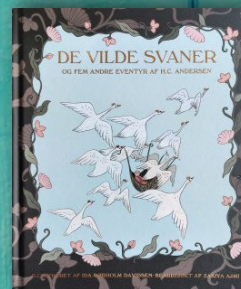
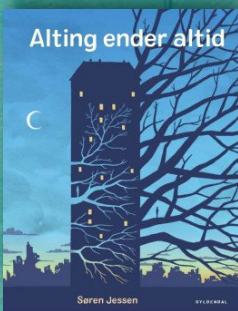
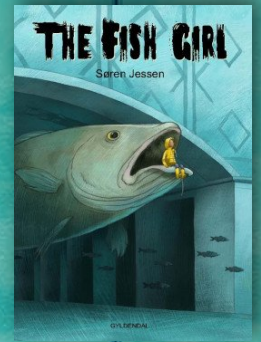
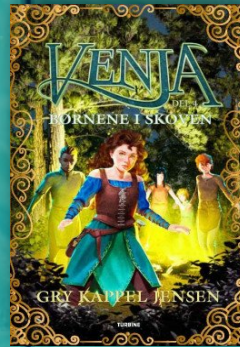
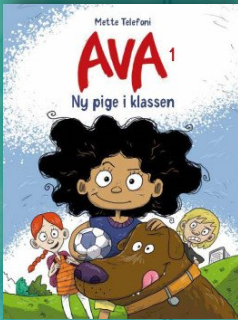
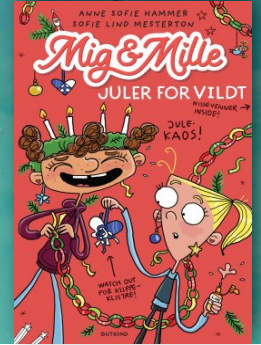
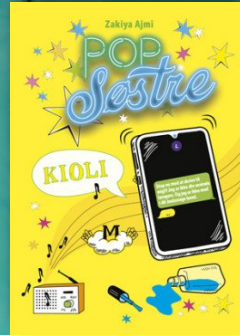
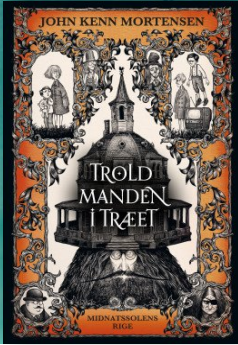




MG Highlights

Spring 2024



John Kenn
Mortensen



The Warlock in the Woods (Land of the Midnight Sun I)

Trolldanden i træet (Midnatssolens Rige I)

The first book in *The Realm of the Midnight Sun* trilogy, written - and richly illustrated - by John Kenn Mortensen. Enter a curious world full of quaint characters, reminiscent of classics like *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Lord of the Rings* and *Narnia*.

John Kenn Mortensen, the Danish cult illustrator, celebrated by fans around the world for his incredibly detailed illustrations of monsters.

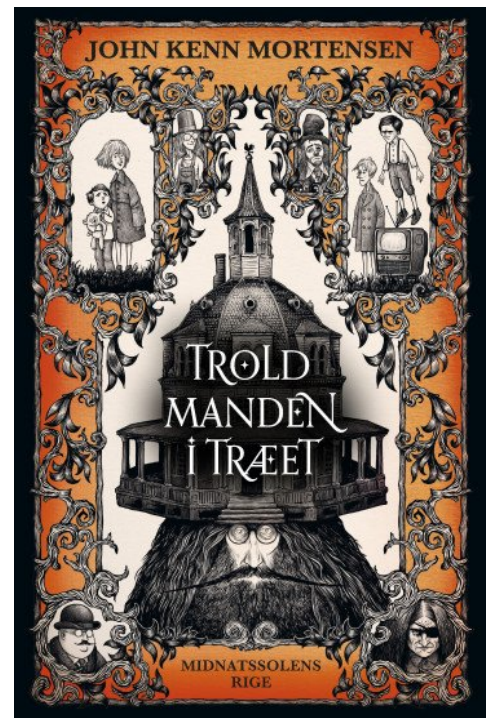
SYNOPSIS

Alice and her friends have never seen it before. The strange tower that suddenly sticks out of the lake. Through the tower a fantastic and scary world appears. The Realm of the Midnight Sun. Here the sun never rises properly and it is full of speaking animals, incomparable monsters and an ugly bunch of feinds called The Great Spectacle.

