

Øyvind Torseter

Mule Boy 1-5

Muleguttene 1-5

Genre: Children and Young Adults
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Award-winning author and illustrator Øyvind Torseter has created Mule Boy, a series of graphic novels that blend myth, adventure and social commentary, in text and images. Mule Boy's skewed and somewhat alienated universe enables us to see ourselves and our society with fresh eyes.

Mule Boy (Muleguttene, 2015)

This is a funny twist on an old folk tale. It is impressive and exciting to enter the mountain together with Mule Boy, and the princess is both tough and charismatic. Nominated for the 2016 Nordic Council's Children's Book Prize and for the Deutsche Jugendliteraturpreis, in the category for Picture Book,

Mulysses (2017)

Mule Boy goes to sea. And his travels go about as well as they do for many other boys on their first journey: poverty forces him on a dangerous trip with an eccentric adventurer who is searching for the eye of a sea monster.

The Handyman (Altmuligmannen, 2018)

Mule boy has got a job as a handyman. And not any handyman. He even does work at the president's house. If Mule Boy does a good job, he may even be allowed to look after the nuclear suitcase one day! But problems emerge due to a lookalike. *The Handyman* is an international political thriller. Or, not quite, then. However the book contains many amazing drawings.

Mulanosaurus Rex (2021)

Mule Boy has landed a job at the Natural History museum, but he has one major problem: he needs a truly sensational dinosaur for the exhibition.

The Drone Catcher (2023)

Mule Boy lives on a small island and receives a warning about a catastrophe: The rats have taken over the city. An adventurous, apocalyptic action-filled story about isolation, being daring and giant rats.



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Øyvind Torseter (b. 1972) is a well-known illustrator and author who has produced books such as *Detours* (Avstikkere), *The Hole* (Hullet) and *Mule Boy* (Muleguttene). He has won a number of Norwegian and international prizes. For *Detours* he was awarded the Year's Most Beautiful Book Prize and the most distinguished honour for children's books, The Bologna Ragazzi Award. *The Hole* earned him the prestigious French Prix Jeune Alber, and also won him the Norwegian prize for The Year's Most Beautiful Book in 2013. *Mule Boy* was nominated to the Nordic Council's Children's Book Prize in 2016.

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