Fupz Aakeson  
Signe Kjær



## Who we were that Night

### Dem vi var den nat

The third book in Carlsen's Illustrated Novels; gripping stories that delve into the strange and changing time between childhood and adulthood.

**Kim Fupz Aakeson** is an award-winning, best-selling writer of children's books.

**Signe Kjær** knew she wanted to draw books from the age of seven. Today, she has illustrated over 30 books and in 2021 she was awarded the Ministry of Culture's Illustrator Award.

## SYNOPSIS

"It wasn't that bad, no one got hurt, we were just drunk, me, Petra, we were all drunk."

How far can you go with a girl who may have had a little too much to drink? One night at a party, things go wrong.

A novel about partying, drinking and waking up to something that can't be undone. A story about knowing your limits – and respecting the limits of others.

## REVIEWS

"In a media stream with breaking news on one horrific assault case after another (...), where words like sleep rape, manosphere and victim blaming are flying around, this extremely successful story about a difficult topic is so important for all of us." – (Politiken)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *March, 2026*

104 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Tween*

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Peter Gotthardt  
Niels Roland



## Rikke and Rokke and the Rice Porridge Mystery

### Rikke og Rokk og mysteriet om risengrøden

A warm and humorous Christmas mystery written by Peter Gotthardt and illustrated by Niels Roland, from approx. 3 years.

**Peter Gotthardt** is the author of over 60 books for children, among them the charming picture book, *When Emma became Emma - and how it happened*.

**Niels Roland** is a Danish writer/illustrator, known in Denmark for his popular newspaper comic strips.

## SYNOPSIS

It's Christmas Eve at the old pixie farm. There's no rice groats in the hawker shop and without rice groats there's no rice porridge! Rikke and Rokke have to get to work immediately. They move into the Great Forest and get the attention of both a lost bear cub and two naughty forest trolls ...

In the same series:

- Rikke and Rokke save Christmas
- Rikke and Rokke and the mysterious Christmas thief
- Rikke and Rokke and Santa's reindeer



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *October, 2025*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Picture Books (2-5 years)*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Jørgen Stamp



## Detective Snif in the Mirrored City

### Detektiv Snif i den spejlvendte by

A wonderful new seek-and-find book illustrated and written by Jørgen Stamp.

**Jørgen Stamp** (b. 1969) is a Danish graphic designer and author/illustrator.

## SYNOPSIS

Take a trip to the Mirrored City, where everything is mirrored from one side to the other. Help Detective Snif find the differences, 10 missing cats and many other things on his trip through the city.

The book is a different kind of seek and find book for the little ones, written and illustrated by Jørgen Stamp.

From approx. 3 years.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *February, 2026*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Picture Books (2-5 years)*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Kasper Hoff



## The Island (1) The Man in the Light House

### Øen (1) Manden i fyrtårnet

The first volume in a four-volume supernatural suspense series about being in search of your father and yourself.

**Kasper Hoff** (b. 1972) is an award-winning Danish author and dramatist.

### SYNOPSIS

What hides in the darkness?

Siblings Mathilde and Silas sail to a distant island to find the father whom they have never met, but the island hides a dark secret. Hidden eyes follow them, and some try with all their might to prevent them from reaching it. A hundred years ago, a scientist lived on the island, and the strange creatures he created still live in the island's deep forests.

Do Mathilde and Silas dare to step into the darkness?

From about 10 years old.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *September, 2025*

120 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Tween*

Genre: *Horror*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Elvira Fragola



## Become the Horse's trusted Friend

### Bliv hestens hjerteven

Elvira Fragola's new book is inspired by the desire that is at the heart of most children and young people who love horses – namely the desire to be an equal friend to the horse.

**Elvira Fragola** is a Danish children's book author and illustrator, who is behind, among other things, the picture books about Little Twig.

### SYNOPSIS

In this practical handbook you can read about what it is like to be a horse, what is important for horses, and the differences between horses and humans. Horses have no words, but they have a lot to say. By understanding what it is like to be a horse, we can better understand what horses are telling us. Learn about the horse's body language, and how to meet it with kindness rather than force.

