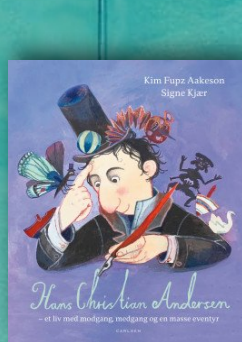
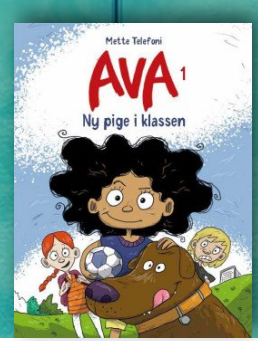
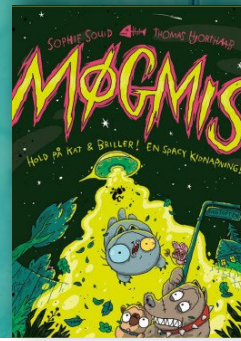
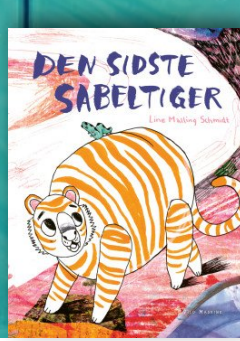
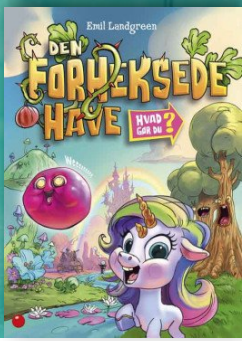
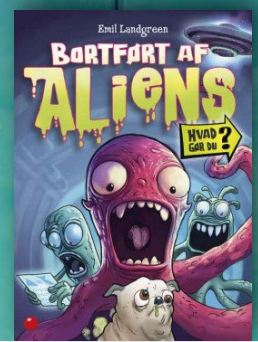
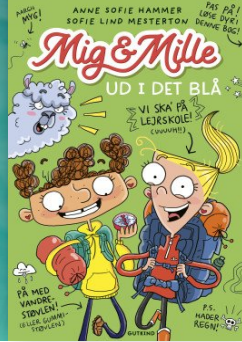




# Middle-Grade

Autumn Highlights 2024



Kim Ace

Sofie Lind Mesterton



## Bastian and the Cotton Monster (1) - a Giant Mess

### Bastian og bomuldsmonstret (1) - et kæmpe rod

A fun and colourful new series for ages 5+ about Bastian, who hates to clean his room, but who is faced with even more mess when the Cotton Monster arrives in his life. With vibrant artwork by Sofie Lind Mesterton.

**Kim Ace** is an experienced musical actor, with an old dream of becoming a writer. Covid lock-down gave him the necessary breathing space to put pen to paper and nail an idea of his that was 13 years in the making.

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

## SYNOPSIS

Bastian's mum is sick and tired of his mess. Bastian thinks he has it all under control. He knows exactly where everything is. But mum is tough. If Bastian doesn't learn to tidy up, he'll never play PlayStation again.

Bastian takes the easy way out and pushes everything into his cupboard, but then something mysterious happens. Out of the mess emerges a monster that is incredibly soft and silly, but unfortunately also completely uncontrollable.

And what should Bastian do now? If his mum discovers that his mess has turned into a monster, there's probably a zero per cent chance that he'll ever be allowed to play PlayStation again.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *October, 2024*

72 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Anne Sofie Hammer  
Sofie Lind Mesterton

# Me & Milla: Into the Wild



## Mig og Mille: Ud i det blå

It's school camp time and it will be a week full of marshmallows, bush monsters and a very special kind of Millasensus Funandgameus. The fifth 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 Finnish, 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

Milla and Milla are going on a school camp. They cannot wait - especially since their favourite substitute teacher, who also loves a bit of fun and games like themselves, is coming along. Unfortunately, it is impossible to make their Biology teacher, Britta, laugh - even if the two friends do EVERYTHING they can to make it happen. When Milla and Milla one day spot some odd animals with giraffe-like necks and teddybear heads in the wood, everyone believe that it is yet another prank. At least until an angry farmer turns up and blames the class for having opened the fence to let out his animals. The class have to help him catch his animals again - and Milla and Milla of course have a plan.

Gutkind have produced some great extra material for the series, which can be found [here](#).

