

Jon Fosse
Vá Leong

Little Sister

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A four-year-old boy lives with his mother, father, and a sister one year his junior. They live in a rural area close to the sea. The boy explores the world around him – both on his own and with his sister – but they are constantly being brought home by their mother, who has a somewhat unclear relationship with her role as a caregiver. At first glance, the story is a simple one, but it also raises existential questions about existence. With vivid and poignant detail, Fosse captures the thoughts and reflections of the young boy, whose sensory impressions carry the narrative. His observations, longing, loneliness, and the profoundly inexplicable are conveyed with linguistic precision. This is a beautiful little book that appeals to children and adults alike.

Illustrated by Vá Leong.

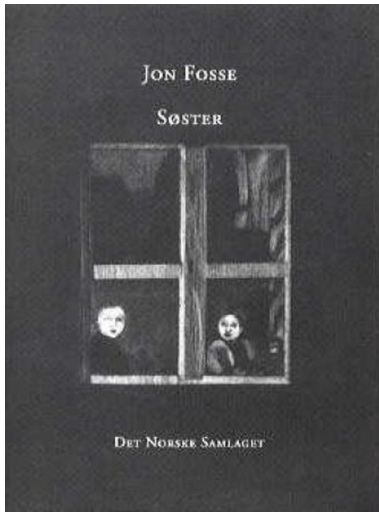


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Nobel Prize-winner Jon Fosse (b. 1959), is widely considered one of the most important writers of our time. For almost forty years, he has written novels, plays, poems, stories, essays, and children's books. His award-winning work has been translated into more than fifty languages and his plays have been staged over a thousand times all over the world.

Foreign sales

French (L'Arche éditeur), German (Beltz), Slovakian (Modrý Peter), Swedish (Atlas), World English (Fitzcarraldo - as part of *Scenes from a Childhood*)

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