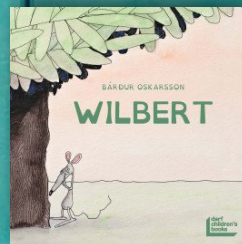
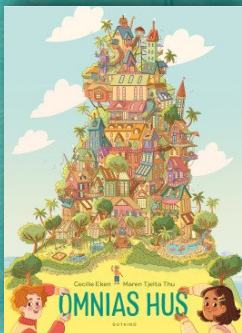
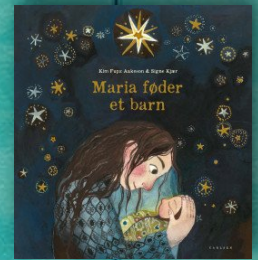
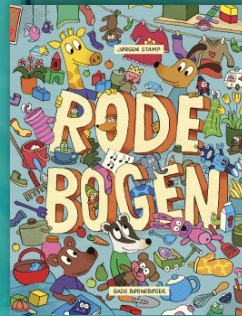
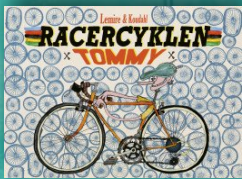
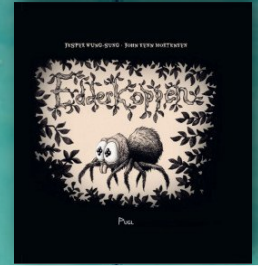
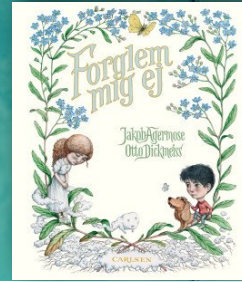
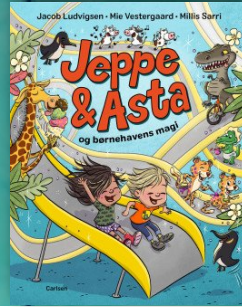
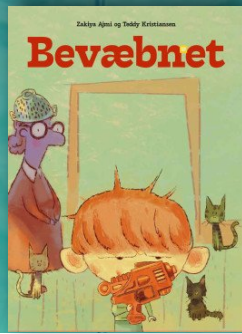




# Picture books

Autumn Highlights 2024



Zakiya Ajmi  
Siri Melchior



## Berta in the Park

### Berta i parken

A lovely picture book about losing your way, about being found again and about meeting the dog, Berta, who has also lost her way.

**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.

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

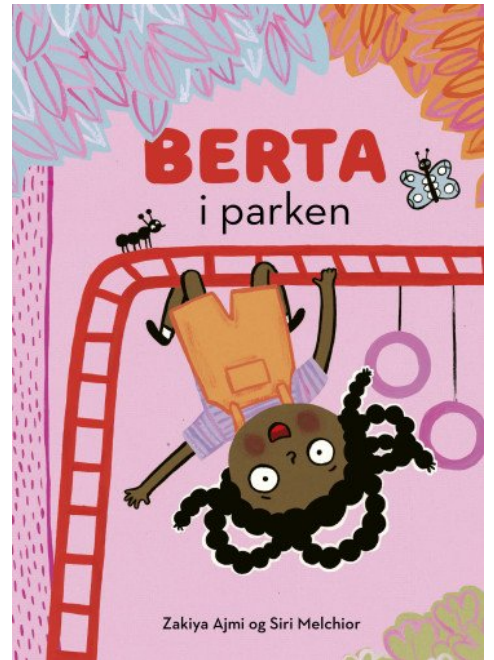
### SYNOPSIS

Berta and mum don't have anything particular planned for today. They are only going for a walk in the park to get a bit of fresh air. But in the park, you never know what might happen.

*Berta in the Park* forms part of a series of picture books, written by Zakiya Ajmi and illustrated by Siri Melchior.

### REVIEWS

"It's one of those completely ordinary days, where you don't have a lot of plans, where suddenly everything ends up being very eventful. The book shows that you do not have to travel to an exotic place to experience a lot. Gorgeous story with the loveliest drawings in delicious colours about the charming and adventurous girl, Berta." – (Lektørdtalelse (Library review))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *August, 2024*

56 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Available material: *English sample of BERTA IN THE SWIMMING POOL.*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

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.

