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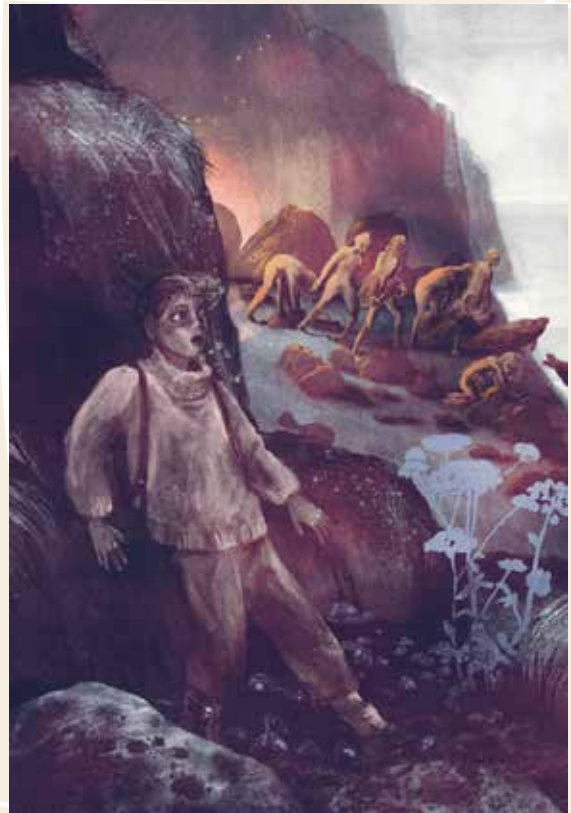
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Picture books



Rosa's World

Rosa's Search and Rosa, Rita & Manni

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, Grey the tomcat and Manni the dog.

In the fourth book, Rosa sits out in the cold with her eyes closed, but her ears are on high alert. She hears a sounds that she recognises. So, she goes on a hunt ...

In the fifth book, Manni is mad. He barks and barks, then he jumps over the fence ...

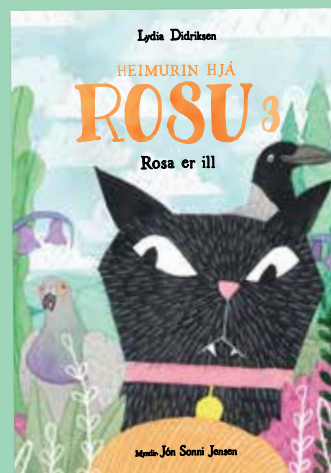
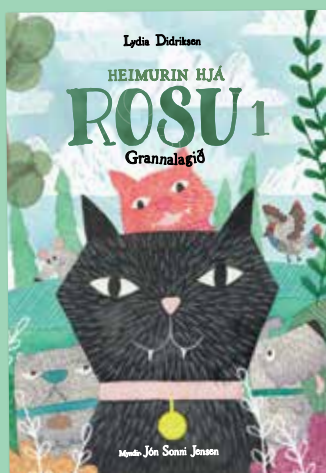
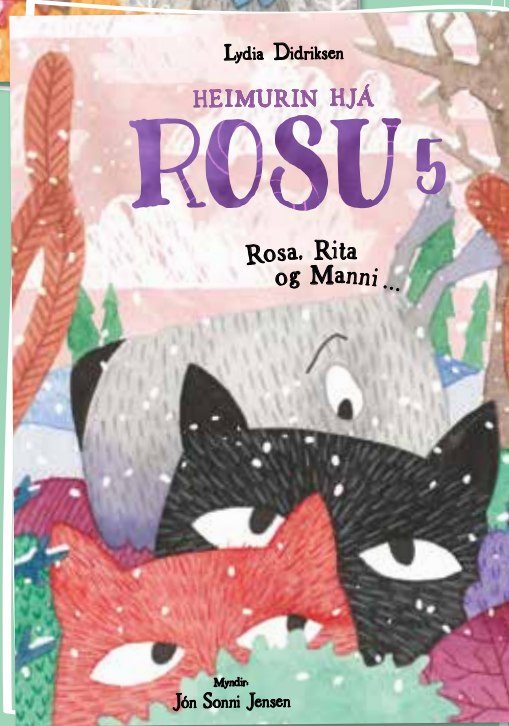
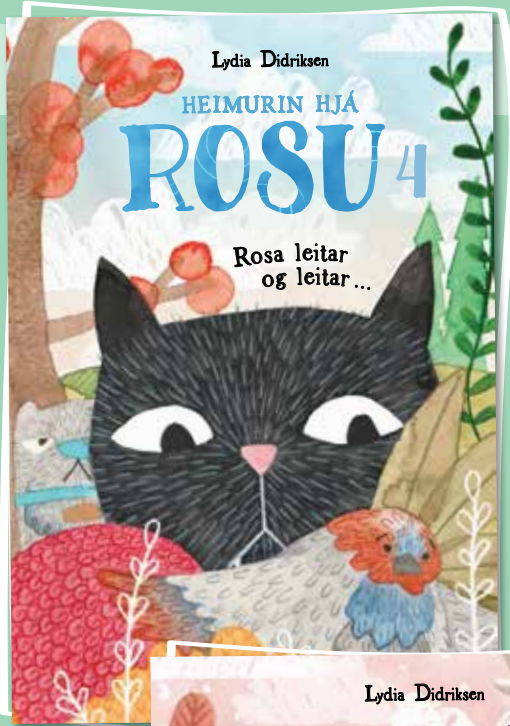
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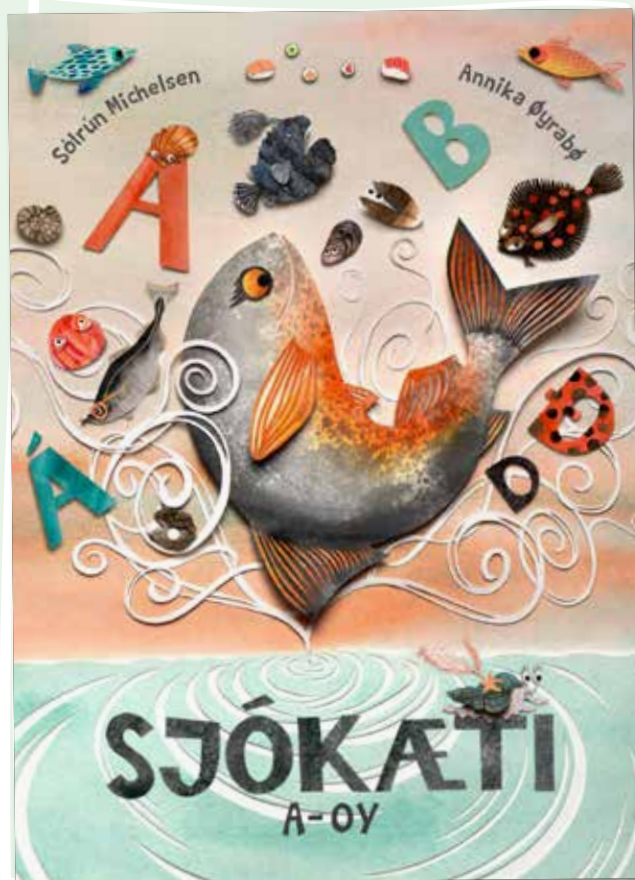
ISBN: 978-99972-3-034-8

