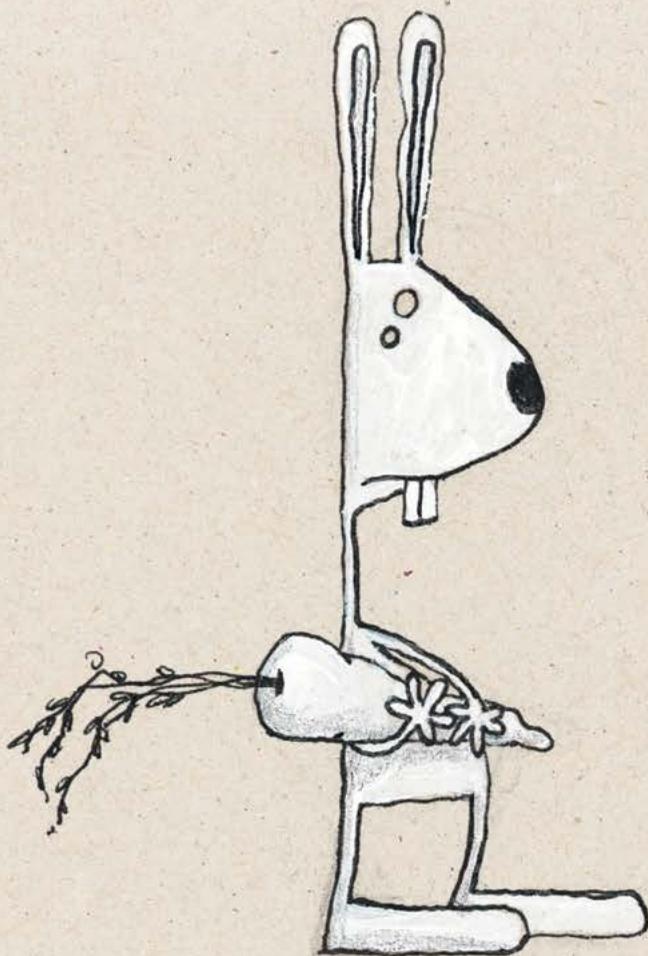


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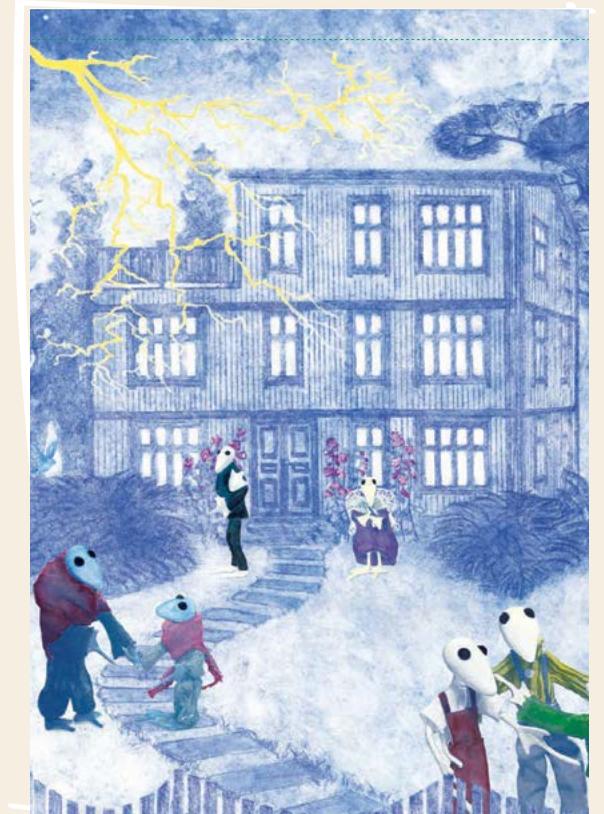
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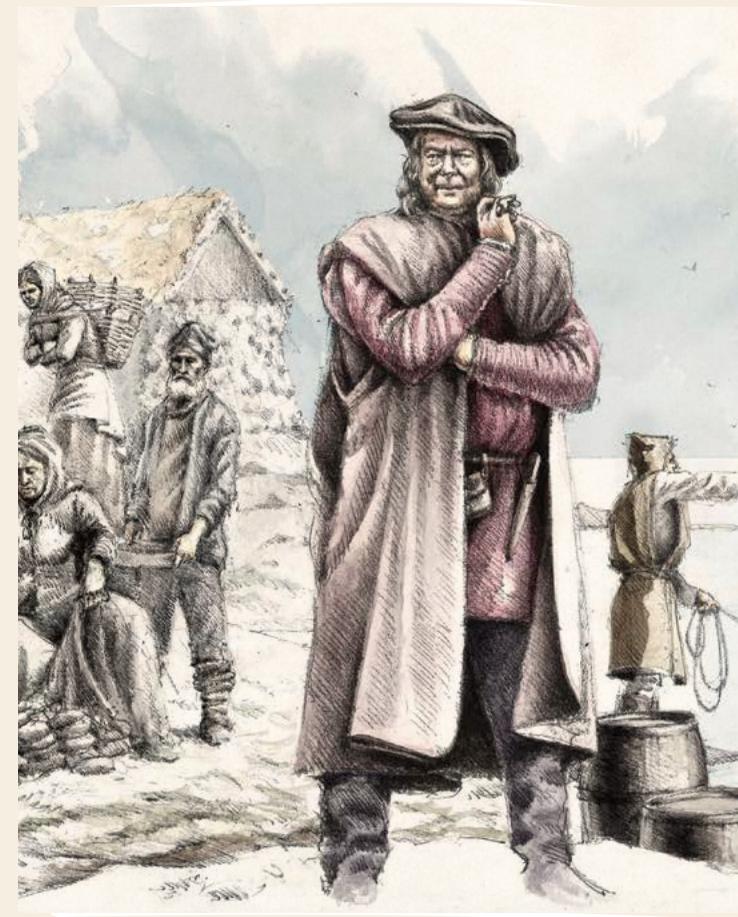
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I will play with daddy again

Author: Helena Kannuberg
Illustrator: Lena Nicolajsen

- Heartfelt and hopeful story about having parents, who get sick
- Beautiful and sweet watercolor illustrations
- Ages 2-5

Every day I get a kiss, when I leave the house.
Every day I get to call mom and dad.
Every day I miss them.

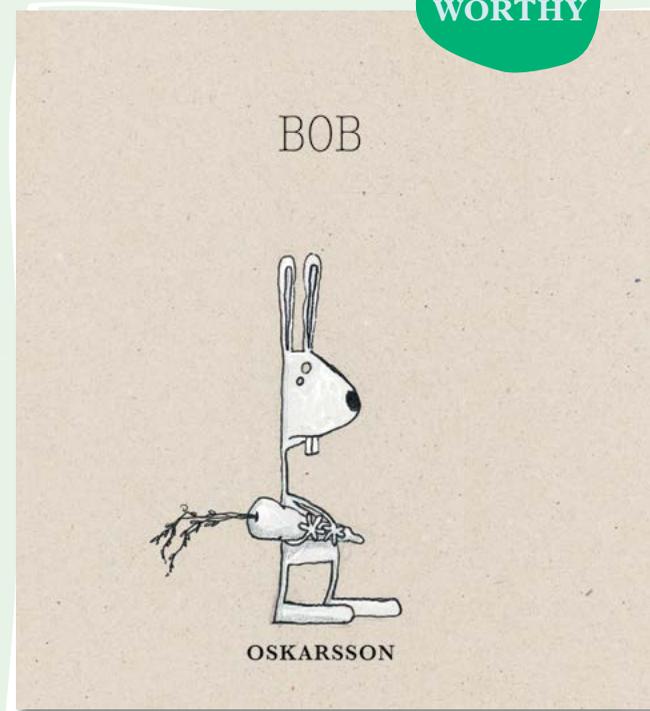


ISBN: 978-99972-0-913-9 | 40 pages | Published: April 2024

ÁRI'S DAD IS SICK and has to travel to Denmark for treatment in the hospital, and Ári's mom goes along with him. Meanwhile grandma comes to stay with Ári and his little sister. The wait is long and grandma is nice, but she is not mom and dad. When will they be back?