The story is a classic fairy tale and then at the same time so much more. It is full of details, wild, unpredictable and full of spookiness. It is the first part of a trilogy of which the second books is already published and the third book will be published in September 2025.

REVIEWS

"John Kenn Mortensen is like no one else able to bring out the monsters who you had hoped to forget. Those who feed on evil thoughts and live in the cupboard or underneath the bed, but who are perhaps in reality right next to you all the time, without you being able to see them. And he does not only bring them out in the memory but also gives them a face and a body. On top of that, he ends the first book with a major cliffhanger. Then the path is paved for a scorching hot sequel which children from approx. 8 years, who do not let themselves be easily scared, will love." – (Library Review)



Original Language: *Danish*

Published: *November, 2022*

352 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Horror*

Available material: *English sample*

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Sophie Souid



Lead 1: those who whisper lie

Spor 1: den der hvisker lyver

An exciting new crime series aimed at 9-13 year-olds by the winner of the Orla Prize 2024. Two more titles are planned.

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

SYNOPSIS

Every child's nightmare becomes reality for Billy when his mum suddenly disappears. She went out to buy milk and never returned and now, all he has got is an empty flat and an unknown telephone number. .

Billy sets out to search for leads to his mum. But it is difficult, because his mum is not who he thought she was.

Who was Billy's - so seemingly normal - mum and where has she gone?

Luckily, Billy gets help from an unknown angle.

Sophia Souid has won the Skriverprisen 2024 for LEAD 1.

REVIEWS

"Linguistically and plotwise superior." – (Politiken - 5 Hearts)

"It is an incredibly exciting story about Billy, who embarks on a hectic hunt to find his vanished mother. Billy's quiet everyday life with the mother is drastically changed and there turns out to be many things that Billy's mum has omitted to tell her son. The attention of the reader is caught from the prologue's first page when a stranger rings the doorbell at Billy's flat when he is home alone. The book is well-written and the language is current. The cover is very appealing and the blurb is exciting without revealing too much. The story has an open ending and I can almost not wait to read the sequel!" – (Lektørdtalelse - Library review)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *February, 2024*

160 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Crime*

Themes: *Courage, Family*

Available material: *English sample.*

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Zakiya Ajmi



Pop Sisters: Kioli (1)

Popsøstre: Kioli (1)

Shame (Original title: *Skam*) meets *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. Four girls - about to enter teenage life - set out to create their own band, Pop Sisters.

Zakiya Ajmi is a widely celebrated debut author. She was nominated for the Nordic Literature Council's Children's Book Prize in 2022 and shortlisted for the Cultural Ministry's Children's Book Author Prize.

SYNOPSIS

In the four books, we get a glimpse into the lives of the four girls - Kioli, Viola, Samantha and Lin - we see their personal development - and we see how their friendship is put to the test. Because the question is if friendship is more important than fame...

Every book is told from the point of view of one of the girls - this is Kiolis' story:

Kioli is in love. With Magnus. Gorgeous, cool Magnus, who plays in her older brother's band. She is so in love that she cannot think of anything else. To impress him, she says that she plays guitar and has her own band. There's just one problem: she can neither sing, nor play guitar. The white lie grows fast in scope and creates a rift between Kioli and her best friend, Lin.

Who can she convince to be part of her band?

