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# Death-Defying Journeys: The Fantastic Tale of Migratory Birds That Fly Half-Way Around the World

## Fuglenes farlige ferd, den fantastiske fortellingen om trekkfuglene som flyr halve jorda rundt

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Where do the birds go over the winter? This book tells the exciting story of the long and perilous journey that migratory birds make all the way from Norway to Africa – and just how they manage to survive.

Every autumn, millions of birds make the voyage from Norway to Africa. Some travel all the way to Antarctica! In the spring, the birds return – if they survive. Their long flights are filled with peril. In *Death-Defying Journeys*, we become acquainted with a selection of migratory birds, joining them on their long passage south in the autumn, and back to Norway the following spring. We learn about geography and nature along the way, and through both text and illustrations, the reader is invited to engage their curiosity for the natural world, both at home and further afield.

Andreas Tjernshaugen has written a playful and engaging book for children and young people, expertly conveying his knowledge on the subject of wild animals and the environment around us.

Illustrated by Sigbjørn Lilleeng.



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Andreas Tjernshaugen is the author of eight books, most recently *Death-Defying Journeys: The Fantastic Tale of Migratory Birds That Fly Half-Way Around the World* (2024). Topics for his previous books range from the history of whaling to the behavior of common garden birds. Tjernshaugen has a PhD in sociology from the University of Oslo, but his non-fiction writing often builds on findings from other fields such as the natural sciences and history, as well as the author's own observations of wildlife, landscapes and people. He lives in Nesodden, a peninsula in the Oslo fjord, with his family, his dog Topsy and a few chickens.

Sigbjørn Lilleeng (b. 1983) is an award-winning and acclaimed illustrator and artist of graphic novels and cartoons. He has studied at art school and has a degree in illustrations from Kristiania University.

### Previous titles

Insects in my garden. A voyage of discovery among butterflies, grasshoppers and golden wasps, 2022  
Finding the Fox. Encounters with an Enigmatic Animal, 2021  
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