NOTE-WORTHY



Bob

- Unique story and illustrations that fascinate people of all ages
- Óskarsson's books are published in 20 languages!
- Down to earth storytelling with a philosophical twist

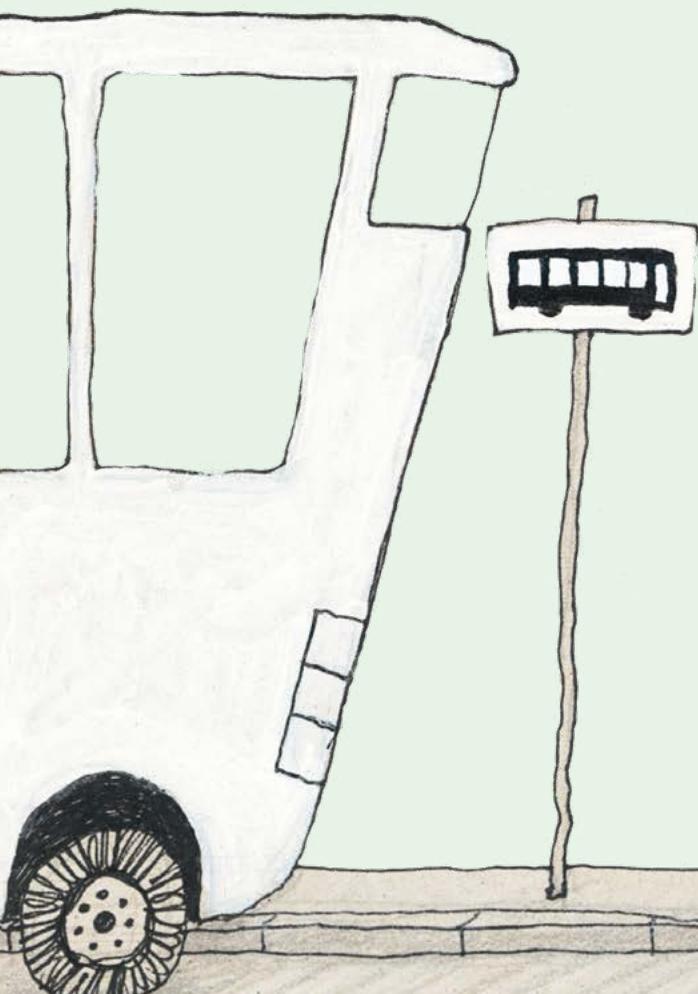
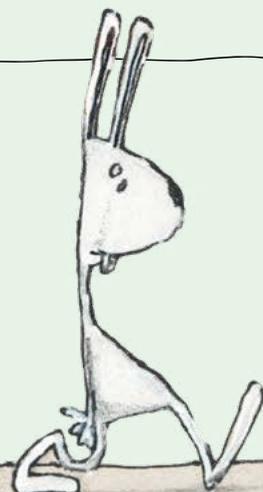


BOB PICKS OUT JUST the right carrot in the super market, but all of a sudden it is gone ... He left it on the bus. But then Hilbert walks by and maybe everything will work out after all.

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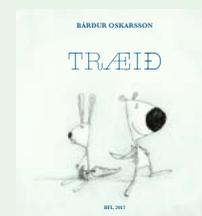
BÁRÐUR OSKARSSON was born in 1972 and is one of the most translated Faroese authors. Bob is the third book about Hilbert and Bob. *The Tree*, which is the first book in the series, won the Nordic Council's Children's Literature Award in 2018.



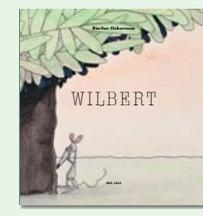
By the same author



Hilbert
Published: 2020



The Tree
Published: 2017



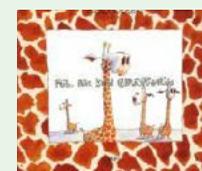
Wilbert
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The Battle for the Good Grass
Published: 2012



The Bone
Published: 2011



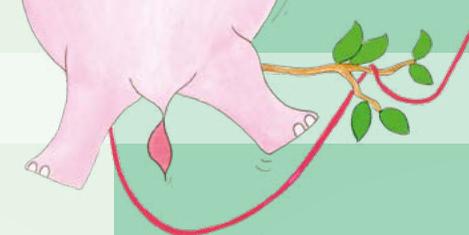
Paul, the Cool Giraffe
Published: 2007



The Flat Rabbit
Published: 2007



Dog, Cat and Mouse
Published: 2004



I want to do that too!

NEW

Author: Guðrið H. Jacobsen
Illustrator: Henny Dáníalsdóttir



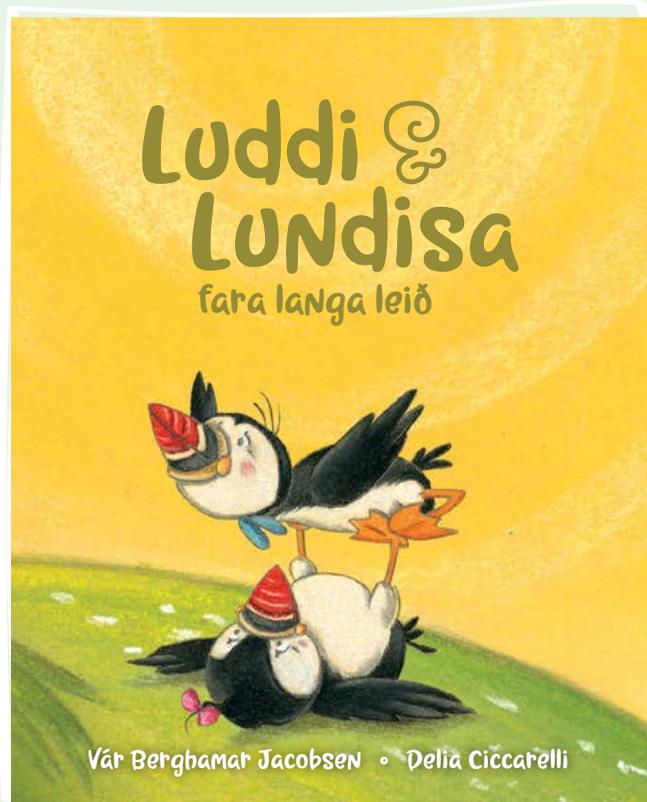
ISBN 978-99972-0-937-5 | 24 pages | Published: March 2024

- Sweet and funny story about wanting what others have, and finding that we all are unique in our own way
- Cute illustrations of animals
- Ages 1-3

THE ELEPHANT WANTS TO swing in the trees like monkey, and the monkey wants to spray water like the elephant does. 3, 2, 1 - go!