28 pages

Published: Spring 2025

English sample translation available





Sealife A-Z



Author: Sólrún Michelsen

Illustrator: Annika Øyrabø

- A fascinating alphabetical journey into life underwater
- Captivating papercut illustrations of marine creatures
- Ages 2-7

FROM EELS TO SWORDFISH – it is hard to picture everything that is hiding beneath the surface. Take a deep breath and dive into the aquatic alphabet. Through humorous rhymes you will meet a rabbit fish, a scaleline cusk, a greater eelpout and many others!

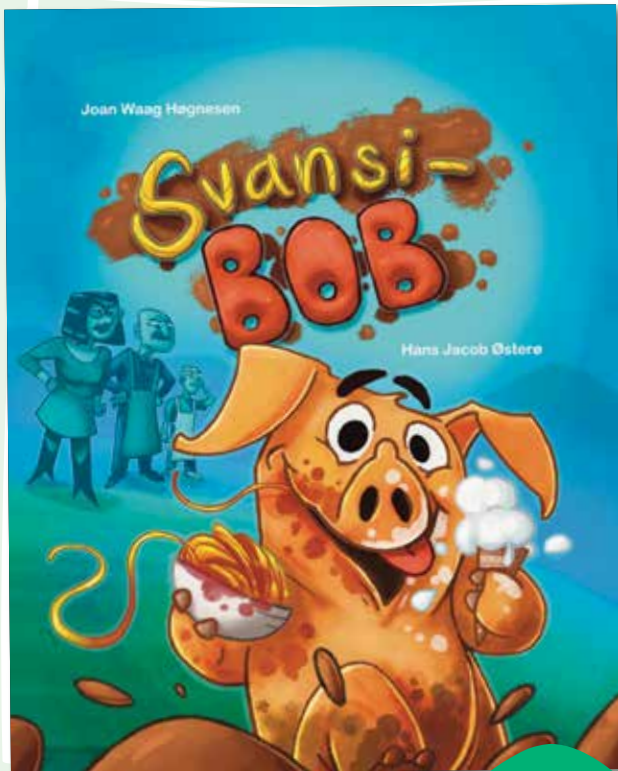
The unique alphabet for the brave diver and snorkeler on the lookout for letters.