In the book you will also find a number of gentle exercises that you can do yourself or practice together with your horse friend, and throughout the book, author and riding therapist Elvira Fragola tells stories from her life with horses and with the children and young people who come to visit her farm Højly. The book is richly illustrated with the author's own drawings.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Turbine*

Published: *November, 2025*

211 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Non-Fiction*

Themes: *Pets*

Available material: *English sample*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Rebecca Bach-Lauritsen  
Charlotte Pardi



## Kitty Kitty

### Kitte Kitte

Another linguistic and visual virtuosity from author/illustrator duo, Rebecca Bach Lauritsen and Charlotte Pardi, which goes straight to the heart.

**Rebecca Bach-Lauritsen** (b. 1976) is an award-winning Danish author and radio journalist, whose previous books were translated into several languages.

**Charlotte Pardi** (b. 1971) has won the Danish Cultural Ministry's Illustrator Prize on several occasions and is loved for her gentle, appealing artwork.

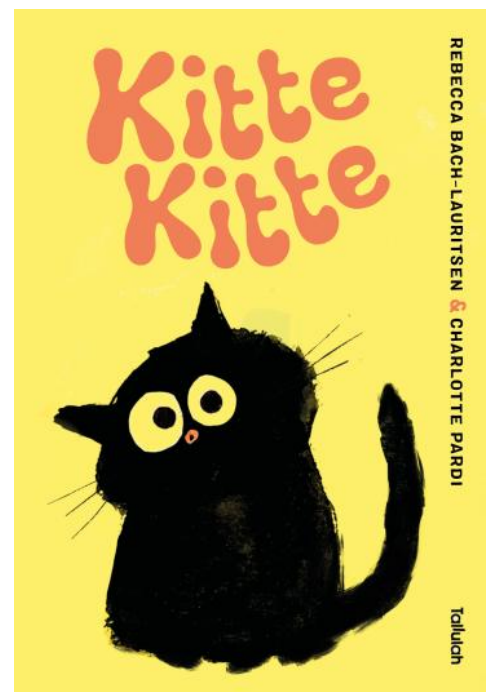
## SYNOPSIS

Kitty Kitty can't bark like the dog, chirp like the bird or climb trees like the little squirrel. Kitty Kitty is nobody, nothing... or who are we to say? A warm and philosophical picture story.

The fifth joint book by the duo, Rebecca Bach-Lauritsen and Charlotte Pardi, is a story about identity. About finding out who you really are and where you fit in. About meeting the world with openness and at the same time being able to sort out other people's opinions, because sometimes you have to meet a lot of people on your way before you find yourself.

## REVIEWS

"A well-functioning picture book about identity and understanding who you are. The main character is the cat Kitty Kitty. A nice touch is that at no point is it said that Kitty Kitty is a cat. It is only the recognition of the silhouette that shows that Kitty Kitty is different from the other animals, and we do not know whether it is a male or a female. This will undoubtedly make the child actively engage in the reading aloud and perhaps comment along the way. The individual, but expressive illustrations support the action and play nicely with the underlying humor of the text. Most of the colors are kept in soft shades, Kitty Kitty and all the animals are black, except for Mis Mis, who is orange-red." – (Library review (Lektørdtalelse))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Tallulah*

Published: *February, 2026*

64 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Picture Books (2-5 years)*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Lars Daneskov  
Thomas Hjorthaab



# Once upon a Time there was a Fairytale

## Der var engang et eventyr

Tradition meets the present and fun meets seriousness when the tropes from classic fairy tales come to life in the reality of children and young people in the year 2026. Suitable as reading aloud for 6+ and reading alone from 9-14 years.

**Lars Daneskov** (b. 1963) is a journalist and author and has written about 30 books in a variety of genres, for both children and adults.

**Thomas Hjorthaab** is a well-known Danish children's book illustrator whose art style is known to be funny, punk and bursting with emotion.

## SYNOPSIS

Once upon a time... and to this day. Ugly maidens, suitors on mountain bikes and an emperor with new knick-knacks are just some of the people we meet in this humorous collection of nine fairy tales, which also touches on themes such as young people's self-esteem, anxiety, social media, beauty ideals and artificial intelligence.