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Luddi and Lundisa go far away

Author: Vár Berghamar Jacobsen
Illustrator: Delia Ciccarelli



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Published: November 2022

By the same author



Luddi and Lundisa Published: 2018
Luddi and Lundisa see their reflection Published: 2019
Luddi and Lundisa and the giant chick Published: 2020

- Cute funny puffins going on an adventure
- Explore, rhyme, sing and babble along!
- The first book in the series won the Faroese Cultural Award 2018
- Age 1+

LUDDI AND LUNDISA ARE two cute pufflings, who live on the little island Mykines in the Faroe Islands. They explore nature and the strange humans with their noisy machines. The pufflings follow the big rolling things into the mountain, but wait! How are they going to get out?



Lucky fly – and other stories about Alva and Lias

Author: Elsubeth M. Fossádal
Illustrator: Kathrina Skarðsá

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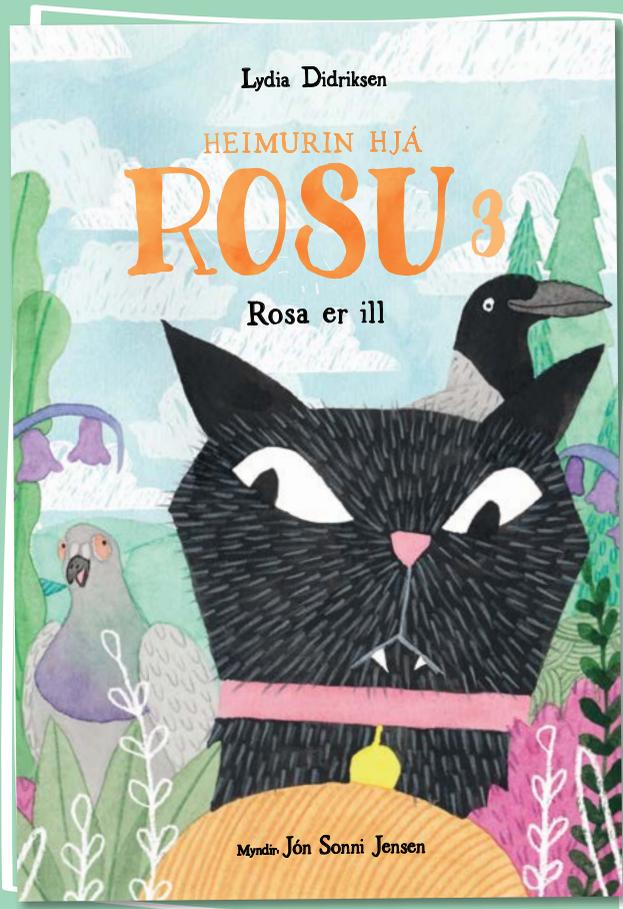


Alva and Lias Published 2021

- Sweet stories intertwined with explanations from a doctor
- The perfect read before a doctor's appointment
- Playful and vivid illustrations by award-winning illustrator Kathrina Skarðsá
- Ages 3-6

THREE STORIES ABOUT THE siblings Alva and Lias. Each story is followed by a factsheet on the specific medical theme in the story. All written by doctor Elsubeth M. Fossádal, who takes us with her into the doctor's office and emergency room. The doctor is ready when Lias gets a fly stuck in his finger, when he is afraid of the spiders in the attic, and when grandad has covid.





Rosa's world

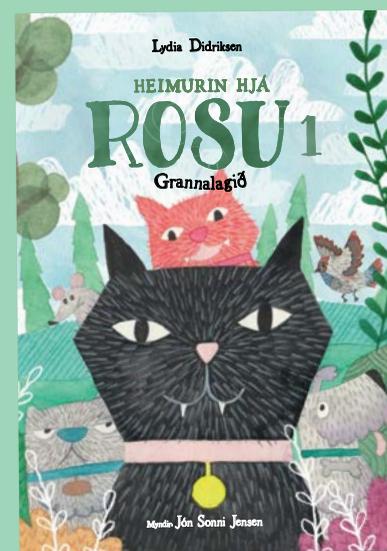
The Neighborhood, The Hunt and Rosa is Angry

Author: Lydia Didriksen
Illustrator: Jón Sonni Jensen

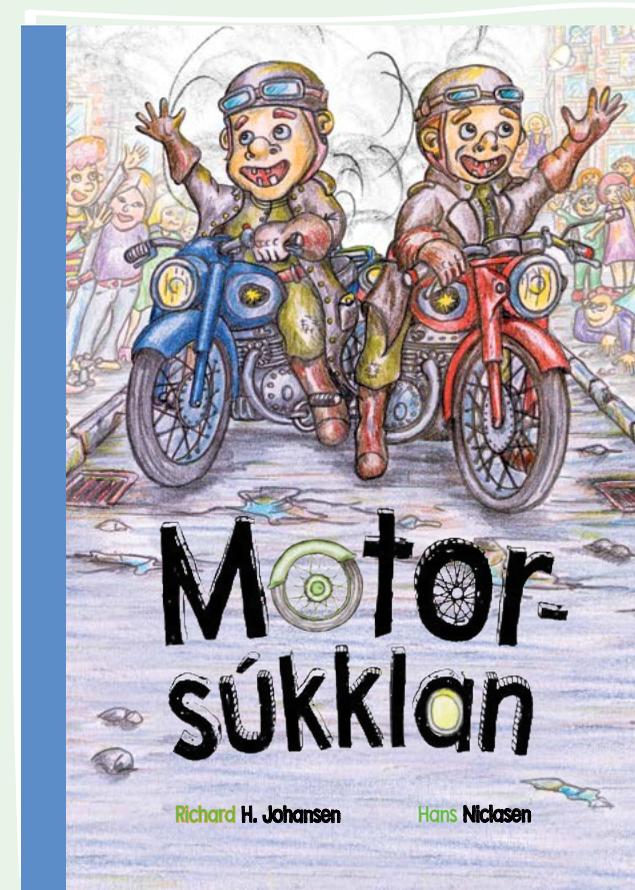
- Easyreader for the youngest readers
- Cute and funny characters
- Colorful and charming illustrations

THERE ARE LOTS OF animals in Rosa's neighborhood. Her little Kitten Red Rita, the tomcat Grey and the dog Manni.

In the third book Rosa is lurking after Dora the Pigeon. Dora doesn't know, that Rosa is lurking. Rosa is quiet like a mouse. She moves closer and closer ... Watch out, Dora!



