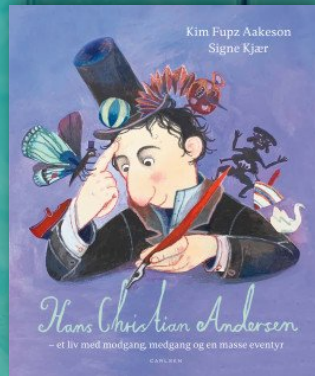
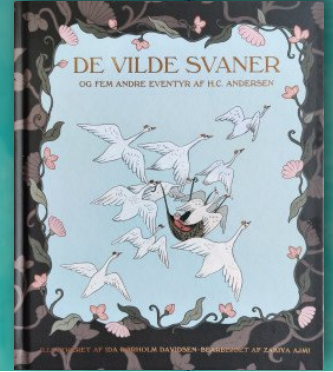
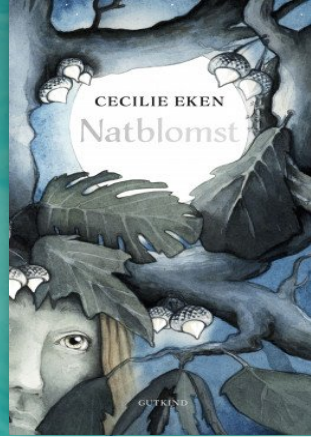




# Middle-Grade Highlights

Spring 2022



Anne Sofie Hammer **Me & Milla**

Sofie Lind Mesterton **Mig & Mille - Helt i Kage**



A refreshing new series in the *Wimpy Kid*, *Tom Gates* tradition, about meeting that very special friend who makes your creative ideas pop like popcorn and the laughter bubble.

**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

It's the first day back at school in Year 6 and a new girl enters the class room. She has wild curly hair and an overbite, and then she is called Milla. She is asked to sit in the empty seat next to Milla. And from then on funny things start to happen.

You see, the two girls are not only called the same, they also have exactly the same sense of humour. In fact, sometimes they only need to look at one another – then laughter bubbles out of them both. And the same goes for nutty ideas. About edible dog poos, about silly video clips and abduction of the teacher's keyboard.

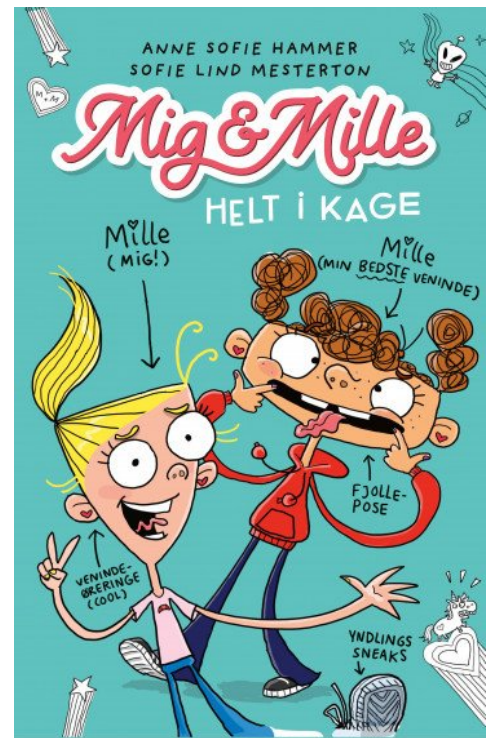
But one day, things go terribly wrong when they attempt to pull a prank on Milla's big brother. Inadvertently, they mess up the relationship between him and his secret girlfriend and he is so deeply unhappy that the two friends need to put their creative minds to work to bring the two together again asap – without anyone realising that they were the ones causing the chaos to begin with.

## TERRITORIES HANDLED

World except: Danish

## TERRITORIES SOLD

Finnish: Otava, Icelandic: Forlagid, Italian: IL Battello a Vapore, Norwegian: Mangschou Forlag, Swedish: B. Wahlströms.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *February, 2022*

164 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Themes: *Friendship, Curiosity*

Available material: *English sample.*

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

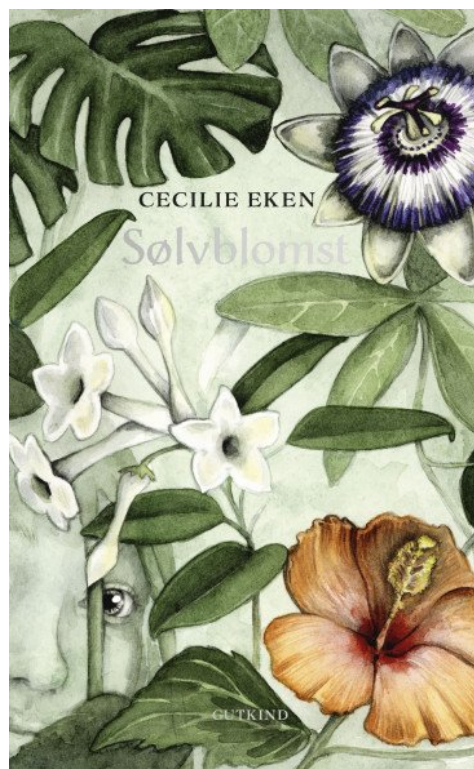
Jonas and his best friend, Simon, have a secret den in the big, overgrown garden on the other side of the woods. One day, Jonas spots the owner, an elderly lady, being taken away in an ambulance and she doesn't return. Her house with the many potted plants is empty and locked up. But it seems as if someone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