Illustrator Thomas Hjorthaab delivers his own raving interpretation of the fairy tales with his usual humor and wildness in the form of black and white illustrations full of detail.

## REVIEWS

"Nine funny and razor-sharp stories that, with the fairy tale as a frame and tone, scratch the reality of children and young people and touch on themes such as artificial intelligence, self-esteem and anxiety. Lars Daneskov writes with a linguistic surplus that, together with the many small references to classic fairy tales and Thomas Hjorthaab's babbling scrawl and detailed drawings, makes this book one you can laugh at, think about and dive into." – (Library review (lektøruddtalelse))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Tallulah*

Published: *February, 2026*

120 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Fairytales*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Pernille Bønløkke  
Toustrup  
Thomas Hjorthaab



## Pony Pony - Be Cute or Die

### Pony Pony - Vær nuttet eller dø

*Be Cute or Die* is the first comic in a series about the three scorned ponies, Cleo, Sally and Zorro, who are fed up with always being the ones who get rejected because of their short legs and questionable gaits. Cleo, Sally and Zorro want to rule Bukkerupgård. And they're not afraid to use any tricks (even the dirty ones) to get it!

**Pernille Bønløkke Toustrup** writes films, TV series and books for children and young people.

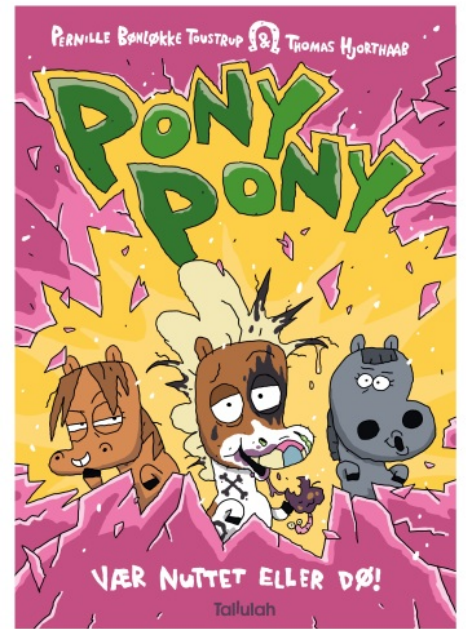
**Thomas Hjorthaab** is a well-known Danish children's book illustrator whose art style is known to be funny, punk and bursting with emotion.

## SYNOPSIS

At Buckstead Farm, the annual spring show is just around the corner. But Zorro, who has (AGAIN) been dumped by his riding girl in favor of a bigger horse, is completely heartbroken. Cleo had big plans to finally be named HORSE OF THE YEAR, but it doesn't exactly do the ponies' image any good that Zorro is now lying there whining in his pit of misery.

Cleo comes up with a plan. Together with Sally, she wants to give Zorro a makeover and turn him into the cutest pony in the world. That way, Zorro can win Emma back and, as the helpful friend she is, Cleo herself will definitely be chosen as HORSE OF THE YEAR. It's a total win-win - if everything just goes according to plan...

Co-created by Pernille Bønløkke Toustrup and Thomas Hjorthaab.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Tallulah*

Published: *June, 2026*

85 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Graphic Novels*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample of the opening chapters.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Anne Sofie Hammer  
Sofie Lind Mesterton

# Me & Milla (7) Summer and Sunshine



## Mig og Mille (7) Sommer og sol

The seventh book in the series about the two friends with the same name, chronologically taking place after Book 3, *At the Deep End*.

**Anne Sofie Hammer** is one of the most popular Danish children's books writers, and author of the bestselling series about Villads from Valby.

**Sofie Lind Mesterton** is an illustrator and visual storyteller, with a degree from the Royal Danish Art Academy's School for Design.

## SYNOPSIS

Mille & Mille have had their big wish fulfilled: They are going on a summer holiday together! Time for laughs, swimming trips - and to pull the leg of the lovebirds, Jonas and Luna. And the grumpy couple in the caravan opposite. It will be the best holiday ever, filled with lame jokes, secret plans, warm summer nights, chicken skits - and quite a bit of rain in the tent!