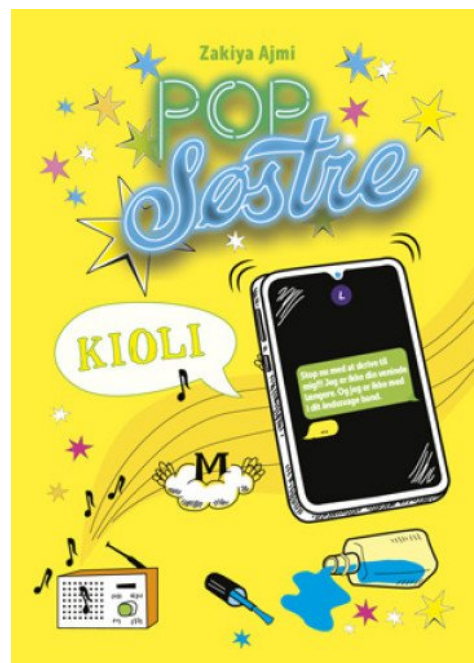
A sweet, funny and thought-provoking series for tweens about friendship, identity and courage.

The first book was nominated for the Writer's Prize (Skriverprisen) - a prize given by the Danish Children's & Educational Ministry every year.

REVIEWS

"This is a wonderful new series about four friends who make the band Pop Sisters. The series is (...) about girlhood, identity, expectations, friends and unity. There are many issues in the four books that readers will recognise from their own lives." – (Lektørdtalelse (Library review)

"I predict that the series will be a hit with girls, as in addition to (IMPORTANTLY) being well-written for the target audience, it also has a great layout with small and large illustrations." – (@litteratur_til_danskfaget)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Bolden*

Published: *September, 2023*

120 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Tween*

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

Territories Handled

World except: Danish, Norwegian, Swedish

Territories Sold

Norwegian: Vigmostad & Bjørke

Swedish: *Bergshs*

Sabine Lemire
Rasmus Meisler



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.

Sabine Lemire (b. 1974) is a graduate of the Danish Design School and The Duperré School of Applied Arts in Paris. Short-listed for Deutscher Jugendbuch Preis 2019 with MIRA.

Rasmus Meisler is an award-winning and widely celebrated illustrator, based in Copenhagen.

SYNOPSIS

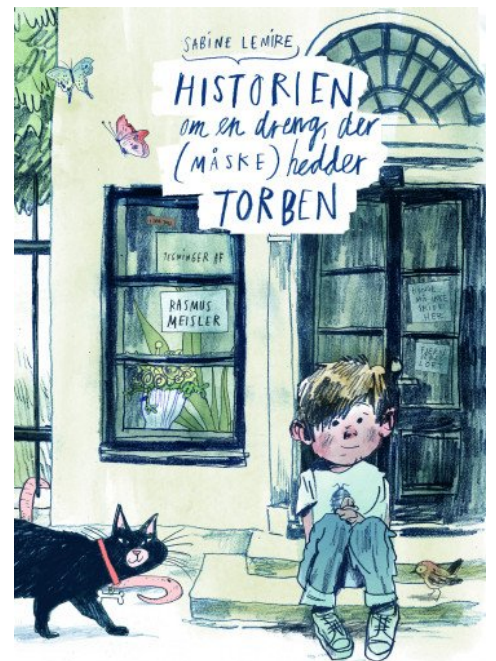
A boy lives alone in a little house. He is mostly on his own. He can no longer remember what his name is - it been too long since anyone said his name. It's possible that there was once a lady living there, who called him Sausage, but he is not quite sure.

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 conversion 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)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *December, 2023*

56 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Friendship, Loss/Grief, Courage, Imagination*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Territories Sold

Spanish (Latin America): *Editorial Muñeca de Trapo*

Anne Sofie Hammer
Sofie Lind Mesterton

Me and Milla go Christmas bonkers

Mig og Mille juler for vildt



It's finally Christmas time and Milla and Milla have lots of great pranks lined up. The fourth title in the popular series about two lovely girls who know exactly how to spice up life with a bit of fun. Sold in translation to Icelandic, Italian, Norwegian, Polish and Swedish.