ISBN: 978-99972-3-002-7

66 pages

Published: March 2025





ISBN: 978-99972-0-963-4
42 pages
Published: August 2024

DEBUT

Messy Bob



Author: Joan Waag Høgenesen

Illustrator: Hans Jacob Østerø

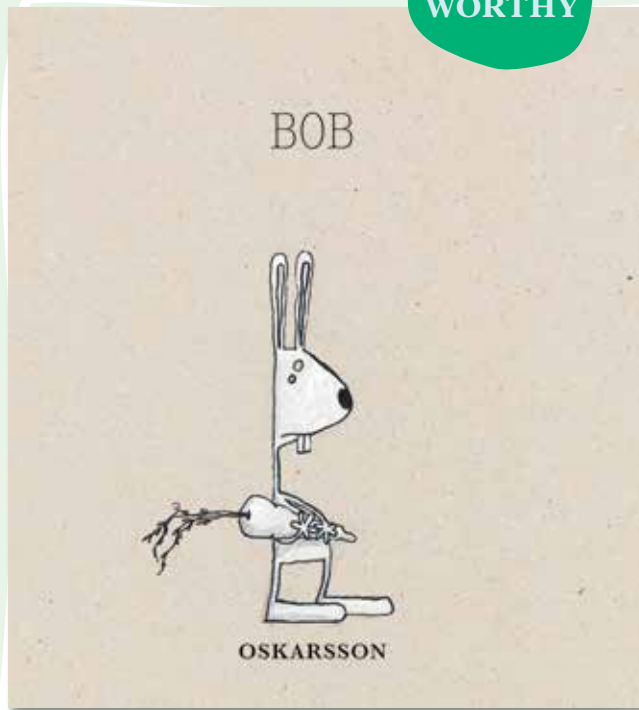
- Funny and messy story about exploring and discovering where you belong
- Humorous and colourful illustrations
- Ages 3-6

BOB IS A PIG. Bob loves to eat. Bob has heard that there is yummy food downtown ... Have you ever wondered where the phrase messy pig comes from? No? Neither has Bob, and he doesn't understand why everyone keeps calling him that and why everyone is so angry.

After all, Bob is just hungry.



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Bob

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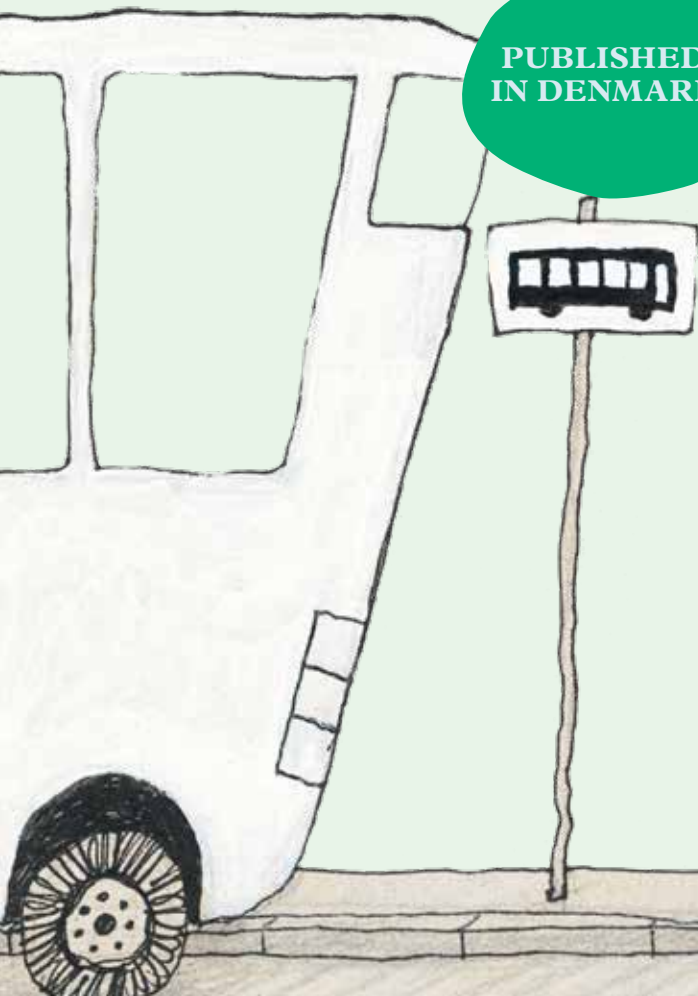
- Unique story and illustrations that fascinate people of all ages
- Óskarsson's books are published in 20 languages!
- Down to earth storytelling with a philosophical twist
- Featured in the White Ravens 2024 catalogue and recipient of MGIP and ICMA awards

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.

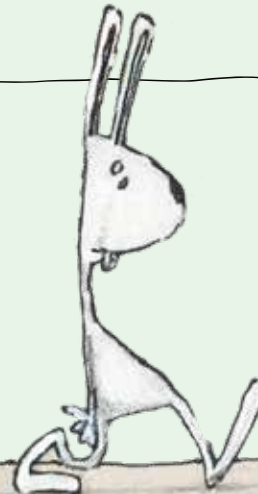
ISBN 978-99972-0-939-9 | 32 pages

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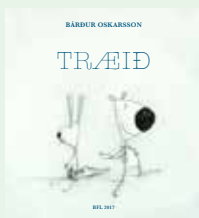
BÁRÐUR ÓSKARSSON was born in 1972 and is one of the most translated Faroese authors. Bob is the third book about Hilbert and Bob. *The Tree*, which is the first book in the series, won the Nordic Council's Children's Literature Award in 2018.