Cecilie Eken



## Night Bloom

### Natblomst

This *White Raven 2022* novel is about longing and loss - and about the mysterious realm of nature, which can reveal itself even in the middle of a completely normal town.

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### SYNOPSIS

Mia has moved to a new town with her mother, her little brother and her stepdad. She has a new house and a new school and she hates it all and just wants to go back to her old life, where her dad and the dog, Matti, were a part of her daily life.

One day she runs off after an argument and hides in the deserted garden of one of the houses on her street. It turns out that it isn't all that deserted. But not only the magical tree in the garden holds a secret. Mia also has something she would like to hide...

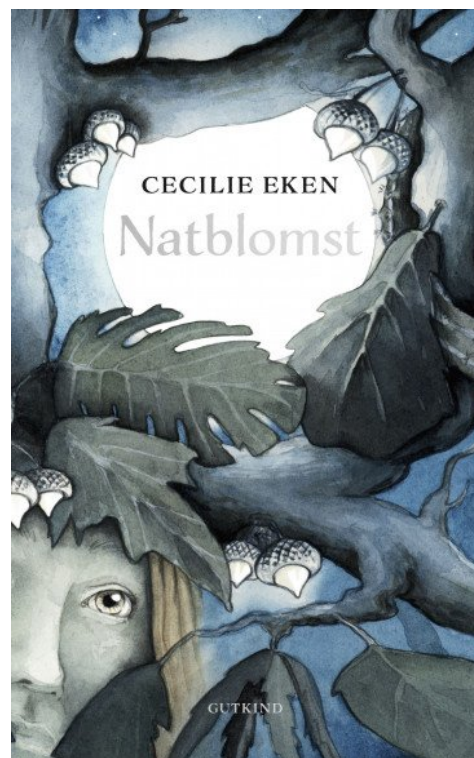
*Night Bloom* is a story about loneliness, loss and friendship and not least about our relationship to the nature we are a part of. It is a stand-alone sequel to the bestselling novel, *Silver Bloom*, and can be read from 10 years up.

Nominated for **Weekendavisen's Literature Award 2022**:

"*Night Bloom* is a fantastical tale which combines tradition and renewal; reality and magic. Cecilie Eken draws on the literary inheritance from Hans Christian Andersen and at the same time addresses the current agenda of biodiversity and nurture of nature. The novel keeps its reader gripped in an effective plot which continues to surprise, while the linguistic register reaches from beautiful poetry to authentic dialogue in the mouth of a teenage girl under pressure. Eken steers clear of clichés by using subtle humour which never talks down to the reader. *Night Bloom* is a work of literature that offers up both challenges as well as solidarity."

**Included in Books from Denmark, Spring 2022**

**Included in The White Raven 2022 Library**.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *October, 2021*

208 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Fantasy*

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

Available material: *English sample translation*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

### Territories Sold

Lithuanian: Terra Publica

## REVIEWS

"It is a beautiful and visionary children's book" – (Five hearts in Politiken)

"Awe-inspiring...a well-written, exciting novel for children and young people, which can easily be read as a stand-alone novel without having read Silver Bloom first, even if it would be a pity to skip the first installment" – (Six stars in Kristeligt Dagblad)

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.

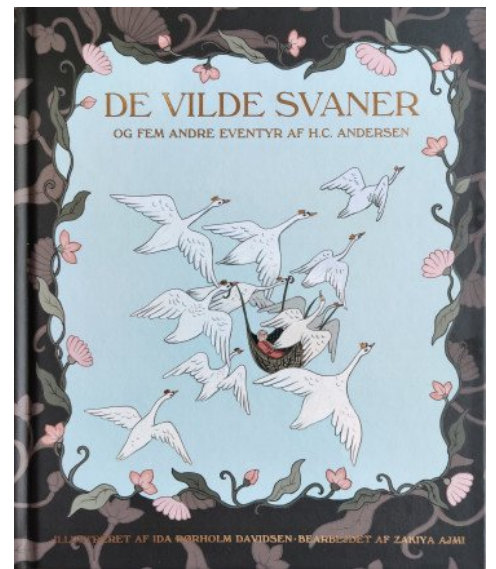
The collections jointly contain 12 fairy tales:

