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# Why Am I Here? Hvorfor er jeg her?

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A girl wonders what it is like to live in other places in the world, and why she is just who she is and where she is. Who would she be if she was born in another part of the world? Would she have managed in poorer living conditions? She tries to imagine herself in situations that kids in other parts of the world might be in. This children's book approaches serious issues regarding identity, culture and global challenges in a beautiful and poetic way.

Illustrated by Akin Duzakin.



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"At once traditional and fresh, this is a poetic tale of child imagining wide vistas far beyond her familiar world. The book's landscape format features soft and dreamy full-page illustrations that quickly draw readers deep into the protagonist's fantasy world."

Special Mention of the Jury, Bologna Ragazzi Award, 2015



**Constance Ørbeck-Nilssen** (b. 1954) has studied at the Norwegian College of Journalism in Oslo, as well as the University of Oslo, where she studied pedagogy, and Tromsø Teaching College. She has written several picture books, and has collaborated with illustrators such as Ana Ventura, Hilde Hodnefjeld, Ragnar Aalbu, and Akin Duzakin.

**Akin Duzakin** (b. 1961) is a graduate of the Norwegian National Academy of Craft and Art Industry in Oslo. He has illustrated over 40 picture books, and written two. He has received the Brage Award twice for picture books made in collaboration with Liv Marie Austrem. He has also received the Department of Culture's Award for Illustrated Children's Books twice, and received the Book Art Award in 2006 for his many years of work as an illustrator. Duzakin is particularly well known for his poetic, slightly naive motives, using a characteristic palette. He displays great figurative abilities and a strong sense of craftsmanship in his work.

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