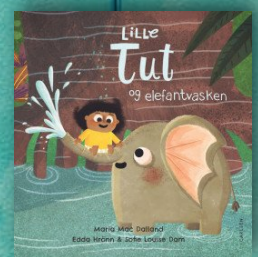
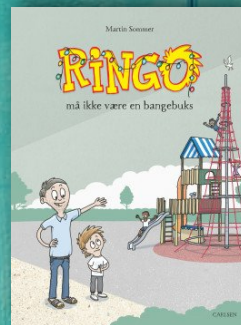
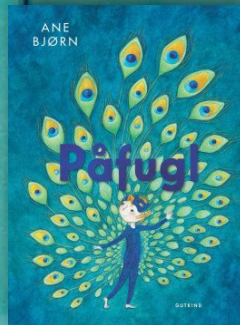
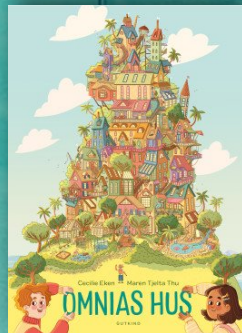
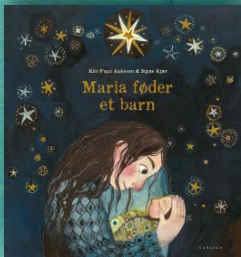
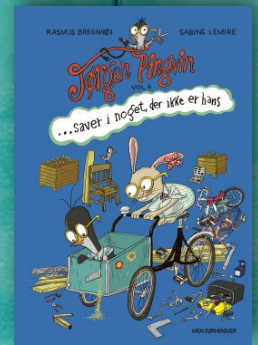
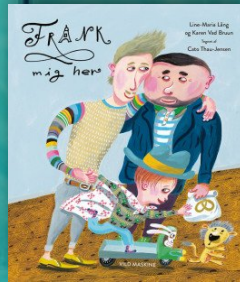
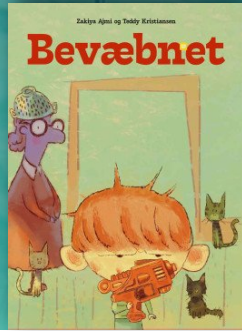
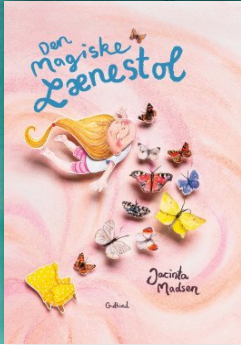




# Picture Book Highlights

Spring 2024



Jacinta Madsen



# The Magical Wing Chair

## Den magiske lænestol

In this very special picture book Jacinta Madsen creates an embracing and imaginative space in which children can safely talk about the sensations they experience when they at a very young age begin to explore their own body.

**Jacinta Madsen** (b. 1982) is a journalist with bachelor degree in Philosophy and a speciality in children's and youth television. She has hosted and produced innumerable programs on the Danish public TV channel, DR, specifically for their hugely popular children's channel, Ramasjang.

## SYNOPSIS

Oda's wing chair is magical. When she sits on it, she flies on a warm wind. Rub, rub, rub - then magic arrives.

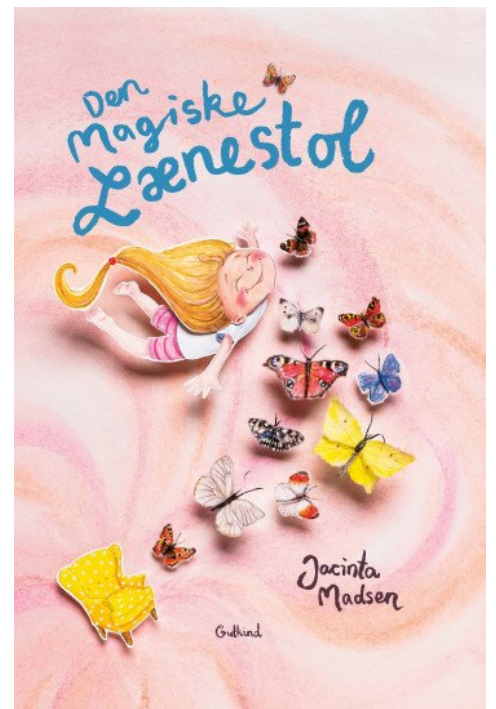
One day when Oda is playing with her wing chair, her mum walks by and asks what she is doing. Oda knows that when she puts one leg in front of the other, she is walking, but she has no words for what she is doing with the wing chair. She only knows that it feels like soap bubbles and butterflies down below. Luckily, mum knows the word and helps Oda to find a language for the magic of the body.