Volume 1:

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

Volume 2:

- "The Fir Tree"
- "The Emperor's New Clothes"
- "The Swineherd"
- "The Snowman"
- "The Wild Swans"
- "The Little Match Girl"



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Hope Publishing - China*

Published: *December, 2022*

141 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Available material: *Full page-, half page illustrations as well as vignettes.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Sabine Lemire  
Rasmus Bregnhøi



## Jamie Penguin Builds a Dog named Arno

### Jørgen Pingvin bygger en Hund der hedder Arne

A new gorgeous picture book series by author/illustrator duo behind the popular graphic novel series, MIRA.

**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 Bregnhøi** is a hugely popular and award-winning Danish illustrator, who was short-listed for the *Deutscher Jugendbuchpreis* in 2019.

## SYNOPSIS

Jamie Penguin loves to build things, but he is not too fond of school. It can be quite difficult for a small penguin to sit still and listen for too long in one sitting. Jamie often gets into trouble, both with his teacher for his lack of focus and with his parents for getting injured during his experiments.

One morning Jamie wakes up and decides to build a dog - a big wonderful dog called Arno, with sharp teeth and gorgeous soft fur, a dog he can take to the park, because isn't that what you do with dog? Jamie has heard that dogs love nature and also he is a bit concerned that Arno poos on the floor - best off to the park then...

Lovely detailed illustrations by Rasmus Bregnhøi.

A sequel is now published with the title, *Jamie Penguin Builds something that can Fly really High*.

## REVIEWS

"Quite simply wonderful." – (Litteratursiden (The Literature Page))

"Cosy, full of humour and action-packed." – (Library review (Lektørdtalelse))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *May, 2022*

56 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Humour*

Themes: *Family, Belonging/Identity, Curiosity, Imagination*

Available material: *English sample*.

## Territories Handled

World except: *Danish*

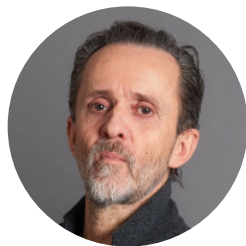
## Territories Sold

German: *Klett Kinderbuch*

Italian: *Sinnos*

Polish: *Natuli*

Kim Fupz Aakeson  
Signe Kjær



## Hans Christian Andersen - a life of ups and downs and lots of adventure

### Hans Christian Andersen - et liv med modgang, medgang og en masse eventyr

A new exciting biography about Hans Christian Andersen for children aged 6+ by the successful author/illustrator duo Fupz and Kjær (see The Children's Bible).

**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.

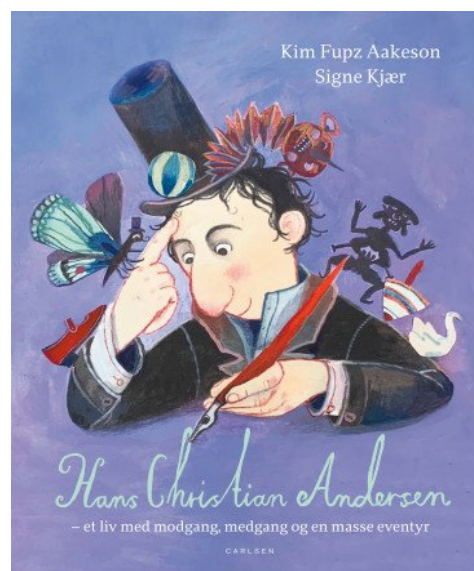
## SYNOPSIS

Hans Christian Andersen was a master storyteller! We all know the fairy tales about the Ugly Duckling, the Emperor's New Cloths and Clumsy Hans. But did you know that Hans Christian Andersen actually wanted to be an actor? Or that he had a teacher who called him a toilet poet? Or that he never went travelling without a long rope?

Hans Christian Andersen had a lot of tales to tell, but there is also quite a lot to be told about him.

## REVIEWS

"A serious and reable biography. Imaginative and fabulating in its illustrations." – Alice Buchhave Nørlem (Folkeskolen (industry magazin for teachers))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *June, 2022*

96 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Non-fiction*

Available material: *English sample available upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

Bulgarian: *Vakon*

Kim Fupz Aakeson  
Signe Kjær



## The Children's Bible: the Book of Books for Children

### Børnenes Bibel: Bøgernes Bog for Børn.

60 of the most important Bible stories from the Old and the New Testament, brilliantly retold by Kim Fupz Aakeson with beautiful illustrations by Signe Kjær. Here's a book that both children and their parents will enjoy.