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Tallulah*

Published: *June, 2026*

164 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample of the first book*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Michela Elk



## Between Life and Death (1) The Basement

### Mellem liv og død (1) Kælderen

Theo is dead. According to the police, he fell out of a window at the school. But Karl knows something is wrong. Because Theo was afraid of heights. And now he's suddenly standing in Karl's room. As a ghost.

*Between Life and Death 1: The Basement* is the first volume in a trilogy, all volumes to be published in 2026.

**Michela Elk** (b. 1991) is a graduate from the Manuscript School for Children's Fiction in 2023. She is drawn towards telling those stories that become alive in the meeting between darkness, hope and everyday magic.

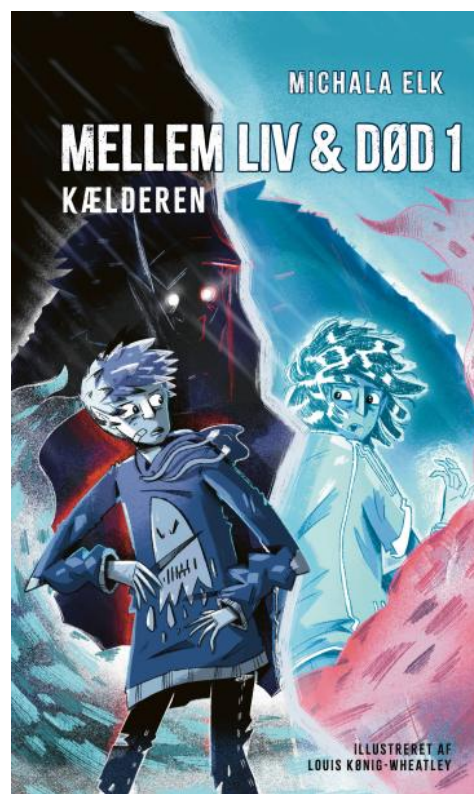
## SYNOPSIS

Together, Karl and Theo decide to find out what really happened – and who might have killed Theo. The trail leads them down into the school's dark basement, to tarot cards, lost cell phones and a silent janitor.

A highly atmospheric ghost horror for 10-14 year old readers who love the creepy, the supernatural – and stories of friendship and betrayal.

## REVIEWS

"A well-written suspense and ghost story with a little bit of humor. The plot is really well put together, and you are drawn into the story from the first page. The book ends with an exciting cliffhanger." – (Library review (Lektørdtalelse))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *February, 2026*

160 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Vibe Termansen



# Knud Rasmussen - Snow and Dogs

## Knud Rasmussen - sne og hunde

*Knud Rasmussen - Snow and Dogs* is a picture book biography with humorous collage illustrations by Rikke Bisgaard.

**Vibe Termansen** (b. 1977) has an MA in History and Eastern European Studies and works as a freelance journalist, public speaker and moderator.

### SYNOPSIS

Knud Rasmussen was a polar explorer and explorer and dog handler and hunter and storyteller. He was also a great charmer. A lady's friend. Cousin Smørhår. It was clever when he had to charm young ladies in Copenhagen. But it was also clever when he had to raise money for more expeditions or access to Inuit huts, their legends and their most sacred amulets.

The polar regions were some of the last white spots with extreme cold, wind, snow and ice. It was in these surroundings that Knud Rasmussen set out on an expedition ...

At the back of the book is an explanatory glossary.

### REVIEWS

"A well-written, captivating and solid children's biography." – (Kristeligt Dagblad)

"Engaging and easily accessible biography of a historically significant person. The text of the book is written in a young, lively and humorous language, in several places with a touch of irony. The illustrations are lively and visually striking, drawn in manga style with collage elements that fit well with the book's fresh style. A well-presented introduction that motivates further reading." – (Library review (Lektørdtalelse))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *October, 2025*

64 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Mikkel Sommer



# The Book about the Yellow Rectangle

## Bogen om den gule firkant

An arty and lovely picture book.

**Mikkel Sommer** (b. 1987) grew up in Copenhagen, Denmark. He started freelancing in 2009, working in illustration, design for animation and comic books. He lives in Berlin with his wife and daughter.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *February, 2026*

56 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Picture Books (2-5 years)*

## SYNOPSIS

A slice of toast with cheese.

Cheese and then a letter.