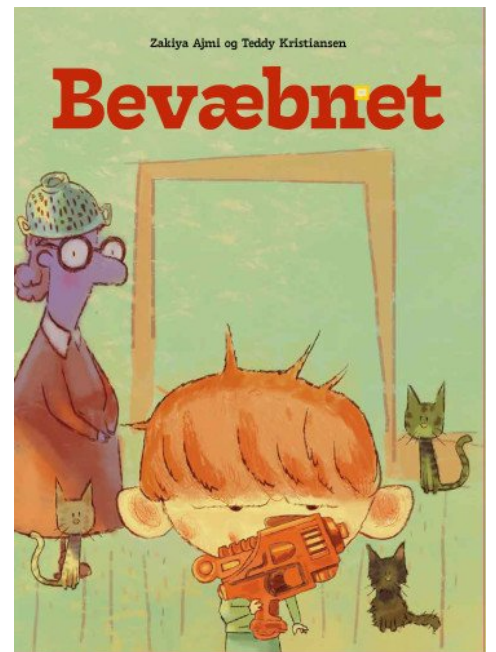
## SYNOPSIS

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

Jacob Ludvigsen  
Mie Vestergaard  
Millis Sarri



# Jeppé and Asta and the Kindergarten Magic

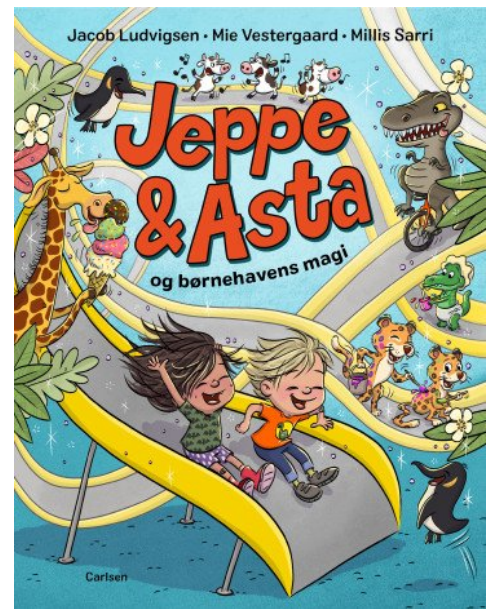
## Jeppé og Asta og børnehavens magi

A cute new picture book series for small children, from approximately 2+.

**Jacob Ludvigsen** is a Danish debut author.

**Mie Vestergaard** works for the Danish Red Cross. She is the co-author of a new series of picture books.

**Millis Sarri** is a Swedish illustrator, graphic designed and author of children's books.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *October, 2024*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Friendship, Emotions, Courage, Imagination*

Available material: *English sample of the first book*

## SYNOPSIS

Jeppé is quite nervous about starting at the new kindergarten. He can barely get his own name out when the teacher asks. But then he meets Asta. She doesn't seem to be afraid of anything. And Asta shows Jeppé the big slide. The one where magical things happen and suddenly the whole world changes.

## REVIEWS

"The books about Jeppé and Asta are a new series that follows the ordinary life of children in kindergarten – and they are excellent books to say the least! They capture in the finest way the everyday life that a child experiences in kindergarten, completely at the child's own level. It is fully relatable for the child who is listening, and the stories will be able to provide many good conversations between child and adult about big and small things. The beautiful illustrations with clear, recognizable facial expressions will make the story even easier to relate to for the child who is listening. We cannot wait to get more books in the series!" – (IBBY Denmark)

"The stories about Jeppé & Asta feel authentic, they address children's emotions, such as nervousness, joy and even conflict management, because it's hard not to make mistakes when you're a small (or big) person. The illustrations are colorful and fun, it's impossible not to get caught up in them! Perfect for reading aloud and for starting conversations about everyday challenges in kindergarten." – (Book blogger, Julie Ottosen)

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Jakob Agermose



## Forget Me Not

### Forglem mig ej

A picture book about having a mum who **cannot** be there and a dad who is **too afraid** to be there. With stunning artwork by Otto Dickmeiss. Included in the BRAW AMAZING BOOKSHELF! at Bologna Book Fair 2025.

