

Ingvild H. Rishøi

Stargate. A Christmas tale

Stargate. En juleforetelling

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“I didn’t name you Ronja so that you could grow up in Tøyen,” Ronja’s dad tells her.

But Tøyen is where they live – Ronja, her dad, and big sister Melissa. Christmas is coming. Dad has lost yet another job, which is why Melissa has no choice but to go out and heave Christmas trees around, Ronja has to sell seasonal garlands and sheafs, her father needs to go out to the Stargate pub, and December is all about wet mittens, commissions, and beer. But also about three wise men, a star, and a forest.

Stargate is a Christmas story for our time: magical realism in a Christmas tree outlet in Tøyen.

Nominated for the 2021 Brage Prize

Nominated for the 2022 Young People’s Critics’ Prize

Ingvild H. Rishøi (b. 1978) made her literary debut in 2007 with *Do not Erase*, a short story collection which was selected Book of the Month in the BNB Book Club and received brilliant reviews.

Her second collection of short stories, *The Story of Mrs. Berg*, was shortlisted for the Brage Prize. She has also written two acclaimed picture books for children.

For her previous, *Winter Stories* (2014), Rishøi received praise from both the readers and the press. Though this collection only contains three short stories, the critics agree that she has developed her unique touch for the lives of vulnerable people even further. The book won the Critics’ Prize for best adult fiction as well as the Brage Prize for best work of short fiction. It was also nominated in the Brage adult fiction category. It was the first time ever a book had been nominated in two categories.

FOREIGN SALES

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AWARDS

Kulturhuset Stadsteaterns Internationella litteraturpris 2019
Book Blogger’s Prize 2015
Brage Prize 2014
Critics’ Prize 2014
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The Hunger Prize 2012
The Unified Norwegian Language Prize 2011

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VIDEO

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'Stargate is a wonderful book, so delicate, so Rishøi-esque; even though it’s a serious story, it feels light and poetic, almost like a fairy tale by H.C. Andersen, and that just about says it all about Rishøi’s skill.'

*Arild Batzer, Publisher
Batzet & Co. (Denmark)*