**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: May, 2024

160 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: Middle-Grade

Genre: Humour

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

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

Swedish: B. Wahlstroms

Sophie Souid



## Lead 2 - no smoke without fire

### Spor 2 - ingen røg uden ild

Exciting new crime series for 9-13 year-olds by Sophie Souid, who won the Orla Prize in 2024 for *Shitty Kitty*.

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

## SYNOPSIS

In the first volume of the LEADS series, every child's nightmare comes true for Billy when his mother suddenly vanishes.

All Billy is left with is an empty flat and an unknown phone number.

He sets out to search for traces of his mum. But it's difficult, because it turns out that the police can't find her in their systems either.

Who is Billy's mum - and where is she?

## REVIEWS

"A terrific and truly exciting crime series that is also serious and tough. Well-written with fluid, easy language, the book is hard to put down. You're rooting for Bille all the way through, and you can't wait to see what happens in the next volume. The grey-toned illustrations support the harsh noir atmosphere very well." – (DBC (Danish Library Centre)

"Sophie Souid is not just a writer with a sense of humour. She can also write." – (Bogbotten (Danish book blog, the Book Bot)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *November, 2024*

160 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Crime*

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

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Sophie Souid  
Thomas Hjorthaab



## Ziggie has just One Life - the Hard Life of a Teenager

### Sivert har kun ét liv - teenagelivet tynger

Ziggie finds it difficult that his cat, Kitty Poo, gets so much attention - so now he gets his very own series. Ziggie also has enough stories of his own to tell...

**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

Yes, Ziggie has enough of his own stories to tell, because Petra has dumped him, his dad makes the worst food in the world, his cat is Psycho, his mum has just quit smoking (or not) and then she has gotten rid of his chest of drawers. And it contained Ziggie's very biggest secret, which under no circumstances can be revealed.

Ziggie needs to join forces with his friends, Petra and Ronny, so he can get the chest of drawers back and save his life - or reputation. But it is neither going to be easy or harmless!

*Kitty Poo: Revenge is sweet and reeks of fish* won the Orla Prize 2023 in the category "The Book that made me Wet my Pants from Laughing".

## REVIEWS

"Sophie Souid has more funny bones than an average church yard and instantly captures the attention of the reader" – (nummer9.dk)

"It's a funny book. There will be more in the same series. That's good." – (Bogbotten)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *August, 2024*

216 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Children*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample upon request.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Emil Landgreen



## What do you do? Abducted by Aliens

### Hvad gør du? Bortført af Aliens

A fun, crazy, different and beautifully illustrated book with over 20 different endings!

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

## SYNOPSIS

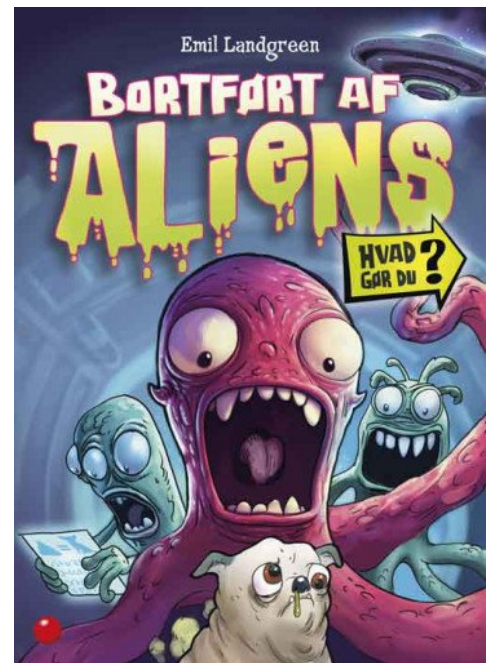
Author and illustrator Emil Landgreen, who has always loved playing video games and reading books, has long wanted to combine the two. 'What if you could PLAY a book?'

And in the 'What do you do?' books, you actually can. It's a kind of reading-gaming, where you decide the action yourself and can just 'game away' without a screen. And without being reprimanded by your mum or dad. What's not to like?'

'Abducted by Aliens' is one of the books in the "What do you do?" series - where YOU decide the plot! Each story contains MANY different paths - and with over 20 different endings, reading the book again and again and again will be extra fun...