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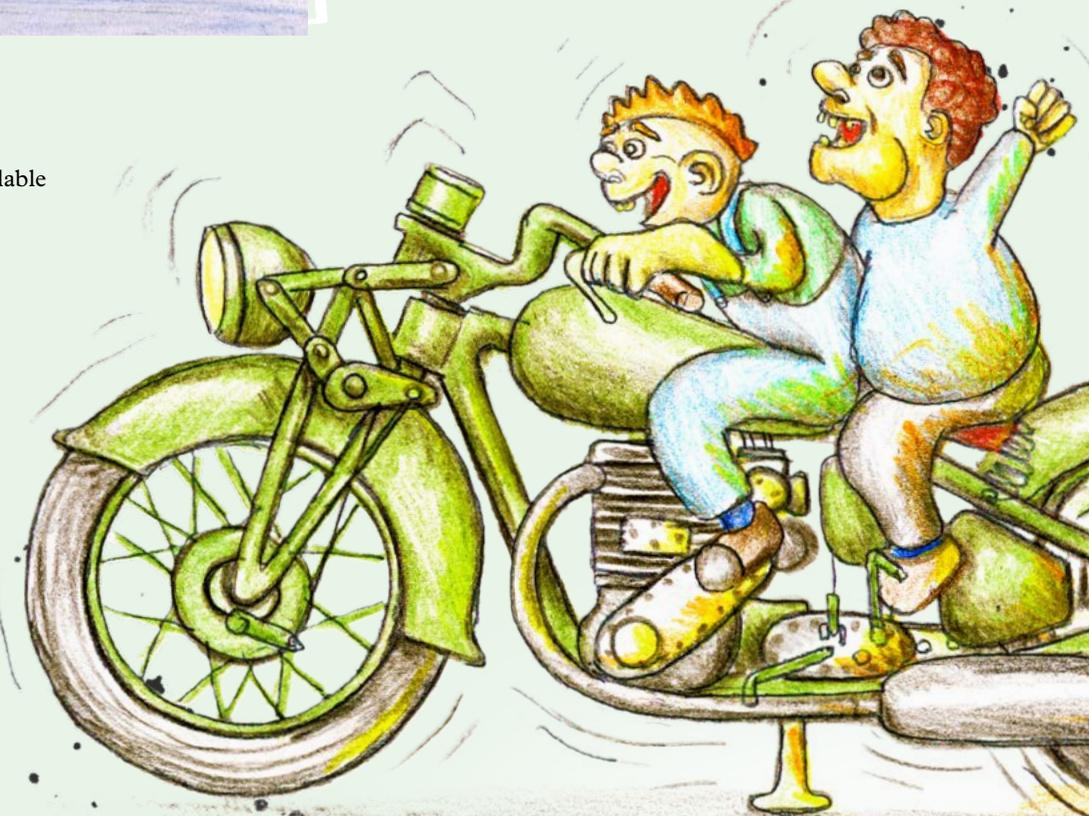
The Motorcycle

Author: Richard H. Johansen
Illustrator: Hans Niclasen

- Two little rascals who love engines and motorcycles
- Fun and wacky illustrations
- Age 3+

WROOM! NOTHING BEATS HELPING Bjorn's dad with all the motorcycles in the garage. Bjorn and Ari have been working on an old bike all winter. It's ready now and they can finally start the engine. And it is the coolest thing ever! But then they have to go inside for dinner, and have to wait till tomorrow... But can Bjorn and Ari wait? Or will they sneak out in the garage? Read the book and find out!

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The Lines

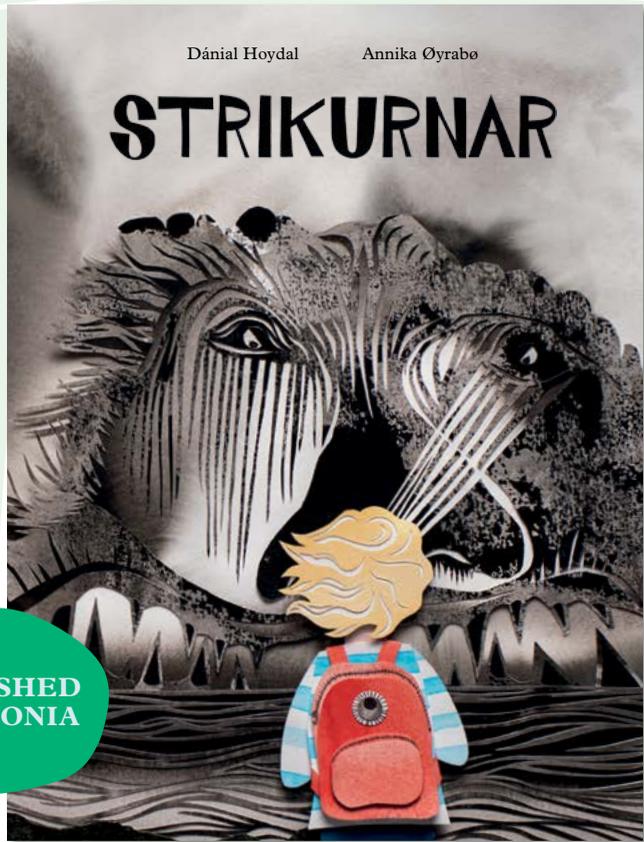


- The author/illustrator duo does it again!
- A heartfelt story about grief and OCD
- Ages 5-7

THE BOY LOSES HIS grandad and then the lines appear. And they are everywhere. On the tiles out in the yard. On the ceiling above his bed at night. Everywhere. He has to count them or something bad will happen.

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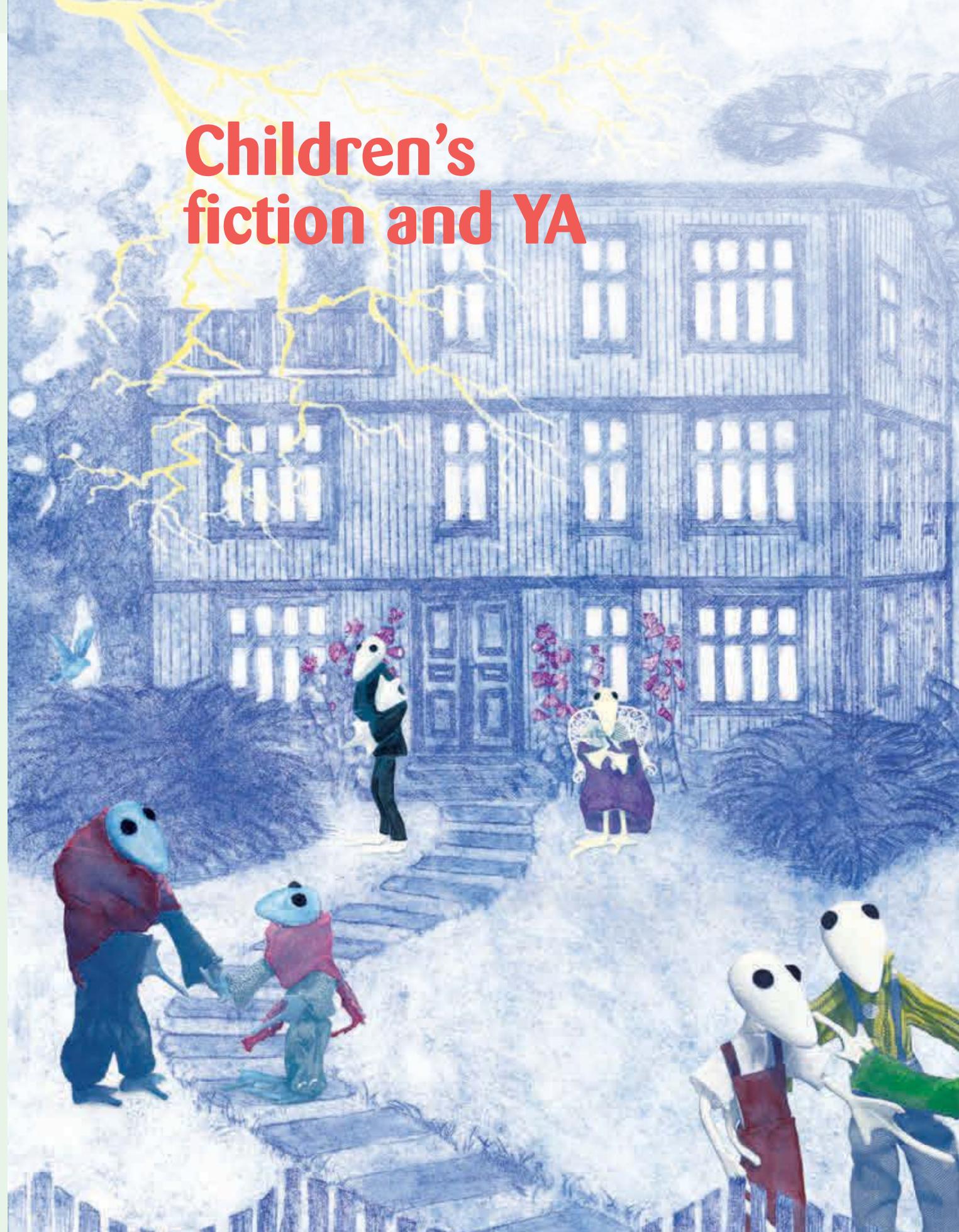