**Jakob Agermose** is a trained pedagogue and body therapist and has also worked as an actor. *Forget Me Not* is his debut as an author.

## SYNOPSIS

*My mum is a forget-me-not,*

*A bloom of white without a spot*

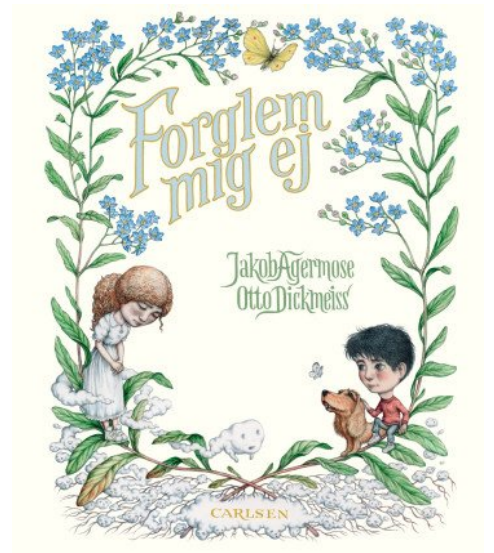
*And I'm a quiet melody*

*Just hibernating sleepily*

William's mum digs a hole in the vegetable garden so deep that she disappears. Dad has to go out and pull her back up. The next morning, William's dad wakes up with a bouncing leg. "I just need to run it off", he says and disappears out the front door. William is left with his dog, Sausage, and a mum who is stuck. But then William has an idea and starts to sow a gorgeous dress made out of flowers for her.

*Forget Me Not* is about having a mum who **cannot** be there and a dad who is **too afraid** to be there. And about a son who just wants everything to be normal and the way it used to be. It's a book that gently describes how a child reacts when a parent suffers depression or otherwise disappears.

Included in the **BRAW AMAZING BOOKSHELF!** at Bologna Book Fair 2025



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *June, 2024*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Suffering, Family*

Available material: *Full English translation by Paul Russell Garrett*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Jesper Wung-Sung

John Kenn  
Mortensen



# The Spider

## Edderkoppen

A gem of a picture book for all ages by Jesper Wung-Sung and John Kenn Mortensen with a poem by Hans Christian Andersen.

**Jesper Wung-Sung** (b.1971) is an award-winning Danish author, who writes for both adults and children, and whose books are sold in translation to USA, Germany, Finland, France, Holland, Italy, Norway, Russia, Serbia and Sweden. He lives with his family in Svendborg, Denmark.

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

## SYNOPSIS

A small spider sits in its empty web. It's been so long since it has caught anything. Wind and weather are ruining its work. The spider feels dead tired. But then it finally senses something big...

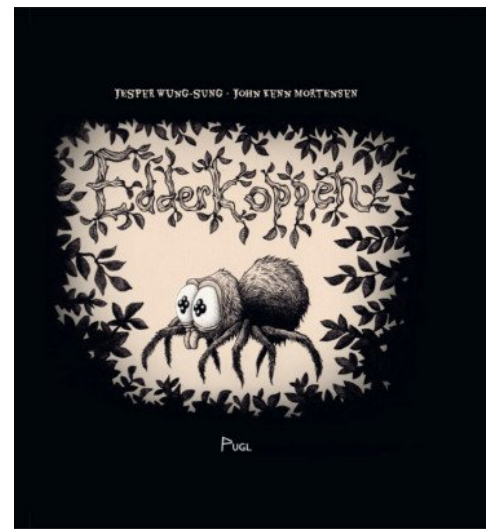
As a young writer - on 25 May - Hans Christian Andersen saw a spider in a tower in Goslar, Germany, and wrote a poem - from the spider to the fly. In Jesper Wung-Sung and John Kenn Mortensen's picture book, the spider has grown old. It has spun its last web and the end is nearing.

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

## REVIEWS

"When Wung-Sung allows himself to be caught in Andersen's net, it sets the stage for an infectious dance of life that suits them both." – (Folkeskolen (Industry magazine for teachers))

"Beautiful and thought-provoking story (...) The beautiful pictures complement the slow and somewhat poetic tone of the book's text (...) Recommended." – (Lektørdtalelse (Library review))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Fugl*

Published: *May, 2024*

26 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Picture Books (all ages)*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Sabine Lemire  
Jenz Koudahl



# Tommy the Racing Bike

## Racercyklen Tommy

Big and beautiful picture book with colourful illustrations about bicycle chains, creaking pedals and loneliness.