## REVIEWS

"Humorous and exciting choose-your-own-adventure book with a good, large font size, colourful illustrations and catchy cover. The many different endings are fun and sometimes end well - and sometimes not so well." – (Lektørdtalelse (Library review))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Bolden*

Published: *May, 2024*

88 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish, Faroese, Norwegian, Swedish

## Territories Sold

Dutch: *Unieboek | Het Spectrum bv*

Finnish: *Otava*

Swedish: *Bergshs*

Emil Landgreen



## What do you do? The Enchanted Garden

### Hvad gør du? Den forheksede have

A fun, crazy, different and beautifully illustrated book with over 20 different endings!

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

## SYNOPSIS

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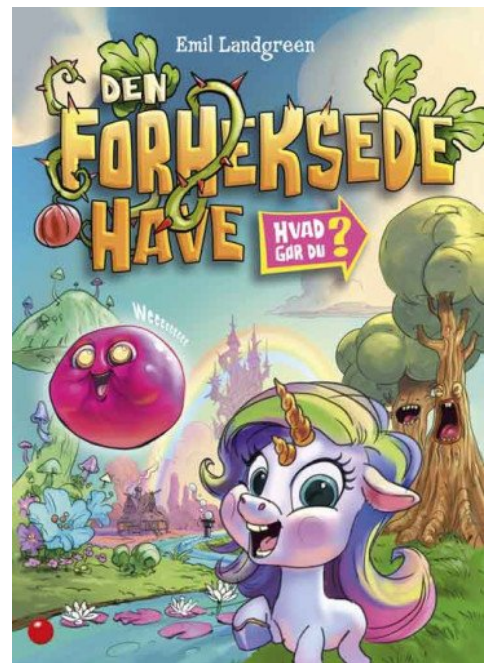
And in the 'What do you do?' books, you actually can. It's a kind of reading-gaming, where you decide the action yourself and can just 'game away' without a screen. And without being reprimanded by your mum or dad. What's not to like?'

'The Enchanted Garden' is one of the books in the "What do you do?" series - where YOU decide the plot! Each story contains MANY different paths - and with over 20 different endings, reading the book again and again and again will be extra fun...

Option publishers include: Dutch (*Unieboek*), Finnish (*Otava*) and Swedish (*Berghs*)

## REVIEWS

"Humorous and exciting choose-your-own-adventure book with a good, large font size, colourful illustrations and catchy cover. The many different endings are fun and sometimes end well - and sometimes not so well." – (Lektørdtalelse (Library review))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Bolden*

Published: *May, 2024*

128 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample of ABDUCTED BY ALIENS*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish, Faroese, Norwegian, Swedish

## Territories Sold

Swedish: *Berghs*

Zakiya Ajmi



## Pop Sisters: Viola (2)

### Popsøstre: Viola (2)

*Shame* (Original title: *Skam*) meet *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 Viola's story:

Viola plays piano and sings like a dream! And she also composes herself. She is a musical talent, everyone around her knows that. But everyone also has ambitions on her behalf, including her friends in the band, Pop Sisters. Viola would rather not disappoint anyone, but what does she actually want herself...? It is about time that she learns to make her own decisions and choose her own path...

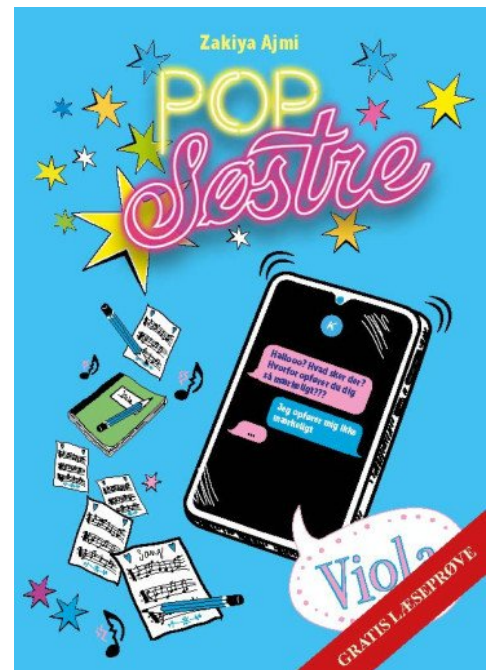
A sweet, funny and thought-provoking series for tweens about friendship, identity and courage.

**The first book about Kioli is currently 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 of the first book upon request.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish, Faroese, Norwegian, Swedish

## Territories Sold

Norwegian: *Vigmostad & Bjørke*

Swedish: *Bergshs*

# Line Malling Schmidt **The Last Smilodon**



## **Den sidste sabeltiger**

An adventurous and imaginative picture book/graphic novel hybrid about the unlikely friendship between a smilodon and a caterpillar.