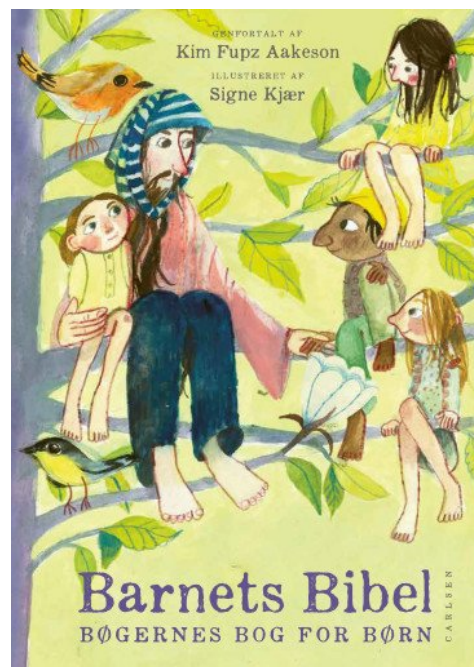
**Kim Fupz Aakeson** is an award-winning, best-selling writer of children's books.

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## SYNOPSIS

The Bible is a cornucopia of unforgettable stories and regardless of whether we believe them or not, they remain an important point of reference for us to this day. There are stories of brothers who cannot get on. There are stories of kings who are scared of ruling. There are stories about war, about skinny cows, about trumpets that can break down walls, about a country where milk and honey float. But most important probably, the Bible is about love.

*The Children's Bible* is the perfect gift book for all ages and important book to read aloud because it will spark conversations about all the important aspects of life.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *September, 2021*

304 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Available material: *English sample translation*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Tore Leifer  
Anja Gram



## Münchhausen: the Baron's (almost) true tales

### Münchhausen: Baronens (næsten) sande eventyr

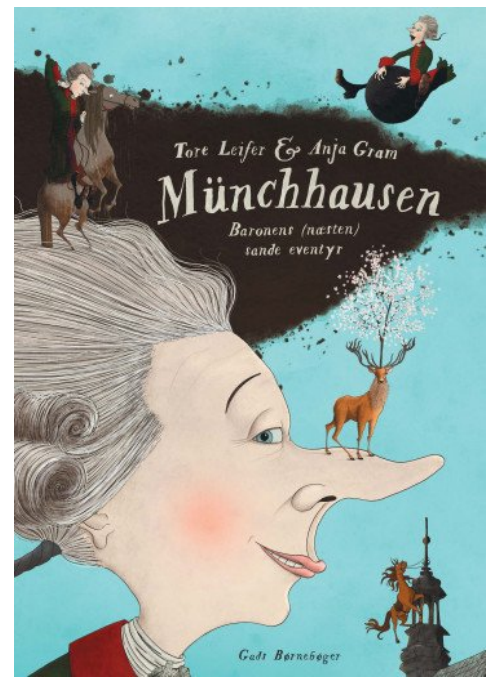
A refreshing, funny new take on Baron von Münchhausen's tall tales, tweaked for the age group 6+, and colourfully illustrated.

**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

Stine Bødker  
Emil Landgreen



## Mermaids

### Havfruer

All you need to know about one of the ocean's most magical creatures, the mermaid.

**Stine Bødker** is behind a brilliant new non-fiction title on mermaids.

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

### SYNOPSIS

Mermaids are the most stunning creatures imaginable. Beautiful and otherworldly with mesmerizing voices. Strong, independent and sometimes dangerous.

But who are they really? Are they nature spirits? Fable animals? Goddesses? Or just secret ocean creatures?

In this beautiful, densely illustrated, non-fiction book, aimed at a 6-9 audience, you will be introduced to the myths and the fairy-tales, get lots of funny and magical facts – and become much more informed of the mermaid's strength, her equipment and her exciting history.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *September, 2021*

40 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Non-fiction*

Available material: *English sample*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Katrine Marie  
Guldager  
Rasmus Bregnhøj



## Frantz goes to a House Party (9) Frantz skal til klassefest (9)

The *Frantz series* is made up of 9 charming and funny stories about the boy with a big belly and an even bigger heart. Suitable as early reading, as well as reading aloud.

**Katrine Marie Guldager** is an award-winning writer whose work has been translated into several languages.

**Rasmus Bregnhøj** is a hugely popular and award-winning Danish illustrator, who was short-listed for the *Deutscher Jugendbuchpreis* in 2019.

### SYNOPSIS

Frantz is going to his first house party at Charlotte's place.

He is looking forward to it, but his friend, Karl, thinks that this party is for babies. And he repeats this comment so many times that he almost ruins the party. Especially for Charlotte.

Frantz does not want to put up with that, because he has a soft spot for anyone who is finding it difficult to stand up for themselves. And of course it ends with a fight. Between Frantz and Karl. Will the party be saved?



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *Relaunched, 2019*

56 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Friendship*

Available material: *English sample from the first book in the series*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)