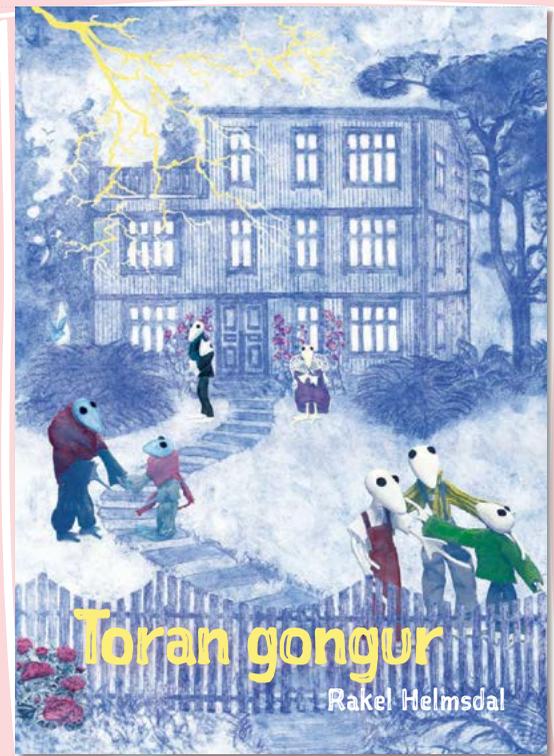
DÁNIAL HOYDAL is an author and translator born in 1976. He lives in Tórshavn. Hoydal is locally known for writing the quirky and very popular children's book *Í Geyma* (In Mind), published in 2002.



ANNIKA ØYRABØ is a Danish designer and illustrator born in 1977. She lives in Copenhagen, where she is a professional illustrator with a unique papercut style. Øyrabø has illustrated several books published by BFL.

Children's fiction and YA





The Sound of Thunder

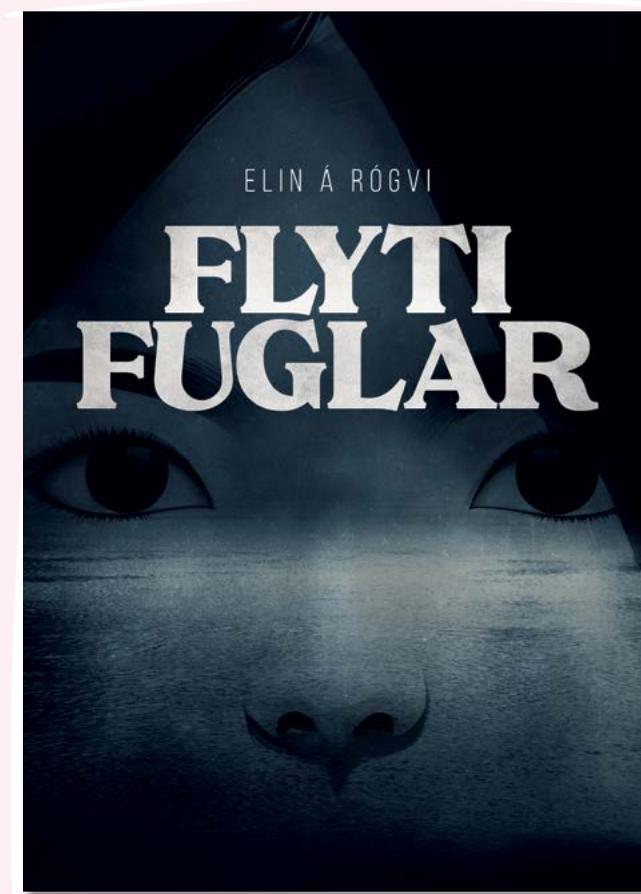
Author & Illustrator: Rakeļ Helmsdal

- One house, four families and a night that changes everything
- Heartwarming found-family story about refugees and the aftermath of war trauma
- With a wonderful twist of magical realism
- Book for all ages (9+ without an adult)



WHEN FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD AURORA invites everyone in the big old house to dinner, their lives are suddenly intertwined with no turning back. At night the thunder rumbles and roars and shakes the old house, and in the morning Sirje is gone. The little girl, who never leaves the house alone has gone missing. Everyone, young and old, lonely and hurt, must do their part to help finding her.

ISBN: 978-99972-0-911-5
152 pages
Published: October 2023
English translation sample available



Migratory Birds

Author: Elin á Rógvi

- A lost home, a stolen child and a gun to the head
- Thrilling crime novel and a story about being an immigrant and outsider
- Age 10+

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132 pages
Published: August 2023
English sample translation available



ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD MAI feels like an outsider despite having lived in Vestmanna for several years. She is constantly reminded that she is different because she is an immigrant. One day, when a baby boy suddenly disappears from a baby carriage, Mai and her friend Emma set out to find the boy. The days roll on and their search becomes increasingly frustrating. But suddenly Mai finds herself with a baby in her arms and needs to run for her life to save herself and the baby.