**Line Malling Schmidt** is a Danish author and illustrator of children's books.

## **SYNOPSIS**

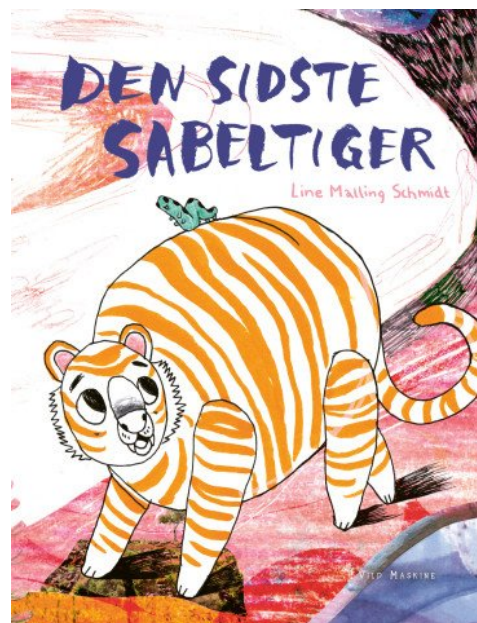
The smilodon sleeps in its den, but wakes up when a natural disaster hits the earth. It is alone and can't find its family. Luckily, it meets the caterpillar, who has a bright outlook on life and always has a cheeky quip. Together they set out to search for smilodon's relatives, even though the caterpillar has problems of its own.

Along the way, not just one, but two miracles happen.

## **REVIEWS**

"A tribute to nature's ability to survive, but also to imagination and the imaginary power of the child... The Smilodon is brightly coloured, almost screaming in its choice of colours ... a slightly old-fashioned and very endearing artwork style ... Schmidt's [...] images of animals and landscapes are fascinating. The seriousness is countered by the playful style" – (Weekendavisen)

"An imaginative and very atmospheric tale ... The dialogue between the caterpillar and the smilodon is humorous and the illustrations are very special." – (Dansk Bibliotekscenter, Danish Library Centre)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Vild Maskine*

Published: *August, 2024*

44 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Children*

Available material: *English sample.*

## **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

Sophie Souid  
Thomas Hjorthaab



## Kitty Poo (5) - Hold on to your Cat and your Glasses! A Space Kidnapping!

### Møgmis - hold på kat og briller! En space kidnapping!

A super entertaining, slightly grotesque and rather creepy graphic novel/comic about friendship and enmity. Teenage Sivert and his cunning cat, Kitty Poo, love each other. Or at least 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

Kitty Poo is despondent and depressed. It only has one life left and its self-confidence is low because its otherwise ingenious revenge plan against Ziggy has still not succeeded.

Kitty Poo's mood is not made better by the fact that Ziggy has started making cat memes on his phone and can't be pulled away from the screen.

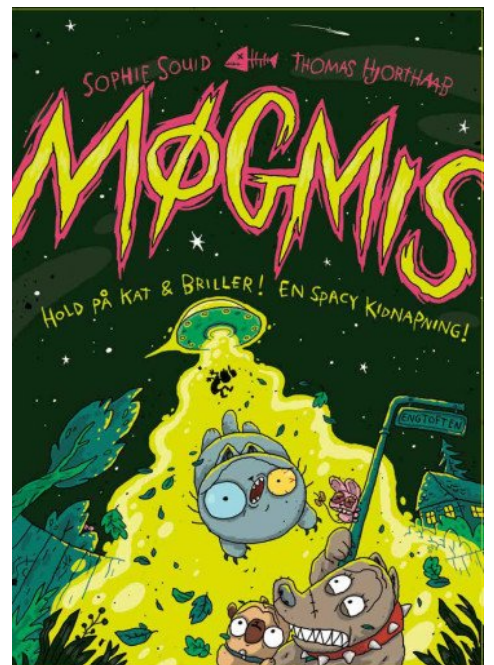
So to punish Ziggy - and get some attention - Kitty Poo decides to run away from home.

The fifth volume in the hilarious comic strip about teenager Ziggy and his Kitty Poo.

The first book in the series won the Orkla Prize 2023 in the category "The Book that made me wet my pants with laughter", as well as the Best Graphic Novel of the Year 2023 Award. The series has been nominated for the Ping Prize twice.