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

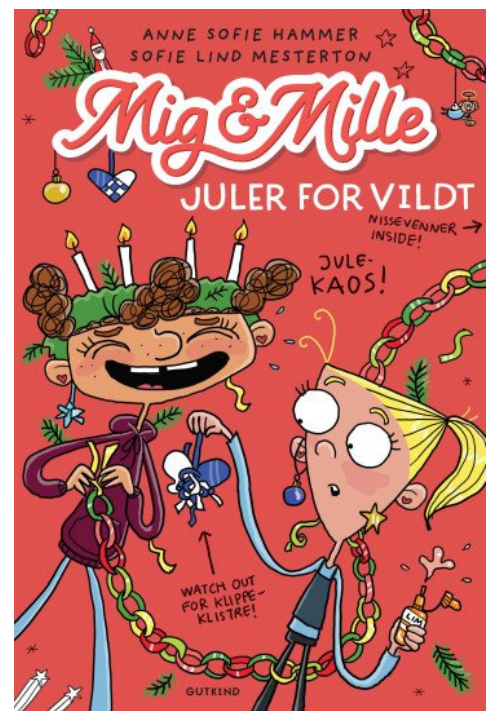
Sofie Lind Mesterton is an illustrator and visual storyteller, with a degree from the Royal Danish Art Academy's School for Design.

SYNOPSIS

The two silly billies are busy in the run-up to Christmas. It's true that the month of Christmas is a time for peace and cosiness, but it is also time to pull a few pranks on people, like "the nisse" used to do in the old days.

Who is able to pull that off better than the two girls with identical names and the same silly sense of humour?

Option publishers include: Dutch (*De Fontein*), Finnish (*Otava*), Icelandic (*Forlagid*), Italian (*Il Battello a Vapore*), Norwegian (*Cappelen Damm & Mangschou*), Swedish (*B. Wahlstroms*).



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *November, 2023*

172 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Themes: *Christmas, Friendship*

Available material: *English sample of the first book.*

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Mette Telefoni
Thomas Hjorthaab



Ava (1) - New Girl in Class

Ava (1) - Ny pige i klassen

This is a lovely new series of six illustrated books about the girl, Ava, aimed at independent readers from 7+. It centres around good friends, cute animals, school life, family and football - and Ava carries it all with feistiness and integrity.

Mette Telefoni (b. 1976) is an anthropologist who has written many short-stories, YA novels and easy-read novels for all school ages, as well as three illustrated picture books.

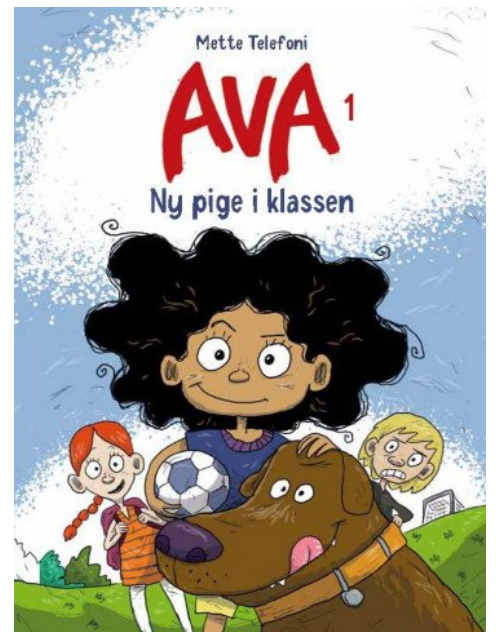
Thomas Hjorthaab is a well-known Danish children's book illustrator whose art style is known to be funny, punk and bursting with emotion.

SYNOPSIS

Ava has well and truly had it. Her parents have moved her away from her old house and her best friend, Anna, to a completely new place. And now the holiday is over and it is time to start at her new school. She does not want to go.

But then she is seated next to Esther, and suddenly things start to look a whole lot better – and maybe Esther needs a new friend just as much as Ava...

Mette Telefoni has written a very special series in a wonderful language, full of wisdom and warmth and with very clearly drawn characters.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Alinea*

Published: *June, 2022*

40 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Easy Read*

Themes: *Friendship, Bullying, Courage, Family, Pets, Football*

Available material: *English sample upon request.*

Territories Handled

World except: *Danish*

Territories Sold

Faroese: *BFL*

Norwegian: *Cappelen Damm*

Sarah Engell
Signe Kjær



The Golden Clock

Gulduret

A thought-provoking story about seeing the beauty in the ordinary.