Gutkind have created some lovely extra material for the book which can be accessed [here](#).

## REVIEWS

"Many parents will no doubt recognise the insecurity when it comes to children's exploration of their body and gender and not least the awkward dialogue about it. Jacinta Madsen's *The Magic Wing Chair* is one of those books that might help - and perhaps even prevent - the awkward conversation from happening. Jacinta Madsen passes no judgment, but conveys smiles, explanation and unity ... suitable for the youngest school children. Like other fiction, it can provide a more personal perspective without being intimidating...The book can also be included in the kindergarten book shelf or be read at home - if you dare." – (Weekendavisen)

"The accomplishment of *The Magical Wing Chair* is the crayon-analogue, playful picture universe with butterflies and dandelion seeds in torn-off china paper,



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *February, 2023*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *English sample upon request.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

which is ultra soft at the edges. The text, which describes 5-year-old Oda's own imaginative universe, is curious and when the mum steps in in the middle of her rubbing game on the armrest of the magical wing chair and asks "What are you doing?", a prejudice-free dialogue about masturbation begins ... emphatic ... rather supreme." – (Politiken - 4 hearts)

Zakiya Ajmi



## Armed

### Bevæbnet

A picture book about missing somebody and about finding your own way to feel safe.

**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.

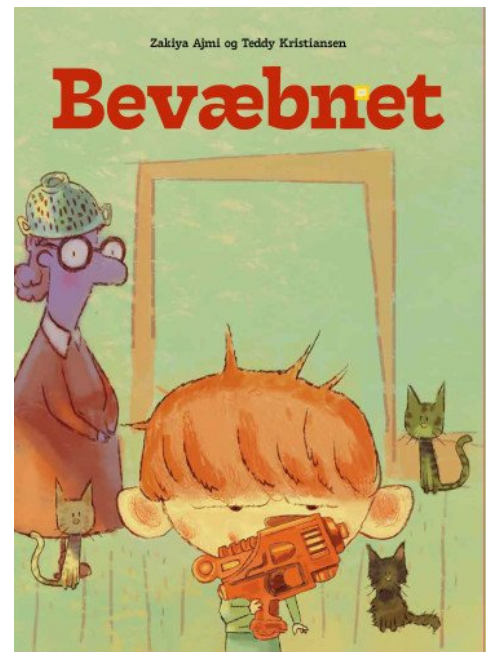
## SYNOPSIS

You have to be well-prepared when suddenly you have to stay overnight at grandma's place without mum. You need a good-sized arsenal of weapons if you want to be protected.

Mum says that grandma offers protection. Pfff! Grandma?!

*With illustrations by Teddy Kristiansen.*

**Shortlisted for the Danish Cultural Ministry's 2024 Children's Book Illustrator of the Year Award.**



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *May, 2024*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *Full English translation*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Lars Daneskov  
Tor Fruergaard



## The Boy who was Scared of Almost Everything

### Drengen der var bange for det meste

An imaginative story about monsters and fear – and about how you should not always believe everything you think. Oh, and beware: the cover glows in the dark!

**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.

**Tor Fruergaard** (b. 1980) is an award-winning animation director, cartoonist, children's book writer and illustrator.

## SYNOPSIS

There's a hole in the ground and if there's anything Fred hates, it's holes in the ground. Especially, when they are black and deep.

Fred is sure that a grass monster lives underground in that hole, with enormous, pointy teeth – so he has to get out of there right this second. On the way, he unfortunately has to pass the extremely dangerous zombie tree, a laundry ghost and, not least, a damn scary dust ball man.

Fred sees monsters everywhere. The Zombie Tree. The Laundry Ghost. The big Dust Ball Man. But perhaps monsters are not that dangerous after all? Perhaps they are even a bit scared themselves?

Danish publisher, Gutkind, have produced a lovely activity booklet which can be seen [here](#).

