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Ida Skjelbakken (ill.)

The Trollheim Series

Trollheim

Genre: Children and Young Adults
Category: Illustrated children's series
Publisher: Figenschou Forlag
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Pages: 155-200
English sample translations and synopses available

A highly illustrated, page turning, new book series in colors for middle grade children. This is the story of three children having to face mythological creatures and old Norse legends to save the world from ancient darkness.

TROLLHEIM 1 - *Secret of Castle Crow*: It's the first day of school after the summer holidays, and Adam is the new kid in class. He walks to school through the forest with his new neighbor, Tobias. On their way they run into Tara, a girl in their class, who decides to enter an abandoned, old house. When Tara doesn't turn up for school, the boys go looking for her.

Awarded the 2022 ARK Children's Book Prize (11 000 children in the jury) and the 2022 Ministry of Culture's award for best illustrations

TROLLHEIM 2 - *The Avenger from Helheim*

Winner of the 2022 Ministry of Culture's award for best illustrations

TROLLHEIM 3 - *Underground Mission*

TROLLHEIM 4 - *Vampires and demons*

Best Children's Book of the Year 2023, Norli Junior reading contest (30 000 children in the jury)

TROLLHEIM 5 - *The Spider Queen*

TROLLHEIM 6 - *The Curse in Troll Forest*

Stand alone Christmas title: *The Christmas Heist* by Lindmo & Skjelbakken



'Good series of books like these are actually hard to find!'

- Oskar, 10 years

'The book is cool and pretty! We think the illustrator has magical colors and pencils!'

- Beren and Heidi, 11 years



Photo: From the left: Arne Lindmo and Ida Skjelbakken. Photo: Adrian Nielsen/NORLA

Arne Lindmo loves to write exciting stories inspired by Norwegian fairy tales and myths, a theme that has fascinated him since he was a boy. He has worked for many years as a teacher and even then used to make up small, scary stories that he constantly told the students in class, to keep the students awake during the class. Occasionally, his stories kept individual students awake at night as well.

Lindmo is one of the participants chosen for NORLA's development programme for new literary talents "New Voices", under the headline "On the Way to Bologna", as a part of Norway as Guest of Honour at Bologna Book Fair 2026.

Norwegian illustrator **Ida Skjelbakken's** photographic style brings the book's characters and battle scenes to life in a cinematic way. Her execution is impressive and her style fits the fantasy genre perfectly!

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Interview

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