Sarah Engell is one of the most popular YA writers on the Danish scene, coining perfectly what it is like being young today, with no trace of moralisation or judgement. She is currently nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

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

The everyday is my favourite day. That's what grandpa used to always say. But Sophia is tired of the boring old everyday with homework, rainy weather and the same old fare for supper. When she turns ten years, she luckily gets a very special and magical birthday present which can help her skip all the boring bits. From now on, every day will be a party. Glittery clothes, cakes, gifts! Sophia feels like the queen of life. But things derail completely and suddenly Sophia is all alone in the world.

REVIEWS

"A magical tale, beautifully composed in a smooth and delicious language, which mesmerizes from start to finish." – (Børn og Bøger (Children and Books))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *November, 2022*

64 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Realism*

Film Rights: *Babel-Bridge*

Theatre Rights: *Babel-Bridge*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Territories Sold

Dutch: *De Vier Windstreken*

Gry Kappel Jensen



Venja (4) - The Children of the Forest

Venja (4) - Børnene i skoven

Suspense, adventure and magic for readers from 8 years up. *The Children of the Forest* is the fourth book in an easy-read series comprising 6 books by the author of award-winning YA series, *The Rosenholm Trilogy*.

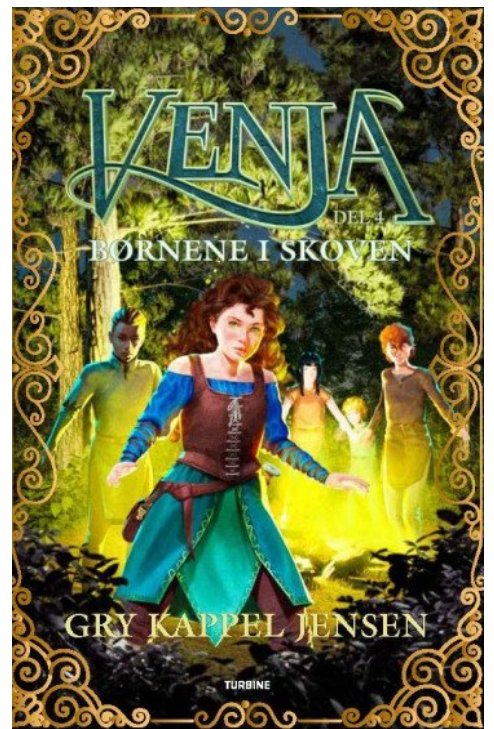
Gry Kappel Jensen is the author of the bestselling YA fantasy series, *Rosenholm*, published in Germany, Italy, Poland and US.

SYNOPSIS

A small group of children live in the forest. They used to live at the big castle, together with Venja. But then they were hit by a curse.

In the daytime, Rana and the other children take the form of animals, but at night they become children again. Venja has promised to help them, so now she has to break the evil magic. She just doesn't know how. Together with the boy, Theo, Venja ventures deep into the forest to seek help.

New easy-read fantasy series by Gry Kappel Jensen with illustrations by Andreas Erstling. At the back of each book are fact sheets, as well as a drawing templates, if the reader feels like drawing one of the characters from the book.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Turbine*

Published: *November, 2022*

115 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Easy Read*

Themes: *Courage, Friendship*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Territories Sold

Swedish: Nypon

Gertrude Kiel
Gunvor Rasmussen



Tales from the Sky: Science Stories for Children

Hvad himlen kan fortælle os: videnskabshistorier for børn

In the tradition of *Sophie's World*, this book offers insight into a topic that is normally not easily accessible to children. Sold in translation to 11 languages at this point.

Gertrude Kiel is a Danish author of international caliber, who writes engagingly about big universal topics.

Gunvor Rasmussen produces dreamily beautiful illustrations using water-colours.

SYNOPSIS

If there is one thing that children and scientists have in common, it is their curiosity. Curiosity about the world around us, our role in it and the meaning of it all.

William is nine years old and fed up. It is school holiday and his parents are away on work trips; he is deposited at his mad aunt's place and she has absolutely no clue about kids. But crazy aunt Gudrun knows a thing or two about science and the week at her place turns out to be filled with stories of exciting people, funny anecdotes and fascinating machines.

