Karen Anne Buljo
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Árrangáttis Árrangáddái. Stories from the Night Sky and Other Sámi Tales

Árrangáttis Árrangáddái. Fortellinger fra stjernehimmelen og andre samiske eventyr

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The fairytale collection *Árrangáttis Árrangáddái* contains traveling tales that were traditionally told around the fire. Author Karen Anne Buljo has selected ten Sámi fairytales and adapted them for this collection. In the oral storytelling tradition, the storyteller adjusts the content and dramaturgy to suit the audience.

The Sámi culture has a long oral storytelling tradition. Many Sámi fairy tales are frightening and have been used to teach children to respect nature and to pass on knowledge about animals. As an Indigenous people, many Sámi have traditionally lived close to nature and relied on primary industries, facing powerful natural forces—especially in winter.

The collection is published in parallel editions in North Sámi and Norwegian, under the same title. *Árrangáttis Árrangáddái* means “from fireplace to fireplace.” The tales were traditionally told around the fire and passed along as travelling stories. The Sámi edition, *Árrangáttis árrangáddái. Sámi máidnasat* is published by Davvi Girji (ISBN: 9788232906277).

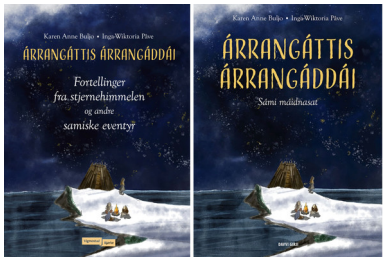

Photo: left: Karen Anne Buljo (photo: Marie Louise Somby, Árvu), Inga Wiktoria Påve (photo: Carl Johan Utsi)

Karen Anne Buljo (b. 1964) is a Sámi-Norwegian author and playwright. She has written several books for children and young adults and has twice been nominated for the Nordic Council Children and Young People’s Literature Prize. Buljo has served as chair of the Sámi Writers’ Association and earned a master’s degree in children’s literature from the Norwegian Institute for Children’s Books (NBI) in 2024. She lives in Alta.

Inga Wiktoria Påve (b. 1990) is a Sámi-Swedish illustrator. In 2020, she was nominated for the Nordic Council Children and Young People’s Literature Prize together with Karen Anne Buljo for the picture book *Guvssu’s Northern Lights*. In 2016, she won the Young Artist of the Year Award at the Riddu Riđđu Festival. Påve lives in Kiruna, Sweden.

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