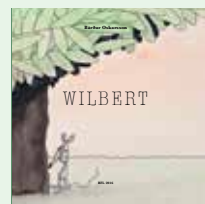
Hilbert

Published: 2020



The Tree

Published: 2017



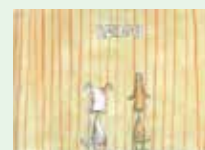
Wilbert

Published: 2016



The Battle for the Good Grass

Published: 2012



The Bone

Published: 2011



Paul, the Cool Giraffe

Published: 2007



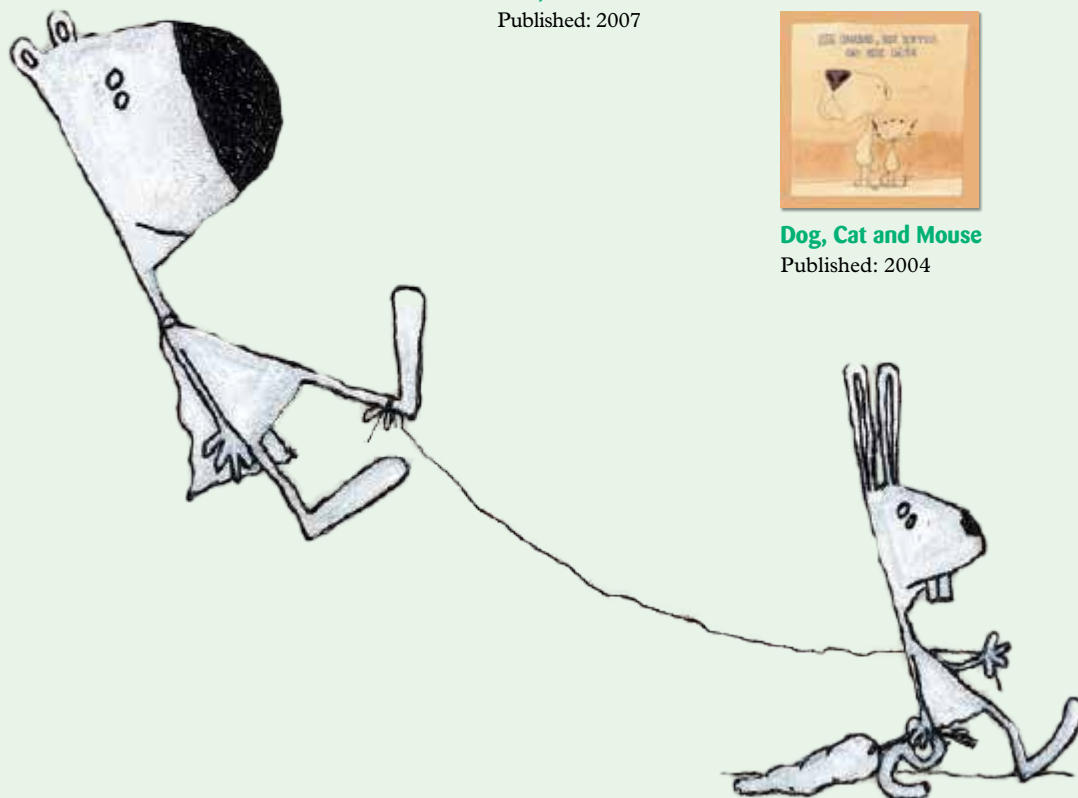
The Flat Rabbit

Published: 2007



Dog, Cat and Mouse

Published: 2004



I 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.

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LANKA

ISBN: 978-99972-0-913-9 | 40 pages | Published: April 2024
English sample translation available

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?



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

I Want To Do That Too!

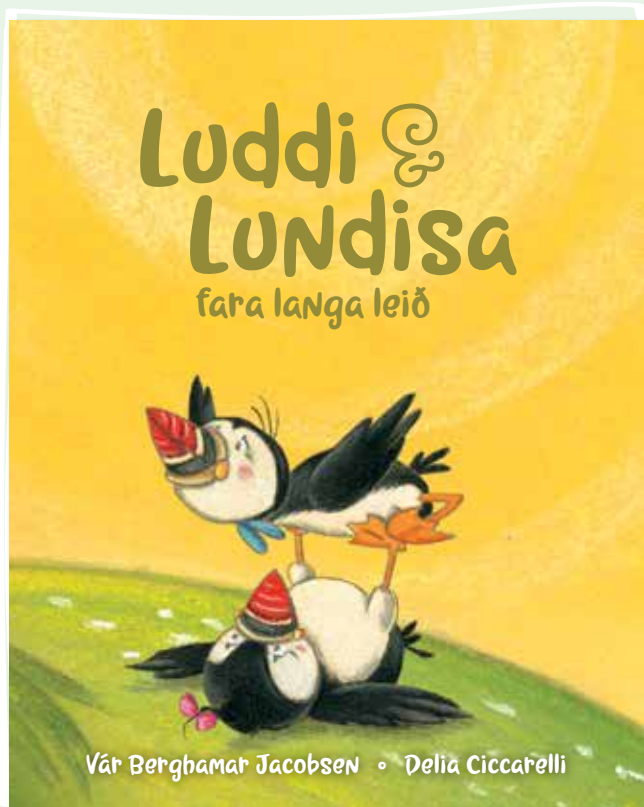
Author: Guðrið H. Jacobsen

Illustrator: Henny Dáníalsdóttir

- 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!