**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.

**Jenz Koudahl** is a Copenhagen-based illustrator and animator, specializing in magazine and newspaper illustrations, book and album cover and animated TV titles.

### SYNOPSIS

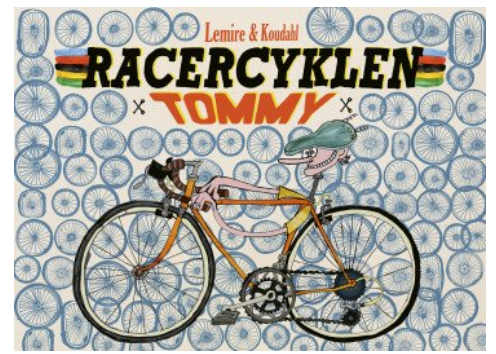
Tommy the racing bike loves a good race. He is not keen on rust and flat tyres. Tommy's frame is shiny and newly polished and his tyres are pumped up hard. He is the kind of racing bike that many people dream of. Therefore he stays off the streets and the bicycle stands after dark, when all the bicycle thieves are on the prowl.

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

### REVIEWS

"The Bicycle Organisation ought to buy up the entire print-run of Lemire and Koudahl's new picture book which entertains and educates the youngest readers with courtly behaviour on the bicycle path." – (Weekendavisen)

"Gorgeous picture book for all bicycle lovers! It is a good story, spiced up with all the vocabulary connected to bicycles. The artwork is beautiful and colourful. There is a good opportunity to go on the hunt for details in both the illustrations and the language, which dishes out everything from tools for repair to rust bucket and hobby horse." – (Lektørdtalelse (Library Review))



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *August, 2024*

48 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Available material: *English sample of the first book in the series, Charlie the Motorcycle.*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Carsten René  
Nielsen  
Mette Marcussen



## Bone Bowling

### Knoglebowling

15 narrative, non-rhyming, poems about children, toys and everyday phenomena, perfect for reading aloud to 6-7 year-olds, by the author/illustrator duo behind *Dream bikes* and *Soccer dogs*.

**Carsten René Nielsen** is an award-winning and acclaimed Danish poet, whose work is translated into several languages.

**Mette Marcussen** is an award-winning Danish illustrator of children's books.

### SYNOPSIS

This poetry collection opens poetry for children by fabulating both gruesomely, funnily and quietly.

*What does a ghost's earwax taste like?*

*Where can you bowl with a skull?*

*Who invented the umbrella for spiders?*

*And what is the poem actually thinking about as you read it?*

*Bone Bowling* is a quirky and fabulating poetry collection for children about all the weird and spooky things that are typically associated with Halloween.

Beautifully illustrated by Mette Marcussen and supported by the Danish Arts Foundation.

Winner of the **Danish Cultural Ministry's 2024 Children's Book Writer of the Year Award**, and nominated for the **Children's Book Illustrator of the Year Award**.

Part of the **White Raven Library 2025**

### REVIEWS

"It's all quite creepy, but at the same time ever so over-the-top that it is all actually funny – especially through the interplay of text and illustration. »Knoglebowling« is Halloween and Día de los Muertos in book form, more grotesque and playful than frightening." – **(The White Ravens 2025, Internationale Jugendbibliothek)**

"Digtsamlingen åbner poesien for børn ved at fabulere både grusomt, sjovt og



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Vild Maskine*

Published: *October, 2024*

28 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Poetry*

Available material: *English sample upon request.*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

stilfærdigt. Sproget er stilfuldt og sikkert, tydeligt og klart. Det har liv og vid, mens det samtidig er legende let ... en ekstraordinær læseoplevelse." – **(The Cultural Ministry's Author Prize 2024, the motivation by the jury)**

Jørgen Stamp



## Book of Mess

### Rodebogen

Colourful seek-and-find book for the youngest, helping the Dog, Giraffe, Bear and Badger families find all the things they have lost in their homes.