Shortlisted for „Wissensbuch des Jahres 2022“ (Knowledge Book of the Year) by [Wissenschaft Magazine](#)

REVIEWS

"From the pile (of knowledge books for children) especially one book stands out. It is Gertrude Kiel's science book, TALES FROM THE SKY (...) A boy called William has to spend a week at his grumpy star-gazing aunt's place. During the course of those days, we are taken around the entire solar system and all the big names. For example Einstein." – Steffen Larsen (Politiken) (Bogforum Magazine)

TERRITORIES HANDLED

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

TERRITORIES SOLD

Bulgarian: [Iztok-Zapad](#), Chinese Complex: Yuan-Liou, Chinese Simplified: United



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Character Publishing*

Published: *August, 2018*

251 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Tween*

Genre: *Historical*

Themes: *Curiosity*

Film Rights: *Babel-Bridge Literary Agency*

Theatre Rights: *Babel-Bridge Literary Agency*

Available material: *English sample, full Chinese, German, Italian and Spanish translations.*

Sky, Estonian: Varrak, German: Hanser Verlag, Italian: Gallucci Editore, Korean:
BIR Publishing, Polish: Czarna Owca, Romanian: Humanitas, Serbian: Odiseja,
Spanish (World): Siruela.

Søren Jessen



The Fish Girl

Fiskepigen

An **IBBY Honour** nominee - an absolutely stunning graphic novel on the highly current subject of flooding and climate change - aimed at reading aloud for 10+ or reading alone for 12+.

Søren Jessen is an award-winning Danish author/illustrator of children's books and graphic novels.

SYNOPSIS

In a house on a hilltop, the autistic boy, Frede, and his older sister are home alone. A violent storm has hit their area and all land around them has been washed away by flooding, leaving their hilltop house on a small island in the sea. They are without electricity and light, waiting for their parents to find them.

Fred's sister does everything in her power to create an illusion that everything is normal – to protect her fragile younger brother. She plays with dinosaurs, makes a cozy camp underneath the dining table, bakes pancakes on the gas fire and tells a fairy tale of a girl who lives in the sea.

At the same time, she is worried and scared. Where are their parents? Will the water rise further? And how does she make the old generator in the outhouse work, so that she can create light and signal to the helicopter above that they are alive and waiting?

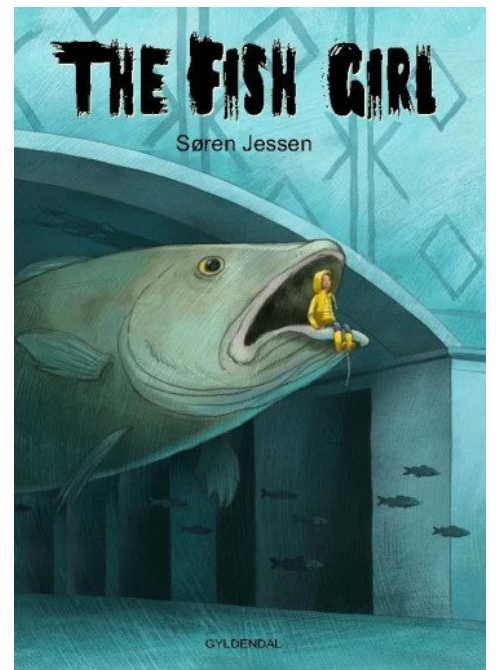
The book provides a beautiful and moving point of departure for a dialogue on climate change and on the importance of caring for each other when the going gets tough. There is a strong sense of hope and community in the story and the stunning illustrations provide a complete extra layer of meaning for this pearl of a story.

Check out the [IBBY Honour List Online Exhibition](#) [here](#).

