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# Berlin Poplars Berlinerpoplene

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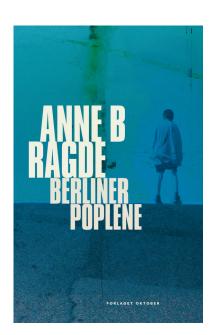
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When Anna Neshov suddenly suffers a stroke a week before Christmas and falls into a coma, her three sons are forced to redefine their own lives and relate to each other. Erlend works as a decorator in Copenhagen, Margido owns a small funeral parlour, and the oldest son, Tor, who is fifty-six, runs the family farm in Byneset near the city of Trondheim. The brothers haven't seen each other for years. Tor is the only one of the three with a child: his daughter Torunn, the result of a short-lived relationship in his youth. Torunn has only met her father once before. But now Tor wants her to come and meet her grandmother before she dies. The award-winning bestseller *The Berlin Poplars* is a novel about trying to tear up one's roots, only to discover that they run much deeper than expected. It is also about suddenly uncovering roots that one never knew existed.

#### Praise:

"A sophisticated exploration of family by a prize-winning Norwegian novelist...The spare, beautiful scenery of northern Norway provides an apposite backdrop for the interactions of these estranged kin. Ragde is a prolific writer (...) If her other work is equally engrossing, it is high time for more of it to be translated here." - The Independent, UK

"Darkly funny, grabs you at the start and doesn't let go. Not often is a book this great. (..) if you want a treat, race to get this book, because it's truly heartwarming, and so, so funny." - The Evening Herald, Ireland





Ragde made her literary debut with the children's book *Hallo! Her er Jo!*. Since then, she has written several books for children and young adults, as well as novels, crime novels and short story collections for adults, her first novel for adults being *En tiger for en engel*.

Berlin Poplars (2004) received a warm welcome from both readers and critics, and has so far sold more than 250 000 copies in Norway alone. The sequels Hermit Crabs (2005) and Pastures Green (2007) were a no lesser successes. The trilogy has been made into a TV series, which had more than 1 million viewers when showed on Norwegian Television.

## Foreign sales

So far sold to: Albanian, British English, Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Faeroese, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Polish,Romanian, Russian, Swedish, Turkish

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