A letter with a map.

A map of an island and on the island a treasure.

What is in the treasure chest?

## REVIEWS

"The illustrations are in an unpolished and minimalist style, where the square as a geometric shape is a consistent compositional element. (...) The book invites many conversations, but is also very intuitive. It can be a simple conversation about geometric shapes, or it can be a deep conversation about how differently picture books can look and be experienced." – (Library review (Lektørdtalelser))

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Stine Spedsbjerg



## Why so Sulky?

### Hvorfor så sur?

Mint and Maude are best friends. One of them wags, the other looks sulky. But maybe it's Mint who has found the secret to the good dog life?

The artist, **StineStregen**, has earned herself lots of fans with her original, recognisable illustration style.

## SYNOPSIS

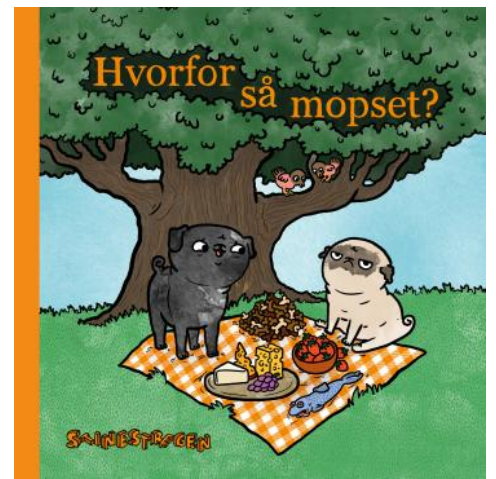
Mint is not angry – she just looks that way!

With the pugs Mint and Maude in the lead roles, big emotions and small differences are explored when one dog always looks happy - and the other always looks sulky. But can you always tell how people - or dogs - feel like, just by looking at them?

A picture book full of humor and edge that appeals to both young and old.

## REVIEWS

"A picture book with a focus on looking different. Your appearance might differ from how you feel inside. Ideal for dialogue about feelings and people's expectations of you. The book contains a certain amount of humor and is easy to read aloud. There is a nice connection between picture and text. Stine Stregen's illustrations will be familiar to the adult reader. The minimalist line fits well with the book's message." – (Library review (Lektørdtalelse))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *March, 2026*

56 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Picture Books (5-8 years)*

Themes: *Pets, Emotions*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Siri Melchior



# Fuzzy is a Police Man

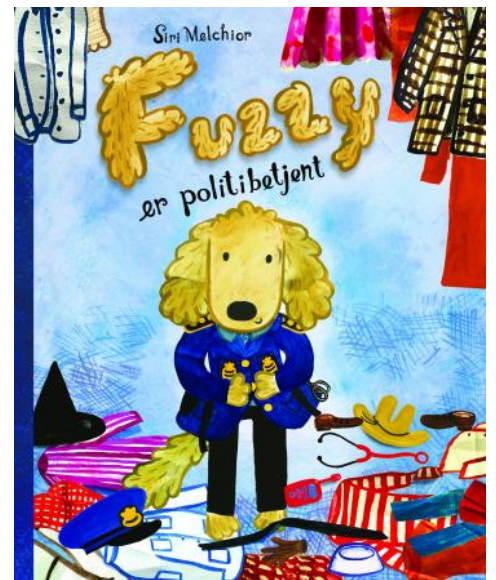
## Fuzzy er politibetjent

A new picture book series, written and illustrated by Siri Melchior, about the dog Fuzzy who loves to dress up.

**Siri Melchior** has already proved that her illustration style travels, her books having been published in Germany and Spain.

### SYNOPSIS

Fuzzy is my dog. He says dare and wags his tail and loves to do all the things dogs do. But Fuzzy also loves clothes. Especially police uniforms.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *April, 2026*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Picture Books (2-5 years)*

Available material: *English sample of the first book*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Sophie Souid  
Thomas Hjorthaab



## Kitty Poo (8) Birds, Bees and a fat Baby called Cupid

### Møgmis (8) bien, blomsten og en fed baby ved navn Amor

The eighth book in the super entertaining, slightly grotesque and rather gross graphic novel/comic about friendship and enmity. For the teenager Ziggye and his cunning cat, Kitty Poo, love each other. Or love to hate each other.