## REVIEWS

"Funny and slightly surprising story about finding courage." – (Danish Library Centre (Lektørdtalelse)

"Perhaps the book can even make it a bit easier going to bed at night... Children can read it themselves, but it is also a book for the whole family. Spiced-up with gorgeous drawings. But beware: the book glows in the dark..." – Grit Jurack (Flensborg Newspaper (5 stars)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *October, 2023*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Humour*

Themes: *Courage, Fear & Anxiety, Imagination*

Available material: *English sample available on request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Thomas Porsager  
Sofie Lind Mesterton



# Captain Bubblebeard and the Curse of the Cat Island

## Kaptajn Skumskæg og katteøens forbandelse

Funny new picture book series, starring a girl as an adventurous (bathtub) pirate. This is the second book in the series, written by Toke Lotz and Thomas Porsager, with illustrations by Sofie Lind Mesterton.

**Thomas Porsager** is a Danish screenwriter and a graduate of the National Film School of Denmark in 2015.

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

## SYNOPSIS

Captain Foam Beard still wants to be the most dangerous pirate on the thirteen seas. And this time a very special island appears in her binoculars. An island with a very special treasure. But the Foam Fleet is not the only ship that anchors next to the island...



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *January, 2022*

48 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Adventure*

Themes: *Courage, Curiosity, Imagination*

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

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

Sinhala: Dedunna

Merete Pryds Helle  
Charlotte Pardi



## Donna finds a friend

### Donna finder en ven

The fourth book in the popular series about the lovely puppy, Donna, who this time has to leave the safety of her home to venture into the unknown - in a puppy kindergarten.

**Merete Pryds Helle** is an award-winning Danish author.

**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

Donna and her brother Little Wee are fully integrated into the family and are enjoying the safety and comfort of their "pack". Up until now, Lillian Betty's father has worked from home and the puppies have therefore been able to have a lie-in and enjoy the peace of the house when the children were in school and daycare. But now he has a new job and Donna and her brother need to go to puppy kindergarten.

Donna is not impressed when she is dragged out of Lillian Betty's bed in the morning - she is not hungry and just wants to sleep. But the worst is that when she gets to the kindergarten it is full of other puppies she does not know. Little Wee blends right in, but Donna needs her time.

However, by the end of the day she has a new friend and when the alarm rings the next morning, Donna is more than ready to go.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: 2023

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Friendship*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Inger Tobiasen



## Fanni and her naughty scissors

### Fanni og hendes frække saks

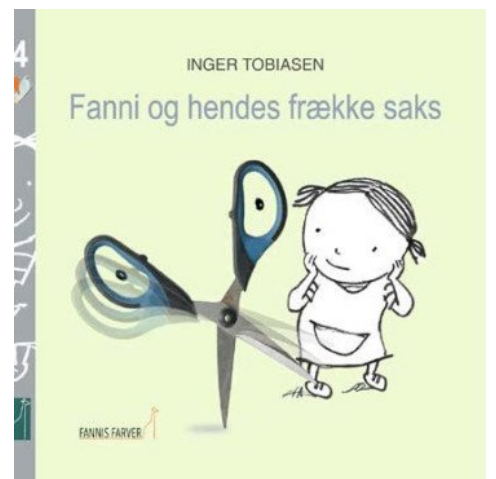
Playful series about the creative little girl, Fanni, who uses her skills and imagination to build adventures and new friends out of materials, such as beads, thread, playdough, and sand. Aimed at 2-6 year-olds.

**Inger Tobiasen** is one of the best-known Danish illustrators of children's books – with her recognisable style, she catches the sentiments of children beautifully and she has provided artwork for many books, also by other authors.

## SYNOPSIS

Fanni's naughty scissors cut through everything, until she gets upset with it and tie a string around its greedy snout. But then she discovers that all the things the scissors has cut through can be recycled to make up something fun.

The book is part of a series of five books where Inger Tobiasen mixes illustration and photography to create a playful, creative feeling.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Fannis Farver*

Published: *April, 2022*

48 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Crafts*

Themes: *Curiosity, Imagination*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Inger Tobiasen



# Fanni's Green Book (1)

## Fannis grønne bog (1)

Fanni's Green Book is the first in a series of 10 small books, about the imaginative play of Fanni. Currently nominated for one of the prestigious prizes at the 28. Biennale of Illustrations Bratislava and sold in translation to China Mainland and South Korea.

**Inger Tobiasen** is one of the best-known Danish illustrators of children's books – with her recognisable style, she catches the sentiments of children beautifully and she has provided artwork for many books, also by other authors.