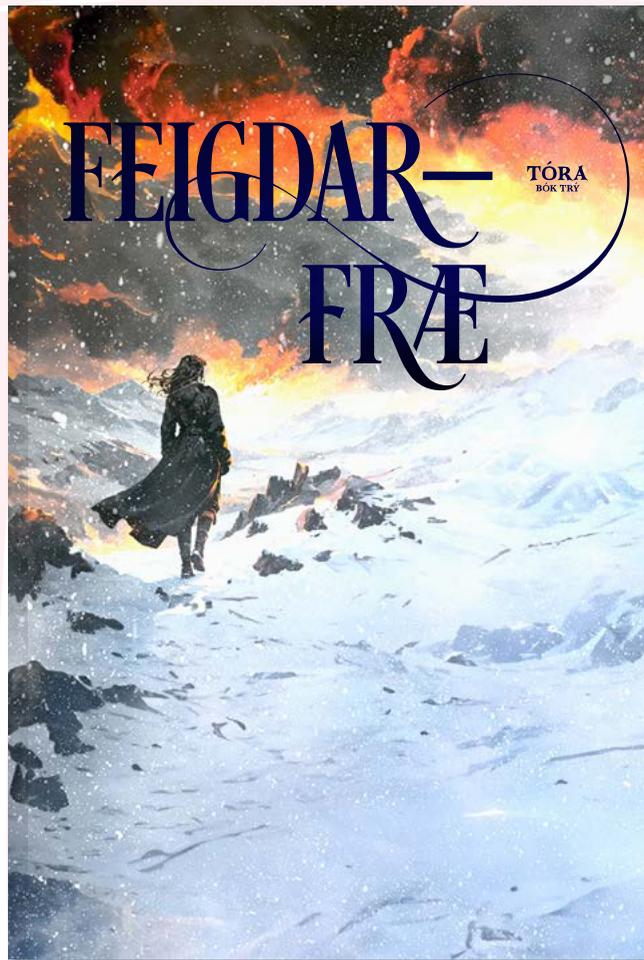


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ELIN Á RÓGVI, born in 1976, is a natural born storyteller and performer and a beloved children's radio host. She has published six children's books.

THE TÓRA TRILOGY

- Captivating fantasy based on Faroese folklore
- Humorous and full of irony, romance and high stakes
- Age 12+



The seed of disaster – Tóra III

Walls tumbling down, armyboots with dirt and blood. „You're dead and a murderer!“

RÓAR'S WORDS ARE POUNDING in Tóra's head. Has she really killed a girl? Billa is gone, and Róar has taken over the school. She expects to be thrown out of school any minute, and people stay away from her. Fortunately she can rely on her quart, but what about Leiki?

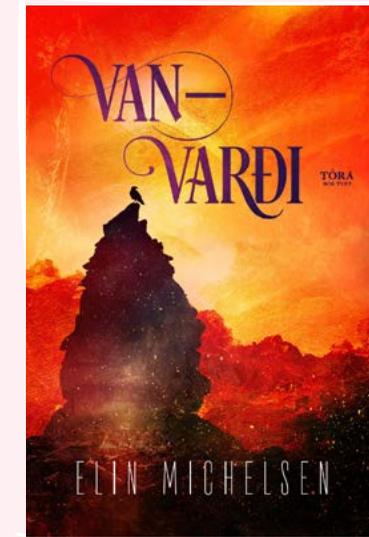
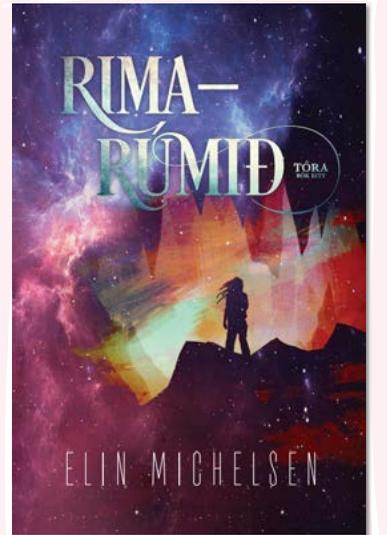
Tóra's gifts get stronger and stronger, but how long can she keep the fire in the chest down?

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The Guarded Gift – Tóra I

WITH A BLURRY PAST and a nagging feeling that she has done something horrible, Tóra finds herself in a school she has never heard of before with people who can do things nobody should be able to do. She can't possibly be one of them, can she? The hidden people, huldafólk, look like human beings, but have supernatural gifts. Tóra has the red gift and is placed in a quart with three other students: Blue, yellow and purple. Will she ever find out who she really is? And will she ever learn to control her gift?

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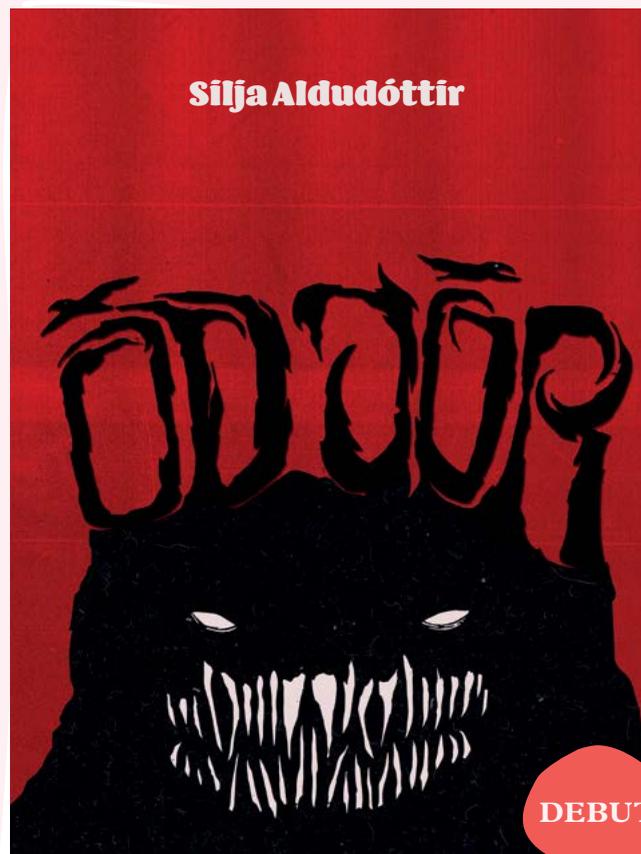
The Faded Field – Tóra II

WHEN TÓRA SAVED ELEONORA'S life she also shattered two quarts, and now everyone hates her. She had just learnt how to use the red gift, but in her new quart she has to be purple. She is back to zero, again. But Tóra doesn't just have one of the four gifts like the other huldafólk. Tóra possesses gifts like no other huldafólk. One day she finds herself in the strangest place and suddenly a voice screams in her head: FOUND YOU!

ISBN | 384 pages | Published: November 2022
Cover: Høgni Egholm Magnussen



ELIN MICHELSEN is a Faroese author born in 1973. She lives in Hoyvík. *The Guarded Gift* was her debut novel, *The Faded Field* was her second and *The Seed of Disaster* is the last book in the trilogy about Tóra and her quest to find out who she is.



Beast

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Illustrator: Bárður Dal Christiansen

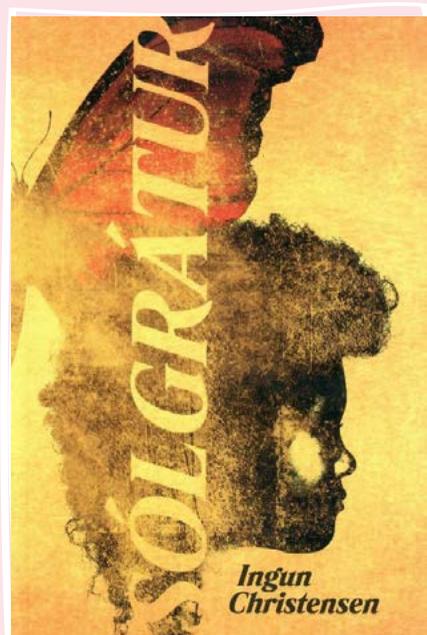
- A different horror story about the beasts who live around and within us
- Unlikely friendships, bullying and high stakes
- Illustrations unveiling darkness and hope
- Age 9+

FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES HIT the city and no one knows why. One day thirteen-year-old Asta finds out. Beneath the concrete a beast threatens to destroy everything in its way. Starving and wounded it is stuck in the tunnels of the old river running under the city. Asta decides to save it, but time is running out, the river is about to be reopened ...