**Sophie Souid** is an award-winning Danish children's book author known for her great humorous writing.

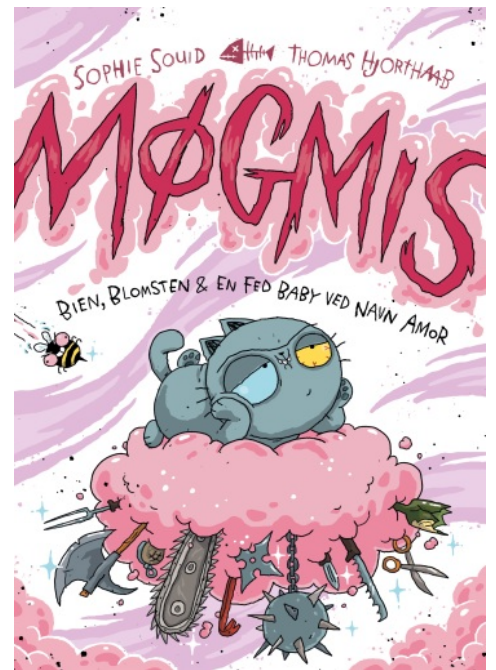
**Thomas Hjorthaab** is a well-known Danish children's book illustrator whose art style is known to be funny, punk and bursting with emotion.

## SYNOPSIS

You can get hit by a lot in life. For example, a bus. Or Cupid's arrow. The latter can lead to both sweet music and butterflies in the stomach, but can also definitely be the cause of inflamed flesh wounds and broken hearts. (Just ask Ziggye, who has tried both. Mostly the former, but definitely the latter too). But even though the shitty cat, Kitty Poo, has experience with all kinds of firearms, it is still completely new to be in the shooting line.

The birds and the bees and all the love gods of the world had no idea what they had started!

Friendship and unity are essential in this book, where in addition to another brilliant Kitty Poo story, we get a new interpretation of "Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf". The story is a mix of regular comic book pages and text with illustrations.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *May, 2026*

82 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample of the first book*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Emil Landgreen



## What do you do? Horror Escape Room

### Hvad gør du? Gyser Escape Room

Horror Escape Room is the fifth book in the *What Do You Do?* series - richly illustrated, wacky stories where the reader decides the action. Each story contains many different paths - and with 29 different endings, it will be extra fun to read the book again and again and again...

**Emil Landgreen** is a Danish illustrator, drummer and author, based in Copenhagen.

## SYNOPSIS

You're going to a horror escape room with the class.

Unfortunately, everyone has gotten sick after eating teacher Paul's homemade oat cakes, so now you have to do it all by yourself.

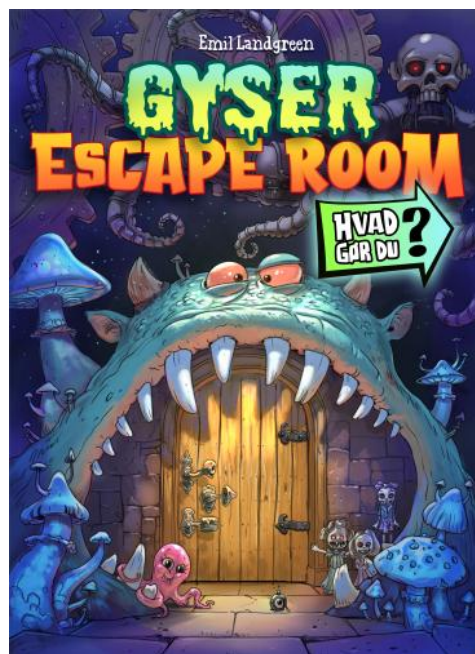
Luckily, you're really smart and good at solving puzzles. At least if you say so yourself.

But this escape room is not quite normal. In the usual crazy "What do you do?" style, you have to make choices along the way and find your way through the story, which has 29 different endings.

Along the way, you'll encounter creepy horror dolls, dangerous robots, monsters and a very large frog who loves fruit compote.

One wrong choice can make everything go completely wrong.

Good luck. You'll need it.



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