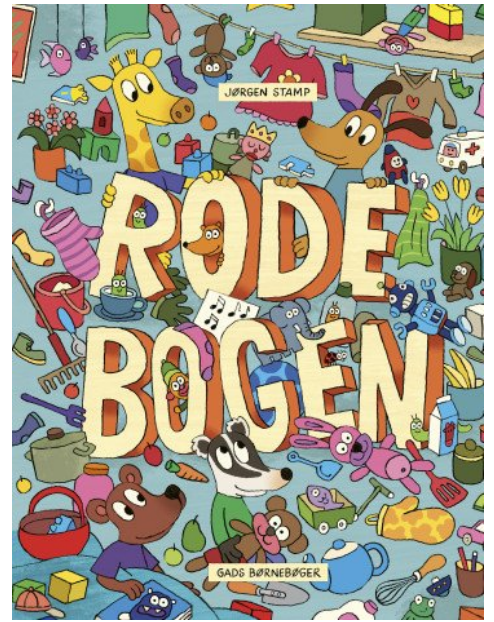
**Jørgen Stamp** (b. 1969) is a Danish graphic designer and author/illustrator.

### SYNOPSIS

In this book, everything is very messy.

The Dog, Giraffe, Bear and Badger families are very very busy. They have to put on their clothes, they have to cook, they have to put together a jigsaw puzzle ... and many other things. But they clearly need a helping hand from small readers, because nothing is to be found in its regular place.

This is a sweet seek-and-find book for the youngest. The solutions are found at the back of the book.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *June, 2023*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Available material: *English sample upon request.*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

### Territories Sold

Macedonian: *Sakam Knigi*

Norwegian: *Cappelen Damm*

Ane Bjørn



## Magic Sight

### Trylleblik

*Magic Sight* is a timeless and universal picture book about the unconquerable imagination of children and their amazing ability to play, dream and simply be children. Even under the most impossible conditions.

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

If you close one eye and cover it with two fingers, you will get magic sight: this is the frame in which Ane Bjørn places her tale of a refugee family and a little girl's insistence to see the beauty of the world in the middle of its horrors.

In a nameless country, in a city in ruins, a girl learns something very special from her grandmother: By covering one eye with two fingers, you can see things, you otherwise don't have an eye for. Wonderful things, you didn't think existed. Golden castles in dark forests. Mermaids in the deep. Beauty, light and hope.

The perilous journey of the family towards a new place is told only through the visuals. The words on the other hand belong to the girl and loyally portray her subjective view of the world around her. A world that contrary to the harsh reality is full of colours and magic, light and hope.

**Winner of the Danish Book Design Prize in the category "Best Children's Book of the Year" (2022)**

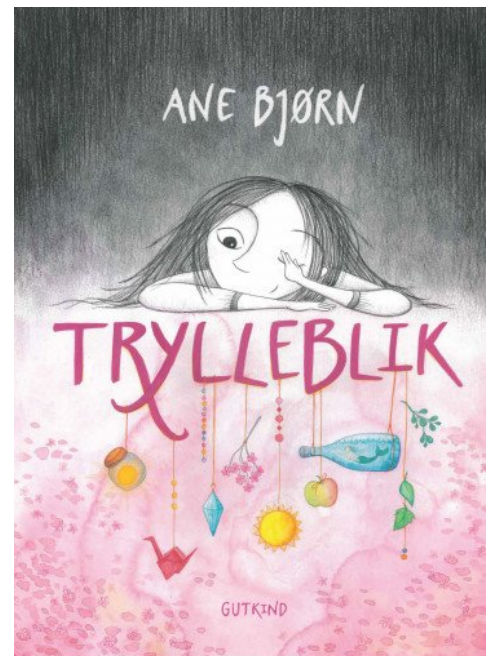
Part of Books from Denmark, Autumn 2021 (selected by the Danish Arts' Foundation).

Shortlisted for the Danish Cultural Ministry's Author and Illustrator Prizes 2022.