REVIEWS

"An eerie, intensely well-wrought and -written novel (...) the way that Søren Jessen mixes text and images is simultaneously elegant and fiercely anchoring you in the present." – (Børn & Bøger (Children and Books magazine))

"The Fish Girl is an outstandingly beautiful publication, in which the illustrations – on land, in the ocean and in the air – contribute to a unique experience." – (Bogbotten.dk)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gyldendal*

Published: *March, 2020*

116 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Children*

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Environment, Courage, Family*

Available material: *English sample translation*

Territories Handled

World except: Chinese Complex,
Chinese Simplified

Territories Sold

Italian: *Camelozampa*

Søren Jessen



Everything always ends

Alting ender altid

Beautifully illustrated graphic novel, aimed at 10-14 year-olds; a compelling point of departure for conversations about war.

Søren Jessen is an award-winning Danish author/illustrator of children's books and graphic novels.

SYNOPSIS

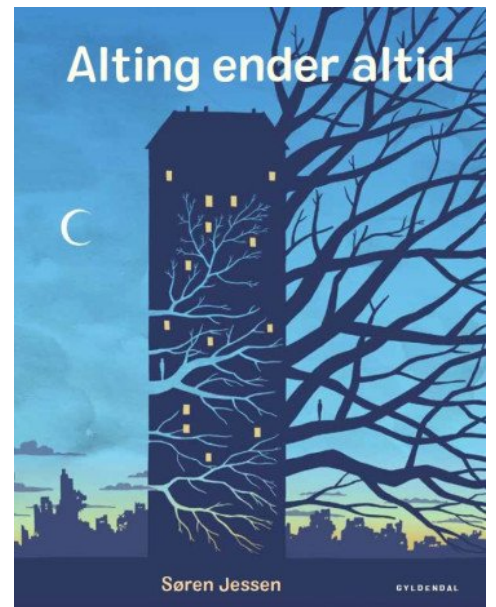
In a basement, deep underneath a war-torn city, a child is hiding with his dad. Drones and missiles continue to hit and it is very dangerous to be outside. You can only go out at night. They cannot escape the city, as it is under siege by the enemy's soldiers and all bridges across the river have been destroyed.

But one night as they are searching for food and water, they lose their way in the bombed-out streets of the city and they end up at the river. Here they find something that they did not expect...

REVIEWS

"It is difficult to call "Everything has an End" anything other than a small masterpiece... when you start reading, you get spellbound by the artwork, as well as the text. With hypnotic illustrations and a typography that weaves itself around the pictures and become a part of the aesthetic expression... It is awe-inspiring that you can compress a tale in such a beautiful and intense way." – (Kristeligt Dagblad)

"Incredibly beautiful and poetic tale in pictures, which - with great compassion - describes the loneliness, fear and insecurity experienced by the young main character while in hiding under the wartorn city." – (Library Review (Lektørdtalelse))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gyldendal*

Published: *August, 2023*

80 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Children*

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Courage, Loss/Grief, Family*

Available material: *English sample*

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Tore Leifer
Anja Gram



Münchhausen: the Baron's (almost) true tales

Münchhausen: Baronens (næsten) sande eventyr

A refreshing, funny new take on Baron von Münchhausen's tall tales, tweaked for the age group 6+, and colourfully illustrated.

Tore Leifer has written a wonderful new version of Baron von Münchhausen's fabulations.

Anja Gram is an experienced Danish illustrator.

SYNOPSIS

In this new book about Baron von Münchhausen's stories, he has been given a bunch of grandchildren (in reality he was childless) and is telling them stories in front of the fireplace. Thus the scene is set for children and childish souls to be mesmerized and entertained by stories of cannon ball travel, horses on church towers and deers with cherry trees growing out of their heads.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *October, 2021*

96 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample*

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Territories Sold

Dutch: Van Goor

Cecilie Eken



Silver Bloom

Sølvblomst

Fantasy and the realistic everyday life meet in this novel about a boy who is made responsible for a magic plant girl with unpredictable powers.