Luddi and Lundisa Go Far Away

Author: Vár Berghamar Jacobsen

Illustrator: Delia Ciccarelli



ISBN 978-99972-0-780-7 | 28 pages

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

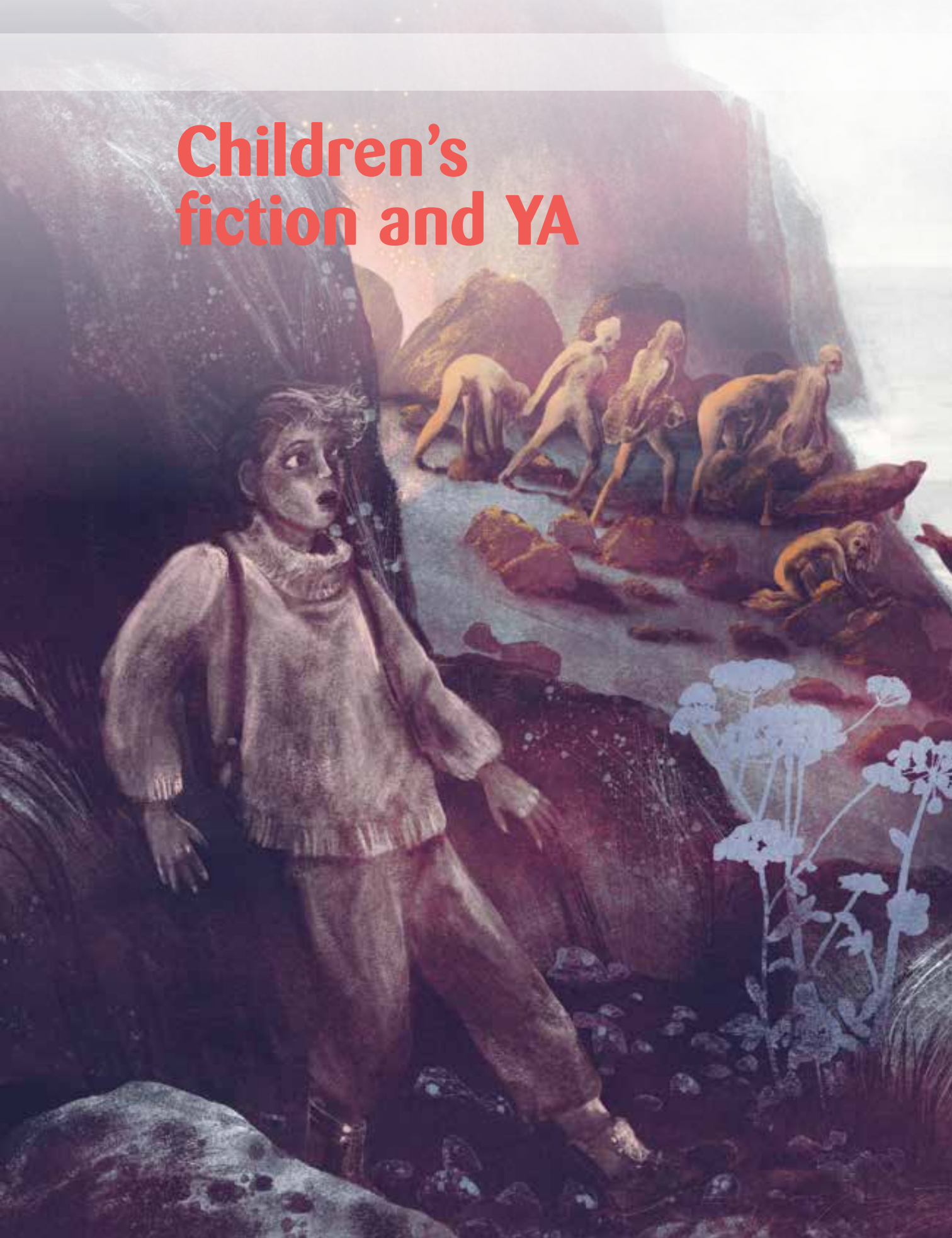
- Cute funny puffins going on an adventure
- Explore, rhyme, sing and babble along!
- The first book in the series won the Faroese Cultural Award 2018
- Age 1+

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?

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Children's fiction and YA





ISBN: 978-99972-0-996-2 | 193 pages
Published: November 2024
English sample translation available

NOTE-
WORTHY



Ancient

Author: Elin á Rógvi

Illustrator: Silja Eystberg



- A world-famous video game, mythical creatures and balancing reality and virtual reality
- A thrilling story about the fluid boundary between reality, video games and folklore
- Author won the West Nordic Council's Children's and Young People's Literature Award 2024 for *Flytifuglar*
- Age 9+

THIS IS FORNT! A popular video game with players all over the world. Players can choose whether to observe or pursue wonderful creatures from folk legends.

Eleven-year-old Eiri and his friend, Sólja, observe a strange creature in the game that no one has ever laid eyes on before. And suddenly, they are among the best players of Fornt in the entire world.

However, all is not as it seems ...



ELIN Á RÓGVI, born in 1976, is a natural born storyteller, performer and a beloved children's radio host. She has published seven children's books and has received multiple awards and nominations, including a nomination for the 2015 Nordic Council Children's and Young People's Literature Prize.