## REVIEWS

"The imagination diffuses the harsh reality in a moving tale about escape and loss and about undying hope... both aimed at those refugee children who have been through it all and those children who have only read or heard about refugees. Because of the gentle narrative form where the images bear the content, no one is at risk of getting hurt by the story." – (Weekendavisen)

"It is an incredible achievement that Ane Bjørn manages to create a transparent layer in the illustrations where we view both the girl and her grandmother's



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *June, 2021*

32 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Themes: *Belonging/Identity, Family, Loss/Grief, Curiosity*

Available material: *English sample translation.*

magic movie from above. It really feels magical." – (Information)

## TERRITORIES HANDLED

World except: Danish

## TERRITORIES SOLD

Arabic: Sanad Publishing House, Bosnian: [Bajkologija](#), Korean: [Cheakyearnkids](#),

Macedonian: [Antolog Books](#), Swedish: [Berghs](#).

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.

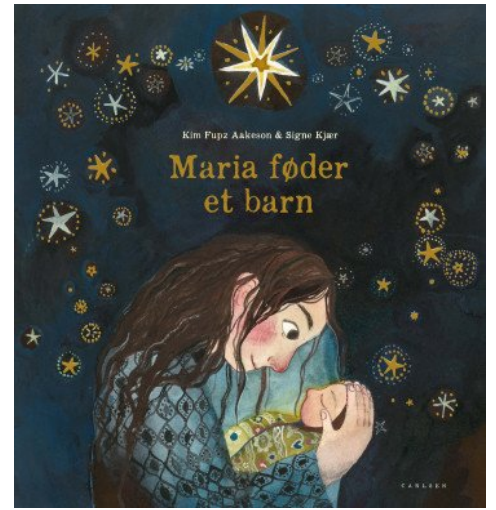
**Kim Fupz Aakeson** is an award-winning, best-selling writer of children's books.

**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))

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).

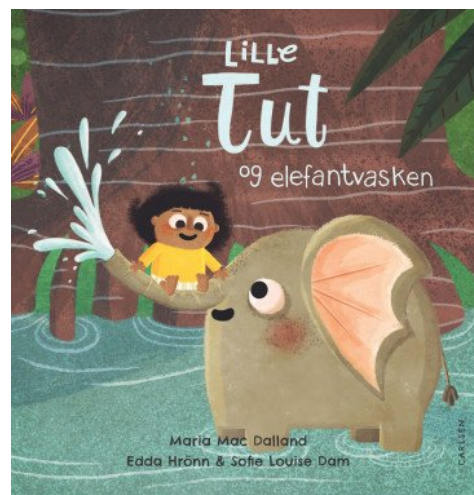
**Maria Mac Dalland** is an animation director with a number of animated films and documentaries under her belt.

## 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*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *October, 2023*

40 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Genre: *Fantasy*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Bárður Oskarsson



## Wilbert

A fine little gem of a picture book from the hand of the award-winning Faroese creator.

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

### SYNOPSIS

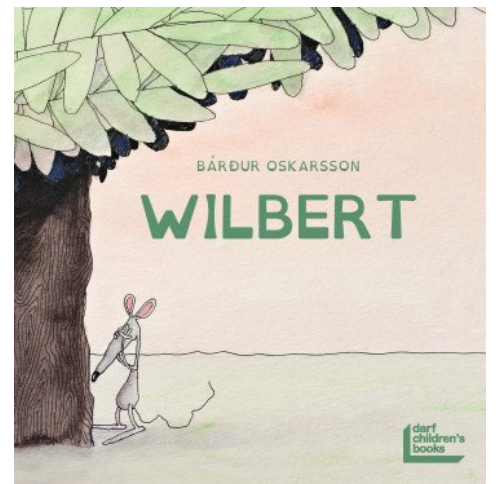
A mouse and Wilbert play hide and seek. A crocodile wants to help the mouse, but it turns out to be harder than the crocodile had imagined... Do we always see – or do we always want to see – things as they are ...

### TERRITORIES HANDLED

World except: Faroese

### TERRITORIES SOLD

Croatian: Stope j.d.o.o., Danish: Vild Maskine, English (Canada): Owlkids Books, English (UK): Darf Publishers, English (US): Owlkids Books, German: Kullerkup Kinderbuch Verlag, Korean: Jinsun Publishing Co., Norwegian: Orkana, Polish: No Bell Publishing.



Original Language: *Faroese*

Original Publisher: *Bokadeild Føroya Lærarafelags*

Published: 2016

22 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

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

Available material: *English sample*