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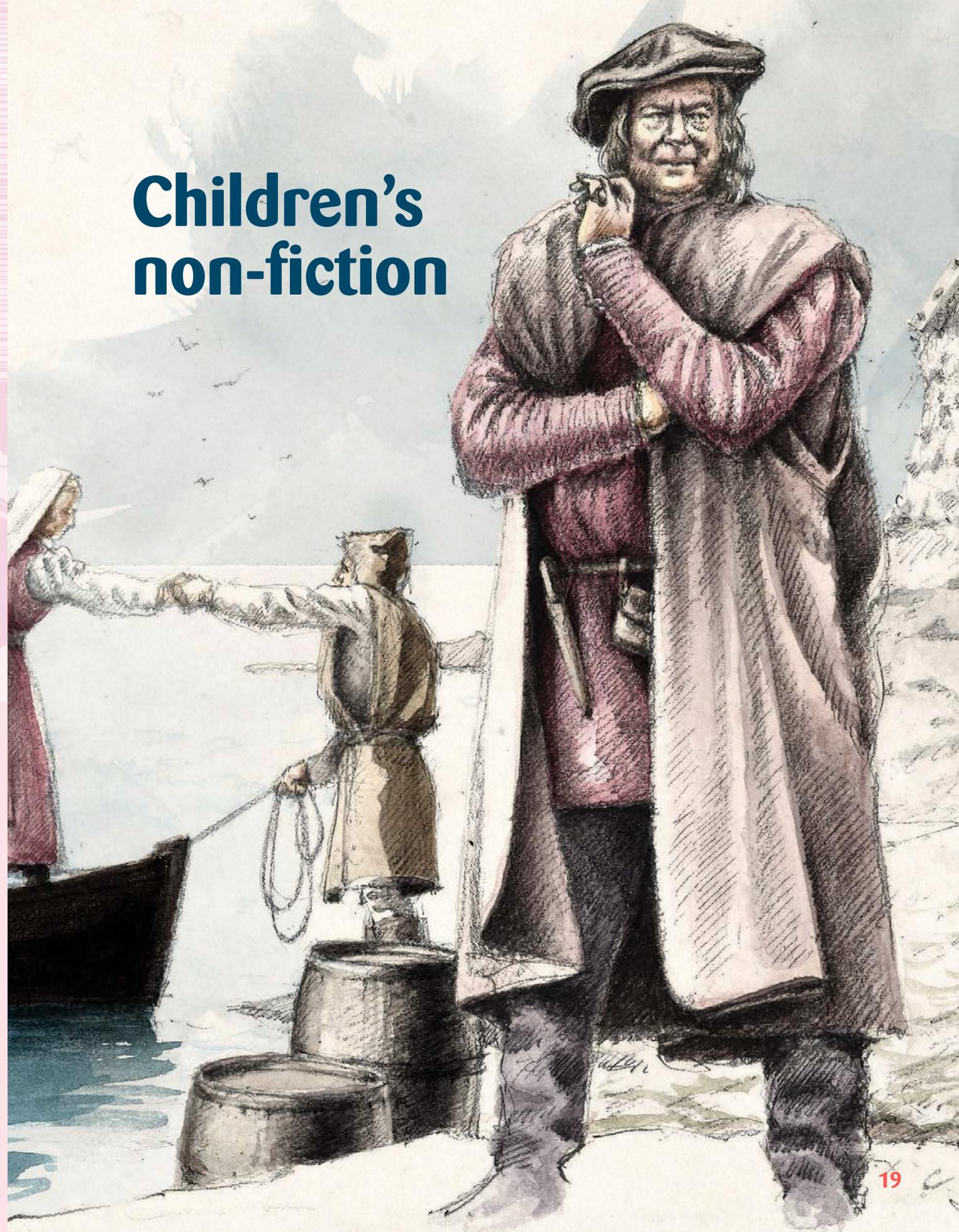
Author: Ingun Christensen

- Adoption, bullying, love, racism
- A teenager struggles to find her place in the world
- Age 13+

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD AUD IS ADOPTED from Colombia. She is bullied because of her skin colour. She longs for answers about her past, but all she has from her first home is a necklace. When her best friend moves away, she finds herself utterly alone and the bullying gets worse. Now it doesn't just happen at school, Aud also receives cruel text messages from a hidden number. But one day there is a new kid in class. A boy who also has a different skin colour and who sees her with completely different eyes.

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Children's non-fiction





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Food – Our Valuable Resource

Authors: Gunnhild Dahl Niclasen and Sanna Andrassardóttir Dahl

- Facts about food from production to consumption to disposal
- Powerful informative reading for future citizens of the planet
- Playful and illustrative pictures and statistics
- Middle grade easy reader

THE AIM OF THE book is to create awareness among children, young people, parents, institutions, and authorities about the impact of our food consumption. And to inspire ideas about what we can do to reduce our food waste and carbon footprint. This book will tell you where the food we eat in the Faroe Islands comes from, how it is transported, how we handle food at home, and what we can do, each one of us, to reduce food waste.

Stories about Flags

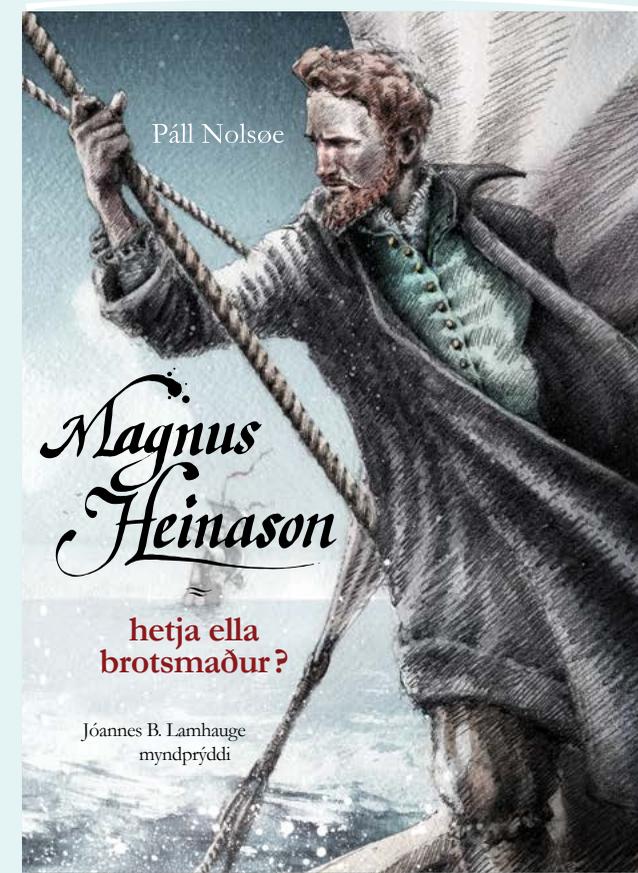


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Author: Beinta E. Danielsen

- Everything you need to know about the flags of the world!
- Facts, historical insights and traditions
- Middle grade easy reader

IN THIS BOOK YOU will find all the 254 official flags of the world and many, many more. Learn about their origin and why they look the way they do. Why do we have flags and how are they used? Find out in this inquisitive book! You will also find the story of the Faroese flag *Merkið*.