### SYNOPSIS

Fanni wants to sleep. Dragon wants to sleep too, but his stomach rumbles, and he farts, and Fanni does not like that. She moves farther away, but Dragon's fart sounds very loud, so eventually Fanni wipes him away with her eraser. She still can't sleep because now she misses Dragon and therefore she draws him again with her green crayon. Now they can both sleep. Good night.

### REVIEWS

"A reader reported that her 5-year-old child suffers from high-functioning autism. This is the first time he has read a book in its entirety and read 5 titles at a time. Our editor felt sincerely happy. Thank you very much for your creativity and work. Somewhere in the world, there is a child who is happy because of reading your series. It is a very remarkable achievement." – (Note to the author from her Chinese publisher: Beijing Yutian Hanfeng Book Co., Ltd)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Fannis Farver*

Published: *2018*

40 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Film Rights: *Babel-Bridge Literary Agency*

Available material: *Danish originals and English sample translations. Chinese translation by UTOP.*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

### Territories Sold

Chinese Simplified: *UTOP*

Korean: *Montessori Korea Co., Ltd.*

Line-Maria Lång  
Karen Vad Bruun  
Cato Thau-Jensen



# Frank Here and There and Everywhere

## Frank mig her

What happens when Dad suddenly gets a new partner? That this new partner also happens to be a man is not the main topic of the book. The focus is more on accepting new relations in the family.

**Line-Maria Lång** (b. 1982) is a Danish-Swedish author of both adult- and children's books.

**Karen Vad Bruun** (b. 1977) has worked with books in many different roles: as author, translator, publisher and rights seller.

**Cato Thau-Jensen** (b. 1966) is a Danish illustrator, known for his wild and colourful illustrations in humorous children's books.

## SYNOPSIS

“Dad says that he is a proper “Frankophile”. He likes everything and anything to do with Frank”. That includes French waffles, franked mail and Frankenstein’s monster. And one day it also turns out that it includes a man called Frank, who moves in with father and son in their flat.

It is not easy to make space in the family for a new surprise member. Especially not Frank, who takes up way too much space. It is Frank here and there and everywhere.

A lovely picture book where the focus is less on diversity and more on accepting new family constellations and giving in to something that is actually rather nice – a new friend, whose large shoes can contain a lot of Lego (and water)...

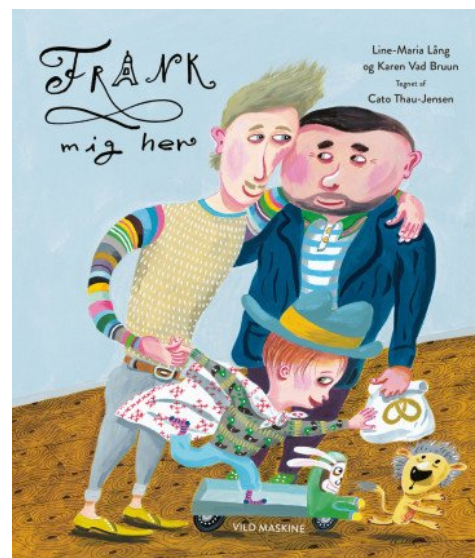
*Winner of the Blixen Prize 2019 in the category Children’s Book of the Year*

*Nominated for the Nordic Literature Council Prize for Children's Books 2023*

*Included in the White Ravens 2022*

*Nominated for The Best Picture Book of the Year 2022 by the Copenhagen Libraries*

*Second place in Grundtvigsk Forum's Children's Literature Competition for new LGBT-literature 2019*



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Vild Maskine*

Published: *February, 2022*

28 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *LGBT, Family, Jealousy*

Available material: *English sample*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

Spanish (Chile): *Invertido Ediciones*

Swedish: *Hjulet*

## REVIEWS

"Linguistically the book is incredibly innovative and playful: "It's Frank here and there and everywhere", as the boy says. Thau-Jensen's illustrations are full of quirkiness." – Damián Arguimbau (Kristeligt Dagblad)

"This is quality stamped Danish children's book literature, told and drawn with solidary love and elevated from all kinds of prejudice - a true, top-modern rainbow story." – Klaus Rothstein (Bo Bedre (Danish magazine))

Mikkel Sommer



# The Golden Porcupine

## Det gyldne pindsvin

A cute picture book for the youngest children about generosity, compassion and friendship.