The Island of the Lost

First book in the Skarva Islands trilogy

Author: Agnete Hentze Pichotka

Illustrator: Kathrina Skarðsá

- A boy afraid of water, a boat caught in a storm and a cursed island, where people disappear
- Mystery, legends and myths combined in one exciting tale of how courage can fail, but it is never too late to find it again
- Age 9+

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD HARALDUR lives on an island, where all men are destined to work at sea. When his grandfather's boat disappears during a storm, Haraldur must board a dinghy and go searching for his grandfather. The only clues are a strange legend and a young seal. But the seal, who Haraldur has been trying to catch all summer, and who always pursues his grandfather's boat, heads straight for the island ...

Will Haraldur find his grandfather and overcome his fears?

DEBUT



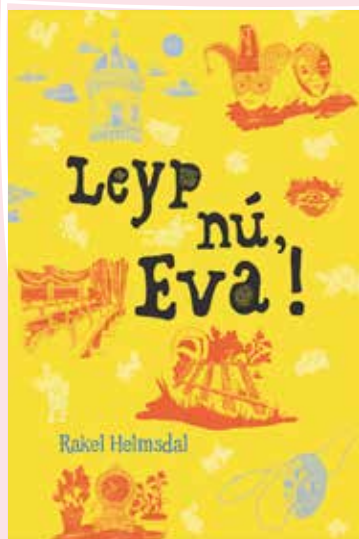
ISBN: 978-99972-0-971-9

142 pages

Published: June 2024

English sample

translation available



ISBN: 978-99972-0-962-7

295 pages

Published May 2024

English sample

translation available

Jump, Eva!

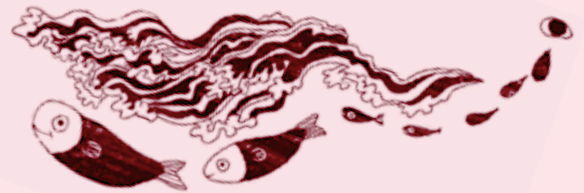
Author: Rakel Helmsdal

Illustrator: Kathrina Skarðsá

- A group of friends, a dangerous game and a theatre with plenty of secrets
- A thrilling story about secrets and mysteries, tragic fates and courage
- Book for all ages (9+ without an adult)

WHO DARES TO RUN across the railway track before the train comes? That is the game Eva and her friends play on that near-fateful day, where everything could go wrong. A mysterious man saves Eva from certain death. But who is he, and why is he so sad? And why is her friend Merian suddenly acting so strangely? Why won't she tell Eva where she lives?

Eva and her friends get to perform in a real play, and it is like dream – until secrets of the Seraphia Theatre start to come out.



THE TÓRA TRILOGY

- Captivating fantasy based on Faroese folklore
- Humorous and full of irony, romance and high stakes
- Trilogy won the 2024 Children's Cultural Prize of Tórshavn City Council
- Age 12+

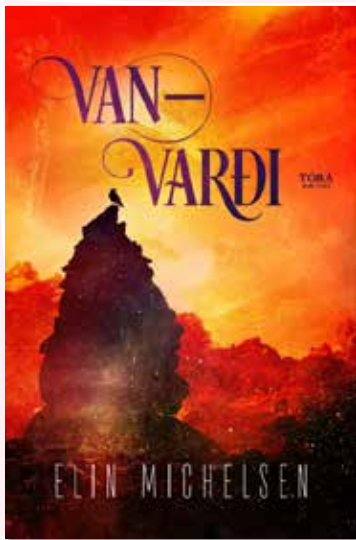
The Guarded Gift – Tóra I

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, *huldufólk*, 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?

ISBN 978-99972-0-721-0 | 382 pages | Published: November 2021
Cover: Høgni Egholm Magnussen



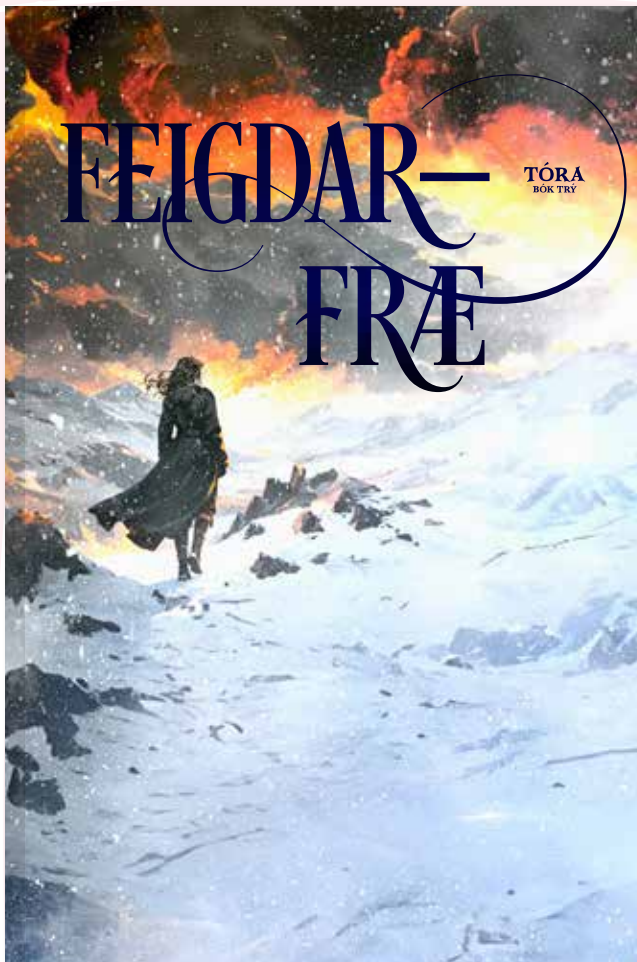
ELIN MICHELSEN is a Faroese author born in 1973. She lives in Hoyvík. *The Guarded Gift* was her debut novel, *The Faded Field* was her second and *The Seed of Disaster* is the last book in the trilogy about Tóra and her quest to find out who she is.