Magnus Heinason – Hero or Villain?

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Illustrator: Jóannes B. Lamhauge

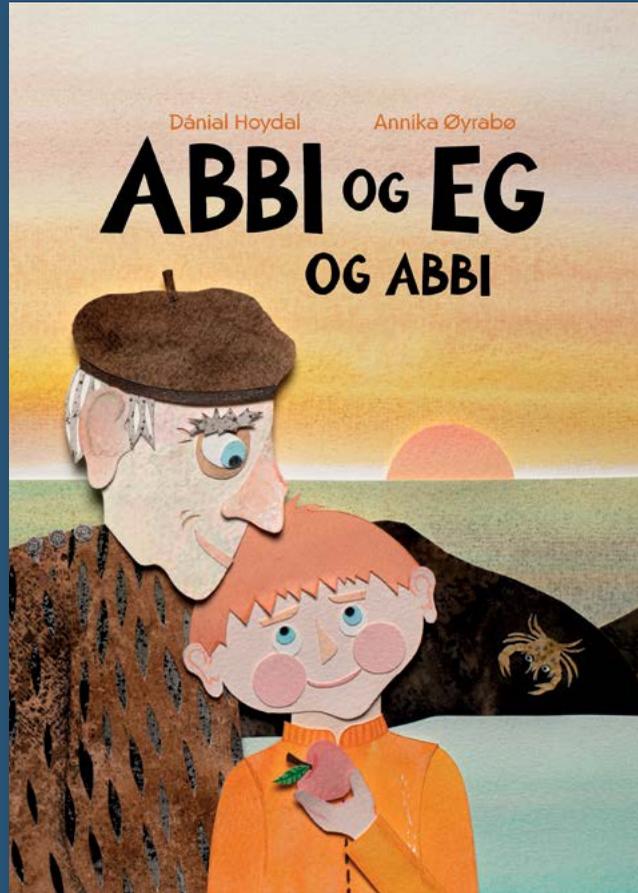
- Fascinating Faroese historical figure
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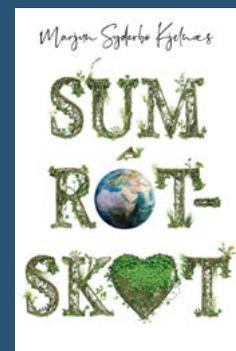


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Grandad and I and Grandad

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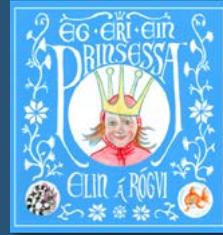
Like Shooting Roots

Marjun Syderbø Kjelnæs
2020, 120 p.
YA novel
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Little Crow Collects

Jenny Kjarbo
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Picture Book
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I Am a Princess

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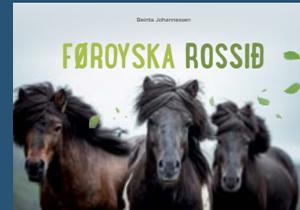
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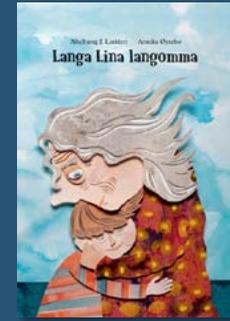
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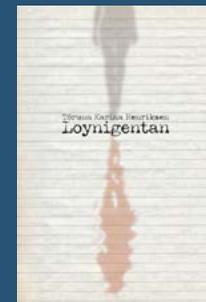
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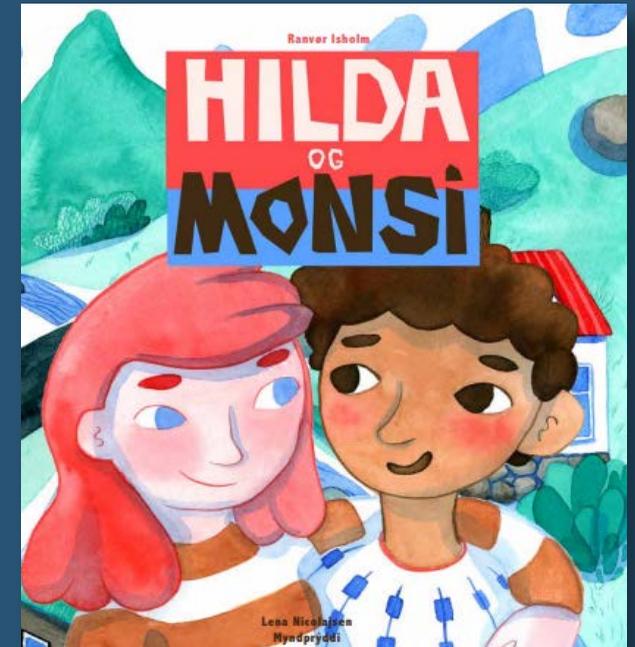


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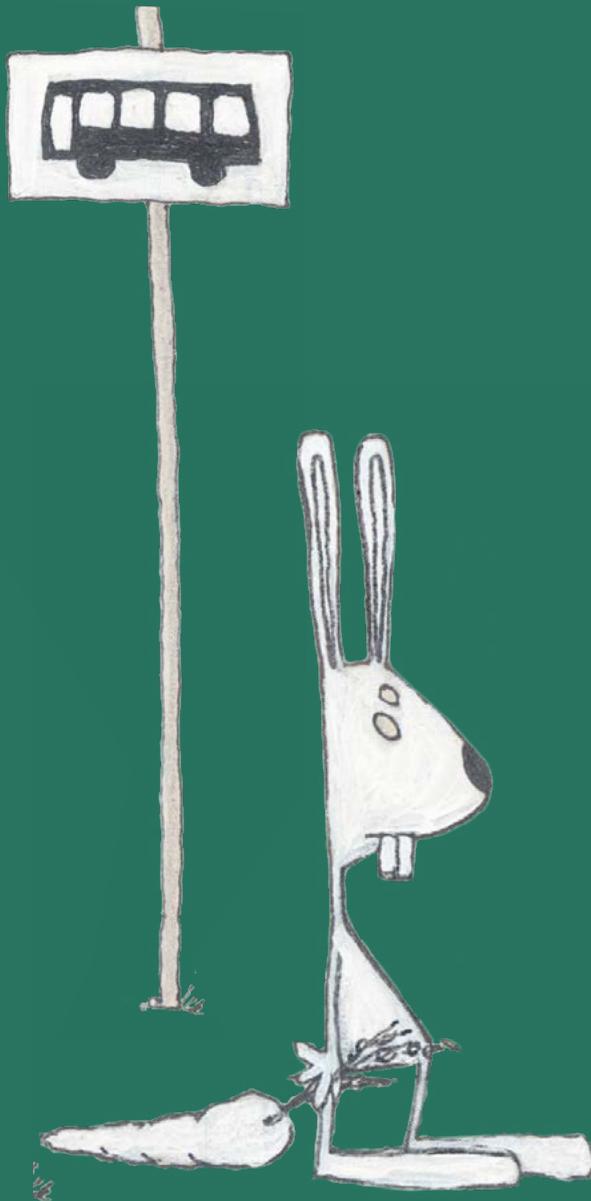
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