Cecilie Eken is an award-winning author who writes with beauty and imagination in a language that encompasses both the every day and the poetical. Her works tackle the big themes of life: parents and children, friendship, love, and finding our place in the world and a sense of connectedness. She was nominated for the prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

SYNOPSIS

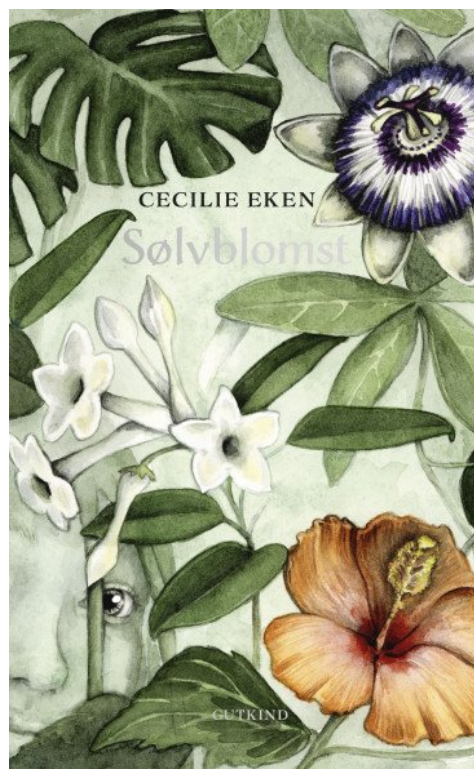
Jonas and his best friend, Simon, have a secret den in the big, overgrown garden on the other side of the woods. One day, Jonas spots the owner, an elderly lady, being taken away in an ambulance and she doesn't return. Her house with the many potted plants is empty and locked up. But it seems as if someone is still in there. Someone who needs help.

Silver Bloom has been a hit with readers since it came out in 2002. It is an atmospheric and poetic tale about friendship, change and the magical power of nature and it is the prequel to the new standalone novel, *Night Bloom*, published for the first time in 2021. The book can be read from 10 years up.

REVIEWS

"An incredibly beautiful and precious tale... rarely have I read a book where a character has moved me so deeply... a fantastic tale about friendship, despair and the wonderful world of nature" – (Literature for Danish teaching (Litteratur til danskfaget))

"A piece of climate literature without any wagging fingers" – (Pædagogen.dk)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *October, 2002*

170 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Fantasy*

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

Available material: *English sample*

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Territories Sold

French: *Hélium*

Italian: *Editrice Il Castore*

Ida Rørholm
Davidsen
Zakiya Ajmi



Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales (2)

H. C. Andersens eventyr (2)

The super talented Danish illustrator, Ida Rørholm Davidsen, provides stunning artwork for some of Hans Christian Andersen's most loved fairy tales.

Ida Rørholm Davidsen won the prestigious *Ping Award* in the category "Best YA publication 2019"

Zakiya Ajmi is a widely celebrated debut author. She was nominated for the Nordic Literature Council's Children's Book Prize in 2022 and shortlisted for the Cultural Ministry's Children's Book Author Prize.

SYNOPSIS

The second volume of Hans Christian Andersen's fairytales with Ida Rørholm Davidsen's beautiful new illustrations, first published in China and now also published by Gads Børnebøger in Denmark with text adaptation by Zakiya Ajmi.

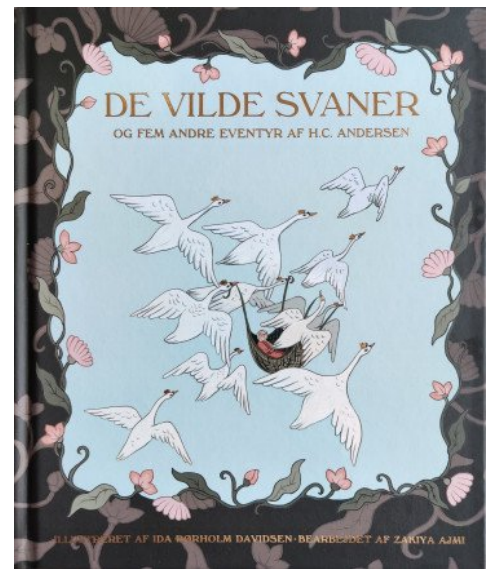
The collections jointly contain 12 fairy tales:

Volume 1:

- "The Ugly Duckling"
- "The Princess on the Pea"
- "The Tinder Box"
- "Thumbelina"
- "Clumsy Hans"
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