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 huldur. Tóra possesses gifts like no other hulda. One day she finds herself in the strangest place and suddenly a voice screams in her head: **FOUND YOU!**

ISBN 978-99972-0-816-3 | 384 pages | Published: November 2022
English sample translation available | Cover: Høgni Egholm Magnussen



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?

ISBN 978-99972-0-961-0 | 438 pages
Published: April 2024 | Cover: Høgni Egholm Magnussen
English sample translation available

RIGHTS SOLD
TO NORWAY
AND ESTONIA



ISBN: 978-99972-0-911-5 | 152 pages

Published: October 2023

English translation sample available

The Sound of Thunder

Author & Illustrator: Rakel 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.



Monster

Author: Silja Aldudóttir

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+

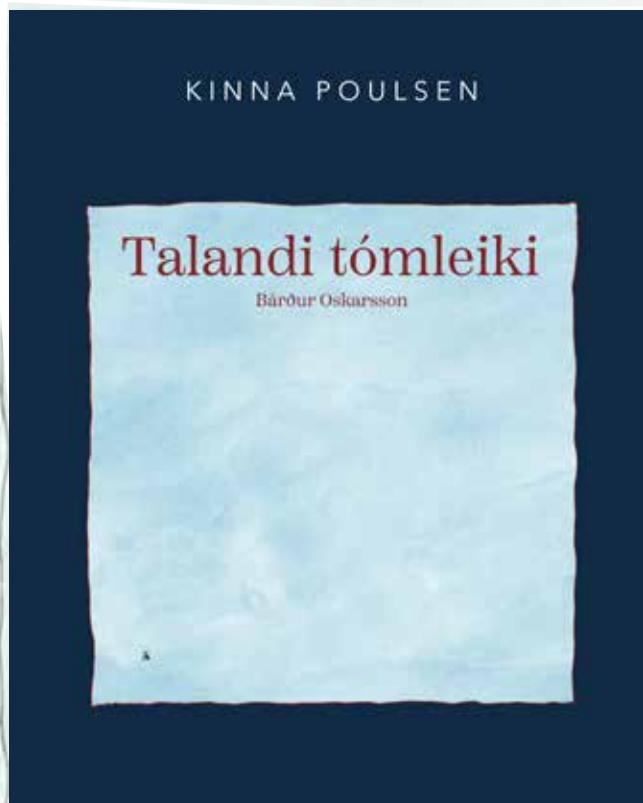
FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES HIT the city and no one knows why. One day thirteen-year-old Asta finds out. Beneath the concrete a beast threatens to destroy everything in its way. Starving and wounded it is stuck in the tunnels of the old river running under the city. Asta decides to save it, but time is running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

ISBN 978-99972-0-785-2 | 156 pages

Published: August 2022 | English sample translation available



Children's non-fiction



ISBN 978-99972-2-470-5 | 111 pages
Published: February 2025

Eloquent Emptiness

Authors: Kinna Poulsen

Illustrator: Bárður Oskarsson et al.

- A comprehensive look at the illustrator's work over the years
- Educational reading to strengthen image and story analytical skills
- An enlightening read for students and art enthusiasts alike
- Age 12+

BÁRÐUR OSKARSSON'S PICTURE BOOKS are the subject of this educational book, where Kinna Poulsen highlights his artistry.

The book is first and foremost intended as learning material in art and literary subjects for young students. However, due to the intricacies of Oskarsson's picture books more easily absorbed by adult readers, the book is also relevant to anyone interested in art and literature..



Among the Best in the World

– The Faroe Islands and the Olympic Games



Author: Páll Holm Johannesen

- Meet the inspiring Faroese Olympians and Paralympians
- Informative reading on the history of the Olympic and Paralympic Games
- A case for Faroese Olympic recognition
- Middle grade easy reader

AS AN ATHLETE, the Olympic and Paralympic Games are the highest possible achievement. The Games are after all foremost sports competition in the world.

Among the Best in the World – The Faroe Islands and the Olympic Games is about the Olympic Games and the hard-working athletes from the Faroe Islands that have competed at the Summer Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games.