**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.

## SYNOPSIS

News travel fast that the needles of the golden porcupine have magical powers. When you get a golden needle, you can make a wish and it will come true. The porcupine generously lets all the eager animals take a precious needle, so they can make their wishes come true. However, when winter comes, he has only one pin left and is getting quite cold. But then a little mouse comes by...



Original Language: *Danish*

Published: *October, 2023*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Fairytales*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

Korean: *Seedosee*

Sabine Lemire  
Rasmus Bregnhøj



## Jamie Penguin saws in something that isn't his

### Jørgen Pingvin saver i noget, der ikke er hans

The long-awaited fourth instalment in the popular series about Jamie Penguin who loves to be creative and build things, but often ends up in trouble because he finds it difficult to sit still...

**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.

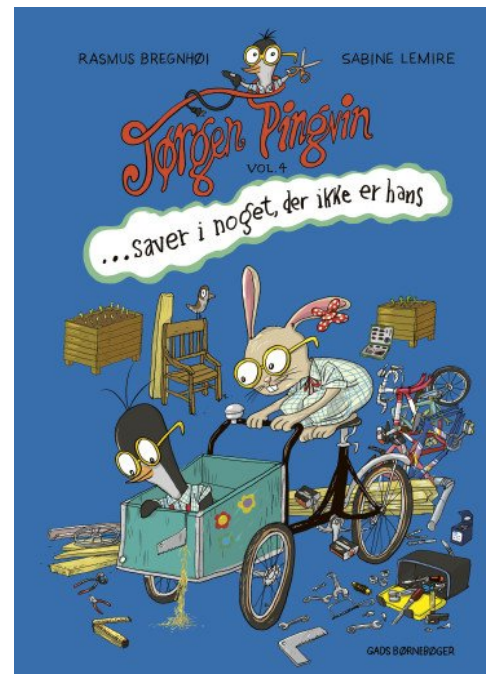
**Rasmus Bregnhøj** is a hugely popular and award-winning Danish illustrator, who was short-listed for the *Deutscher Jugendbuchpreis* in 2019.

## SYNOPSIS

Jamie Penguin is brilliant with a saw and Jamie Rabbit turns out to be good at finding material that you can saw in. But sometimes she forgets to ask for permission...

Another wonderfully detailed picture book with lovely everyday stories where imagination and creativity is given full rein.

**Option publishers include:** German (*Klett Kinderbuch*), Italian (*Sinnos*), Polish (*Natuli*).



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *October, 2023*

56 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Humour*

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

Film Rights: *Babel-Bridge*

Available material: *English sample of the first book*

Kim Fupz Aakeson  
Signe Kjær



# Maria Gives Birth to a Child

## Maria føder et barn

Kim Fupz Aakeson retells the most well-known tale from the Bible - the Christmas Gospel - in a playful language, full of humour.

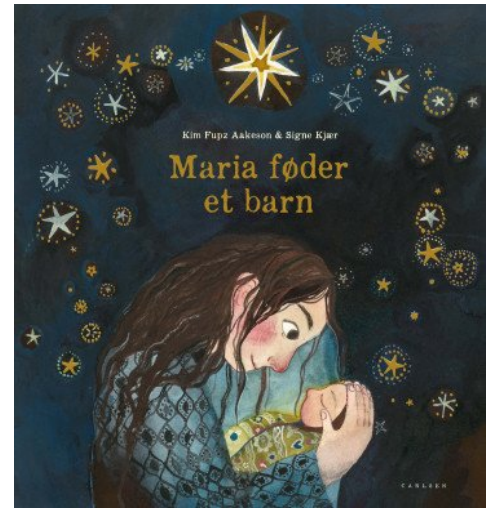
**Kim Fupz Aakeson** is an award-winning, best-selling writer of children's books.

**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

Maria is in love and engaged to be married with Joseph. Everything is as it should be. Until the archangel, Gabriel, shows himself to her and says: "You will give birth to a child. A son. A human child." But how can that be right, when Maria has never been with a man?

"The son you will give birth to, is God's son, the Son of Heaven", the archangel Gabriel tells her. And Maria gets it, but what on earth is she supposed to say to Joseph?



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *October, 2023*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

German: *Fischer Verlag*

Cecilie Eken  
Maren Tjelta Thu



## Omnia's House

### Omnias Hus

A poetic and colourful picture book full of details that celebrates an embracing community with room for everyone.