**Thomas Hjorthaab was shortlisted for the Danish Cultural Ministry's 2024 Children's Book Illustrator of the Year Award.**

*Option publishers include: Dutch (Blauw Gras), Faroese (BFL), Finnish (Otava),*



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *October, 2024*

88 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Children*

Genre: *Humour*

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

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

Polish: Nowa Basn

*French (Jungle, Steinkis), Italian (Il Castoro), Norwegian (Gyldendal Norsk), Polish (Nowa Basn), and Swedish (Berghs).*

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.

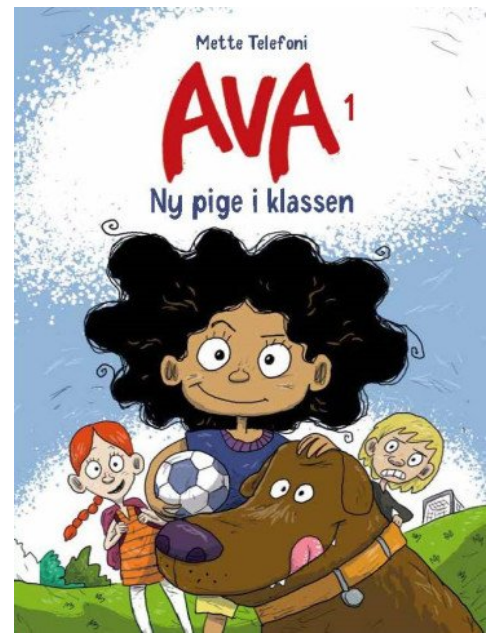
**Thomas Hjorthaab** is a well-known Danish children's book illustrator whose art style is known to be funny, punk and bursting with emotion.

## 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*

Annie Bahnson



## Along came a Dog with the Ferry

### Der kom en hund med færgen

*Along came a Dog with the Ferry* is a funny, moving and original tale about friendship and courage – and about taking matters into your own hands.

**Annie Bahnson** (b. 1969) is a Danish author of realistic YA and funny and quirky MG.



## SYNOPSIS

Ruth lives on a small island and there are only seven children in her class. She is the only girl and the others are hanging out in pairs, so she feels a bit left out. She'd love to be friends with Snorre, but he only dares to be her friend when Carl isn't around.

Instead Ruth spends her time collecting insects. But it's not quite the same, as having a good friend. Even if she names them all after people around her and goes to great lengths finding insects that fit the personality of the people in her life.

One day, a dog arrives, alone, with the ferry. A fantastic dog. And it wants to be Ruth's friend. The only challenge is that Ruth's mum hates animals. Oh, and of course there is the small problem that the dog must belong to someone else...

## REVIEWS

"A sweet and warm story about having a difficult time, but finding solutions anyway and about learning to take matters into your own hands and stand up for yourself. A lovely book for dog friends with lots of island- and summer atmosphere. The book is illustrated with both vignettes of insects and funny drawings of Ruth and the sweet dog." – (Library Review – lektøruddtalelse, Dansk Bibliotekscenter)

"Along came a Dog with the Ferry is the sweetest, loveliest, heart-warming tale about loneliness, friendship, island communities, dogs and insects. About different types of people, love and friendship" – (The Book Experience – Bogoplevelsen)

Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Turbine*

Published: *August, 2022*

184 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Realism*

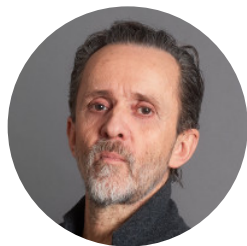
Themes: *Courage, Friendship, Family, Pets*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

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.

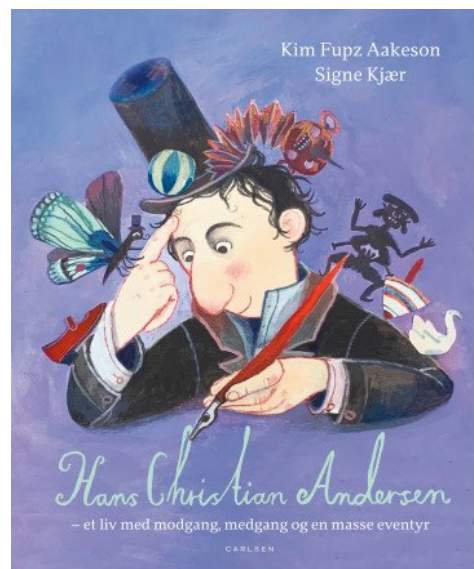
## SYNOPSIS

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*

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*

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*