

Fabian Christensen

Buddy Kompis

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If it wasn't for his best buddy Mikkel, Jørgen would probably have died of a stomach ulcer. Or loneliness. Or making an absolute fool of himself in front of the prettiest girl at school. But as long as Mikkel has his back, things are mostly fine, according to Jørgen.

Still - it's not easy to be fourteen and living in the shadow of your picture-perfect best friend. During their last days of 9th grade, Jørgen and Mikkel's friendship will be put to the test in more ways than one.

At the same time, Jørgen must navigate his crush on Mikkel's cousin, becoming the joke of a TikTok meme, and some deadly serious family matters.

And in the end, maybe the time has finally come for Jørgen to be Mikkel's lifesaver.

Buddy is an impressive debut by Fabian Christensen, the winner of Cappelen Damm's New Voices Manuscript competition 2023. It's a novel full of heart, dramatic twists and turns - and plenty of awkward, situational comedy that will have you both cringing and howling with laughter. All the while underscoring the importance of honest conversations.

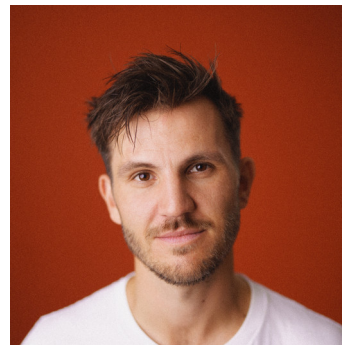


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Fabian Christensen (b. 1994) is a trained actor who has appeared in numerous theatre, film and TV productions. *Buddy* is his first children's book. He was the winner of the Cappelen Damm "New Voices" script competition in 2023.

Christensen 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.

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