**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.

**Maren Tjelta Thu** (b. 1997) is a talented Norwegian illustrator, known for her colourful and whimsical seek-and-find pictures.

## SYNOPSIS

Omnia's house has room for everyone. In fact, the house offers everything a child could possibly want: community, fun, a place where you can use your imagination and play and learn.

Omnia greets all the different children who come knocking on her door. Among them is Karl, who is anxious; Ida, who longs for a friend; Aisha, who is a refugee. Each and every one of them have special qualities and backgrounds, and every one of them is met with a "welcome here".

The book is beautifully illustrated by Norwegian artist, Maren Tjelta Thu, who unfolds the colorful, playful universe that you can emerge yourself in.

## REVIEWS

"Maren Tjelta Thu's illustrations are colourful and charming with a wide appeal because of the similarity to popular animation movies. The book is published in a big and exclusive format and the spreads are seek-and-find-like, allowing the readers to explore the corners of the house and the abundance of details..."

Omnia's house is light and airy in its visual expression, but you should not underestimate the underlying seriousness, which addresses society's approach to people with bumps on "the path of life" and the lack of "open hearts" in communities... The author has something to say about modern childhood, efficiency, integration and inclusion, and she reminds the reader about the values that cannot be described through curricula and competency goals." – Anna Skyggebjerg (Weekendavisen)

"This beautiful picture book leaves you with a warm and glowing heart. It has a



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *April, 2023*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *English sample.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

great message, a wonderful, poetic language and the loveliest, detailed drawings. You are left in no doubt about how welcoming, wise and open-minded Omnia is. Omnia's house is a paradise for children with love, community spirit and understanding, but also cool and fun things like a zip line, a swimming pool and a race court." – (Danish Library Centre (Dansk Bibliotekscenter))

Ane Bjørn



## Peacock

### Påfugl

A poetic tale about gender expectations and identity from celebrated author/illustrator, Ane Bjørn. Included in *White Raven 2023* and nominated for the Cultural Ministry's 2022 Children's Book Illustrator Prize.

Through her evocative illustrations, **Ane Bjørn** gives form to everything that children (and adults) sometimes find challenging to express with words: dreams, fears, sorrow, anger and imagination.

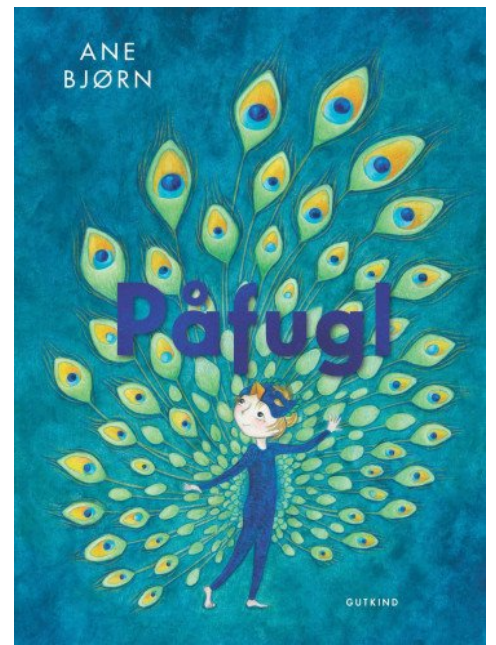
### SYNOPSIS

It's carnival time and Momo is scouting for a fancy dress costume. The shop is full of super heroes. Knights. Robots, Astronauts.

Dad gets excited about a flying dinosaur with wings you can move up and down. But Momo does not see it at all. He only has eyes for the stunning, sparkling bird costume with the bluish-green plumage.

*Peacock* is a poetic tale about the importance of being seen and met as the person you are.

Included in *White Raven 2023*.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *August, 2022*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *English sample*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

### Territories Sold

Portuguese (Brazil): *Pingo de Luz*

Sinhala: *Dedunna Books*

Swedish: *Berghs Forlåg*

Martin Sommer



## Ringo is not allowed to be a scaredy pants

### Ringo må ikke være en bangebuks

Book three in the funny series about Ringo and his slightly hypocritical dad. Ringo is not allowed to be a scaredy pants! But is it really Ringo's dad who is scared?