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78 pages

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Stories about Flags



Author: Beinta E. Danielsen

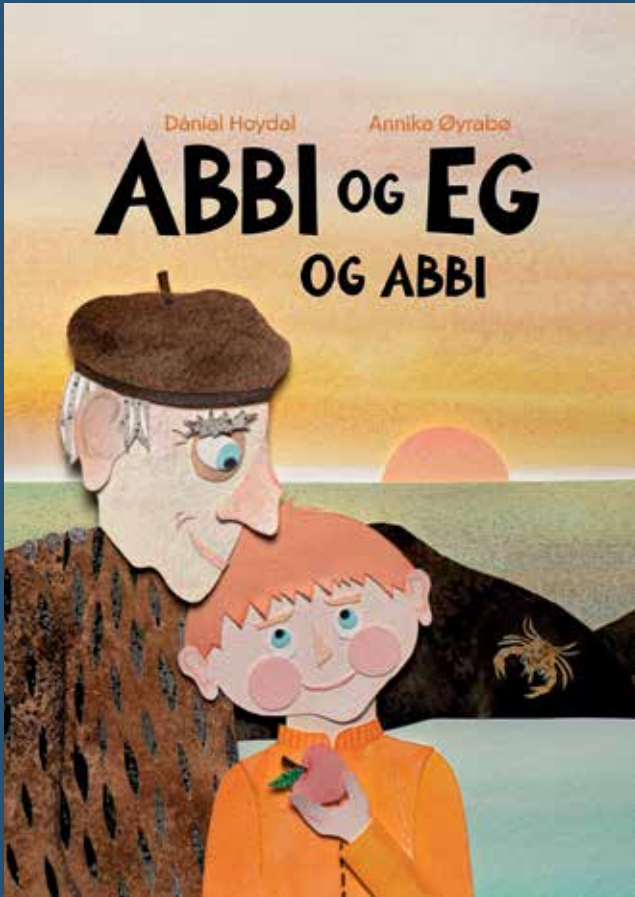
- Everything you need to know about the flags of the world!
- Facts, historical insights and traditions
- Middle grade easy reader

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*.

ISBN 978-99972-0-795-1 | 90 pages

Published: September 2022

Selected titles from our back list



Grandad and I and Grandad

Dáníal Hoydal | Ill: Annika Øyrabø | 2021, 32 p. | Picture book | ISBN 978-99972-0-842-2



The Lines

Dáníal Hoydal
Ill: Annika Øyrabø
2022, 32 p.
Picture book
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I Am a Princess

Elin á Rógvi
Ill: Heiðrikur á Heygum
2018, 40 p.
Picture book
ISBN 978-99972-0-396-0



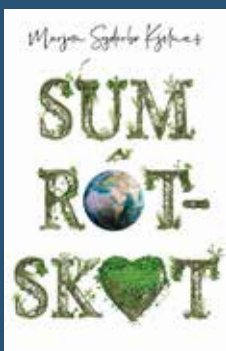
112 Fuglafjørður

Elin á Rógvi
Ill: Marjun Reginsdóttir
2019, 42 p.
Children's book
ISBN 978-99972-0-521-6



The Faroe Pony

Beinta Johannessen
2021, 66 p.
Non-fiction
ISBN 978-99972-0-710-4



Like Shooting Roots

Marjun Syderbø Kjelnæs
2020, 120 p.
YA novel
ISBN 978-99972-0-603-9



Little Crow Collects

Jenny Kjarbo
2022, 28 p.
Picture Book
ISBN 978-99972-0-728-9



Shrub

Rakel Helmsdal
2020, 447 p.
Ill. Kathrina Skarðsá
YA novel
ISBN 978-99972-0-617-6



The Swing

Rakel Helmsdal
2021, 36 p.
Picture book
ISBN 978-99972-0727-2



Great-gran Langa Lina

Aðalbjörg J. Linklett
 Ill: Annika Øyrabø
 2021, 28 p.
 Picture book
 ISBN 978-99972-0-725-8



The Girl Who Rowed After the Rainbow

Rakel Helmsdal
 2014, 124 p.
 YA
 ISBN 978-99972-0-063-1



Migratory Birds

Elin á Rógvi
 2023, 132 p.
 YA
 ISBN: 978-99972-0-886-6



Lucky Fly

Elsbeth M. Fossádal
 Ill: Kathrina Skarðsá
 2022, 56 p.
 Picture book
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Secret Girl

Tórunn Karina Henriksen
 2021, 232 p.
 YA
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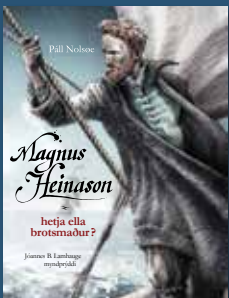
Milja Moments

Rakel Helmsdal
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 2018, 142 p.
 Children's book
 ISBN 978-99972-0-443-1



Sun Cry

Ingun Christensen
 Cover: Hogni E. Magnussen
 2022, 166 p.
 ISBN 987-99972-0-757-9



Magnus Heinason – Hero or Culprit?

Páll Nolsøe
 Ill: Jóannes B. Lamhauge
 2022, 102 p.
 Children's book
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Food – Our Valuable Resource

Gunnhild Dahl Niclasen and
 Sanna Andrassardóttir Dahl
 2022, 100 p.
 Non-fiction
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Hilda and Monsi

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