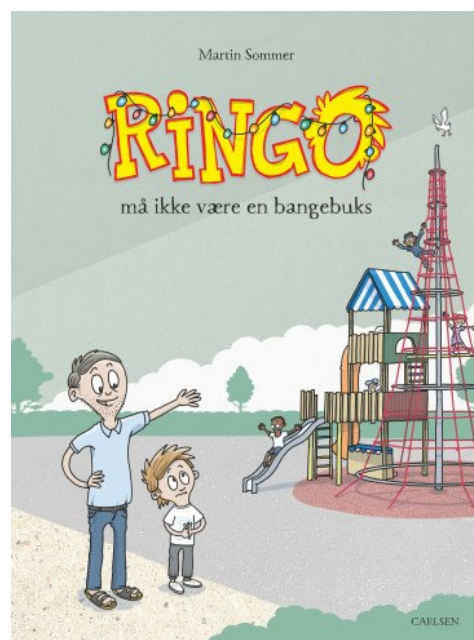
**Martin Sommer** is an illustrator, author, animator, graphic designer – and a professional pianist too (playing in the orchestra of Danish musician, Rasmus Seebach).

## SYNOPSIS

Ringo and his dad are at the playground. Ringo is busy with a lot of exciting stuff, but when he wants to climb into the highest climbing tower, it might be a bit too much excitement. In any case, Ringo is not quite sure if he dares to climb up there. But of course Ring's dad is convinced that he **MUST**. You shouldn't be a scaredy cat.

But is it perhaps Ringo's dad who is a bit scared?

In a simple and funny illustration style, Martin Sommer tells a story that all parents will recognise (if we are **COMPLETELY** honest) and that children will love to read. All told in a loving tone.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *May, 2023*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Humour*

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

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Maria Mac Dalland



## Tiny Toot and the Elephant Wash (4)

### Lille Tut of elefantvasken

The Tiny Toot universe is driven by curiosity and adventure, with an abundance of warmth and understanding for the smallest children. Tiny Toot also exists as a TV series made by Maria Mac Dalland and produced by Toolbox Film (premiere on Danish DR Minisjang in 2024, followed by Finnish YLE, Icelandic RUV, Norwegian NRK, and Swedish SVT).

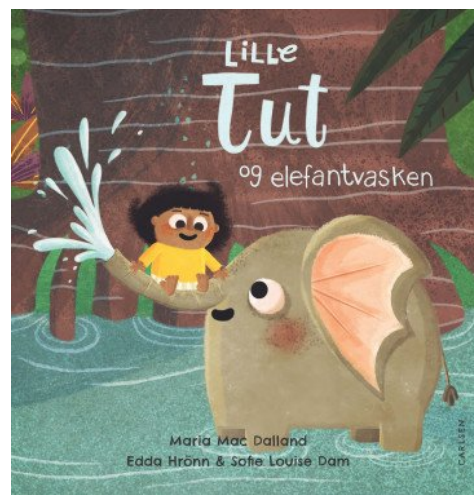
**Maria Mac Dalland** is an animation director with a number of animated films and documentaries under her belt.

## SYNOPSIS

In this fourth book, Tiny Toot, Gato and Nisse are once again off in Nisse's ecolicopter. They land in the jungle where they meet an elephant baby, bathing in the muddy pond with its mum. The baby elephant finds it difficult to stand still, so Tiny Toot has to help...

Come on a journey with Tiny Toot, Gato and Nisse! Tiny Toot is a small girl who lives together with her brother, mum and dad, and her cat, Gato. In Tiny Toot's room, there is a mouse hole in the wall and her small friend, Nisse, lives in there. Nisse has a ecolicopter, a flying walnut shell, and he is able to shrink Tiny Toot and Gato, so they can come with him on adventures everywhere. Only imagination sets the boundaries.

*With illustrations by Maria Mac Dalland, Edda Hrönn and Sofie Louise Dam.*



Original Language: *Danish*

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## Bárður Oskarsson



## Hilbert

The latest instalment in Bárður Oskarsson's oeuvre; this time a tongue-in-cheek tale of friendship.

The award-winning Faroese author, **Bárður Oskarsson**, has an impressive 15 foreign languages on his list of translation sales.

### SYNOPSIS

Bob, the rabbit, and Hilbert, the dog, from Bárður Oskarsson's award-winning, *The Tree*, are back. When we left them last, Bob was unsure whether Hilbert was actually able to do what he claimed he was ace at, namely to fly. But this time, he receives a phone call from Hilbert, in dire need of his help. He cannot land on the ground anymore! Good thing Bob has his carrot with him; but will he ever get it back again...?

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